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Upcoming EVENTS

Please mark your calendars

- May 13 LONDON AREA RTL ANNUAL GENERAL MTG.**
- 1193 Oxford St. E. Unit 3
 - See below
- May 14 "IT'S A GIRL"**
- Documentary Film about Sex-selective Abortion
 - King's St. Community Church
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- May 16 "IT'S A GIRL"**
- Documentary Film about Sex-selective Abortion
 - St John the Divine Parish Hall
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- May 30 & 31 CARPE DIEM LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**
- Pro-life table at King's College
 - Catholic H.S. students chosen for their leadership qualities
- June 1 ANNUAL WALKATHON**
- Pro-life Witness & Fundraiser
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- MONTHLY HOSPITAL WITNESS**
- Last Thurs. at L.H.S.C.
 - 4:00-5:30 p.m.
 - Commissioners & Wellington
 - John: 519-657-9009
- WEEKLY HOSPITAL WITNESS**
- Fridays at L.H.S.C.
 - 5:15-6:45 p.m.
 - Commissioners & Wellington
 - Dave or Mike: 226-700-5604

LARTLA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Monday May 13th

Please join us for an
informative evening
and for refreshments
and fellowship.

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

**LARTLA Office: Unit 3
1193 Oxford St. E.**

On the Passing of Phil Arnsby, on April 17, 2013

President's Message by Elaine Arnsby



I am so grateful for the many prayers and good wishes of you, my family and friends. It is my greatest comfort that Phil knew the Lord and that he is with Him now. He was eager to learn more about his faith and read books with that end in mind. He developed the habit of getting up early to pray for an hour before his day began and it showed in his outlook on life. He was caring and unwavering. There was no question where Phil stood on an issue, especially pro-life issues.

Here is an example of Phil's dedication. Back in 2011, Phil wasn't able to attend the '40 Days for Life Wrap-up' conference we had that year because of his surgery for a hip replacement. He had worked so hard on the 40 Days! So, he was determined to at least be with the 40 Days' vigilers for the Balloon Lift-Off at the end of the day. Even though he had gotten out of the hospital just the day before, Phil managed to get across Commissioners and then Wellington – one painful, slow step at a time with the help of his walker – and with the crowds cheering him on!! We all need that kind of determination in today's uphill battle for respect for life.

Phil had a laugh that would work its way up from his tummy so you could



really call it a belly laugh. What came out was quiet, but infectious laughter. But on about our 3rd date, Phil got very serious – he felt he had to divulge the fact that he was 14 years my senior. We had so much in common I wasn't at all concerned but he was an honourable man to tell me right away because, after all, he looked 10 years younger than he was! Besides, what middle aged woman wouldn't love being called young lady now and again as Phil playfully did with me!

At the beginning of our marriage, Phil told me he would be happy if the Lord gave us 10 good years together. I am so grateful for the almost 16 years the Good Lord has given us.

Phil's love of dancing subsided somewhat over the years but he would break out every so often at a Church dance or on a Show the Truth Tour much to the delight of the younger people there. Although he could be so transparently sincere on pro-life issues, Phil didn't take himself too seriously – so he was able to bridge the gap between himself and young people.

Phil dedicated at least the last 20 years of his life to praying for an end to abortion and actively promoting Life. He was President of LARTLA for 9 years and participated in Show the Truth Tours for the last 15 years – he gave his all for the little ones. And as our friend Stephanie Gray put it recently, "As Phil faces his judgment, I envision a chorus of aborted children who now have voices and who say to their maker, "This man, Phil, he fought for us. He tried to stop the man who killed us. He loved the least of his brothers." And through the blood of Jesus opening the gates of Heaven to Phil, our Lord and Saviour will say, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your master."

Now he can rest at last... For the rest of us, Phil's inspiration will be sorely missed...

From the Office

“Love will find a way...” by Sr. Bonnie Pember

Dear pro-life friends, thank you to those who have called and volunteered their services to LARTLA! We hope to see our usual helpers at the upcoming Walkathon on Saturday, June 1st. You are all blessings and delight God's Heart. It will be very strange that Phil will not be with us this year yet Elaine will and we thank God for her and for all those who help make the Walkathon an inspiring experience.

With God's grace, I was able to help direct some women to our local crisis pregnancy services and I pray that they chose to keep their babies. Elaine and I went to Sarnia in order to provide young people with education about pro-life issues; may they respond to the call to witness to the sanctity of life.

Please check out our updated website; I added the Resources, Office Blog and updated statistics. If you know about Facebook, LARTLA has its own Facebook page and I try to post various articles as well as information about upcoming events.

May the Lord bless you and make His Face to shine upon you and be merciful to you all...



The Amazing True Story of Sophie Scholl

Sophie Scholl, the daughter of Robert Scholl, the mayor of Forchtenberg, Germany, was born on May 9th, 1921. The family moved to Ulm, Germany, and in 1933 Sophie joined the Hitler Youth. At first she was enthusiastic but, influenced by the views of her father, she became increasingly critical of Adolf Hitler and his Nazi government.

Sophie's brother, Hans Scholl, was also growing disillusioned with Nazi Germany.

In May 1942, Sophie entered the University of Munich. Hans was also at the University of Munich and in 1942 he had formed the White Rose group, committed to opposing the government of Nazi Germany.

The group decided to adopt the strategy of passive resistance. This included publishing leaflets calling for the restoration of democracy and social justice. These were distributed throughout central Germany and the Gestapo soon became aware of the group's activities.

A member of the Nazi party saw Sophie and her brother throwing leaflets from a window of the third floor into the courtyard below. He immediately told the Gestapo and they were both arrested.

On February 20th, they were found guilty of sedition. They were executed by guillotine a few hours later. Her cell-mate, Else Gebel, said Sophie's last words were: "It is such a splendid sunny day, and I have to go. But how many have to die on the battlefield in these days, how many young, promising lives. What does my death matter if by our acts thousands are warned and alerted."

Sophie wrote the following before her execution:

The Fire Within by Sophie Scholl

"The real damage is done by those millions who want to "survive". The honest men who just want to be left in peace.

Those who don't want their little lives disturbed by anything bigger than themselves.

Those with no sides and no causes.

Those who won't take measure of their own strength, for fear of antagonizing their own weakness.

Those who don't like to make waves – or enemies.

Those for whom freedom, honour, truth, and principles are only literature.

Those who live small, mate small, die small.

It's the reductionist approach to life. If you keep it small, you'll keep it under control. If you don't make any noise, the bogeyman won't find you.

But it's all an illusion because they die too, those people who roll up their spirits into tiny little balls so as to be safe. Safe? – from what? Life is always on the edge of death.

Narrow streets lead to the same place as wide avenues... and a little candle burns itself out just like a flaming torch does. I choose my own way to burn."



Phil's thoughts on Sophie Scholl written by him the day before his fatal mishap:

Wow! Sort of gets your attention doesn't it!

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

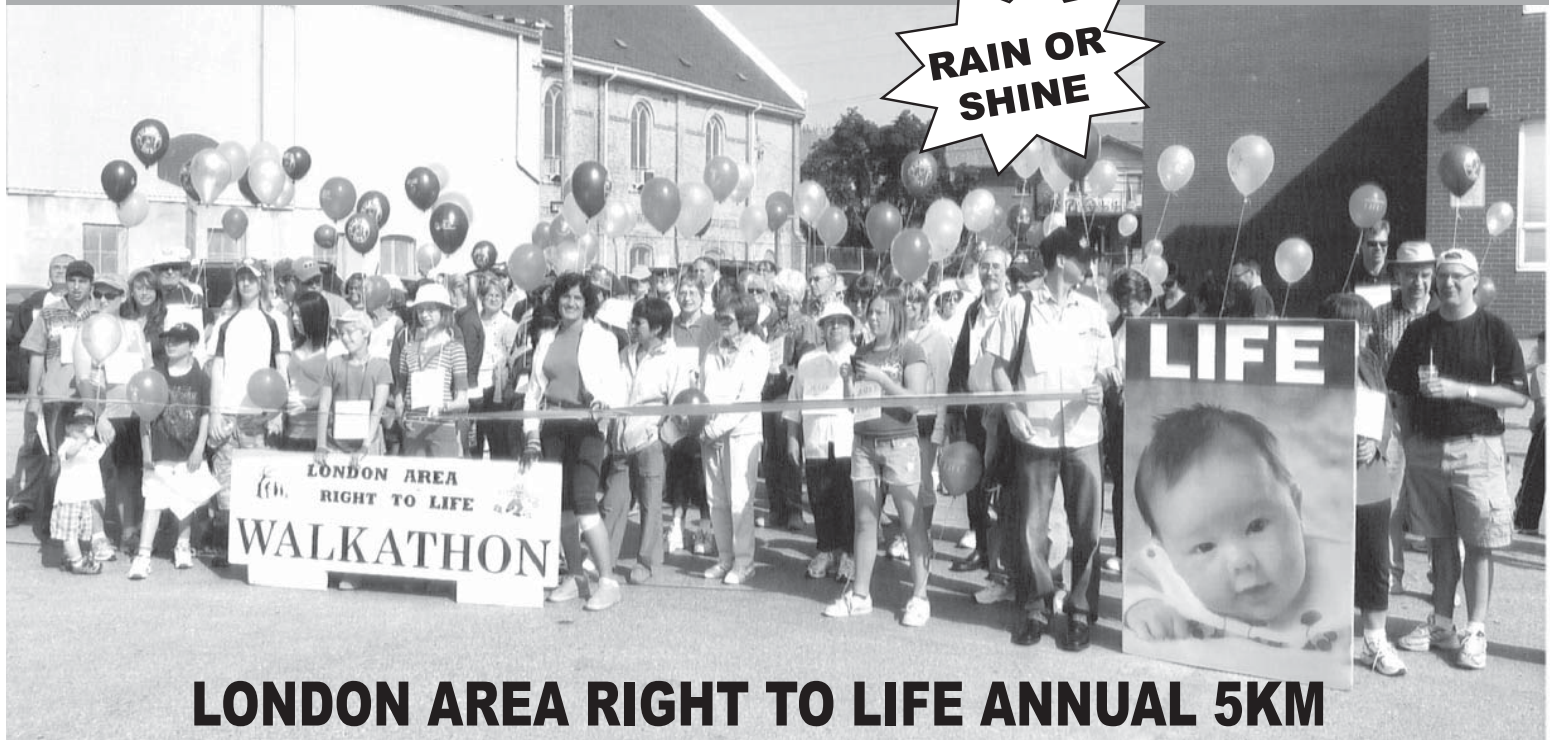
Wouldn't it be amazing if every Christian in Canada – or in London – or all 1600 of our readers would ask God for a little of Sophie Scholl's courage and determination and were prepared to step out and witness for the defenceless little ones in our community.

We can all make a difference – most of us simply need God's grace to give us the courage to do so... please join us in standing up on behalf of the pre-born.

OPPORTUNITIES TO WITNESS FOR LIFE IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

1. Walkathon – Saturday, June 1st (see poster opposite page)
2. 40 Days for Life – Wednesday, September 25th to November 3rd, 2013
3. Life Chain – Sunday, October 6, 2013

WALK FOR LIFE



LONDON AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL 5KM

Walkathon

Saturday June 1st, 2013

START AND FINISH AT ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

347 Lyle Street, London (Corner of Lyle and York)



Rev. John Comiskey

● 8:30 A.M.
Mass
St. Mary's
Church



Rev. Troy Dingwell

● 8:30 A.M.
Prayer Service
St. Mary's
School

9:15 a.m. Registration - School

9:45 a.m. Walk Starts

11:00 a.m. BBQ and

Entertainment

Enjoy a 5km *walk, run, or skate*, and at the same time witness for life with your family and friends.

For additional Pledge Forms Call

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THE THREE DEADLIEST WORDS IN THE WORLD

A Documentary on Sex-Selective Abortion

King St. Community Church, 649 King St. London,
May 14th at 7:30 p.m.

and

St. John the Divine Parish, 390 Base Line Rd. W. London,
May 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Freewill Offering

“What’s New in the LARTLA Library?”

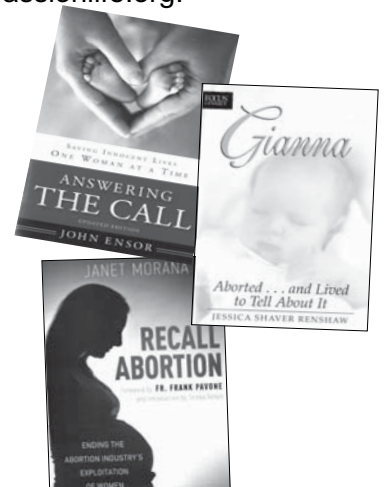
There are a few additions to the library which are well worth reading:

Answering the Call by John Ensor. This book ‘provides an invaluable resource that clearly lays out a blueprint for the life-affirming Christian response to the abortion issue...’ John is the President of PassionLife Ministries, a global-missions initiative to spread the gospel of life. The ministries’ website is www.passionlife.org.

If you have never read **Gianna: Aborted...and lived to tell about it** by Jessica Shaver, now is the time. The office has two copies of this amazing true story of Gianna Jessen who survived being aborted and is now a renowned speaker on behalf of the Culture of Life. Her website is www.giannajessen.org

Janet Morana, Executive Director of Priests for Life and Co-Founder of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign (www.silentnomoreawareness.org) has written an expose of the ‘myriad ways abortion exploits women’ called **Recall Abortion: Ending the Abortion Industry’s Exploitation of Women**. There are testimonies from women who have had abortions and are now suffering from its effects.

If you have never come into the office, we encourage you to “come and see” the various books, pamphlets, DVDs and videos which deal with chastity, abortion, euthanasia, contraception, fetal development and healing after abortion.



Our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction, April 18th, 2013

The Dinner/Silent Auction this year just wasn't the same without Phil or Elaine. Theresa Fenik, one of our Board members, read the poem, "Death, be not proud" and shared Elaine's tribute to Phil and message to the members. LARTLA Board members and volunteers pulled together to help Elaine in her time of need prior to the Dinner by helping set up the auction tables and dinner tables, wrap candy, put out programs and then at the end, assisted in wrapping up. The dinner Marconi Club put on for us was delicious as ever and the service was great.

Jonathon Van Maren, a member of Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR), revealed how young people are taking up the torch of pro-life witness to protect the most vulnerable in our society. The CCBR young adults are well educated and fearless. They are taught how to listen to the views of others in order to best discuss the issues effectively.

Carolyn Murray and Eleni Petrou sang most beautifully and we are most grateful they are willing to serve.

Our Jim Jepson award was given to Alan Schmitt, LARTLA's Treasurer for many years. Now he and his wife Carol continue as members at large supporting pro-life cause every day.

There were close to 280 people in attendance and over \$4,000 was garnered from Silent Auction sales. In addition to this generosity, London Area Right to Life also received \$ 1,877 in donations. God bless you all!!

God bless everyone for making the Annual Dinner/Silent Auction a success! Many hands make light work and much fun. Truly "where two or three are gathered in the Name of Jesus, He is in their midst".



2013 SILENT AUCTION DONORS

*Please support these businesses
for their generosity*

Alicia's Fine Foods, 1290 Trafalgar St.
Angling Sports, 681 Highbury Ave. N.
Beads and Plenty More, 101A – 317 Adelaide St. S.
Byron Pizza, 1240 Commissioners Rd. W.
Children's Furniture Gallery, 1040 Wharncliffe Rd. S.
Checker Limousine, 1750 Crumlin Side Rd.
Cornerstone Quilts, 1700 Hyde Park Rd.
Creation Book Store, 900 Oxford St. E.
Domino's Pizza
Edible Arrangements, 1634 Hyde Park Rd.
Elation Spa, 1700 Hyde Park Rd.
Fabricland, 476 Wonderland Rd.
Fleetway, Proudfoot Lane
Four Wheels Auto Care, 78 Charterhouse Cres.
Home Hardware, 1080 Adelaide at Huron St.
Hunter's Greens and Gardens, 1579 Fanshawe Park Rd. E.
International Fish & Chips, 920 Oxford St. E.
King's Buffet, 1389 Dundas St.
Kingsmill's, 130 Dundas St.
Kiwi Kraze, 595 Fanshawe Park Rd. W.
Lover's at Work, 200 Adelaide St.
Max & Oskar's Children's Hair Studio, 631 Adelaide St. S.
MEK Dental, 715 Wellington Rd. S.
Metro: Adelaide, Oxford, Trafalgar & Clarke
Commissioners (Byron), Wellington

Michael's on the Thames, York St.
Montana's Cookhouse, 485 Wellington Rd. S.
Montana's Cookhouse, 1335 Fanshawe Park Rd. West
The Mustard Seed, 502 Springbank Dr.
Nothers, 323 Horton St. E.
Orv's Collision and Body Work, 1225 Sunningdale Rd. E.
Palasad & La Fiamma, 777 Adelaide N.
Peaceful Dove, 677 Hamilton Rd.
Pet Paradise, 1080 Adelaide St.
Provincial Glass and Mirror, 40 York St.
Regency Florists, 1080 Adelaide N.
Robert Q, 105 Wharncliffe Rd.
Shakespeare Festival Theatre, Stratford
Sharon's of Hyde Park, 1471 Fanshawe Park Rd. W.
Spectrum Studios, 1063 Riverside Dr.
Stoneybrook Auto Service, Fanshawe Park Rd. at Adelaide
Sunripe Produce, 744 Adelaide N.
Tuckey Home Hardware, 136 Wortley Rd.
Ultimate Automobile, 940 Wharncliffe Rd. S.
Van Horik's Greenhouses, 930 Gainsborough Rd.
Western Meats, 241 Hamilton Rd.

Thank you to Individual Silent Auction Donors:

Phil and Elaine	Jim and Josee Asher
Mary Lynn Barr	Doreen Lehman
Anne Boeringa	Lorraine Lynch
Rita Brown	Pam Oelke
CWL of Mary Immaculate	Bill Onstein
Johan Denys	Veronica Price
Ruth Keil	Sharon Weston
Holy Family CWL Quilters Group	

A NATION IN DENIAL – LATE-TERM ABORTIONS/STILLBIRTHS IN CANADA

Taken from a LifeSiteNews article by P. Baklinski dated Apr. 26, 2013

Earlier this month peer reviewed research published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal found that late-term abortions resulting in both stillbirths and live births are steadily on the rise.

While most Canadian doctors will not perform late-term abortions, there are nonetheless a significant number who will. For such doctors CMA guidelines on abortion lack any binding force that would prevent them from aborting babies at late stages.

Dr. Fraser Fellows, a London-area late-term abortionist, has admitted to performing abortions up to 23 weeks and six days. During 2011 debate with CCBP's founder, Stephanie Gray, Fellows admitted that graphic video footage of a real abortion that showed a baby about to exit the birth canal, but who was dangling limply with blood pulsing from his neck, was an accurate reflection of what he did during a late-term abortion.



Dr. Fraser Fellows

Dr. Jean Guimond, head of abortion services at CLSC of Faubourgs, Quebec, is also known for his defense of abortion during all nine months of pregnancy on any Grounds. He told a reporter in a 2007 interview: "The fetus is not a patient. The patient I am helping is the woman who is pregnant."

A majority of Canadians still believe what they have heard so often – that late-term abortions do not happen in Canada.

Vital Statistics Stillbirth Data

Original source: Vital Statistics, Ontario Office of Registrar General (ORG), ServiceOntario

Distributed by: Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC): IntelliHEALTH ONTARIO (IntelliHEALTH)

Suggested citation (see Data Citation Notes): Ontario Stillbirth Data [years], Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, IntelliHEALTH ONTARIO, Date Extracted: [date].

Data Notes (Pertaining to "Termination of Pregnancy")

- A stillbirth is defined as a product of conception weighing 500 grams or more or of 20 or more weeks gestation which, after being completely delivered, shows no sign of life. **Therapeutic abortions that meet either criterion are also classified as stillbirths in Ontario (1).**
- There has been an increase in the number of stillbirths in Ontario over time **and an increase in the number of stillbirths with the cause of death coded as "P964 Termination of Pregnancy affecting fetus and newborn" (Table 1).**
- It is unknown whether the increase in the number of stillbirths with P964 as the cause of death is due to a real increase in the number of terminations which occur that meet the defining criteria of a stillbirth (≥20 weeks gestation or ≥500 grams birth weight) or whether this increase is due to the increased registration.

Table 1: Number of Stillbirths in Ontario, Number of Stillbirths with P964 as Cause of Death, 2000-2009

Year	# Stillbirths	# Stillbirths with <u>P964</u> as cause	# Stillbirths excluding those with P964 as cause
2000	819	27	792
2001	847	23	824
2002	827	53	774
2003	974	99	875
2004	840	75	765
2005	913	68	845
2006	953	155	798
2007	1173	320	853
2008	1201	332	869
2009	1155	n.a	n.a

• n.a. - cause of death not yet available from Statistics Canada

Source: Vital Statistics Stillbirth Data, Health Analytics Branch, Min. of Health and Long-Term Care, Feb. 8, 2012, of such events.

TO HOLD FAST AND NEVER SURRENDER

- from an article by Peter Baklinski, LifeSiteNews.com April 25, 2013

Have you ever noticed how encountering someone's deeply personal story often sheds light on your own deeply personal story? In the light of someone else's heartfelt story, your own life's story suddenly comes into focus. Something that might have eluded your understanding for so long suddenly makes sense. The fellow who wrote the Psalms was onto something when he said: **"In your light we see light"** (36:9).

When LSN ran the story of the woman who went to have her hair done and saved a baby from abortion instead, a woman named Taylor felt inspired to share her own story:

Back in July, at 23 weeks pregnant, my daughter was diagnosed with having a Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia which requires a severe surgery after birth and two months to a year of hospitalization. Fifty percent of these babies don't survive. In addition, she was diagnosed with having a rare genetic disorder called Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome. This syndrome contains very severe medical issues and many of these children don't live past two years old.

The doctors suggested terminating the pregnancy to me multiple times. But I finally looked at them and said: "Termination is not an option for me. I do not have the right to take away my baby's life, only God has that right. As long as my daughter is fighting for her life, I will be fighting right along with her."

I didn't even realize what I had said until after I said it. I was shocked that I already had so much love for my daughter and so much hope and faith that she would be okay. Besides, how could anyone ever regret having a baby, even if things don't turn out for the best?

The pregnancy was such an emotional roller coaster ride. After she was born she was immediately taken away by the doctors. Days passed and even with the best treatment she was still getting worse. Finally, at two days old, I got to kiss her for the first time. Two days later, the doctors said there was nothing more they could do. I got to hold my daughter for the first and last time.

Although my daughter only lived four precious days, I will forever be thankful for that moment I stood up for her. Meeting her was the greatest feeling in the world. To this day, although my heart is filled with pain, I will forever remember the doctors telling me she wouldn't make it to birth and if she did, she wouldn't make it through birth.

See, miracles do happen!



One woman named Lindsey opened her heart after LSN ran a piece of about a newly married couple who became pregnant with triplets. In the story, doctors had pushed the parents toward "selective reduction". But they refused, being horrified to hear someone so unconcernedly offer to kill one or two of their children. The children were born prematurely and died, but not before the parents got to spend precious and treasured time with them. "We were blessed to have met them," the parents said.

Lindsey shared how she became pregnant for the first time in 2003.

"I thought I would go through the roof with excitement! There were complications with the pregnancy. The amniotic sac ended up rupturing and I was slowly leaking fluid."

At 15 weeks gestation my son quit developing, most likely because of the complications. I was asked by a doctor if I wanted to terminate the pregnancy. When I refused, my doctor never brought it up again.

My Isaac was born at 21 weeks and 5 days and he lived for 2 minutes before he passed away. He would be nine years old this year...

I'm blessed with 2 children now that mean the world to me. Abortion, no matter the reason, is never a good means to an end. Children are a gift from God and should be treated as such!

In a culture saturated with death, darkness, and terrifying signs of moral decay, the above stories are like sun rays on a dreary day. Such stories must be told and retold so that everyone fighting for life and family values will never lose sight of what the fight is all about. Such stories of heroism, sacrifice, and love inspire us all to hold fast and never surrender.

Light is always stronger than darkness. These stories have the power to dispel the darkness and give hope. In their light, people from every walk of life see light. Such stories ultimately become the threads that make up the fabric of a beautiful culture of life.

THE PLAN OF THE MASTER WEAVER

Our lives are but fine weavings
That God and we prepare,
Each life becomes a fabric planned
And fashioned in His care.
We may not always see just how
The weavings intertwine,
But we must trust the Master's hand
And follow His design.
For He can view the pattern
Upon the upper side,
While we must look from underneath
And trust in Him to guide...
Sometimes a strand of sorrow
Is added to His plan,
And though it's difficult for us,
We still must understand
That it's He who fills the shuttle,
It's He who knows what's best,
So we must weave in patience
And leave to Him the rest...
Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason why -
The dark threads are as needed
In the Weaver's skillful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern He has planned.

Dear Phil,

Your love and care for God's unborn children was demonstrated through your tireless work for their rights, not counting the cost. You will be dearly missed. Thank you for all you have done in His name. May you hear God say, "Well done good and faithful servant." – *from pro-life friends, Herm and Connie Vanderheyden. These and similar words were spoken by so many... Thank you!*

On behalf of the LARTLA Board and myself I extend our heartfelt thanks for the generosity of so many pro-lifers in support of London Area Right to Life at Phil's death. What a family we belong to! Praise be to God forever and ever. Amen!