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ANNUAL DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015
SPEAKER: FR. TOM LYNCH
WATCH FOR MORE INFO IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Elisabeth Dobbe



Another year has passed! Once again we had many people willing to give up their comfort for the night and come along with us on the bus to the Ottawa March for Life.

I would like to thank everyone for caring and standing up for future generations. A special thanks to the parents who brought their children and showed them the importance of this cause. Standing up for life. Many thanks to Father David Butler, also to Joan Devereaux and Melissa Finch for bringing 28 students from St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School, Clinton.

We also picked up a large group in Woodstock. Twenty four people from the Norwich area joined us, it was good to have you with us. Thank you Arlene Nap.

It was disappointing that we had only 2 attendees from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School this year, and so few supporters from the city of Stratford.

In Ottawa, we were greeted by many of the faith community, as well as MPs and Senators. Approximately 25,000 people were in attendance at this year's March for Life.

Members, I am retiring after this term. Most of the executives, including me, have served 3 terms. We are in dire need of people who are willing to get actively involved in the Stratford and District Right to Life. All positions will be available. More information is in this bulletin.

I hope to see you on Saturday, June 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Hall for our special evening in honour of Mothers and Fathers. We will be showing the very special movie "Irreplaceable". Please plan on being there! See details on page 3.

I want to stress how important it is, especially now, to get involved and stand up for the Right to Life. Our society is steadily moving deeper and deeper into the culture of death. For years we have done it in secret and kept looking the other way. We can no longer ignore how important it is to stand up for the next generation.

"The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it"
Albert Einstein

We have also been told through the year, we reap what we sow.
President Elisabeth

Sustainable development conference speaker called for 90% reduction in world population

Steve Jalsevac

April 8, 2015 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The article published below will help new LifeSite readers better understand some of the seemingly mad trends of today.

In 1995, now Editor-in-Chief of LifeSite, John-Henry Westen, wrote this report on the 1995 State of the World Forum in San Francisco that was hosted by former Soviet premier Mikhail Gorbachev and attended by many of the world's elite. The theme of the conference was "sustainable development".

Comments from a number of the speakers, but especially those from the closing plenary session speaker, philosopher/author Sam Keen, are very revealing about many disturbing trends we see in full force today.

This really did happen. The quotes are genuine. Read on and then relate to today and many items reported on LifeSite in recent weeks and months and years. The last quote and line in the article is especially alarming. One has to wonder if some of the world's elites are indeed working to fulfill that goal. I would not brush it off as ridiculous fiction.

World's elite gather to talk depopulation

By John-Henry Westen, September, 1995

San Francisco gathering draws all the big names from the world of politics, media, business and entertainment

A few months ago in late September 1995 a group of stellar performers from the world stage got together in San Francisco to discuss the future of the planet.

The "State of the World Forum" was convened by Mikhail Gorbachev, along with co-chairs President Askar Akaev of Kyrgystan, former President of Costa Rica Oscar Arias, former U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker III, Prime Minister Tansu Ciller of Turkey, former Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers and Nobel Laureate Rigoberta Menchu.

Over 400 of the rich and famous attended the gala affair which lasted 5 days and cost a whopping \$5,000.00 per person. Political notaries included former U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, former U.S. President George Bush, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Czech Republic President Vaclav Havel, South African Vice President Thabo Mbeki, and even our own former Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

The media representatives included such big names as newspaper mogul Rupert Murdoch, anchorman Ted Koppel and cable-TV billionaire Ted Turner.

Big names in big business also attended the affair including Men's Wearhouse CEO George Zimmer, Archer Daniels Midland CEO Dwayne Andreas, Microsoft wizard Bill Gates, and computer tycoon David Packard.

The main theme of the forum was "sustainable development," understood by many to be a long-standing euphemism for population control.

The obtrusive promotion of the culture of death began the conference as former "Humanist of the Year" Ted Turner addressed the audience. Given only five minutes for his opening address, Turner couldn't refrain from blurting out population control slogans in his outspoken style: "But by ending the cold war, and reducing dramatically the threat of nuclear annihilation, we now have the chance to starve to death in a desert. We have given ourselves that opportunity, and it seems that is more difficult to deal with because it requires more forethought, and the benefits of ending the cold war were perfectly clear to everybody. The population problem and the environmental destruction that is going in the world, and will eventually lead to our demise, if it is not reversed, is much harder to see because it happens over a longer period of time."

When Gorbachev spoke, after being lauded by former Secretary of state George Shultz, he candidly revealed the purpose of the conference: "We have, I believe, to gear consumption to people's cultural and spiritual needs also through culture and education and within the framework of laws, we shall have to address the problem of controlling the world's population.

Amid other topics such as global governance, global security, and the information highway, the theme of population control continued. However, no where was the theme more evident than in the discussions around religion. Not surprisingly a conglomeration of Buddhists, Wiccans, dissident "Catholic" theologians, and New Age Spiritualist permeated the conference.

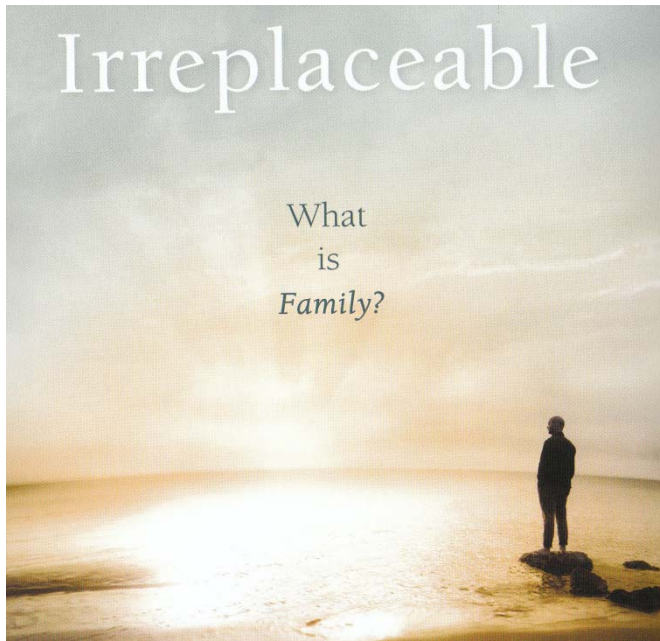
These included Fritjof Capra, Jeremy Rifkin, Willis Harman, Deepak Chopra, Robert Muller, Matthew Fox, Carl Sagan, and Shirley MacLaine. These types had mainly Christianity to blame for the so-called world population dilemma.

In the closing plenary session of the forum, philosopher/author Sam Keen provided a summary and conclusive remarks on the conference. Among the conference participants, said Keen, "there was very strong agreement that religious institutions have to take primary responsibility for the population explosion. We must speak far more clearly about sexuality, about contraception, about abortion, about the values that control the population, because the ecological crisis, in short, is the population crisis.

"Cut the population by 90 percent and there aren't enough people left to do a great deal of ecological damage", said Keen.

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/sustainable-development-conference-speaker-called-for-90-reduction-in-world>

Note: this article was originally posted on theinterim.com.



In Honour of Mothers and Fathers

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the "Focus on the Family" film

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Show time 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2015
Immaculate Conception Church Hall, Well Street, Stratford
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Andrea Bocelli Speaks on Importance of Family at Vatican

Widely considered one of the greatest singing talents in the world today, Andrea Bocelli will bring attention to the beauty of the family in a Vatican-launched initiative.

Having sold more than 70 million records worldwide, the multiple award winning and world recognized Italian tenor has not had an easy life. Born in 1958, Bocelli was afflicted with congenital glaucoma. After suffering a brain hemorrhage following a soccer accident, he permanently lost his sight. After practicing law, he pursued his musical career, with which he has taken the world by storm. The 56-year-old singer is married with three children. In addition, he has a charitable foundation, has met the current and past two Popes, and never forgets what matters most.

During a press conference held Saturday in the Holy See Press Office, the world famous tenor stressed that "family is such an important thing," and said he is pleased to be the voice which will celebrate the family in "The Great Mystery: The Gospel of the Family, School of Humanity for Our Times," produced by CitySounds and Events.

Cardinal Vincenzo Paglia, President of the Pontifical Council for the Family, is a key protagonist behind the program and noted how "this is timely and is one of the events they're having in the lead up to the second phase for the Synod on the Family in October."

Some of the key objectives, saying perhaps their greatest ones, he noted, is "discussing the Gospel of the family, the beauty of the family." He reminded all present how when God made the family, he marveled at its beauty Himself.

The initiative, he noted, while recognizing details are still being confirmed, will celebrate the beauty of the family with, appropriately, the beautiful voice of Andrea Bocelli.

More information about the program and obtaining tickets, he explained, will be made available by a website which will be launched in Italian and English.

The tenor, he noted, will sing in various venues, the most important two will be in the Basilica of the Holy Family in Barcelona, May 28, and in Philadelphia during the World Congress of the Families on Saturday, September 26th.

The Barcelona concert kicks off the program, they shared, which explained the presence of Cardinal Lluís Martínez Sistach, the Spanish city's archbishop, who expressed his and Barcelona's delight. Some of the music performed there will include that of Handel, Schubert, Mozart, and Verdi, among other sacred pieces.

They explained the initiative contains two aspects, singing in the cathedrals and in the squares. Bocelli also noted that whenever he is in Church, the music will be exclusively sacred music. This, he said, was very important to him.

Cardinal Paglia noted their hope to have a concert in Bethlehem, commemorating the birthplace of the Sacred Family.

He also noted that some of the churches in which the tenor will sing will be not just Catholic, but also Orthodox, and Protestant because, "The family is a treasure for everyone." "No one is excluded," he said.

Music in the squares, he pointed out, will not be limited to sacred music as to bring the attention to the family of all gathered and all in the squares to the masterpiece of the family.

Responding to a question by ZENIT on his own family, Bocelli confirmed it is true that a doctor told his mother to terminate the pregnancy. "It is true," he said, noting that if his mother had terminated the pregnancy as doctors expecting complications to arise had advised, "I would not be here."

"I'm here because my mother decided to continue my pregnancy," he said.

<http://www.zenit.org/en/articles/andrea-bocelli-speaks-on-importance-of-family-at-vatican> On the NET

MARCH FOR LIFE 2015

*Pictured at left:
Members of Stratford and
District Right to Life assemble
on Parliament Hill in support of
this year's March for Life.*

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defend the Right to Life. March
for Life is Canada's largest
national Pro-Life event.**



*One of our youngest supporters,
Reuben with mom Therese*

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25,000 march for life at Canada's Parliament

By Lianne Laurence

May 14, 2015 ([LifeSiteNews](http://www.lifesitenews.com)) - Forty-six years to the day after Canada legalized the killing of children in the womb, nearly 25,000 people marched on Parliament Hill in Ottawa with the message to Canadians, and particularly parliamentarians, to "Let life win!"

Organized by Canada's national pro-life lobby group Campaign Life Coalition, the 18th annual March for Life took place under sunny skies, with the only discordant note a noisy protest by a half-dozen topless women from the feminist group Femen, who were quickly removed by police.

The march, Canada's largest national pro-life event, commemorates Canada's "day of infamy," when Pierre Trudeau's Liberal Omnibus bill legalized abortion in Canada on May 14, 1969.

Since then, an estimated four million unborn children have been killed by abortion, or 100,000 abortions annually.

In 1988, the Supreme Court struck down the country's abortion law, leaving children in the womb with no legal protection or recognition in Canada

This year's March for Life highlights another Supreme Court decision: the February 6, 2015 ruling which gave Canada's MPs a year to draft legislation on assisted suicide and euthanasia. As Toronto's Cardinal Thomas Collins told the crowd, this is another manifestation of "the culture of death."

The March for Life was dedicated this year to the country's two pro-life prisoners of conscience, Linda Gibbons and Mary Wagner, both currently in jail in Vanier, Ontario, for counseling women against aborting their babies.

for full article: <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/breaking-25000-march-for-life-at-canadas-parliament-topless-counter-protest>

Bare breasts, and the hammer & sickle: what passes for pro-abortion arguments by Jonathon Van Maren

It was a beautiful day in Ottawa for the March for Life. Thousands of people, young and old, packed Parliament Hill. Clergy of every denomination stood in solidarity with the pro-lifers, and politicians emerged from the House of Commons to voice their support for fundamental human rights. With thousands upon thousands of people packing the streets of Ottawa, it was an invigorating day to say the least.

A few observations:

1. The four topless Femen girls, who rushed the stage just as MP Stephen Woodworth began speaking, seem very sad and angry. I've never really understood their tactic of going nude as a means of protest, even though I've been the target of it a few times now—it seems so counter-productive. I understand that they are pro-abortion and hate the idea of a pro-life protest, but the idea that voluntarily shedding their dignity would in any way promote their beliefs is a bit bewildering. It made me feel a bit sick and sorry for them, actually, to see young girls screaming and struggling with police and being slammed to the concrete in what surely must have been a very painful fashion. I wished someone had some blankets or something to cover them up. I was encouraged to see that as the police grappled with them, most men in the crowd averted their eyes. As Matt Fradd noted, "It is a manly thing to treat a woman who has forgotten her dignity with dignity."

2. Those who oppose the pro-life movement aren't even trying to pretend they have any semblance of an argument anymore. The Femen antics aside, I have to say I was actually surprised by the large crowd of pro-abortion protestors near Bank Street, being held back from the marchers by barricades and police officers. Many of them were wearing masks, chants of "F***** the police" rose up occasionally, and the crowd seemed to be seething and hostile. It was not a point-counterpoint situation: they were definitely angry. There were the typical signs, of course—"Keep your rosaries off my ovaries" and such—but what took me aback was the Hammer and Sickle flags flapping in the wind. It wasn't just one, either—there were at least six of them flying throughout the group. The idea that people protesting the March for Life would fly the flag of Stalin, the banner that presided over the murders of millions of people, was just a bit too rich.

3. The movement is growing. I'm not the kind of person who tosses out March for Life crowd estimates as proof of the strength of the movement—it's results that count. But the number of young people who I spoke to who are there not just because they had a day off school, not just because they wanted to have fun, but because they actually want to get involved in the pro-life movement in some meaningful capacity was very heartening. Many of them stopped me along the parade route to tell me that they'd attended our presentations across the country and couldn't wait to get involved in day-to-day activism.

4. The time to act is now. This is not news to most of you, surely. But I thought Eric Metaxas, the keynote speaker at the Rose Dinner after the March, put it very well. Eric Metaxas is the author of the historical biographies *Bonhoeffer* as well as *Amazing Grace*, a biography of William Wilberforce that I have all our interns read every summer. He used historical examples to inform us that if Christians in today's day and age do not stand up, then we are in grave danger. Imagine, he asked the crowd, if every Christian would rather go to jail than comply with ungodly policies. The jails would be clogged, the system would shut down, and the next day, we would see a very different country. Some may laugh at this as hyperbole, but there are signs across North America that such principled non-compliance will very soon be necessary. Metaxas used the example of Ronald Reagan's famous "Tear Down This Wall" speech at the Brandenburg Gate. He was warned not to say such things—but he ignored them, and this voice proved prophetic. Christians have to stand up together, said Metaxas. The rotten wall won't come down by itself. But if we push together—then we can perhaps succeed. No matter what we have been given—time, treasure, talent—God is calling us to use it. An inspiring and sobering message indeed.

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/bare-breasts-and-the-hammer-sickle-what-passes-for-pro-abortion-arguments>



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Tom Diomond, member of the Stratford and District Right to Life has erected a new billboard alongside the existing one on Highway 7/8. Thanks Tom!

**STRATFORD AND DISTRICT RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL OPEN
GENERAL MEETING WITH ELECTIONS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL, STRATFORD**

Nominations for Executive Positions for Stratford & District Right to Life

Nomination Committee

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Virginia Miller (519) 393 8400 email – virginiamiller16@gmail.com

Nominations are open to our membership for elections to the following positions: **President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Membership Convenor, 6 Board Members**

Nominations to be submitted to Nomination Committee (above) on or before Sept. 15, 2015

The current executives are all stepping down – it is critical to fill these core positions with new people or the Stratford & District Right to Life will be forced to shut down. (Current executive will help train new executive)

***Office space is needed** to work in and house all materials currently being stored at home of President Elisabeth Dobbe.* **All SDRTL materials/office equipment must be moved from her home asap.**

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From the Editor's Desk

by Virginia Miller



“We have, I believe, to gear consumption to people’s cultural and spiritual needs also through culture and education, and within the framework of laws, we shall have to address the problem of controlling the world’s population.” *Mikhail Gorbachev, “State of the World Forum” 1995, San Francisco (see article “Sustainable development conference speaker called for 90% reduction in world population”)*

The alarm was sounded in 1995, but was anyone paying attention? The “rich and famous” have been, and still are, using their wealth to promote the “culture of death”, in every conceivable manner, in order to greatly depopulate the entire world; under the guise of “sustainable development.” This “octopus” has countless tentacles, in fact, whatever can be used to devalue and destroy human life. Birth control is self-evident. The so-called “rights” to have everything we desire, especially illicit sex (heterosexual or homosexual) is less evident, but it naturally follows birth control. Abortion is the most blatant form of population control. In China it is forced upon the people, here in the west it is called “choice” and is treated as a sacred “right”. Have you noticed recently the petfood ads using the term “pethood”? Why bother having children when you can be parents to a dog or cat. Cute? I think not!

Recently, in Africa, tetanus vaccines given out by WHO and UNICEF were found to contain drugs that render sterility (LifesiteNews.com). These poor people are easy targets for depopulation programs by organizations that are supposed to be helping them. This is population control on a massive scale. Quick, cheap and easily done.

The extreme Green movement, including climate change, is less obvious. What should be used to herald responsibility through stewardship, is used to promote the idea that the earth’s resources cannot sustain all the people that are in the world right now. It also condemns those with religious beliefs and those who are having children as irresponsible. Did you know that the “world’s wealthiest 16% uses 80% of natural resources” (CNN.com). It is obvious that this “elite” group does not want to share their wealth, or the world’s natural resources, which belong to everyone. In short, this call for 90% reduction in world population translates into killing, killing, and more killing.

At the end of this forum philosopher/author Sam Keen stated “there was a very strong agreement that religious institutions have to take primary responsibility for the population explosion. We must speak far more clearly about sexuality, about contraception, about abortion, about the values that control the population, because the ecological crisis, in short, is the population crisis. Cut the population by 90% and there aren’t enough people left to do a great deal of ecological damage.”

Just one evening of watching the world news is enough to confirm that these “values” regarding sustainable development/population control are firmly entrenched in the world, even in religious institutions. They affect every facet of our lives. They affect you and me. They affect our children. They affect our grandchildren.

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Prayer for Canada

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust our country to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and the breakdown of family life.

Grant us the wisdom to know and proclaim that this nation was founded on God’s law and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights and freedoms.

Guide and protect this land from every evil and from the attacks of the powers of darkness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new culture of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

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