

President's Remarks

BY DR. RENATO BRUN DEL RE



As we approach the end of a fiscal year, my thoughts turn again to leadership. Our organization is highly dependent on not only sympathetic but also competent leaders. Many of you are proficient in this type of community work. You have served on boards and committees and know the ropes. Others of you, equally capable, haven't tried this type of leadership yet. I encourage you to try it. You will find serving on this board to be enriching and gratifying.

Our board is both a governing and a working board. This means that you will help to make decisions regarding actions to be taken and directions to be chosen, but you will also be part of a committee that works at a segment of the organization's practical work. The committees we have are as follows:

- **Administrative** – overseeing the office and the running of the plant
- **Editorial** –overseeing the writing and publishing of the newsletter and other board communications
- **Financial** – overseeing the use of our financial assets
- **Fund-raising** – raising money to meet the needs of the organization
- **Events** – organization of our five main events: The Vigil in January, The National March for Life in May, The Annual General Meeting in June, and The Fund-raising Dinner in November.

► I urge you, dear supporters, to put to use your skills and gifts in leadership in Hamilton Right to Life.

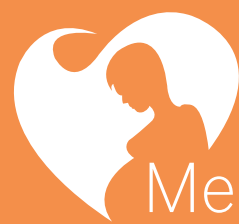
Call the office to offer your service or to nominate someone you think is capable. We need you and we would welcome your involvement as directors, committee members, or volunteers to further a cause that is dear to all of our hearts: the saving of the pre-born children of our community.

Contact our office at 905-528-3065.

► SAVE THE DATE!

Please circle Wednesday November 2nd on your calendar for our annual Respect Life Fundraiser Dinner with guest speaker Warren McDonald speaking on Men & Abortion. If you have any items to donate to our raffle please call our office.

More details to come in our summer newsletter.



Membership Renewals

Our membership year now runs in tandem with our fiscal year from May 1st, to April 30th. Thank you to those of you who have already renewed your membership in this current fiscal year. If you have forgotten, or misplaced your membership form please find one enclosed with this newsletter. Each membership is \$30. If you are able to help us again with another donation on top of the membership you have already sent in, this would be so appreciated. Please note that your renewed membership extends from May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017.

What does Hamilton Right to Life do with your membership and donation money? Good question. Our mandate is to educate, and in doing so we want everyone in the Hamilton area to be made aware of the devastating effects of abortion. This year we plan to put up billboards, advertise in magazines, host a prayer and candlelight vigil, attend the March for Life in Ottawa in May, and have our new Annual General Meeting in June with a guest speaker. We also plan to be present at various functions such as the Ancaster Fair where our display will be up. If you have already renewed your membership why not pass on the membership form to a family member or friend? For only \$30 per year they too can be a part of educating against abortion! Without your support we cannot keep this issue alive!

► Thank you.



Vicky Dykstra



Who is there in this beautiful and amazing country we love and call Canada to stand up for the rights of those who currently have no rights? Who will step forward when the time comes and say "I care! I want to help! What can I do?" Is it you?

I appeal to you, faithful readers and supporters, to push forward the interests of pre-born children in this country who have no rights under this government to be born, to live. Article 3 of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states the following: "Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person." Everyone includes the human pre-born child. We at Hamilton Right to Life (HRTL) state unequivocally that the pre-born child is human. Religion supports our position, and so does science. It is the politicians who will not stand for life and who promote the erroneous position that the life in the womb is a "choice." It is not a "choice." It is a person who has the right to be born. I know you agree with this position.

The question is what can we do about it? Can we do anything? Have we been lulled into a presumed state of helpless inaction? I fear we have.

Here are my reasons:

- Membership is down
- Our current members don't have time to come out to our events such as the Vigil in January, the Annual General Meeting in June, and the Fund raising Dinner in November
- Donations are sparse.
- Board members are hard to find and hard to keep.

What can we do? To begin with, I think we should make our time and money available to save our children, those who can't speak for themselves.

Here's what we need:

- People who believe in the rights of the pre-born to become members of HRTL
- New, committed board members to successfully run our organization. If you know someone that you think would fit, talk to that person. Suggest that his/her leadership skills are needed at HRTL. Then contact the office to submit his/her nomination
- Money. Our hands are tied without money. We need money to pay our office manager, to put up billboards, to print this newsletter, to buy the baby bottles for the baby bottle campaign, to buy postage and stationery. In fact, we can't do much without money.

We are a charity and your donations are tax-exempt. In the next couple of months those of you who are members will receive a phone call to ask you to bring your membership up to date. Please do so. Our membership year runs from the last day of April to the first day of May in the following year. It follows our fiscal year. Additionally, ask someone else to join as member of HRTL. Ask a neighbour, a colleague, a friend, or a family member to join.

► Let's remember, folks, THEY NEED US!
Let's do what we can to help.

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“Small Bump”

FROM LIVE ACTION NEWS BLOG

In a storytelling set of lyrics, “Small Bump,” the U.K.’s Ed Sheeran, conveys the journey of a pregnancy with a surprise ending from the unexpected perspective of a father. Chronicling the weeks and months of development in utero, the song reveals the love of a father for a child who was clearly wanted and loved, and whose birth was anticipated.

*You’re just a small bump unborn in four months you’re brought to life
You might be left with my hair but you’ll have your mother’s eyes*

*I’ll hold your body in my hands, be as gentle as I can
But for now you’re a scan of my unmade plans
A small bump in four months you brought to life
And I’ll whisper quietly and give you nothing but truth*

*If you’re not inside me, I’ll put my future in you
You are my one and only
And you can wrap your fingers round my thumb
And hold me tight*

*You are my one and only
You can wrap your fingers round my thumb
And hold me tight
And you’ll be alright*

Sheeran goes on to describe the baby’s development, and his fascination with the tiny developments is heartwarming:

*You’re just a small bump, I know you’ll grow into your skin
With a smile like hers and a dimple beneath your chin
Fingernails the size of a half grain of rice
And eyelids closed to be soon open wide*

The song’s bridge closes the deal: Sheeran is in love, and his paternal affection is oozing from the gentle tone of his voice, his lyrics, and the tangible excitement of looking towards the birth of a child:

*Then you can lie with me, with your tiny feet
When you’re half asleep I’ll leave you be
Right in front of me, for a couple weeks
So I can keep you safe*

By the end of the song, you’re as in love with this baby as Sheeran is. But in a subtle but startling ending, he concludes:

*‘Cos you were just a small bump unborn for four months, then torn from life
Maybe you were needed up there but we’re still unaware as why.*

Baby Bottle Campaign

Mothers’ Day to Fathers’ Day ▶ May 8 - June 19, 2016



Our annual Baby Bottle Campaign will be held from Mothers’ Day to Fathers’ Day. If your church has not been contacted, or if you would like to participate, please call our office for more details. Last year 1,790 bottles went out and over \$22,784 was raised. Let’s see if we can see these numbers rise this year so that more can be done to shed light on the devastation of abortion in the City of Hamilton!

▶ Thank you.

Join us for the 19th Annual National March for Life

May 12, 2016 ▶ Parliament Hill, Ottawa



We will be marching to uphold justice for the pre-born. A bus will be leaving 204 Park Street North, Hamilton at 3:30 AM and returning at 12:00 AM the next day. For more information or to secure your seat on the bus call our office at 905-528-3065.

#endthekilling

Join us for our 2nd Annual AGM Human Rights of the Pre-Born Child

Monday June 13, 2016 ▶ 7 PM - 9 PM

Doors Open at 6:30 PM • Nicholas Mancini Centre, 44 Hunt Street, Hamilton, ON (Behind Christ The King Cathedral)



Vicky Dykstra

Please join us on Monday June 13th at 7pm for our second annual A.G.M. with guest speaker, Vicky Dykstra. Vicky has been a board member for 6.5 years and before that a volunteer for many years. She has been pro-life her whole life and her love for the pre-born is very important to her not only as a board member but as a mother and grandmother. Coffee and dessert will be served. Please call our office at 905-528-3065 for more information.

Pre-Born Babies are Human Too

BY MARGE POSTUMA



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As a pro-life community we are committed to proclaiming the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. We grieve lives lost by abortion, babies not valued by their mothers or by many in our Canadian society.

We sadly acknowledge that Criminal Law in Canada does not recognize the life of the pre-born child. In fact, it’s not a crime to kill a baby that has not yet been born!

This horrific fact became reality for the families of two young women, Olivia and Cassie, who were murdered - and pregnant.

▶ In 2005 Olivia and her unborn son, Lane Jr. were brutally murdered. Their killer was not charged in the death of the baby even though he made it clear that he didn’t want the baby to be born.

For the past ten plus years Olivia’s mother has unsuccessfully advocated for a law that would bring perpetrators of such crimes to justice. She fought for “The Unborn Victims of Crime Act” or Bill C-484. Opposition to this bill came from the spokesperson of Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, Joyce Arthur, who stated, “If the fetuses are recognized in this bill it could bleed into people’s consciences and make people change their minds about abortion.”

In 2014 Cassie and her soon- to- be-born daughter, Molly, were murdered. A year later, the grieving father made a desperate plea to Canadians and to the Canadian government to have the murdered pre-born child “matter” by making a separate charge in the baby’s death. This family, too, discovered that currently no law exists to protect the unborn. Attempts to change that reality have been made through Bill C-225, Cassie and Molly’s Law. In addition an organization called Molly Matters has sent out a clarion call for justice for Molly - and for Lane Jr. - and for all victims of violent crimes against pregnant mothers.

These stories horrify us - and rightly so. Young mothers who are brutally murdered shocks us to the core. But let’s also continue to advocate for those who have no voice - for the pre-born. They certainly matter!

▶ We need to join our voices in support of those who have cried out for justice for their loved ones, mothers and their precious babies! We long for the day when all human life will be valued and protected by law in this great land of ours.

Please Contact your MP to show your Support of:
The “Unborn Victims of Crime Act Bill C-484”

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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.

