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Catholic Hospitals Grant Euthanasia

The Vatican opposes euthanasia and considers it murder, but Catholic hospitals in Belgium don't care. According to *The Wall Street Journal*, the Brothers of Charity, Belgium's largest single provider of psychiatric care, "said the decision no longer belongs to Rome." Despite its majority Catholic population, Belgium legalized euthanasia in 2002.

Approximately 80 percent of Catholic hospitals permitted euthanasia two years after the law was passed -- 40% permit patient-killing for non-terminal diseases. The Brothers of Charity, with 15 psychiatric hospitals and 5,000 beds, was one of the last hospital systems to allow euthanasia. Psychiatric patients are very vulnerable. Will they even understand what their doctors could do to them?

"Catholic Hospital Chain Defies Vatican on Euthanasia," Francis X. Rocca, *The Wall Street Journal*, October 28-29, 2017.

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