



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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday October 5th
Chains 2pm-3pm

3 Stratford locations so far!
Social 3:00pm-3:45pm

Annual Dinner/Speaker & General Meeting

Saturday November 15th
4:30pm - 8:00pm

Christian Reform Church
190 Athlone Cres., Stratford

*Please add these to
your church calendar
and announcements
— and personally
Hold These Dates
to attend...
you'll be so glad you did!*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

So much has happened since MARCH 2025!

- See Page 2 regarding our 2025 AGM in April.
- See Page 3 regarding the Toronto and Ottawa Marches For Life in May.
- See Page 4 regarding the Family Day Picnic in June.
- Watch for the LIFE CHAIN poster in the next Newsletter at end of August
- Watch for the poster for our **Dinner/AGM/Speaker** in the September newsletter... it's back to its original fall time slot **November 15th** this year!

Our guest speaker is **Josie Luetke**, Director of Education & Advocacy at Campaign Life Coalition. Her topic will be "A Great Commission: Pro-Life Evangelization in a Post-Christian Nation". Josie's most recent article in the June 2025 issue of The Interim on page 15 really caught my attention. Please read it for yourself at <https://theinterim.com/columnist/josie-luetke/all-the-more/>

See the coloured LIFE Flag paper insert included in this issue...

it is to be placed in a front facing window for all to see what LIFE means to you as a member.

There will be an order form in the next newsletter for actual flags of various sizes with poles/hangers as well as stickers & magnets & auto license plate holders.

The Life Flag is highly symbolic of the pro-life message:

- white background non-violence in womb and innocence of unborn child
- two baby feet humanity of unborn child
- two pink hands the pregnant mother holding/protecting her child
- circle shape evokes imagery of pregnant mother's growing belly a safe, secure, protected place for the developing child
- two stripes emphasize the two distinct lives present in a pregnancy also make an equal sign stressing equality, fully humanness of unborn child and also represent role of both father & mother in creating & raising the child
- colours blue & pink traditionally associated with boys & girls also two lives present in a pregnancy of mother & child

We've got SO much we could be doing and so much some of us are unable to do — if anything you see or hear of gets your mojo a goin', give us a call. What are your ideas?

ALIVE, not just living!

Glenn Kahle



Campaign Life
Coalition

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

National 24 Hr Help Lines

**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/>

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING What an evening!

Back in April at our last AGM we had:

- an amazing presentation by Rev. Ken Maher on Palliative Care vs. Euthanasia,
- a very personal presentation from Catherine Lobsinger, our sponsored intern with the Canadian Center for Bio-Ethical Reform,
- some great live music & sing along with the City Gate Praise Band,
- a delicious hot meal catered by Maribeth Catering,
- draws for some pretty great stuff gift bags,
- displays and giveaways that included our new LIFE Flag project, "The Gift" comic books, articles relating to the imminent federal election, and resources from many other pro-life agencies, AND lastly
- reports on the previous fiscal year's activities of our association leading up to the election of our new board of directors members for the coming years.

This was a special year having just reviewed, revised and approved our association's by-laws in order to comply with the ONCA legislation of our provincial government. That was a LOT of work that I can imagine ALL of YOU would rather have had a tooth pulled than be part of, so I thank those of you who attended our special members meeting last August where we shared and received your approval on such changes. Two of those changes included; changing our memberships to that of individuals ONLY, and changing the term of office for our board members who will now serve a 3 year term.



Rev. Ken Maher

Many of you did not notice this when sending in last year's membership renewals. **Please complete a membership form for EACH person 18 years and older this Fall.**

The second major change to our by-laws was to the term of office for our board of directors. Each year at our AGM, we will elect 3 of the total 9 board members whose term will have ended. Thus their terms will be staggered providing some continuity.

At this April 2025 AGM, due to the new bylaws, we elected a totally new board, 3 with a 3 year term, 3 with a 2 year term and 3 with a 1 year term to put this staggered effect into motion. They were: Patrick Murphy, Tony Rybka and Jared Thorne for 3 years,

Bonnie De Weerd, and Mary Kay Lobsinger for 2 years, and Glenn Kahle for 1 year. **We still have need of 3 more members willing to join our enthusiastic board of directors. I ask you to consider this offering of your time and input which makes what we do together such an encouragement to each other and a time of great comradery.**

ALSO OF NOTE! **We are moving our AGM/dinner & guest speaker event back to NOVEMBER** to better align with our fiscal year end and board members term of office.

Ottawa and Toronto Marches For Life May 8th and 10th, 2025

One of the benefits of membership is that we subsidize their transportation whether it be via bus or car pool to the MFL's.

We have Stratford area families who now make going to the **Ottawa March For Life** an annual event. We had new families go for the first time, both to the 4 day events as well as just the march. There celebrations include so much more than just the March on Parliament Hill and through downtown Ottawa. Go to marchforlife.ca for content of events. See the whole march itself including speakers and interviews on https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=awCW2vis_y8 This was the 27th national march in Ottawa.

We had a 4 fold increase in the number of participants at the **Toronto March For Life** over 2,000 attendees! Our members drove directly there and others jumped on the K-W RTL bus in Kitchener. Toronto RTL also hosted a 3 part workshop and lunch following the march that some of our members attended for the first time. This was only the 4th march for Toronto watch it at <https://torontomarchforlife.ca/Toronto>.

Note some of the signs pro-life marchers were carrying:

- It's a Beautiful Day to Save Lives
- Not your DNA, Not your body, Not your choice
- Love Life, Choose Life
- A Person is a Person, No Matter How Small
- I Will Never Forget You
- Protect Life, No Compromises, No Exceptions, No Excuses
- Women Do Regret Abortions
- Men Regret Lost Fatherhood
- Life, messy, wonderful, worth it
- Abortion is NOT Healthcare
- Killing is NOT Caring



2025 FAMILY PICNIC

Our Family Day Picnic on Sunday June 1st was warm, windy and sunny with great food and lots of games for all! Thank you to everyone who attended.



IN MEMORIAM

Pat Bannon
Steve Horenberg
Terry Shaw

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