



Pushing Abortions in Global South

BY FR. TED SLAMAN, TREASURER

► When Donald Trump withdrew support from foreign aid supporting abortions, our Canadian government was very quick to jump into the “breach”. Trudeau committed \$650 million to support abortions overseas.

Our government officials say it is not Canada’s role to impose our values around the world, yet this policy is in fact saying to the Global South that the “right to abortion” is our national policy, and that we want many of our foreign aid dollars to provide that “right”. Objectionable as it is, in practice it is our local policy. Yet, our Supreme Court held in *R. v Morgentaler* (1988) that there was no constitutional basis in the Charter for the “right” to abortion on demand.

The Canadian Catholic Bishops (via their president, Bishop Douglas Crosby of Hamilton) wrote a letter to the government strongly objecting to this type of foreign aid. They stated that there is no consensus on abortion both at home and abroad; so why insist on such a measure that is strongly disputed at home and abroad while there are so many other undisputed human rights issues which need Canada’s support. For example; recently \$119 million was pledged to help the 20 million people who risk starvation in South Sudan, Yemen, Eastern Nigeria and Somalia. Good! But why not spend a lot more of our tax dollars saving lives, rather than on destroying the lives of little ones through abortion?

Love Makes the World Go Round – But Money Helps!

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► Many people support the Right to Life, from conception to natural death. However, not everyone is able to support our organization financially, and others have been forgetting to mail in their membership in H.R.T.L., or to send their donations annually.

The short version is – in April to end of June we were running way into the red – to the tune of \$25,000. That meant we had to borrow money from one of the members of the board to pay our expenses, and we have been working on a “debt-relief” campaign. That has brought in about \$12,000 so far. The results of the Baby Bottle campaign at various churches have been coming in now, so we are beginning to get closer to where we need to be financially. Your membership dues (\$30 per year from May to next April) would be really appreciated, and any further donations either for the regular work, or for debt-relief would be very much appreciated.

As a result of our tight finances, the board has made a tough decision to restructure ourselves. As of early July, we no longer have a hired Office manager. Sandra is still coming in some of the time on a voluntary basis, together with other volunteers, to manage the various organizational needs of H.R.T.L.. We are very grateful for their hard work. If you can manage to give some hours in office help, please offer us your time!

Please help us financially, enabling us to do our work: to promote in the public sphere the dignity of all human life. God, the Lord of Life, calls us to this task!



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To Educate About **Respect for Life**

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At Hamilton Right to Life (HRTL,) we focus on issues surrounding life. As does our neighbouring organization, Halton Alive. In fact, starting in the fall of 2016, HRTL began a process of revitalization – please note the “vital” aspect as we continue to focus on life.

So far, we have been looking at administrative, and particularly financial, aspects. We have started to re-design how we get income and how we spend the valuable income that we do receive.

Some have heard our request for more funds during the annual dinner last fall. This request was well received and much appreciated. Some may also have received a special request earlier this year – again, your response is much appreciated.

Expenses are also receiving a close examination, and earlier this summer HRTL moved to

eliminate the paid office manager’s position and we have initiated an all-volunteer approach to doing business.

“All volunteers” means that we will come to rely more on you, our supporters, to physically lend a hand. There are HRTL events happening soon where you could do so.

We need volunteers at our information table during the Ancaster Fair, Sept 21 – 24. A one hour event will be held in four locations on Sun Oct 1 at 2:30 p.m. – the Life Chain. Can you provide time to support us then?

▶ Please continue to support pro-life activities and events at every opportunity.

Featured Events

Ancaster Fair Booth

THURSDAY TO SUNDAY ▶ September 21-24, 2017

Hamilton Right to Life will have its annual booth at the Ancaster Fair, corner of Trinity Road and Highway 2. If you are able to volunteer 2-4 hours to man the booth, it would be most appreciated. You will receive a complimentary pass into the fair. Please email or call Sandra at the Hamilton Right to Life office at info@hamiltonrighttolife.org or 905-528-3065. ▶ Thank you.

Life Chain

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 ▶ 2:30pm - 3:30pm

PLEASE JOIN US IN OUR STAND AGAINST ABORTION!
Four Locations. So find one near you!!

- McMaster University Medical Centre with parking at Canadian Martyrs Parish
- Upper James & Mohawk Road, Hamilton with parking at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church
- Hwy 20 & Hwy 8, Stoney Creek with parking at Eastgate Square
- Hwy 8 & Grays Rd., Stoney Creek with parking at Stoney Creek Shopping Plaza

Respect Life Fundraiser Dinner & Raffle

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 ▶ Reception 6:15pm • Dinner: 7:00pm

Tickets: \$35

GUEST SPEAKER: Bishop Crosby, OMI - Everybody Matters

Too often we do not think of the pre-born baby as somebody who matters. Too often we do not think of the person with disabilities as somebody who matters. Come and hear what Bishop Crosby has to say on the topic of Everybody Matters.

For more information or to purchase your tickets please contact our office at 905-528-3065

Membership Renewals

HRTL membership year runs from May 1st - April 30th. Enclosed is the Membership/Donation Form. If you have already sent in your membership for 2017, thank you. If you can top this by sending in a further donation it would be most appreciated. For those who have not sent in your membership for 2017, we encourage you to do so. HRTL needs your support for the work we do to make our voice heard in the City of Hamilton against the devastation of abortion and euthanasia. ▶ Thank You



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.



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