



Spring 2021 NEWSLETTER Lifespan

Happy Spring! It's wonderful to see new growth all around us, with tulips and daffodils sprouting up out of the winter ground. It reminds us of new life and the lives in the womb we at HRTL strive to protect. We encourage you to join with us in educating others and being a quiet, resilient and steadfast voice of reason, hope and encouragement. Please join us by displaying the enclosed poster to be a visible example of your stance on the sanctity and intrinsic value of life, from the very beginning to natural end.

"Protecting life from 'womb to tomb' is a battle. We are engaged culturally, legally, and spiritually in the battle to protect all human life."

Jeff Gunnerson, National President
Campaign Life Coalition

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President's Remarks

BY DORA GIAMMARIA, PRESIDENT

Do you ever wonder about the gap that exists between people who are pro-life and pro-choice and **how can we bridge that gap?** Can we find common ground in which we could have meaningful, open, and respectful discussions? Is it possible to live in a culture that appreciates the sacredness of life from conception to natural end, and freely and consistently chooses it?



A young woman teaching in the United States told me that she taught fetal development in a science class of 13-year-old students. This teacher showed pictures of the fetus at monthly stages of development and shared the awe-inspiring facts with her class. When she showed the image of a 3-month fetus the students were captivated by the little person. It was at this point that she announced ..."it is legal to abort this fetus at this 3-month stage." The students were shocked and instantly became pro-life!

Now, imagine a teacher in Canada doing something similar. In the United States, abortions are legal during the first 3 months of pregnancy. In Canada however, abortion is legal all 9 months. Therefore, teachers in Canada can display a 9-month old fetus and declare that it is legal to abort the fetus at this stage. Aside from the fact that abortion at any stage is ethically wrong, scientific, objective facts are indisputable.

Science-based reality of fetal development, from conception to birth, would open the door to meaningful, pro-life conversations. There are many resources depicting the science-based, profoundly beautiful and miraculous development of the unborn child in the womb. What about incorporating some of these resources in classrooms and in our homes with our families? **Perhaps this is one way to bridge the gap?** While we are at it, let's have conversations about the intrinsic value of all life: born and unborn, young and elderly, able and disabled. Perhaps the gap that exists between pro-life and pro-choice can be diminished when we take the time to pray from the heart:

Prayer for Reverence for Life:

Almighty God, giver of all that is good,
 We thank you for the precious gift of human life:
 For life in the womb, coming from your creative power,
 For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise,
 For the life of young people, hoping for a better world,
 For the life of people who are disabled, teaching us that every life has value,
 For the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.
 Like Blessed Mary, may we always say "yes" to Your gift.
 Help us to realize the sacredness of human life and to respect and
 Cherish it from conception to its natural end.
 And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness of eternal life
 In Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Author Unknown ~

Treasurer's Report - Money Matters

BY MARY TOGERETZ, TREASURER

What a year this has been! Sadly, due to Covid restrictions next to all of our events had to be cancelled or re-imagined, including our main fundraisers for the year, our Baby Bottle Campaign and our Annual Fundraiser Gala. In spite of this, you our supporters have been wonderful! We are so thankful that due to regular donations, as well as large donations from donors and foundations, we have been able to keep our pro-life messages going! We know that this time has been financially difficult for a lot of people, but you have continued to support life throughout it all! We ask that you continue to support pro-life work in our community. This pandemic has slowed or stopped so many of things, but the sanctity of life has continued to be attacked at even greater lengths. With the passing of Bill C-7 (expanding euthanasia), our work is even more important! We have 20 billboards that are running right now, and another 20 booked for this fall. We also have ads running in The Spectator and on K-Lite 102.9 FM radio. All of this requires large funds, so we appeal to you to continue your support and sincerely thank you for your support this past year!

My Contribution to Hamilton Right to Life

YES, I wish to help Hamilton Right to Life promote a Culture of Life from conception to natural end.

Here is my gift of: \$30 \$75 \$100 \$250 Other:\$ _____

I wish to give by:

- Cheque, made payable to: "Hamilton Right to Life"
- Online, please visit our website and click on "Donate Now" to give securely on CanadaHelps
- E-Transfer, using the email: HRTLDonations@outlook.com

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Phone: _____

Email: _____



Membership Year: Jan 1st - Dec 31st
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Recent Events Reports

Ecumenical Candle Light & Prayer Vigil, January 28th

Thank you to those who attended our first-ever virtual event, commemorating the 33rd Anniversary of the 1988 "No Abortion Law" in Canada. This was our 12th annual Prayer Vigil. We joined together with other Canadians to pray and pay homage to the unborn children who have perished through abortion, and pray for a change of hearts and minds of those who think of abortion as an answer to a crisis or unplanned pregnancy.

Featured Events

By attending our events you are giving HRTL permission to use your image in photos for unrestricted promotion activities without compensation or liability. We apologize in advance for events cancelled on short notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on events, please check our website (hamiltonrighttolife.org) or call our office at 905-528-3065.

■ March for Life:

THURSDAY, MAY 13TH, IN OTTAWA, LIMITED IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL WWW.MARCHFORLIFE.CA

Due to Covid restrictions, we are encouraging our supporters to virtually attend March for Life. Please check out their website for the week-long events.

Nellie Gray, the founder of the March for Life, was a pro-life warrior whose famous "life principles" are worth remembering every day. Pro-life activists around the world recall Nellie Gray's heroic and historic stand for unborn children. The key provision of her "life principles" was: "NO EXCEPTION! NO COMPROMISE!" Gray's "life principles" assert that "all human beings are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, among which is the right to life." Accordingly, the "right to life of each human being shall be preserved and protected by every human being in the society and by the society as a whole," from conception until natural death. "The life of each human being shall be preserved and protected at each stage of the life continuum to the same extent as at each and every other stage regardless of state of health or condition of dependency," Gray emphasized.

■ Respect Life Dinner: Reserve the Date!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH, 2021 TIME: 5:30PM

LOCATION: MICHELANGELO BANQUET CENTRE, 1555 UPPER OTTAWA ST., HAMILTON

Resources

- Are you interested in having the film "Unplanned" shown at your church, service group, or secondary school?
- Would you like to borrow a set of fetal models to display at a club meeting or school health class showing the development stages within the womb?

If so, please contact the HRTL Office by phone or email to discuss your venue and opportunity to promote HRTL and the pro-life position.

Canada's Bill C-7

Introduced in February and approved in March, the Bill and Amendment expands the current Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) law, allowing euthanasia being offered to people with chronic and debilitating diseases, as well as those suffering from mental illness, such as depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts. Our society values suicide prevention, helping those who have lost hope and are considering ending their lives at their own hand. These individuals can now end their lives with the help of doctors providing MAID. This has been a pivotal point in law and in the protection of life at all stages. This Bill removes safeguards to protect people with disabilities from being coerced or pressured by a lack of supports into ending their lives prematurely.

Join us in showing compassion, love and support to those experiencing extreme despair. Suicide is a tragedy; a permanent solution to a temporary situation. Life is sacred! Each of us was created for an amazing purpose!

Hamilton Right to Life and the **Hamilton Diocesan Family Ministry Office** are partnering to bring you an online information session and discussion regarding Bill C-7. Please join us **Thursday June 17th at 7:30 pm** as Teresa Hartnett shares important information regarding this controversial Bill which expands the eligibility criteria for euthanasia and assisted suicide. Check our website for details and the link to register.

Quotes and Facts

"People's lives are being ended early or don't have the opportunity to live at all through abortion."
Kevin Dunn, Filmmaker, Fatal Flaws

- 300 women undergo an abortion every day in Canada.
- 15 vulnerable Canadians will die every day, with help from a doctor through Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)
- 78% of women who have abortions don't know about the support that's available to empower them to choose life.
- What do Canada, China and Russia have in common? All provide abortions on demand.

"You are not alone. This message is so relevant given how many are experiencing the devastating consequences of (pandemic) lockdown isolation and feeling alone."
Stephanie Gray Connors, pro-life speaker & writer.

"Every breath is a gift; the first one to the last."
Luke Bryan, Song "Most people are good."

Mission Statement

Hamilton Right to Life (HRTL) is a not-for-profit organization committed to the principle that God is the author of life, and that each human life has intrinsic value and should be revered and protected from conception to natural death. The HRTL mission is to educate and promote these positions while encouraging people to recognize and affirm the sanctity of human life.

▶ LIFE without abortion or euthanasia.



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Life, the 1st inalienable right.

Adoption, the loving option.

Why can't we love them both? Mother & pre-born child.

Your Mom chose to have you. Have you thanked her?

"Thanks to all you do in helping to bring justice to the unborn!" A.B., donor

