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President's message

by Michael Hale

Many times I ask myself whether being pro-life is a reasonable position to hold against the idea that a woman's body is her own or, now with the new assisted suicide bill, that it is purely up to the individual person whether to end his or her life.

Why should we keep marching in Ottawa? Why should we protest the new assisted suicide bill? Is LARTLA even relevant in this day and age?

It seems that the culture of death is becoming more mainstream, not only in Canada, but throughout the world. For instance, we have a Prime Minister who promotes "feminism" by expanding Canada's commitment to world maternal health care. The definition of "maternal" is "of or relating to a mother, especially during pregnancy or shortly after childbirth". Doctors have stated that an abortion is never necessary for a mother's health, which is what I see maternal health care as. Our Prime Minister, on the other hand, is promoting maternal health care by pledging multiple millions of Canadian foreign policy monies to promoting abortion in third world countries, something the previous Conservative government refused to do. This policy of expanding abortion and other pro-death efforts will be with us for at least as long as he is Prime Minister.

Pro-life views, and Christian views for that matter, are being labeled hate speech by many of those who preach tolerance for all the weird and wacko lifestyles and activities. Relativism is the watchword and as long as your views aren't Christian in foundation, then they are tolerated. Holding Christian views means being labeled as intolerant or homophobic or narcissistic or any number of "unacceptable" labels.

I do see persecution in our future if we remain firm in our beliefs. It is already happening. How many people withhold their comments in a group setting because what was once fundamental truth is now irrelevant. In the early days the fetus was a blob of tissue so it could be killed. Nowadays people know they are killing a baby, and they don't care. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are simply further extrapolations of this same ethos. What will be different with E&AS is that at some point the State will begin to dictate medical health options so as to reduce their costs. It'll be cheaper to kill you than to prolong your life through Palliative Care.

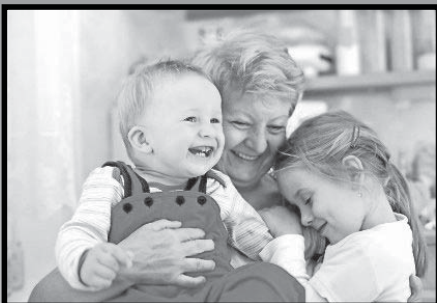
This is coming and we should all do what we can to object to this.

So, are our efforts worthwhile? Should we even bother? Will our voices ever be heard? Hmmm. Isn't that the crux of the question?

We have heard stories of people who have changed their mind about having an abortion after becoming more informed. We have heard stories of people who have witnessed a prayer vigil and have been moved to investigate the issue further, and have changed their position. We have heard the youth express how they see these acts as unfair. We have seen abortion clinics in the US closing down because of the 40 Days for Life vigils.

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Father of all creation, You have made us in Your image and likeness, with a mind and heart to know and love You above all things. Give us the wisdom and courage to defend and protect the rights of all individuals. Aid us in nurturing this gift of human life from natural conception to natural death. Provide us with the resources to assist those whose lives are endangered by abortion, euthanasia, or any other means of destruction and abuse. We ask this in the Name of Your Son, Jesus, the Author of Life. Amen.



Even though Canada is a different culture, our witness remains important. William Wilberforce worked for many years in his attempt to abolish slavery and Abraham Lincoln led the United States of America through a civil war to end slavery. Lincoln lost his life because of that and Wilberforce almost died because he let his health suffer so terribly. Both these great men stood up and expressed what is both common sense and logical.

I was about to say people were less selfish then, but I think that is wrong. Selfishness is part of the human condition. President Kennedy said in his inauguration speech, "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country". This call to selflessness is what our parents and grandparents knew so well as shown by their sacrifice during the various wars in the 20th century.

There are many stories about people sacrificing themselves for a higher ideal, one that the culture of the time was trying to espouse. The persecution of the Jewish people under the Nazis comes to mind. But there are many other similar stories in our world. Will it come to the point where pro-life people are arrested or even killed for their beliefs, it already has.

If we are to live our Faith, then we must continue to promote the sanctity and sacredness of Life. We could very easily take the easy road but I know in my heart that we will not be content unless we continue this journey. Again, we are His humble servants and we pray he will use our witness to change hearts.

I would like to thank everyone who made our Gala dinner such a success. It was wonderful to come together and share a few hours listening to Lia. I wish I still had the energy she has.

Lastly, I encourage you to continue writing your member of parliament. This awful misguided euthanasia and assisted suicide bill will become law and the Liberals have so far rejected any amendments proposed. We must demand conscious rights are enshrined in this legislation so that people who do not agree with murder are not forced to decide between their job and breaking their beliefs.

God Bless.

Michael

“Jesus has come to bring us new life...” *by Bonnie Pember*

Sometimes it might appear that the forces of darkness are winning in our world. Abortion, euthanasia, human trafficking are just some of the evils that plague our society. Yet God is greater than our fears and our miseries; He comes to bring us life in abundance. A group of young people from Mother Teresa Secondary School came to the office on May 4th during Catholic Education Week.

The focus of their “prayer crawl” which visits various organizations and prays with them is “mercy”. The students had been studying the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. As

they spoke about “instructing the uninformed” and “praying for the dead”, one of the young people raised the question, “what about those who work to protect the unborn?” Deacon Bradley Lewis and his group listened to my explanation of the various ways in which we educate others about the need to protect human life from natural conception to natural death here at London Area Right to Life Association.

I invited them to consider coming out to our Walk for Life on June 4th and presented them with Precious Feet pins to remind them of the little ones. These pins are the actual life size of a 10 week old baby's feet. Talk about a visual aid in practice! Let's pray for these young people who will be the future of pro-life in Canada.



Bonnie

WALK FOR LIFE



LONDON AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL 5KM

Walkathon

Saturday, June 4th, 2016

START AND FINISH AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

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● 8:30 A.M.
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● 8:30 A.M.
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9:15 a.m. Registration - School

9:45 a.m. Walk Starts

11:00 a.m. BBQ and

Entertainment

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A Successful and Joyful Gala! by Ngan DeVries

This year was our biggest Gala we have ever hosted with 384 attendees, and 100 of which are students and young adults. Although we did not meet our goal of 150 youth and young adults, I am extremely grateful and satisfied with the turnout. This incentive to increase the youth involvement makes me realize how crucial it is to establish a goal before jumping into an outreach or an event. It is so easy to go into default mode and plan an event without establishing new ideas on how to increase our impact. Does the Pro-life movement need another dinner, another fundraiser, another walkathon, or Pro-life speaking engagement? If the only people we are reaching out to are the same Pro-life people who have been attending our events for the past 5, 10, 15, 20 years then are we really making a difference? Therefore, from this day forward, I encourage you, my Pro-life family, to stop being selfish with your involvement. Please, engage and invite a friend or family member to the events we are hosting. Everyone deserves the right to be educated on the importance of Life!

Our speaker of the night was a fiery 19-year-old girl by the name of Lia Mills. Lia is extremely approachable and relatable to the younger crowd. She is a university student who is full of passion for the prolife cause and is full of hope for the future. Although she sees the seriousness of the issue, she speaks with faith and joy and with a sense of urgency. Her concluding message was that she is just an average girl who is willing to speak out against abortion. Her message is that YOU too are capable of doing great things for the Lord and to help women and the unborn humans...if you are just willing.

We would love your feedback on our Gala. If you believe there is a better, more effective way in which we could have carried out the Gala, please feel free to contact us! If you have ideas for next year's Gala (a possible theme or a speaker) or if you want to be on the Gala Committee then please contact us! I believe we can reach more hearts and minds every year if we are willing to put the effort into it.



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We are the pro-life generation *by Cece Lamb*



Hello, my name is Cecilia Lamb and I am the student intern for the London Right to Life Office for the summer of 2016. This year I was fortunate enough to attend the March for Life in Ottawa. Thousands upon thousands of pro-life men and women- young and old marched through downtown Ottawa witnessing for the right to life.

This is the fifth time that I have attended and it was so encouraging and inspiring to see so many Canadian, more specifically, young adults protesting abortion. As per usual, there were some protesters protesting the March's protest. Due to the pro-abortion protesters aggression and willingness to go against the Police's orders, the march had to change its original route and the police had to place a bus as a barrier so the pro-abortionist protesters could not get close to us. Something I think we can take from the actions of the pro-abortion protesters is that we, as the pro-life movement, are making a difference as we have angered and fired the other side up, in so far as there are so many of us- specifically young people, protesting this injustice and this makes them angry because we are showing them that we will not back down and that we are ready for a change in the law regarding abortion.

In today's culture, the media and secular world try to brain wash people into thinking that the only pro-life people are older men and women, nuns, priests and misogynistic men. However, after attending the March for life in Ottawa, it becomes clear that this is false and that the pro-life movement is alive and thriving in young adults- we are the pro-life generation and I would encourage all pro-life men and women to attend the March next year. It is a beautiful and inspiring witness for the right to life and is an incredible experience!

Tribute to Sherry Dorion

Sherry Dorion was a special friend as well as a pro-life warrior. I met Sherry in 2003, and we became good friends. She loved to work with children and spent quality time with my children and other children doing crafts and learning activities. She had a special heart for those children who needed extra help in areas of their lives. Sherry worked with various organizations to help better the world for those who needed it.

She especially had a love for the unborn babies that were being aborted. Many years of her life were spent working with LARTLA-London Area Right to Life Association-which educates the public about the **“sanctity of all life, from the moment of conception until natural death. Every human life has a right to care and protection before and after birth and society has a duty to protect these rights.”** This is what is stated on the website of LARTLA. Sherry worked diligently on the board of Right to Life to educate the public of this fact. She worked with Phil and Elaine Arnsby and the rest of the board on the Dinner and Silent Auction each spring and was the coordinator of the Walkathon each June. Her time was spent with all the pre-planning stage, which involved a lot of leg work, to running the show on the actual date. A lot of time was spent calling the volunteers and filling in all the jobs that needed to be done.



Sherry is the reason that I am part of the LARTLA board today. It was through Sherry nominating me to be on the board that I became a board member and eventually the secretary of the board for over 5 years. It first started when Sherry invited me to attend the Dinner/Silent Auction and it opened my eyes to the great need to educate the public. She also asked me to help out at the Walkathon. From driving around the route and helping or being in charge of the donation and pledges table are two of the jobs that Sherry was responsible in getting me involved in the important event. I was impressed by how much work was done by volunteers, and especially Sherry, to make this event such a success. Without Sherry and her enthusiasm and perseverance, this event would not have been the success that it became over the years.

Thank you, Sherry Dorion, for your perseverance and joy in working with this association and the love you showed for the unborn children for years. Thank you for all those that you educated through your service on the board. May God bless you for all you accomplished in your life as part of the London Area Right to Life Association. You are missed by all of us.

Janice Rutledge
Board Member of Right to Life

Letter Writing Campaign: Caring Not Killing

Sample Letter

Dear Prime Minister / Minister / (Name of MP),

Parliament must continue to protect people with disabilities, the elderly, people who live with depression or suicidal ideation, and other people from assisted suicide. This must be done by invoking the notwithstanding clause, and by setting up a Royal Commission to explore what the impact of legalized assisted suicide would be on our country. I am concerned... (add a comment related to chosen talking points)

Yours Sincerely, (Name)

Talking Points

Assisted Suicide devalues the lives of people with chronic illness or disability.

There is a disability prejudice underlying the push for assisted suicide.

A "right to die" will create a "duty to die" (i.e. elderly people who are seen as a 'burden')

When people are suffering, we should focus on killing the pain, not the person.

In Belgium, where euthanasia is legal, people with depression may request to die. The Supreme Court decision would also allow Canadians suffering from mental illness to make this irreversible decision.

The suicide rate in Oregon, where assisted suicide is legal, continues to rise faster than the national average. Legalized suicide for certain groups affect society's attitude about suicide in general. Suicide prevention is at odds with assisted suicide. Experience in countries like Belgium shows that no amount of safeguards can protect people from abuse.

Only 16-30% of Canadians have palliative care available to them.

The ruling disregards the government's duty to protect the vulnerable and uphold protection and preservation of human life.

Write now to the following:

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Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
Email: Jody.Wilson-Raybould@parl.gc.ca

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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Support Needed for Local Pro-lifer and CCBR Summer Intern



My name is Oriyana Hrycyshyn and I am a 4th year student studying Medical Science and Genetics at Western university. Born in Toronto, I was raised in a pro-life family but didn't grasp the violent reality of abortion until I saw an image of an aborted preborn child at age 14. Years later in my 2nd year of university, I came across an organization called the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR), an educational pro-life organization with a mission to make abortion unthinkable (www.endthekilling.ca). Wanting to contribute to the pro-life movement in some way, I signed up to volunteer with their Genocide Awareness Project (GAP) in Florida during Reading Week in 2015. This experience greatly motivated and inspired me because I saw so many people change their mind and become pro-life after having seen the humanity of the preborn and the inhumanity of abortion, and so I have continued to work with CCBR since then as a summer intern in 2015 and again at GAP in Florida in 2016.

At the present time, I am interning for a second summer with the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR). The internship consists of training in pro-life apologetics, pro-life strategy, leadership, and public speaking as well as daily activism in the Greater Toronto Area to engage the public and expose the injustice of abortion via CCBR projects like "Choice" Chain, and post-carding. Last summer an estimated 2.5-3 million people saw what abortion does to preborn children as a result of the work of the CCBR summer internship, and a baby girl (who was born in the fall) was saved from abortion because of a conversation her mother had with my colleague. This is the life-saving work I am continuing to do this summer.

With this in mind, I kindly ask that you consider supporting me financially with a donation in order to facilitate my full-time pro-life work. CCBR will be paying me, but requires I fundraise \$3,000.00 of my salary. Donations can be made online at <http://www.unmaskingchoice.ca/donate>. Please be sure to add a memo with my full name (Oriyana Hrycyshyn) so that your donation can be redirected to my CCBR fund. Additionally, please know that I am available through email at oriyana_h@yahoo.ca to arrange for alternative methods of donation or for more information on CCBR and the work we do.

Every day that I am on the streets doing activism with CCBR I encounter people from all walks of life: countless post-abortive women, pregnant women, and victims of sexual assault among many others, and it is truly rewarding to be able to share with them the truth about abortion and connect them with help. I encourage you to read about my testimonies and experiences working in the educational arm of the pro-life movement at <http://oriyanasummerinternship.weebly.com>

Some students spend their summer travelling to other continents to help children through worthy and commendable initiatives such as building houses with Free the Children in Africa or providing medical care to rural communities with Global Brigades in South America. However, as important as it is to help and advocate for born children, I believe it is equally important to help and advocate for unborn children, and for this reason I have chosen to work as a summer intern with CCBR. Without the right to life, all other human rights are irrelevant. With your support and contribution, I will be giving a voice to the 100,000 unborn children aborted in our country each year. I hope you will consider donating and partnering with me in advocating for the rights of our society's most vulnerable.

Mary Wagner walks free after 135 days in jail for pro-life witness



TORONTO, April 26, 2016 (LifeSiteNews) — Pro-life prisoner of conscience Mary Wagner walked out of Old City Hall courtroom Monday after 135 days, or four-and-a-half months, in jail.

Wagner was charged with two counts of breaching a probation order and one of mischief following her December 12, 2015 arrest at the Bloor West Village Women's Clinic, where she had been attempting to counsel women in the waiting room against having an abortion, and handing them red roses.

Following a one-and-a-half day trial on March 10 and 16, Justice Katrina Mulligan convicted Wagner of mischief, but dropped the two charges of breaching a probation order.

Mulligan said on Monday that Wagner had served the maximum time of six months for her mischief conviction at an enhanced credit of 1.5 days to one, and so "you have served the time that I can legally impose on you."

She placed Wagner on a three-year probation order prohibiting her from being within 100 meters of not only the Bloor West Village Women's Clinic, but all abortion facilities in Ontario.

Mulligan further ordered Wagner to stay away from abortionist Ninia Lupovici, who, with business partner Heather Culvert, operates Bloor West Village Women's Clinic, an abortion facility housed in the fourth floor of an medical center at 2524 Bloor Street West.

According a Toronto Catholic Witness report, Mulligan dropped the breach of probation charges because, as she told Crown counsel Tania Monteiro March 16, she was not satisfied Wagner's probation officer had adequately identified Wagner in court.

Moreover, Wagner had not entered a plea, and Mulligan did not have "any evidence that Wagner's date of birth came from her."

Therefore, there was "no admissible evidence to compare [Mary Wagner's] date of birth to the probation orders," Mulligan concluded. "I find her not guilty of these two charges."

Wagner had remained silent during the March trial after declaring at the outset she would not be communicating with the court, in solidarity with the voiceless unborn victims of abortion.

Mulligan deferred sentencing until April 25, as Crown lawyer Monteiro stated she would "seek to tender Miss Wagner's prior record" and provide evidence that Wagner was under two probation orders that she not go within 100 meters of the Bloor West Village Women's Clinic nor within 100 meters of any abortion facility in Ontario.

The majority of time of the Monday's sentencing hearing was devoted to Monteiro questioning probation officer Liana Mischianti, who testified that Wagner was aware of the two probation orders of June 12, 2014 and May 5, 2015, the conditions of those orders, that she was bound by them, and the consequences of breaching them.

Mulligan noted that she was satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt that Wagner was under two probation orders at the time of her arrest on December 12, 2015.

"I did find your actions in this case to be extremely selfish and narrow minded," Mulligan told Wagner, and that "you knew exactly what you were doing."

After Wagner walked out of the courtroom, she thanked the approximately 30 pro-life supporters who attended the hearing, and which included long-time pro-life activists Linda Gibbons and Mary Burnie.

"Linda's been going to jail for the last 30 years, and Mary has never missed a court day," Wagner said.

"It's important to show a message that we're not just lone zealots, that we believe in life, we believe in the dignity of life," she told supporters. "To see that in court is a very important witness."

"It's not wasted time in court, we pray," Wagner said.

"The court system is on trial, not us," noted Gibbons, who has spent 11 years in jail for pro-life witness similar to that of Mary Wagner.

Including this last stint at Milton's Vanier Centre for Women, Wagner has spent nearly four years in jail for her peaceful attempts to save women and their unborn children from the violence of abortion.

Wagner told Catholic Register reporter Evan Boudreau she will be praying to know what to do next in her pro-life apostolate.

"I'm going to go on a five-day retreat and pray about it and discern how best to respond," she said.