

Fall 2020
NEWSLETTER

Lifespan

We wish to thank those who stood with us, by displaying the poster enclosed with our Summer Newsletter. A number of our donors expressed their pleasure and appreciation to have this visible way to quietly show their support for the sanctity of life.

Once again, please find enclosed a poster used in our Media Campaign. Please be encouraged to show your support by displaying this at your home, or in your car, as a gentle witness to others. Thank you for standing with us in building awareness for the cause of life.

"Abortion takes the life of an individual and unique human being."

Abby Johnson, *Unplanned*

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President's Remarks BY DORA GIAMMARIA, PRESIDENT

"Never trust a decision you don't want your mother to know about". Abby Johnson said these words in the movie "Unplanned". If you have seen the movie, you know that Abby was referring to her decision to abort the child in her womb. **Unplanned** is an inspiring movie, based on the true story of one woman's journey of transformation. The movie chronicles Abby Johnson's journey from Pro-Choice Planned Parenthood Clinic Director to a Pro-Life Leader.



Abby's discovery of the truth about abortion begins to answer why I have taken on the task of President of *Hamilton Right to Life*. The most vulnerable among us, the unborn, have no voice. Life is a precious gift from God. Preborn children and their mothers should always be treated with love, dignity and compassion. Let's be diligent about leading our community to fully embrace and "love them both". This respect for all human life must extend from the moment of conception until natural death. Life is a gift from God and only He can take it away.

Widespread support of respect for all human life is evident by the number of pro-life organizations such as "Birthright", "Project Rachel", "Halton Alive", "Alliance for Life", "Campaign Life Coalition" and "Euthanasia Prevention Coalition", to name a few. Each of these focuses on a particular area of activity within the pro-life movement. Our focus at *HRTL* is **"to educate and promote pro-life positions while encouraging people to recognize and affirm the sanctity of human life"**. (You can read the full Mission Statement in this newsletter.)

As your President at *HRTL*, I commit to work together to advance these pro-life principles to make Hamilton a caring and compassionate pro-life community for all. Will you join us as we step forward together to actively speak for those who have no voice?

God Bless!
Dora Giammaria



Christmas Message

The year 2020 has been a major challenge for all of us in countless ways. As 2020 draws to an end, we prepare for the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This special season speaks of "Hope for Our World". This hope is especially welcome this year. For Christians, Advent means new beginnings. Christmas brings Love, Joy and Peace. For everyone, regardless of your Faith, in Canada, we celebrate this as a Season of Hope and a new start.

May your time together with your loved ones be abundantly blessed. As you share gifts with your family and friends please remember the sacred gift of life and be sure to put *HRTL* on your list! Through your financial gifts you help *Hamilton Right to Life* continue its' mission of education and awareness, and attain its' vision where all life is valued, from beginning to natural end. Please join us by making your gift today! All donations received on or before December 31st, will be eligible for a 2020 Charitable Tax Receipt, which will be mailed in February 2021. Thank you for your continued and faithful support. We wish you love, joy and peace!

"For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Psalm 137: 13-14



My Contribution to *Hamilton Right to Life*

Yes, I wish to make a contribution to help promote a Culture of Life. I agree with the principles and aims of *Hamilton Right to Life*.

- I wish to Renew my Membership \$ 30
- I wish to make an additional contribution of \$ _____

Total Gift \$ _____

Thank you kindly for your donation. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Phone: _____

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Please make cheque payable to "Hamilton Right to Life". If you wish to make a donation online, please visit our website hamiltonrighttolife.org and click on "Donate Now" to give securely on CanadaHelps. We have added a NEW and easy way to give: E-Transfer, using the email HRTLDonations@outlook.com. Please include your name, address and phone #.

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Treasurer's Report – Money Matters

BY (REV.) TED SLAMAN, PAST-TREASURER

COVID 19 has caused the world infinite problems, and *HRTL* has not been immune. The renewed Board has chosen a wonderful President, but a Treasurer has not yet been chosen. So as Past-Treasurer I will give you a brief report. Almost 300 members have made contributions so far this year, so, including a substantial bequest, we received more than \$60,000. So far this year we spent approximately \$37,500 on promotion through the newsletter and public advertising, and about \$30,000 on administration such as rent, purchasing baby bottles, salaries, etc. Though our expenses were almost \$8,000 more than our receipts, we are still in a positive position due to our donors and your past generosity. We do look forward to many other supporters updating their membership and contributions at this time. Thank you so very much for your support of the pro-life message.

Recent Events Report

► LifeChain, October 4th

Standing up against abortion! Thank you to our 150+ volunteers who stood in groups of 25, standing two meters apart, yet together in our commitment, as silent witnesses at four locations across Hamilton and Stoney Creek. It was a cold and wet Fall day, yet our silent prayerful witness was seen by many pedestrians and drivers. Our spirits were lifted when people waved or honked their horns in support. Please consider joining us next year on Sunday, October 3rd, 2021.



► Fundraising Events Cancelled

Due to COVID-19 our Board of Directors made the decision to cancel our two major fundraising events, our Spring Baby Bottle Campaign and our Respect Life Dinner, which collectively raised \$50,000+ in 2019. Please consider a gift during this Christmas season to join us in continuing our mission to promote the sacredness of life.



Future Events

By attending our events you are giving *HRTL* permission to use your image in photos for unrestricted promotion activities without compensation or liability. For more information on events, please check our website (hamiltonrighttolife.org) or call our office at 905-528-3065.

► Ecumenical Candle Light & Prayer Vigil

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2021.

ARRIVE AT 6:45PM. VIGIL WILL BE 7:00 – 7:30PM (30 MINUTES).

Commemorating the 33rd Anniversary of the 1988 "No Abortion Law" in Canada, Please join us for our 12th Annual Prayer Vigil, on the public sidewalk in front of McMaster Children's Hospital on Main Street West, Hamilton. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Park on nearby streets or in McMaster parking lots (for a charge). 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.



► March for Life THURSDAY, MAY 13TH, 2021, IN OTTAWA

So far, this is planned as a live event, with bus transportation available from Hamilton. In Spring 2021 please check our website or call the *HRTL* office for updates.

Volunteers

We want to thank our many volunteers who join with *HRTL* to share the message of pro-life in our community. Are you interested in volunteering, sharing your time and talents? We are currently recruiting for our Board of Directors which is a working board that oversees *HRTL* giving leadership to our special events and activities. Please consider volunteering. Contact the office, by phone or email, to discuss your interests and our volunteer needs.

Good News! 32 Nations sign "Geneva Consensus Declaration"

A global pro-life win! This joint agreement, signed on Oct 22, 2020 by a coalition of 32 countries, reaffirms that every human being has the inherent right to life and that the natural family, as the fundamental unit of society, must be protected. The Declaration also re-emphasized "that there is no international right to abortion, nor any international obligation on the part of States to finance or facilitate abortion." There are voices throughout the world who continue to stand strong and fight to defend the unborn. .

Poland's Top Court tightens rules for abortions

Oct 22, 2020. Court ruled that a law allowing abortion of fetuses with congenital defects is unconstitutional, shutting a major loophole in the predominantly Catholic country's abortion laws that are among the strictest in Europe.



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.

- Imagine life without abortion or euthanasia.



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Some words of encouragement from you, our donors:

"I hope your (radio ad) campaign is helping people who may have lost hope."

"I appreciate your newsletter and other news relating the wonderful work you are doing and also, of your latest successes. I like your street (billboard) signs."

"May you all be blessed for all your amazing work aiding young moms and their babies."

"God Bless all you do."

