



8th Annual Prayer & Candlelight Vigil

BY SANDRA DYKSTRA

► The week of the Prayer Vigil coincides with the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1988 decision to strike down the existing anti-abortion law. At the present time there is no law in Canada to protect the pre-born child.

On the cool evening of Friday January 27th 50 people attended Hamilton Right to Life's annual Prayer & Candlelight Vigil at Canadian Martyrs, where the prayer vigil was held. They followed that by walking to McMaster University Hospital, where the candlelight vigil was held. Fr. Ron Cote spoke on not giving up hope but finding new ways to show how precious life is. Soup and chilli was served after the candlelight vigil to warm everyone up. Thank you to all who came out and to all who participated in the evening.

Spring Events

Baby Bottle Campaign

MOTHERS' DAY TO FATHERS' DAY
MAY 14, 2017 ► JUNE 18, 2017

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 2,135 bottles went out and over \$23,000 was raised. Let's see if we can top these numbers 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 20th Annual National March for Life

WE STAND ON GUARD FOR THREE
May 11, 2017 ► 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 3:30AM and returning at 12:00AM the next day. For more information or to secure your seat on the bus call our office at 905-528-3065.

Join us for our 3rd A.G.M.

MONDAY JUNE 12, 2017 ► 7PM-9PM DOORS OPEN @ 6:30PM
Nicholas Mancini Centre - 44 Hunt Street (Behind The Basilica of Christ The King Cathedral)

WITH GUEST SPEAKER: **TERESA HARTNETT (B.P.H; BED; M.R.E.)**

Director at the Family Ministry Office Hamilton Diocese, Executive Director at Birthright, Director of Project Rachel (support after abortion)



Healing after Abortion: A Difficult Road to Travel

Please join us on Monday June 12th at 7PM for our third A.G.M. with guest speaker, Teresa Hartnett. Teresa works for the Family Ministry Office at the Hamilton Diocese where she implements abortion healing through Project Rachel and is Executive Director at Birthright Hamilton. Come and hear Teresa speak on the impact of abortion and how healing from abortion is possible. Call 905-528-3065 for more information.



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President's Remarks

BY PEG MCCARTHY

Greetings to all in this season of renewal and rebirth (once all this snow melts)! As Spring approaches, we see the growing brightness of each day and the marvel of awakening life all around us. Despite the wintry weather, flower bulbs are sprouting up through the snow and decay of the previous Fall. All of God's creation is waking up and the promise of new life is everywhere! This is a great season for the renewed appreciation of the precious gift of human life which must be protected and nurtured in our society.

We here at Hamilton Right to Life are always excited about new life. We have great plans for 2017 to convert the hearts of our citizenry to our joyful cause. One way we did this in 2015 was to finance a billboard located on Longwood Street in Hamilton, showing a picture of a beautiful young mother holding her baby, and the message "You will never regret loving this much!" Owing to the generosity of guests at our November 2, 2016 Annual Dinner, we were able to fund 2 billboards in March of 2017 with this same message. They are located at Fennel and Upper James, Main Street West and Euwen (coming in from Dundas). These will be up for 2 months. We also have an ad in the local Community Newspapers, Hamilton Mountain News, Dundas Star, Ancaster News, and Stoney Creek News, which will run all year. Later in the summer or early Fall we will be putting up more billboards which will be an original design.

Next on our busy Spring Agenda is planning for the "Annual March for Life" in Ottawa, which this year will take place on May 11, 2017.

Hamilton Right To Life has arranged "same-day" bus transportation to and from Ottawa for any interested person. Please call our Office Manager Sandra to reserve your seats.

We will be hosting our Annual General Meeting for all members on June 12, 2017 at the Nicholas Mancini Centre (behind the Cathedral of Christ the King in Hamilton.) Our Guest speaker will be Teresa Hartnett. Teresa is Director at the Family Ministry Office Hamilton Diocese, Executive Director at Birthright, and Director of Project Rachel (support after abortion). She will be speaking on "Healing after Abortion: A Difficult Road to Travel." Further details are in the newsletter.

From Mother's Day in May, until Father's Day in June, Hamilton Right to Life will again be embarking on our "Baby Bottle Campaign" fundraiser. Watch for our distribution of empty baby bottles in area churches, into which every member of the family can contribute their donations to our pro-life efforts. This is a major fundraiser for us, and we are counting on your support.

► I wish everyone a happy and healthy Spring, with a "rebirth" in every aspect of your lives. Thank you all so very much to all of you for your financial support. We could not do what we do without you. Happy Easter to all!

Protecting Life from Conception to Natural Death



Membership Renewals

Please find enclosed your membership renewal form. Membership year runs from May 1 – April 30th. We would ask that you consider renewing your membership and if possible giving an additional donation for the work HRTL does to make our voice heard in the City of Hamilton against the devastation of abortion and euthanasia. Thank you.

► 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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