



The Catholic Women's League of Canada

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*Dr. Paul Hebert, Editor-in-Chief,
Canadian Medical Association Journal
1867 Alta Vista Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3Y6*

Dear Sir,

At the 60th annual convention of the B.C. & Yukon Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada, held in Victoria, BC, delegates representing nearly 9000 members unanimously passed a motion to write and thank you for clarifying the policy of CMA regarding abortion referrals. We commend you for your statement printed in the Canadian Medical Association Journal of April 24th 2007.

We urge you to continue to uphold this policy and to strengthen protection for doctors who wish to exercise their rights of freedom of conscience. No doctor should be forced to participate directly or indirectly in actions that violate his or her religious or moral beliefs.

We thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Yours truly,

*Barbara Dowding (Mrs)
Provincial President*