

Rosary and Benediction  
at 5:00 every night  
in Church

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Hereafter, Communion  
fast must begin at 12,  
not 1:00 A.M.

# MURDER INC. --- A Short Story That May Come True

Grandma: "My cancer is becoming more and more unbearable, son. With my 85 years I cannot stand this torture much longer. I'm a nuisance to your wife, and I'm using up your hard-earned money in drugs. I will be happier dead."

Son: "But, grandma!"

Grandma: "No, son, I have made up my mind. Please call the doctor, that specialist who put Minnie Jones out of her misery."

Son (at phone) "Let's see now. What firm was that doctor associated with? I've got it: 'Mercy Specialists'. Operator, give me Main 1357."

Doctor: "Yes, this is Dr. Brown of the Mercy Department. You say your grandmother wishes my services. You understand, of course, that all this must conform to the federal and state laws?"

Son: "Yes, doctor, I have taken care of all those details. Grandma has signed a statement before two witnesses and a notary saying that it is her expressed desire to have your mercy treatment."

Doctor: "Fine, I'll be over tonight at seven. Be sure to call your undertaker."

Son: "You need not bring a strong pill, doctor. Grandma has been ill for two years, and so it won't take much to make her heart stop."

This will be the scene enacted in many American homes if 53 American Protestant ministers have their own way. The Associated Press reports that these ministers have approved murder. These men have signed a statement saying that euthanasia (administration of painless death) is "not to be regarded as contrary to the teachings of Christ or the principles of Christianity." Approval was given only to voluntary "mercy" death, that is, the person suffering cannot be treated without his or her free consent.

One of the ministers who signed the document is in charge of a theological seminary. It's hard to believe that he won't advocate this doctrine in his classroom and convert a number of future ministers to his way of thinking. Another proponent of this teaching is an editor of a church magazine widely read in Non-Catholic circles. It will be surprising if this writer does not try to make converts with his pen.

So there you are. Christ and His Law has been slapped in the face. Mercy killing is murder, nothing less. If there is no voice raised in opposition, privately and publicly, then scenes like the above will be common in your own hometown. Hitler started this way, and he had numerous apostles who followed the doctrine. It looks like you will have to take up the sword of truth and fight the enemies of the Ten Commandments. One thing you can do: pray that these ministers see the Light of Truth and stop making a mockery of the Fifth Commandment.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Father Joseph Hart, CSC; father of Jim Kelly (formerly of B-P); uncle of Joe Doyle (St. Eds); father of Dr. Ernest Wilhelm (Chem. Eng. Dept.); Jacob Pfeiffer, grandfather of Frank Hartnett (Dil) (Ill) Ted Berkery, '27, serious eye operation; G.J. Berdley, friend of Tom McGowen (OC); friend of Paul Goodman (OC)