



## Stratford and District Right to Life

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**STRATFORD AND DISTRICT RIGHT TO LIFE IS A PRO-LIFE**, non-denominational organization of individuals who believe that all life - before and after birth - has a right to care and protection. We try to serve as a centre of information on the abortion issue, and to reach out to all Canadians concerning the preservation and dignity of human life, and also to urge one to take action in our democratic society.

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## UPCOMING

### EVENTS

#### MONTHLY MEETINGS

75 FRANKLIN DR. STRATFORD

1:00 P.M.

4<sup>TH</sup> TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT  
JULY AND DECEMBER

#### PICKETING

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#### ART CONTEST WINNER PRESENTATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2013 6 P.M.  
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THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013  
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#### INTERNATIONAL PLOUGHING MATCH

SEPT 17 - 21, 2013 MITCHELL, ON  
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#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WITH ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, SEPT 24, 2013 7 P.M.  
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL, STRATFORD

#### ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY OCT 19, 2013  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER - STEPHANIE GRAY  
SEE DETAILS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

### President's Message

*Elisabeth Dobbe*

Since our last letter in March, the main event was our trip to the March of Life in Ottawa on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our bus was full and, unfortunately, we had to turn some people away, but how fortunate we are to have so many people willing to participate in this cause.

It was a long trip and we all gave up a night of sleep in our own beds, but I don't think it hurt us.

Thank you to everybody who made a special effort to come along! We had a great group and our young people were so full of life and enthusiasm.

Thank you to the families who supported our youth, enabling them to take part in the March for Life.

The day started with Mass and other Church services. The homily reminded us that young people are our present and our future! After Mass we proceeded to Parliament Hill.

It was great to see so many from the faith community in attendance. Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Priests and Religious, the Catholic Eastern Rite, Ministers of many different faiths. Also eighteen MP's and two Senators willing to stand up for their beliefs.

Approximately 25,000 people attended the March. Afterwards, we listened to testimonials from the men and women of the "Silent No More Awareness Campaign". speaking about their abortion experiences and regret. We admired their courage and willingness to stand up in public in support of their sisters and brothers.

Looking ahead, Stratford and District Right to Life has many exciting events planned but we do need your support and help to accomplish them.

We will have a booth at the Ploughing Match in September. Our Annual Dinner Speaker is a very talented young woman who has been speaking around the world.

Our first bursary in memory of Mary Devlin will be presented in June.

See inside this newsletter for more details. We will keep you updated!

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*Giving Murder a Politically Correct Name*

## **Planned Parenthood Official Argues for Right to Post-Birth Abortion**

Florida legislators considering a bill to require abortionists to provide medical care to an infant who survives an abortion were shocked during a committee hearing this week when a Planned Parenthood official endorsed a right to post-birth abortion.

Alisa LaPolt Snow, the lobbyist representing the Florida Alliance of Planned Parenthood Affiliates, testified that her organization believes the decision to kill an infant who survives a failed abortion should be left up to the woman seeking an abortion and her abortion doctor.

"So, um, it is just really hard for me to even ask you this question because I'm almost in disbelief," said Rep. Jim Boyd. "If a baby is born on a table as a result of a botched abortion, what would Planned Parenthood want to have happen to that child that is struggling for life?"

"We believe that any decision that's made should be left up to the woman, her family, and the physician," said Planned Parenthood lobbyist Snow.

Rep. Daniel Davis then asked Snow, "What happens in a situation where a baby is alive, breathing on a table, moving. What do your physicians do at that point?"

"I do not have that information," Snow replied. "I am not a physician, I am not an abortion provider. So I do not have that information."

Rep. Jose Oliva followed up, asking the Planned Parenthood official, "You stated that a baby born alive on a table as a result of a botched abortion that that decision should be left to the doctor and the family. Is that what you're saying?"

Again, Snow replied, "That decision should be between the patient and the health care provider."

*Article reproduced from the The Weekly Standard May 24, 2013*

*(To see the video go to [http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/video-planned-parenthood-official-argues-right-post-birth-abortion\\_712198.html](http://www.weeklystandard.com/blogs/video-planned-parenthood-official-argues-right-post-birth-abortion_712198.html))*

### **Nominations for Executive Positions for Stratford & District Right to Life**

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Nominations are open to our membership for elections to the following positions:

President, Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Convenor and Board Members (6).

Nominations to be submitted to Nomination Committee (above)

### **MEMBERSHIP!**



It has come to our attention that some memberships are in arrears. As the newsletter is part of the membership, please let us know if you would wish to continue the newsletter.

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Most of all, remember that your donation helps us in our ongoing battle to save lives!

Stratford and District Right to Life  
Annual Dinner - October 19, 2013  
featuring keynote speaker Stephanie Gray



Stephanie is a seasoned and international pro-life presenter, who began speaking in 1999 at age 18, co-founding her national organization at the age of 20. She has given many pro-life presentations, and spoken at numerous post-secondary institutions, throughout the world.

Stephanie has debated abortion advocates, including late-term abortionist Dr. Fraser Fellows, in front of medical students at the University of Western Ontario's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry; and many more. Her audiences are vast and varied in many countries.

Stephanie has had countless media interviews with all the major news networks throughout Canada and the United States. She is Faculty at the Blackstone Legal Fellowship and is author of "A Physician's Guide to Discussing Abortion." She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UBC in Vancouver, and a Certification, "with Distinction", in Health Care Ethics, from the NCBC in Philadelphia.

Stephanie resides in Toronto, where she is co-founder and executive director of the Canadian Centre for Bio-ethical Reform.

**China Admits to the Greatest Slaughter  
in Human History**

The Story: The Chinese government recently admitted that over the last four decades the country has aborted 336 million unborn children, many of them forcibly.

The Background: According to the Financial Times, on March 14 the Chinese Health Ministry reported the following statistics for its family planning practices since 1971:

- 336 million abortions performed;
- 196 million sterilizations conducted;
- 403 million intrauterine devices inserted.



China, the world's most populous country, first instituted limits on population growth in 1971 and established its "one-child" population control program in 1979.

What It Means: The story has been shockingly underreported considering what China has admitted: Since 1971, the country has carried out the largest single slaughter of human beings in the history of the world.

To put the numbers in perspective, the 336 million deaths in China are:

- More than the entire population of the world at the time of the Crusades (c. 1100 AD).
- Equal to the entire combined populations of the United States and Australia.
- More deaths than were caused by (in millions): the Bubonic Plague in Europe (100), the Great Chinese Famine (45), the 1918 Influenza Pandemic (40), the HIV/AIDS pandemic (25), the Holocaust (13), the Soviet famine of 1932-1933 (8), the Russian famine of 1921 (3), and the American Civil War (.8).
- More than all the people killed in the 10 ten deadliest wars in human history (Based on highest estimates (in millions): World War II (72), World War I (65), Mongol Conquest (60), An Lushan Rebellion (36), Taiping Rebellion (30), Qing Dynasty conquest of the Ming Dynasty (25), Conquests of Timur (20), Dungan Revolt (12), Russian Civil War (9), Second Congo War (5.4))
- More than all the children that will be born in the world over the next ten years.

No comparisons, however, can truly help us to understand the scale of these 336 million deaths—and that is in a single country. The magnitude of the crime is incomprehensible to the human imagination. Only God can truly fathom the depths of this depravity and only God can truly apprehend the magnitude of this loss. May he have mercy on our world for what we have done.

*In Memoriam*

We encourage everyone to make a donation in memory of a deceased loved one. Cards for Stratford and District Right to Life are available from us or at the Funeral Homes in your area. The funeral home sends the donation to us and we issue a tax deductible receipt.

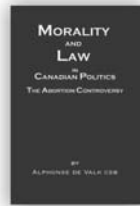
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*Morality and the Law in Canada*  
a book by Fr. Alphonse De Valk



In this book, Fr. De Valk chronicles how Canada has come to be a country without morals in its laws. This is not something which just happened, it was planned and legislated.

Stratford and District Right to Life is ordering copies of this book from Campaign Life Coalition which may be borrowed or purchased.

**Gendercide in Canada**

A Tory MP made his long-awaited statement in the House of Commons on Thursday about his opposition to sex-selective abortion — without actually uttering the word abortion at all. Instead, Mark Warawa, MP for Langley, B.C., framed his argument around his opposition to female gendercide and the way it discriminates against women and girls.

"Female gendercide is the systematic killing of women and girls, just because they're girls," Warawa said in a statement prior to question period. (Excerpted from the National Post – May 9, 2013)

**"It's a GIRL"  
Should not be a  
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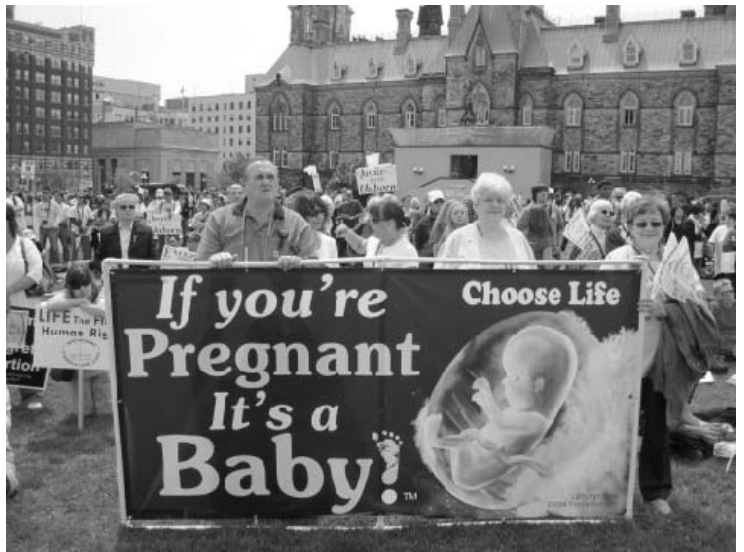
*"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you;  
before you were born I sanctified you."*

*Jeremiah 1:5*

This is the Bible quote that fuels my intense passion for being pro-life.

Since I am only 17 years old, people may think that I am inexperienced and "don't know what I am talking about" when it comes to being pro-life. They are wrong. I am a person who is not only confident in what the church teaches but also in what I know is humanly correct. I am so proud to be part of the voice that unborn babies are not given.

I enjoyed myself at the March for Life. It was a chance to see other youth who are as passionate about this issue as I am, and to see how I am part of something greater than any of us.



During the March there was a point when we had to walk by a group of pro-choice people. They were yelling and screaming at my group in particular, saying we didn't even know why we were walking; that we should be ashamed of ourselves. Even though this group was very intimidating, I was not scared. I grabbed hold of my two friends and chanted louder! I chanted louder for all the unborn babies who could not chant! I chanted for all the mothers and fathers whose voices were not heard!

We need to stand up for those who are not able to stand up for themselves.

My name is Annie Chisholm and I am proud to say that I am Pro-Life.

Annie Chisholm

Grade 12 student

St. Michael Catholic Secondary School

*"Look around you and remember this time because you will be telling your children and your grandchildren that when life was under attack in our great nation, you stood for life,"*

*John-Henry Westen,*

*editor-in-chief of LifeSiteNews.com*



*Pictured at left: Stratford area residents, Celia, Josy and Connie and attend the March for Life mass at St. Patrick's Basilica, Ottawa*

Up to 25,000 pro-lifers packed Parliament Hill under threats of thunderstorms. The bad weather, however, held off, providing sunny conditions for the 16<sup>th</sup> National March for Life.

This year was another in a continuing series of record-breaking numbers for the federal parliament's largest annual rally. Organizers estimated the crowd at likely near 25,000.

The event, which marks the passage of Pierre Trudeau's infamous "Omnibus Bill" in 1969 that struck down Canada's ban on abortion and paved the way for abortion-on-demand, was focused this year on a call to end female gendercide. The practice, believed to be common in some of Canada's Southeast Asian immigrant populations, was in the news this year because of Tory MP Mark Warawa's Motion 408.

Twenty-one Members of Parliament and two Senators participated and spoke to the crowd.

(excerpted from LifeSite.com May 9, 2013)



Angela Steenstra of "Silent No More" Awareness Campaign speaks at Canada's March for Life rally

Hello my name is Karl Hartman. I am 17 years old and currently in Grade 12 at St. Michaels Catholic Secondary School.

On May 9<sup>th</sup> 2013, for my first time, I was on a bus full of both youth and adults leaving Stratford at 12:00 midnight and heading to Ottawa for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual National March for Life. We arrived in Ottawa around 6:30 am, went for breakfast, then spent some time walking around looking at various sites around Parliament, the northern end of Ottawa and into Hull, Quebec.

We made our way to St. Patrick's Basilica in order to get a seat for the 10:00 mass. Cardinal Thomas Collins presided and was accompanied by many other priests. The Church was full and the basement where they had a screen with live video feed was also full.

There was also a French/English mass at Notre Dame Cathedral at 10:00 which was also full. It was great to see so many youth and adults together for mass.

Immediately following the mass everyone made their way to Parliament Hill for the start of the rally. The rally featured many pro-life organization administration, and pro-life members of parliament who showed their support for the march. I was able to meet up with many other people that I knew who had come from different parts of Ontario on busses. It was great to see so many people from all across the nation, all coming together to put their voice out against a huge issue in our nation.

The rally got everyone pumped up and ready for the march. We all made our way to Parliament Hill to the streets of Ottawa, that had been closed for the 25 000 people that took part in the march. After the March everyone assembled back at Parliament Hill where many people from the Silent No More Campaign addressed the crowd with their testimonies'. These people had an abortion and regretted it. They have become aware of the harm they have done, and want to educate people on the effects of abortions.

The bus met in front of Parliament Hill at 4:00 and we made it back to Stratford at 12:00 after having stopped for supper.

I had a great time with friends and seeing so many people working to address the issue of legalized abortions in Canada.

*Karl Hartman*

This year the official count for the March for Life in Ottawa was 25,000. That's up a whopping 5,000 from 2012. There were 18 M.P.s and even 2 Senators this year too.

And they were all willing to speak out for the Right to Life. This is fantastic news. The RCMP told us, when asked, that the numbers were definitely up from last year (even though the media granted only 12,000 attendees) and that this March is definitely THE largest rally on Parliament Hill. In fact, we were so unexpectedly large that they held back at least 2,000 people from marching because of the altered route due to construction on Parliament Hill. In turn this also skewed the true number of marchers, as they had to sit on the Hill instead of participating in the actual March. Rather than dampen our enthusiasm, it spurred us on. The Truth cannot be hidden. We will be heard and counted with a resounding YES to Life

*- Virginia Miller*



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The London Diocesan Council of the Catholic Women's League of Canada recently awarded our own President Elisabeth with the Social Justice Award. This marks the first time this award has been presented.

Following is Elisabeth's moving acceptance speech.

With gratitude, I will accept this award in memory of my husband, Nate, and our sons, William and Albert. I also wish to give a special thank you to the ladies who nominated me for this honour. It was some kind of shock to me when I received a letter in the mail telling me that I was to receive this award, especially when Mary Jean asked me to share with you about what I do and why. My first thought was "Dear Lord, You put me through so much already, what do You want me to say now?"

But the story that I will share with you has to be centred around this question, "Why did Nate and I devote our entire married life to looking after our two handicapped sons and then other volunteer service work?" What do we really mean when we talk about social justice? When the Lord said, "Whatsoever you do to the least of My brothers, you do unto Me", we can take this in many different ways. With this in mind, I will tell you a little bit about what and why Nate and I did everything together.

When Nate and I got married, we started out like every other young couple, but when we said "for better or worse", we really did mean it. We both wanted at least six or seven children. So often we hear people say, tell God what you have in mind, but He smiles and says, "That is what you think." In our situation, that became our reality. God had other plans for us. He blessed us with two beautiful healthy sons. When William and Albert reached six months of age they each received immunization shots. Something went terribly wrong. Both of them became completely disabled. For some unknown reason, and only by the Grace of God, Nate and I were able to accept what happened to our sons, without blaming anyone, or asking God why this had to happen to us. We just took care of our boys and loved them. Albert died when he was almost 26 and William was 33 when he died. Against all the expectations of the medical field, both of our boys lived much longer than it was thought possible. After William died, we were lost for a while.

But not even two months later, Marge Skinner gave us some material from Dr. Andrew Simone of Canadian Food for Children, which was dropped off at Immaculate Conception Church. They needed someone in the Stratford area to set up a collection and sorting depot and then send it all to Toronto. As we still had the van which we had used for the boys all those years, we decided to get involved, in memory of William and Albert.

We already were supporting Bishop Priamo Tejada Missions in the Dominican Republic. We had met Bishop Priamo in Stratford while he was visiting Fr. Bourque. Several times we visited him in the Dominican. He took us all over the place, he did not hide anything. We visited the leprosy hospital and the bathey, etc. What we saw was suffering, so much cold, hard suffering. One day, Nate asked him how he was able to keep on going with so much suffering of his people and he smiled and said to Nate, "How were you able to keep going all those years with the suffering of your boys? Is it not by the Grace of God that we keep on going?" One night when I came from Marge's place, after we had gathered all the information, it was late when I went home. Something very interesting happened. A car came with such a speed through the red stoplight, that if I had been just a few seconds earlier, I would not be here today. My first thought was, "Okay, Lord, You don't have to be that drastic, I got Your message."

When Nate and I started helping Canadian Food for Children, it was just the two of us working out of our house. Soon, God blessed us with more people that wanted to help. We all had fun working and spending time together. Altogether, we did this for fourteen years, until 2008. By then, Nate was no longer able to drive to Toronto. We had taken more than 350 loads to Toronto and I had never washed so many pails in my life; more than 35,000, and rolled milk bags and plastic bags.

Since we believed so strongly in the right to life from conception to natural death, we became greatly involved with the Right to Life in Stratford. Just after, I was voted in as President of the Stratford & District Right to Life in 2009. Nate died in 2010. Today, I spend most of my time doing Right to Life work, which is never ending and very far reaching. Again, there is so much suffering and so much damage. God has blessed us with a sincere group of people as executives for the group, who want to work together for the sanctity of life. There is always lots of work to do.

When God gives us life, He does not let us see what is going to happen throughout that life. He does not ask us to be perfect, as only He is perfect. He does not ask us to do impossible tasks, but He does give us a task. The task is to love, not counting the cost, and not asking, "Why me, Lord," but rather, pick up the cross every day and say, "Thy will be done."

Thank you for listening and May God Bless you all.

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## *From the Editor's Desk - Virginia*

No one likes to talk about abortion. Unfortunately, like cancer, if it is not acknowledged for what it is, and treated, it spreads deadly poison indiscriminately. Recently, scientists from the U.S, Ireland, and Chile, of the Molecular Epidemiology for Life Sciences Accountability (MELISA) met in New York to discuss scientific evidence regarding abortion as a form of growing violence against women and girls. Their press release states: "Indiscriminate practice of abortion is significantly correlated with coercion, a history of sexual abuse, violence during pregnancy, intimate partner violence, and with psychological consequences that may lead to suicide." This is exactly what the Right to Life lobby has been saying about abortion for years. Isn't it amazing that after over 40 years, learned scientists are finally telling us the Truth. Like an iceberg, though, what lies beneath that which can be seen is even more dangerous. The staggering amounts of "missing" girls due to sex selective abortion (gendercide) has led to an excess of males (especially China and India). This drives human trafficking and sexual slavery, and, in China, the highest suicide rate for women in the world. Cases of rape are escalating throughout the world; Abortion is definitely used as a cover up for rape.

In a civilized world, this is insanity. Here in Canada, rated the 3rd best country in all the world to live in, it is called "Choice". Fr. Alphonse DeValk explains what happened to Canada in his book, "Morality and the Law in Canadian Politics." Back in the 1960's, our then Prime Minister, Pierre Trudeau, decided that morality should be lumped in with religion and threw both of them out of politics. Unfortunately, without morality, anything goes and barbarism takes over. Finally, now, some "respected" voices are sounding the alarm, calling abortion what it really is, violence against women and children. But it is not just the "indiscriminate practice of abortion", it is all abortion. Every abortion has a domino effect on the entire world; every action has a reaction, and all our actions (or inactions) have consequences.

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