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President's Remarks: What About the Numbers?

BY HARVEY BAILEY, PRESIDENT

Does it matter that the revenue from the spring 2019 Baby Bottle campaign reached \$30,000? Or that a few hundred thumb-sized fetal models were given out during the Ancaster Fair? Or that over 225 people participated in the Life Chain across four Hamilton locations? Or that more billboard, radio, and print ads were shown or heard this year compared to a much smaller amount two years ago? What about the increase in participation at our annual dinner, up 30% over last year, and those donations at the dinner are also up at least 30%? Yes, such numbers matter; although trying to get larger numbers is not our main purpose. However, some numbers are helpful for gaining perspective. On behalf of the HRTL board, I extend sincere appreciation to all our supporters who have enabled all of the above, as well as other activities, during the year.



You, our readers, and all of our supporters, provide the resources that make Hamilton Right to Life function. Your interest, motivation, enthusiasm, and various kinds of contributions are harnessed towards our mission of education. Each of us enhances our pro-life work with personal perspective, experience, and story, among an array of uniqueness and diversity. And yet, we can - and do - effectively gather such enhancements into our common pro-life purpose.

Whatever and whenever the encounter (in person; with an individual, or a group; in private, or in public) let us stay committed to pro-life issues. Let us continue to learn facts and arguments, and to act constructively at each possible occasion. With purpose, hope, and a greater sense of harmony, we move forward into the New Year.

Office Update

Verna McQueen has now been working as HRTL's Office Manager for one year! We, as the board, have been very thankful for the work that she does in maintaining the office. Verna has been working on keeping the office and events running more smoothly, and has taken a lot of the pressure off of the board members. Thanks to you, our supporters, we have been able to increase our pro-life efforts. This upcoming year we hope to reach more people in our area through our messages and events, but this requires more staff to smoothly accomplish this. In the New Year, Lord willing, we will be hiring more part-time help for our social media outreach and some office aspects so that Verna can focus on managing the events, books, and the office overall. We hope that this will allow us to smoothly increase our pro-life efforts in the community.

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Why Can't We Love Them Both?

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Are you WITH US this year? BY (REV.) TED SLAMAN, TREASURER

As a Member of Hamilton Right to Life, **you belong** to a movement to join us in an effort to bring back a Culture of Life into the Hamilton area. You and I know that a few decades ago abortion was recognized by almost everyone as a horrendous way of dealing with an "unwanted" pregnancy, and abortions were uncommon. Today surgical abortions happen 100,000 times in Canada every single year. One hundred thousand lives are snuffed out annually. Yet, today there are many people who do not realize how many preborn children are aborted, often for convenience, and sometimes at quite late stages of development. We need to make many people aware of the dignity of all human life; that abortion is an affront to the most basic of all human rights. And that we need to "love them both – mother AND child".

When you join Hamilton Right to Life as a member, you say to yourself, to us, and to others, "I stand for Life". You also will receive our newsletter, and have voting rights in the organization. You support HRTL's efforts at promoting a culture of life.

Our membership for some years has followed our fiscal year (May 1 to April 30), but we are changing this now so that membership will run with the calendar year, from January 1 to December 31.

In other words, we are just now starting a "new year" of membership. Membership donations are \$30 per year. Those of you who paid your membership in 2018 have "paid up" to April 2020. We will be happy to accept your new membership at \$20 instead of \$30 for this year. Please use the return envelope and membership/donation form to renew your membership now.

Future Events

■ Hamilton Right to Life's Annual Prayer and Candlelight Vigil

We are sorry to announce that HRTL will not be hosting the Prayer Vigil event this year. The Canadian Martyrs location which we have used in previous years will be under renovations at that time, so we have decided to forego the event this year. We intend to once again host this event in 2021. We thank all those who have participated in years past.

■ Unplanned Screening!!

FEBRUARY 19, 2020 ► Nicholas Mancini Centre: 44 Hunt St, Hamilton, ON L8P 1C7
Doors open at 6:00 pm, Film starts at 7:00 pm.

Hamilton Right to Life and the Hamilton Diocesan Family Ministry Office are partnering to bring you a complimentary showing of the eye-opening film, Unplanned! This event will be held at the Nicholas Mancini Centre on February 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This film is based on the true story of Abby Johnson, the youngest Planned Parenthood director in history, and how she came to see abortion for what it really is. Tickets will be available through a link on our website. The event is free of charge, although donations are accepted and appreciated. We will also have copies of the DVD and the book available for purchase. Please call, email or visit our website for more information.



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 or Euthanasia.



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