

Dear Pro-Life Supporter,

November 2021

Someone once wrote "When you seek the individual good, you will rarely find the common good, but if you seek the common good, then you will find your own individual peace and happiness."

This anonymous quote makes me think of the work we do at *Hamilton Right to Life* to educate and promote the sanctity of LIFE for those who have no voice, or those who are weak, elderly or vulnerable.

It is my hope and prayer that we never tire to be inspired and to seek the common good, especially as Christmas approaches. After all, Jesus came so that we have life and have it to the fullest. Let us look to Jesus, the perfect model of seeking the common good. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.



We continue to plan and explore new opportunities and ways **to educate and to promote a culture of life from conception to natural death.** Please check HamiltonRightToLife.org for details on two online resources that we will be sharing (www.formed.org and Faytene.ca).

Thank you for your continued support of *Hamilton Right to Life* through your prayers and donations. As a donor and supporter, **YOU** are contributing to the common good in our community by helping us share our message of the **sanctity of life at all stages.** Please join us in our mission to promote the fact that every human life has intrinsic value and should be revered and protected from conception to natural death. Let's pray for new ways of building bridges and opportunities to dialogue with everyone in truth and charity.

"Fight all error, but do it with good humour, patience, kindness and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause." ~ Saint John of Kanty

Sincerely.

Dora Giammaria President





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We are so thankful and appreciate your past and continued support.

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# **Upcoming Events:**

# ..... Ecumenical Candle Light & Prayer Vigil - Thur., January 27th, 2022, @ 7:00pm, Hamilton

Commemorating the 34th Anniversary of the 1988 "No Abortion Law" in Canada, Hamilton Right to Life presents its 13th Annual Prayer Vigil. Please dress appropriately for the outdoor weather. We will 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. Please check our website or call the HRTL office for more details.

## March for Life - Thur., May 12th, 2022, Ottawa

Canada's National March for Life is one of hundreds of marches held all over the globe, standing in solidarity with society's most vulnerable with one voice, one message "You Are Not Alone". Join us as we travel to Ottawa to participate in this monumental event that will show our support for the preborn and those who may seek medical aid in dying. Bus transportation is being arranged. Please check our website or call the HRTL office for updates.

## 40 Days for Life, Prayer Vigil - Spring 2022

This is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, round-the-clock vigil to pray for those affected by abortion. Check our HRTL website for further details as they become available, or www.40daysforlife.com.

## HRTL Celebrates 50 years in 2022

An interested group of Pro-Life individuals started meeting in 1971 and the idea and mission of Hamilton Right to Life was born, becoming incorporated in 1972. With the continued support of YOU, our donor, HRTL will celebrate 50 years of promoting Life in 2022. Your financial gifts enable us to promote the sanctity of life in our community through promotional activities such as ads on radio, billboards, printed materials and newspapers, and in local schools. Thank you for helping to make a difference, to make it known that every life is valued. If you have promotion ideas, we would love to hear from you.

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## **Recent Events:**

## Life Chain - Sun., October 3rd, 2021

Choose Life! Our sites were positive gatherings of people supporting the unborn child, bringing awareness and being a witness to those who passed by, on foot and car. Thank you to all our volunteers, families and individuals, who joined in this act of silent witness. Total Participants: 173 in 4 locations.

Please mark your calendars for next year's Life Chain: 1st Sunday in October, October 2nd, 2022









## Unpacking UNPLANNED - Wed., October 27th, 2021

A virtual event hosted by Dora Giammaria, HRTL President, and Teresa Hartnett (MRE), Director of Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton. The evening focused on how individuals and groups can spread the pro-life message. We delved into the true story of "UNPLANNED" and how we can bring HOPE and HEALING to those who have experienced a challenging pregnancy and move forward from possible guilt and post-trauma after an uninformed decision to have an abortion. We strive to make known and create a better understanding of the options available to expectant parents, especially adoption, so they can move forward in grace and with healing.

### Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Tues., November 23rd, 2021

We were pleased to host a virtual meeting to share highlights of our past year, and our financial statements. It has been a challenging year with HRTL still unable to host in-person fundraising events due to the pandemic restrictions. We are blessed to have continued financial support from you, our donors, as well as being eligible for government subsidies relating to COVID-19. Thank you for being part of the effort to promote the sanctity of life in our community. Please check our website for the recorded AGM.

Good News: What do Andrea Bocelli (Italian Tenor) and Cristiano Ronaldo (one of the greatest soccer players of all time) have in common?" Both their mothers were advised to have an abortion. God had a plan!

## "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." Jeremiah 1:5

The best gift is the gift of life!



## **Quotes from YOU our donors:**

Why are bacteria on Mars considered "proof of life" and valued, yet the life of a preborn child is not valued and considered by some to be a choice for existence?" JB

"Keep being warriors for God! Life is sacred, from the moment of conception, until we take our last breath. I just wish everyone embraced that truth! Prayers are with you all as you continue protecting the most vulnerable of society...the unborn!" Anonymous

'First and foremost, I make this donation to honour the memory of the daughter I lost to abortion. Secondly, that no other woman has to endure the agony and trauma of abortion as I have." AC