



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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Prayer Calendar Intentions

That Canada once again becomes a nation that respects and values all human life, ending abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide; help for all women in crisis pregnancies; for all families affected by abortion; in support of conscience rights for our doctors, nurses and health care workers; for freedom of speech and religion.



Oh Holy Night

Pro Life Colouring Books & Traditional Christmas Cards

2 Colouring Books \$5.00 & \$1.00
Christmas Cards \$10/10 Pack
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Meetings

Monthly Meetings call Glenn
519-616-3536 for time and location.

Annual Dinner & General Meeting

Saturday April 26th, 2025
Christian Reform Church, Stratford

Family Day Picnic

Sunday June 1st 2025 at 2pm
Rostock Community Center

President's Message

2025 Marches For LIFE

**Noon on Thursday May 8th in Ottawa
and also at
Noon Saturday May 10th in Toronto**

THE largest ANNUAL peaceful PROTEST takes place EACH YEAR on Parliament Hill in Ottawa and now in provincial capital cities ALL across Canada as well... in Victoria! Edmonton! Regina! Winnipeg! **TORONTO!** Quebec City! Fredericton! Charlottetown! Halifax! St. John's! and Whitehorse! Tens of thousands gather on the lawns of our government houses to pray, sing, speak and march asking, "If LIFE IS... precious, sacred and given to each of us, WHY do not ALL politicians, ALL judges, ALL police and ALL healthcare workers want to **protect, defend and nurture ALL HUMAN LIFE?**"

ALL SCIENCE agrees that LIFE begins at conception but these same ones who are suppose to be there to serve ALL Canadians refuse to hold up this Sanctity of LIFE and to act by putting legislation in place, ruling in just ways, protecting the weak or simply doing NO Harm. Whether it is the pre-born baby in the womb or the lonely, or depressed, or handicapped or aged ones, they continue to allow and even encourage the killing of those who need them most.

The CREATOR and MAKER of all things asks us to be their voice, to be there for them supporting, adopting, defending and even funding what they need. I ask you to volunteer, donate towards and share your **PRO-LIFE** belief at pregnancy care centers, hospices, homes for the handicapped and aged. Speak with or write to your MP, MPP about LIFE. Vote only for those running for office who will stand against this society of Death. Encourage your neighbourhood hospice to provide palliative care, not Medical Assistance in Dying. Join in your local Life Chains, Marches For Life, and talk to your family, neighbours. GOD bless you with courage, kindness and above all... **LOVE!** There is nothing loving about Abortion, Euthanasia or Indifference. Be Good Shepherds! Join Us! Choose Life!

GOD is Good!

Glenn Kahle

There is so much to do, are you willing to
STAND FOR LIFE?

Contact me to discuss your suggestions
and where you can help

BECOME A MEMBER!

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

National 24 Hr Help Line
1-800-665-0570
888-217-8679

**London Crisis Pregnancy
& Family Support Center**
519-432-7098
Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm

Dawn Centre
519-620-0204
Monday-Thursday 9:30am-4pm

Help After Abortion
1-800-395-4357

**Homes for Pregnant/
Parenting Moms**
Monica Place
231 Herbert Street
Waterloo, ON N2J 1V1
519-743-0291

Marillac Place
109 Young Street
Kitchener ON N2H 4Z2
519-571-0722

Fresh Start Support Services
118 Centre Street
St. Thomas, ON N5R 2Z9
1-519-637-7775
Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm
Friday 9am-1pm

Sisters of Life
Pregnancy Help and Hope & Healing
Call 416-463-2722
Text: 647-794-9414

Abortion Pill Reversal
Time is of the essence
For more information or
immediate medical help,
877-558-0333
The goal is to start the abortion pill
treatment within 24 hours of taking the
Abortion Pill mifepristone (RU 486)

Fertility Care
NaPro
<https://www.fertilitycare.ca/>
Charting method that reveals
underlying issues that can impede
conception of a healthy baby:
<https://creightonmodel.com/>



***If you or someone you know took the
abortion pill and regret it, there may still be
time. The Abortion Pill Rescue Network
provides free and confidential care 24/7.***

Call us at 877.558.0333 or go to
AbortionPillReversal.com now.
There may still be time to save your pregnancy.

A Last Chance to Choose Life

From the moment a woman takes the abortion pill, she has about 72 hours to change her mind and save her baby. The Abortion Pill Rescue Network, through Option Line's 24/7 contact center, answers more than 150 mission-critical calls a month from women who regret their abortion decision. Statistics show that thousands of lives have been saved (and counting) through the abortion pill reversal protocol!

Seeking a last chance to choose life for their little ones, women can reach out to the Abortion Pill Rescue Network and be connected with a local medical provider who starts the Abortion Pill Reversal Process.

Abortion Pill Reversal

Have you taken the first dose of the abortion pill? Do you regret your decision and wish you could reverse the effects of the abortion pill?

We're here for you!

**CALL OUR 24/7 HELPLINE:
1-877-558-0333**

We know that an unplanned pregnancy can be scary and many women make decisions to abort when they are terrified and stressed. We know that after some time, many women change their minds about a chemical abortion.

**IT MAY NOT BE TOO LATE TO
SAVE YOUR PREGNANCY**

***There is an effective process called
Abortion Pill Reversal* that gives your
unborn child a second chance at life.***

We are eager to connect with you and available any time, day or night! We can offer help, but most importantly, hope. Our helpline will connect you with one of our medical professionals nearby who can guide you towards reversing the effects of the abortion pill. We will help you every step of the way. Time is precious, and so is your baby — call us today.

Lives Lived For LIFE

12 Stories of CANADA'S Pro-life Faithful

I was inspired after reading these stories in the recent edition of the Catholic Register which are a sampling of Christians who display acts of love by their commitment to pro-life activism. In reality that commitment should be vital to our being and very existence transcending politics BECAUSE ... we are all human. GOD chose to give each of us the gift of LIFE. These defenders of it display a variety of methodology in how they do it but again their common inspiration is the love, exemplified by our Saviour, for their fellow man and woman. The following then is a snippet of the 2 - 4 pages the writers on each of them shared in that magazine, which I recommend you seek out and read in full. Enjoy and be encouraged!



Amanda Achtman (Speaker, Blogger, Film Maker)

"... leave room for the capacity for conversion and await it with joyful expectation."

"...she advocates prayer for those of opposite political stripes, not something that came automatically during the 40 months that she worked on Parliament Hill ... I realized my own propensity for dehumanization of my ideological opponents. I have to work very hard to combat that. The best way is praying for their good and always wanting the best for them."

"We ought to pray for those in authority, for their souls, for their family life first and foremost for their sake but also because it changes us. It gives us an endurance for the work that would not otherwise exist."

George & Susan Jurenas (Police Officer, Marriage Counselling)

... what it means to be pro-life, "belief that every life is precious, a gift from GOD. Each life has the capacity to bring us great joy, but also the possibility of much disappointment. Who am I to turn down what GOD has sent into my life and all the possibilities that each life brings with it?"



Maria McCann (Speaker, Blogger, Co-founder)



"I believe in reaching out with compassion to people experiencing unplanned pregnancy, or who are affected by the trauma of abortion,"

"...our dignity, worth and value as humans are not based on our particular abilities in a given moment, rather it is inherent to us as something given by GOD."

"I know that GOD loved us before we loved Him, and I think that sort of attitude is what I and all Christians are called to do, which is to love those who may not respond enthusiastically at first. If we come at it from an angle of saying that certain types of people who have had abortions or who participate in abortions are inherently evil sorts of people, that precludes change for them. If instead, we come at it from an angle of saying that this is a horrible, violent act and that we want to call you to a higher truth ... that we think you were made for, people are much more responsive to that... and helps people to realize that the mistakes and bad decisions of our past don't have to define our future."

"... when we do show up and we do show the truth, there are more children who go home alive at the end of the day."

We are ... "not called to be the World's saviour, but to be a vessel of GOD's message, even if simply through prayer."

"I have seen the misperceptions there are about what life is like with a disability and how much that fuels support for both abortion and assisted suicide. The people in the disability communities that I am part of, when we go through a crisis, what we need is support, love and tools to enable us to live with dignity, not an injection to give us a so-called death with dignity."... the assisted suicide legally available to Canadians since 2016 is a "genocide of ableism".



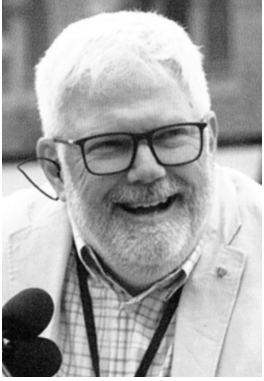
Alex Schadenberg (Co-founder, Speaker, Advocate)

"...people's lives have been saved and people have been positively affected by the work we do - that keeps my hope going."

"The question of 'How do you care for the human person?' has been lost in our modern day as our culture has shifted toward ... individualism... we need to care for the other and a lot of these euthanasia deaths were never about caring for people or about compassion - they were about abandonment."

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Kevin Dunn (Film Maker, Broadcaster, Founder, Speaker)

"The LORD continues to send these inspirational ideas into my mind through the Holy Spirit."

"Seeing this incredible life-changing, blessed experience of holding a newborn in your arms for the very first time, the thought of the process of abortion or extinguishing that life - ripping that little baby apart - is so abhorrent,"

"You can have the experience of being an activist, like me (Josie Luetke of Campaign Life Coalition), but that needs to be translated on camera. He was able to put the pieces of the story together."

"If I can make people think about an issue they haven't thought of before, it is a mission accomplished. We don't need to hit people over the head with truth, we need to do it through our stories."

Dunn plants a seed of hope in all of his films that ultimately affects his audiences in profound ways. "These projects do have a meaningful effect on people". (Chris Atkins of One Media)

His speaking ministry is called 'Prophets of Hope' because he shares stories of redemption and encouragement. "I use clips of my films to tell stories around the World. Mothers who have chosen life, families who were grieving the loss of someone through euthanasia or those who were victims of a broken health-care system. As a presenter and entertainer, I am able to bring these stories to life."

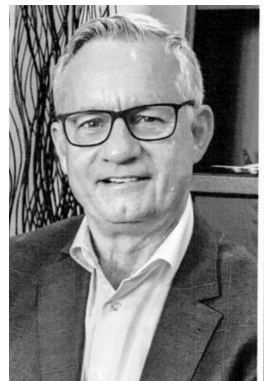


Paula Celani (Healthcare Administrator, Formal Palliative Care Founder)

"We had this desire, as a group of friends, to make personal accompaniment exceptional. We wanted people to be loved and accompanied the way GOD looks at us."

"That's the other component. You're human. There are moments where you realize there's nothing you can do. There's nothing that can respond to what he (whom I am giving care to) needs. Sometimes even loving him, sitting, holding his hand, meals, making him comfortable in his bed, doing all that can be done on Earth is not enough. When you get to that point, when all these things we do are still not enough, ultimately what he needs is that relationship with GOD and that peace."

"Christ, you are here in this. I don't know what you want of me, but you have my 'yes' and whatever you ask of me in accompanying him and helping him in whatever way I can, you have my 'yes'."



Ed Fast & John McKay (Federal Politicians)

"I made it very clear when I ran for office, that if the people of Abbotsford elected me, they are electing someone in favour of life, and they elected me six times." (Fast)

"Pro-life had been my lodestar, and I played it straight with people. I made it clear that if my pro-life position is a deal breaker, they could vote for someone else." To the people of Scarborough-Guildwood, it was obviously not a deal breaker, nine times... (McKay)

"We have to be going with the understanding that without a commitment to protect and defend every single human life, we as a society would be failing the most vulnerable" (Fast)

"Legislative action and changes to government policies are most effectively made by private citizens speaking up in a peaceful way." (Fast)

"I have seen the mental health system up close, and I am dead set against MAiD ... For those going through the darkness of mental illness, there is no protection or guidance you can set up that can prevent errors." (McKay)



Stratford and District Right to Life

You are cordially invited to attend the
Annual General Meeting & Dinner

of the

Stratford & District Right to Life Association

Saturday April 26th, 2025

beginning at 5:30pm

at the

Stratford Christian Reform Church (190 Athlone Crescent)

With Guest Speaker Rev. Ken Maher,

Pastor of Christ Our Hope Lutheran Church Collingwood ON and former pastoral advisor to Lutherans For Life Canada whose congregation has an active mission to serve their local hospice. He will be speaking on

Dignity and Compassion: Palliative Care vs. Euthanasia

The Evening will include a hot meal with dessert, our speaker with discussion afterwards, our business meeting with reports and election of Board Members, resource table, door prizes, and great fellowship with fellow pro-life supporters.

**COME OUT, SEE AND HEAR WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CANADA
ON LIFE ISSUES!**

To Reserve Your Tickets Call 519-616-3536

or email Kahle123@rogers.com

Ticket prices will be determined this January

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Prayer for Canada

Lord God, I thank You today for the gift of my life, and for the lives of all my brothers and sister.

I know there is nothing that destroys more lives than abortion. Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the resurrection of Your Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.

Today, I commit myself never to be silent, never to be passive, never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the Pro-Life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected and Canada once again becomes a country which respects life from conception to natural death. Not just for some, but for all, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

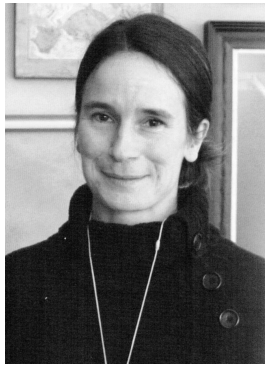
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Nicole Scheidl (Lawyer, Teacher, Medical Administrator)

What appeals to her is "building the community of pro-life doctors. Doctors need to know they're not alone, that there are a lot of other people who think the same way they do about not wanting to kill patients."

After six years of working with the "very dark topics" that pro-life work forces its advocates to confront, she's attuned to how easily compassion can be lost. "You're brushing up against evil every single day. You need other things in your life to balance it out. It's really easy to become bitter, depressed, cynical and not see the good there is in life. One thing we have to offer is the absolute beauty of life. Those choosing euthanasia and abortion just don't see it. The only way we can get them to change their minds is to help them see the beauty."



Mary Wagner (Advocate)

"(This) is a matter of life and death, and it's a matter of standing up for little ones just on the human level of just wanting to stand for justice and speak for those who can't speak for themselves."

She and her peers had to fight each year to ensure their campus (U. of Victoria, BC) pro-life group enjoyed the same rights as any other campus club. Step by step, she learned how to be an advocate.

... her conviction about abortion and the reason she was willing to go to jail was that she said it was similar to someone standing at the gates of Auschwitz (WWII extermination camp) with a sign saying, 'I love you and I care about you, even if I cannot stop the train.' It was her way of doing what she could.

Wagner could not have anticipated the spiritual fruits she experienced when she was behind bars for 6 years. I was amazed to see how many women would come and ask me to pray. Then the door opened to Bible study, I discovered it's such a fertile ground for the Holy Spirit. She encountered many women who had an abortion at least once in their lives. She estimated this was the case with '80-85% of the female inmates she met and that 'they could trace their addictions and their problems to abortion with other compounding factors.'

Wagner tried to secure legal recognition on behalf of the unborn predominately encountering justices unwilling to hear her arguments even the Supreme Court of Canada quashing her constitutional challenge. "I was sad for those judges".

"It gives me great hope when I hear of stories of people discovering Christ and their need for Him and His Love ... because abortion is certainly a human rights issue, but ultimately, it exists because of a great spiritual poverty. So, the remedy is discovering the Giver of Life."

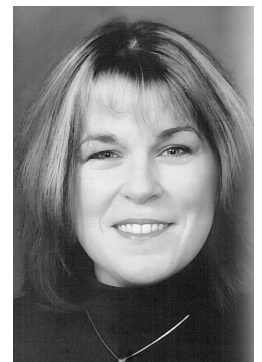
Carol Butler (Nurse, Pro-life Care Administrator, Counselling)

It became evident through her suffering, GOD gifted her with a powerful empathy and relatability to help so many others through their trials and tribulations.

Carol's an ally and will advocate for her young mothers in any circumstance.

Every life counts. The fact that crisis pregnancy can sometimes lead to suicide means two lives are lost. This is a tragedy that I wanted to help stop.

A young lady, traumatized and in need of healing from having had three abortions, Butler embarked on a healing journey over two years part of which was a memorial service for each of the unborn babies which included a balloon with a card attached by ribbon, released one at a time, as she named each baby, read out Scripture for each one and prayed. Looking up as the final balloon was released they were amazed as the balloons found each other, ribbons twirling together up and out of sight. "It was a powerful moment and we felt it was GOD's way of saying, 'I've got them all in my loving arms and I'm taking care of them'."



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Jim Hughes (Advocate, Pro-life Administrator)



"GOD, who unambiguously told Moses on Mt. Sinai, 'Thou shalt not kill'... He didn't say after 14 weeks..."

"Surely to goodness, they can't kill children right up to birth?", and she (his nurse wife) said, "Yes they can!"

She (a fellow pro-lifer) said, "I hate compromise. Every child and human being is important and essential", and I replied, "You're right!".

"keep your eyes on the prize. The eye on the prize was to remain faithful."

"We can't stop after they're 12 weeks old or 21 weeks old; we have to stop killing them right from conception"

"Only GOD knows what was on the abortionist's heart and mind... (we) will continue advocating for Canada to turn back from the culture of death pervading the nation... there is hope for the future... thanks GOD... every single day has been a gift."

I recommend watching this 15 minute interview on Jim Hughes:

behold: Lives Lived for Life, featured interview with Jim Hughes

<https://slmedia.org/w/86h2hGLG/TcmCRBr2/s5-e2-behold-lives-lived-for-life-featured-interview-with-jim-hughes>

Katie Somers (Advocate, Former Fetus, Flight Attendant,)

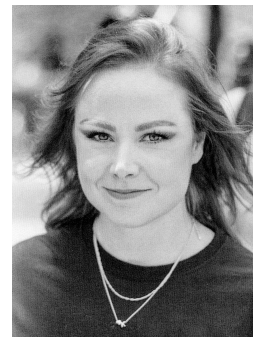
"I was one person before I saw that, and then I was a different person after... CCBR uses "abortion victim photography" to convince Canadians of the injustice of abortion... photos and videos of abortion procedures that are legal in Canada... it's too awful, it'll turn people away. It'll make them hate pro-lifers... why would they show this? ...she had been so deeply affected by the brutal imagery, the potential effect upon someone who supported abortion was profound. ... this was the most powerful thing. "

"was there hateful messaging ... for women who have had abortions... there was nothing. In fact it was logical, intelligent and compelling.".... spurred with a desire to assist that organization in its mission to "make abortion unthinkable".

"There is rationale to targeting the youth demographic, ... they are the ones having the abortions... Those are the people where they're considering what their positions are on controversial issues, they're the ones being bombarded with pro choice ideology... and they're the ones who will be the future leaders of our society. If we can avoid children seeing our images, then that's ideal."

"... the angrier her interlocutors, the more likely they have suffered the repercussions of abortion... and now we're reminding them of that... When you respond with genuine listening ... and you show that you're not there to judge them, they just completely transform."

"... to be pro-life is to see the dignity and value of every human being and to believe that they have the right to life, and life abundant... when you indicate to somebody that you are glad that they are alive and that you hear the pain that they have lived through and you wish them well, they get the feeling that it's good that they're here... it is truly a powerful form of sharing Christ's love when you tell them that their existence is good!"



Final Notes

Many of these leaders I have met and heard as speakers at Marches for Life, AGM's and workshops. Just 2 weeks ago, Maria McCann was the main speaker at the Lutherans For Life Canada AGM. Take advantage of the wealth of seasoned and new leaders to our movement. There is a truck load of experience and wisdom they have to share especially in the how and why so many of us have as questions.

Blessings on your continuing journey to share LOVE and TRUTH with all!

Glenn Kahle (acting editor of S&DRTLA Newsletter)

P.S. I'd love to hear your suggestions for topics and articles and to hear from anyone with skill sets to put out a good product people will read and look forward to...