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Appeal 'distorted' euthanasia ruling: Catholic Archbishop

VANCOUVER – Friday's decision to strike down the law against euthanasia "sadly reflects a distorted view of equality rights that emphasizes autonomy over human dignity and the value of life," says Roman Catholic Archbishop J. Michael Miller

"True liberty means the freedom to live one's life secure in the knowledge that those who care for us are dedicated to the service of life, not the taking of life," said the Archbishop.

Miller said, "We have been down this road many times around the world, and all the safeguards initially put in place wind up either disregarded or eventually dispensed with. The result is euthanasia harms not only those whose lives are taken, but those responsible for taking them.

"I strongly urge the government to appeal this extremely flawed and dangerous ruling."

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