

## Right to Life Association of Mississauga and Area (Mississauga-Brampton)



*All human beings, from the moment of conception, have the right to life, the basic right on which all others depend*

### President's Message

Dear Friends of Life:

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and the chance to do some recharging of spirit. Unfortunately, those who deal in death did not let up. As you'll read, advocates of Planned Parenthood, Euthanasia and the Sex Ed curriculum continue to aggressively advance their agenda.

This means that we have a lot to do and a lot to pray about. To that end, I urge you all to get out for this year's Life Chain and 40 Days For Life Campaign. Prayer in motion, especially when it involves a sacrifice of time, is very powerful.

In addition to prayers, please attend our speaking events. Our first one, scheduled with Mr. Charles Lewis, is intended to give you information in time to act before the federal election. You will be able to ask candidates their position on physician-assisted suicide (and abortion) and vote accordingly.

Being informed is key. Please keep abreast of these critical issues through our website and LifeSite News, for example. If you don't have access to a computer, subscribe to The Interim. You can be assured, if you only rely on the CBC and the Toronto Star, you will NOT be getting the full picture when it comes to the Life issues.

Something we all need to remind ourselves, when the culture seems to be so anti-life, is that God changes hearts one person at a time. So on days when it feels like we're losing the battle, we may need to reach out to just one colleague or friend and engage in a conversation. If we are armed with love and knowledge, God can work wonders through us; we can be the instruments by which someone rethinks a position....

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for all that you do to support the Right to Life. You are standing up for those who can't and that is a beautiful thing.

For Life,  
Genevieve Carson

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Mississauga and Area Right to Life seeks to re-invigorate and grow its membership across a broad body of age groups and backgrounds and in doing so seek to educate members and the public at large, expose injustices and reveal the truth surrounding the victims of abortion

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## Membership Update

As the summer of 2015 draws to a close, we are focusing our attention towards membership renewals and new memberships for 2016. In 2015, with a renewed sense of hope and optimism, Right to Life Mississauga and Area increased its membership from 100 to 200 members. Your response to our mobilizing efforts in terms of members and money raised through fees and donations helped us deliver on our objectives of increasing engagement among all age groups and backgrounds as well as educating members on the issues, injustices and truth regarding abortion and euthanasia. With your support, in 2015 we sent buses to Ottawa for March for Life, hosted speaking engagements with enlightened speakers and made donations to affiliated Right to Life organizations.

There are three main reasons why continued membership is of paramount importance. Memberships and donations will continue to enable Right to Life Mississauga and Area to deliver programs directed towards delivering the message that “All human beings, from the moment of conception, have the right to life, the basic right on which all others depend”. Your membership is also a call to active engagement in the mission through participation in prayerful protest at a pro-life vigil, attendance at an educational session or an organized march like the March for Life in Ottawa. Finally, membership provides affirmation that you are not alone in expressing concern and gives voice to fact that policy decisions do not go unnoticed.

Along with the newsletter, and from the website, you will find a “new member/membership renewal” card for 2016. If you are signing up for the first time, please complete the card in its entirety including your e-mail address. Family memberships are \$25. Individual memberships are only \$15 and students are free (please still complete a membership card). For renewals, please re-submit the card with your name and update any changes to your contact information over the year. Make your cheque payable to “Right to Life Mississauga and Area” and mail using the return envelope or mail it to the address listed on the website ([www.righttolifemb.com](http://www.righttolifemb.com)). It is worthy to note that generous donations over and above the membership fee, for those who are able to give, are very much appreciated and fruitfully invested in programs and events. A tax receipt will be returned to you via mail. A copy of the 2014 Financial Statement can be found on the website.

For any questions, please refer to the website at [www.righttolifemb.com](http://www.righttolifemb.com) or contact Right to Life Mississauga and Area at 416-888-0251. Follow us on Twitter at @RightToLifeMB.

## Pastor's Corner



In each Newsletter, our Parish Priests are invited to share their thoughts on Right to Life issues. In this 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Father Neil J. McMillan (St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish) offers his insights.

### From the Desk of Father Neil J. McMillan

Abortion and euthanasia - the bookends of human rights abuse - remain unresolved issues in Canada. It is time for us to speak up and act.

Tragically, in the last fifty years, the lives of over four million unborn children have been unjustly taken away from them, all because they were unwanted and the right to take their lives is protected by law. This is the Canadian holocaust!

Some politicians and others in Canada like to lecture other countries about their human rights abuses, but turn a blind eye to the killing of unborn children in their own country. The moral high ground is increasingly being eroded. All the while, respect for human rights is becoming mere lip service.

Recently the Supreme Court of Canada, after removing the ban on assisted suicide, has given the federal government one year to frame legislation to regulate the practice. Again, it is the most vulnerable whose lives are at risk, not only the elderly and the disabled, but also young people who feel their sufferings are intolerable. People who suffer from illness need compassion and care, not be pushed over the edge!

Martin Luther King said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" [I Have a Dream].

What can we do? What ought we to do? Doing nothing and remaining silent are not options. As a start, we can and must become more informed about life issues so that we can speak intelligently about such issues and do so in a way that has a positive impact. To become better informed get in touch with the Right to Life Association of Mississauga-Brampton, 857 Craig Carrier Court, Mississauga, Ontario. L6W 1A6 or call Genevieve Carson's cell phone: 416-888-0251. You might consider subscribing to The Interim Newspaper (104 Bond Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5B 1X9. Telephone: 416-204-1687 or Fax: 416-204-1027). You may also consider checking out LifeSite News on the Internet to keep yourself up to date on what is happening in the realm of life issues.

Secondly, because we are dealing with powerful and financially well-endowed forces that seek to silence all voices but their own; we nevertheless can stand up and refuse to let our voices be silenced. It is good to remember that the Church always proposes, never imposes. We can dialogue respectfully and try to win over hearts and minds.

Thirdly, we can tap into the vast ocean of God's mercy, healing and strength - resources infinitely greater than our own - and express our longing for justice for the unborn and the most vulnerable through our prayers for them. We can join with others in prayerful witness in the Life Chain and the March for Life.

If you would like to become active in pro-life work, get in touch with Campaign Life Coalition (104 Bond Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5B 1X9. Telephone: 416-204-9749 or Fax: 416-204-1027).

We can all do something to make a difference. What we must not do is remain silent and do nothing. To do so only allows evil to grow and flourish.

## 2015 Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Location
40 Days for Life Campaign	September 23 <sup>rd</sup> to November 1 <sup>st</sup> 8:00am – 8:00pm	Corner of Confederation Pkwy and Queensway, across from Trillium Hospital
Membership Drive	September 26 <sup>th</sup>	St. Francis Xavier
Life Chain (see page 5 for more details on times and locations)	October 4 <sup>th</sup>	St. Peter and Paul Church St. Francis Xavier Church Main Street in Brampton Dundas and Hurontario St. in Mississauga
Charles Lewis - 'Why we must never go down the road of legally assisted suicide'	October 6 <sup>th</sup> 7:30pm	St. Francis Xavier
Voting – Federal Election	October 19 <sup>th</sup>	At local polling stations
Christmas Card Sales Begin	November 29 <sup>th</sup> Times vary at Parishes	All Parishes
Start Date of Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12 <sup>th</sup> )	December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	

## A Message from your RTL Mississauga and Area Youth Liaison

### 'Searching for a Change'

Living in a world where taking the life of the unborn is permissible by law, calls for an awakening in the conscience of the present generation. Although, some may disagree, I think it is extremely necessary that Youth take a stand and make a change concerning Abortion, which is the ultimate violation of Human Rights. My name is Laura Baron. I am 18 years old and a High School graduate. I am happy to be part of the Right to Life Association in Mississauga acting as a Youth Representative. Over the past few years, I have been actively involved in the annual March for Life in Ottawa. However, in 2015 I had a closer experience with the March for Life by having the opportunity to give a speech on Parliament Hill. Moreover, through the March for Life, I was able to recognize the importance and necessity for the youth to be part of these events so that a change can take place in our society. All in all, I will continue to be part of this search for justice and hope that more people are able to recognize that urgent action is needed.



## Additional Educational Web-Sites To Keep You Informed



Life Site News  
www.lifesitenews.com



The Interim  
www.theinterim.com



40 Days for Life  
www.40daysforlife.com



RighttoLifeMB  
www.righttolifemb.com

## Pro-Life Events for 2015



**Please mark Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> on your Calendars**

For almost 25 years the Faithful have lined the streets in cities across North America to silently and prayerfully witness to the truth that "Abortion Kills Children". Signs also read "Abortion Hurts Women" and pastors hold signs proclaiming, "Jesus heals and forgives".

The first year Life Chain was held in Mississauga, 3000 people turned out. Over 2000 came out to the one held in Brampton! Now each city gets about 600 participants for that important hour.

The numbers may have declined over the years, but the Pro-life presence is still felt. Calls to local pregnancy centres always go up following Life Chain Sunday. Life Chain remains a powerful example of grassroots solidarity rooted in prayer.

In an attempt to bolster turnout, we are trying something new this year. Life Chain will be held outside St. Peter and Paul Church along Central Pkwy following the 12:00 Mass.



In addition, parishioners from St. Francis Xavier Church will witness along Mavis Street following the 1:30 Mass. Participants can park at those churches, get the signs right there and proceed.

As usual, people can stand along Main Street in Brampton from Queen Street to Steeles between 2:00pm and 3pm, OR, along Dundas Street and Hurontario in Mississauga from 2:30pm-3:30pm. Bring a fellow parishioner, bring a friend, but do come out!

**We would like to take this opportunity to thank a very special woman who has organized Life Chain in Mississauga since the beginning.**

Maria Campbell has served Mississauga and Area Right to Life in various capacities (including as president!). She has worked tirelessly to make sure that Life Chain runs smoothly from beginning to end. This involves much planning and legwork over the summer months, following up with church contacts, getting the signs out ahead of time, and so forth.

Sadly for us, but happily for her, Maria is returning to her homeland of Scotland right after this year's Life Chain. We thank Maria from our hearts for her faithful commitment to the unborn. She will be sorely missed by us, but we wish Maria God's blessings and peace as she settles back with family over the pond!



## Pro-Life Events for 2015 (cont'd)

### 40 Days for Life Campaign by Jolanta Galazka



The annual 40 Days for Life campaign begins once again in Mississauga on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our mission is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during focused 40 days of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to seek God's favour to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. Our country is heading more and more into a moral decline choosing darkness and death over light and life. This culture needs our prayers more than ever. Many have turned their backs on God and told Him to get out. Well He has done that and when He leaves you know who walks in!

St. Paul reminds us that where evil abounds grace abounds all the more. As followers of our dear Jesus we must be agents of grace in the face of this evil. How? Through fervent, heartfelt prayer and our humble, loving action. We can: PRAY ACT and PARTICIPATE IN THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN September 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Join us in a prayer vigil to end abortion at the Mississauga Women's Clinic, 101 Queensway West (at Confederation Pkwy).

We ask that you take an hour or more of your time throughout the 40 Days to pray in the public right-of-way in front of this medical arts building in which the abortion facility is found. Please park and pick up signs at nearby St Catherine of Sienna church. We need people to stand **peacefully** from 8 AM to 8 PM each day. Schedule your time now!

Please sign up on line so that we can cover the daily hours with as many prayer warriors as possible. It's simple: STEP 1: go to [40daysforlife.com/Mississauga](http://40daysforlife.com/Mississauga), STEP 2: create a logon to sign up for vigil hours or follow our local campaign. If you already have an account on the website, just go to STEP2.

Across Canada there will be 13 campaigns sending a wave of prayer to heaven, 3 in the GTA including Mississauga, Toronto, Oakville, and in 19 countries worldwide. The campaign begins with an Opening Mass on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at St Eugene de Mazenod Church, 1252 Steeles Ave W (near Mavis Rd) in Brampton Ont. Please join us!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, let's take our prayers and the light of Christ to the darkest places in Canada. Bring this life saving ministry of hope, mercy and healing love to the doorsteps of the abortion centres. Whether you are participating in 40 Days for all our campaigns or are just joining us for the first time please know that your prayers are making a difference.

*It is with a renewed sense of purpose that the Right To Life Association of Mississauga and Area sets out its goals and objectives for the coming year.*

#### Goals

- Increase membership across all age groups and backgrounds
- Educate public at large on the issues, injustices and truths regarding abortion
- Build and strengthen advocates in area Parishes and schools
- Build knowledge and awareness on key issues
- Leverage technology to reach a larger and broader audience

#### Objectives

- Increase membership across all age groups by the end of fiscal year 2016 to 500 members
- Double funding revenue by fiscal year 2015
- Fill all key positions on the Executive
- Establish contacts with all area youth groups
- Implement web-site and social media sites
- Establish relationships with all area KofC/CWL groups
- Establish contacts with all Parishes
- Establish pro-life groups within all Parishes
- Establish contacts with National Campus Life Network in Universities
- Participate in and sponsor key events and activities

## Stories That Inspire Us



## Cross Country Pro-life Trek

*Julie Asher, Catholic News Service*

“WASHINGTON - Liz Moran said the experience of trekking across the United States this summer to spread the Catholic Church's pro-life message was "life changing." "The pro-life movement is close to my heart," said the Mississippian, who was one of more than 40 young people who ended their cross-country journey with a pro-life rally Aug. 15 in Washington.

The group was divided into three simultaneous 12-week walks across the United States organized by Crossroads. They set out May 23 from Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. A fourth walk took place in Canada, from Vancouver to Ottawa.

Moran, who graduated this spring from the University of Mississippi, took part in the central route, which left from San Francisco. She told Catholic News Service that "for as long as I can remember," she'd listen to Crossroads walkers talk about the experience at her parish church as they passed through the town and she longed to take part in it but always had some summer commitment -- until this year.

The three-month journey was "a huge whirlwind" and hard "to condense" into words, but it was "obviously life changing," she said in a telephone interview after arriving in Washington. "We met so many people who were very thankful (for our effort), and not only can I say I am pro-life, but now I have real experiences to back it up," she explained. "I met countless women who have had an abortion. We met with them after Mass, they cried on our shoulder. We prayed with them on the side of highway."

She said she was "really humbled and blown away" by some of the stories of the women the group met. One experience that really stuck out for her and showed Crossroads "is making a difference" happened in Salt Lake City, she said. "A woman came up to me after Mass gave me a hug and she said, 'Thank you,' and I said, 'For what?' (She'd had) an abortion back in the 1970s, when it was 'cool' and everyone thought it was fine," recounted Moran, 23. For "40 years she had never seen what was wrong with it," until she heard from the Crossroads group, added Moran.

Grace Roberts, a member of St. Patrick's Parish in Columbus, Ohio, who will be a senior this year at Jesuit-run John Carroll University in Cleveland, took the southern route, starting in Los Angeles. She, too, said that hearing Crossroads walkers witness about their experience during visits to her parish over the years inspired her to participate. It was "absolutely wonderful, very spiritually rewarding," and "definitely a physical challenge," she said of her experience this summer. Based on "the people we met -- at parishes, (our) host families, (by) praying on side of the road, praying at clinics, we saw how the pro-life movement has" has impacted the country, Roberts told CNS. Crossroads walkers received "a lot more positive response than negative," added the 21-year-old. "I would definitely say America is pro-life."



William Douglas, who is from Memphis, Tennessee, and will be a sophomore this year at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, said last August he had been looking for something to do this summer and was "kinda Googling adventurous stuff and really just came across the (Crossroads) website." He forgot about it for a while, he said, "but something was pushing me toward Crossroads." He applied to take part, was accepted and took the northern route from Seattle. Being raised a Catholic, he said, he has always "definitely been pro-life" but had never been actively engaged in pro-life work. With Crossroads, said Douglas, he "couldn't have found a better way" to do that.

"Honestly when anyone has me asked what pro-life is, to me it's very simple: It's pro-living," he said. "Pro-life is pro-living, going on adventures, experiencing life. You want everyone around you to experience life as well," so how could you be for abortion, he explained. "To me it's not a lot of what ifs, if we love living."

## Cross Country Pro-life Trek (cont'd)

"Since 1995, Crossroads has organized the cross-country walks "to actively take part in rebuilding a culture of life," according to a news release. During the journey, the participants wear T-shirts that say "PRO-LIFE" in bold letters, and each person on average walks 1,600 kilometres. They speak at churches and to various other groups over the summer. They also engage local communities through peaceful, prayerful protests and sidewalk counseling at abortion clinics in the cities through which they travel.

"They experienced firsthand the reality -- supported by several recent polls, that a majority of Americans are pro-life," the release said. "They encountered a warm welcome and outpouring of support as they passed through 36 states, thousands of towns and cities, and walked 10,000 miles collectively during the 12-week-long walk."

Most who participate are between 18 and 30 years old. Applications are already being accepted for the 2016 walks and are available at the website, [www.crossroadswalk.org](http://www.crossroadswalk.org). "We have long known that this is a pro-life country because, unlike polls that take a small sample, we have had the advantage of directly meeting countless thousands of Americans at the grass-roots level," said James Nolan, president of Crossroads, which has its headquarters in Columbia, Maryland. "As a country, I believe we are more and more choosing life and rejecting abortion," he added in a statement.

Commenting on the undercover videos of Planned Parenthood officials released over the summer, he said "the veil has finally been lifted on Planned Parenthood and other similar organizations that make untold millions of dollars off the killing of unborn children and the exploitation of women in difficult circumstances." Tyler Cutler, who recently started working full time as a director at Crossroads, told CNS the ministry is "grass roots. ... We like to joke about being the Johnny Appleseed of the pro-life movement. We cross the country throwing out seeds hoping something sticks."

And over time "the fruits" of that effort are visible, he said, including memorials to the unborn at parishes across country that began with Crossroads' visits, he said. "We're not here to be in the forefront (or) spotlight but first and foremost (to) pray for this country and the unborn and justice."

Cutler described himself as "100 per cent unabashedly" pro-life. Raised by agnostic parents, he said he was not always pro-life. He became a Catholic during his sophomore year at Ave Maria University. His first association with Crossroads was as a walk leader on the northern route in 2013. Cutler "fell in love" with the ministry and shortly thereafter was offered a full-time job with the organization."

## Schedule of Pro-Life Masses for 2015/2016

Church	Date	Time
St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish	Saturday, September 26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am
St. Catherine of Siena Parish	Friday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00pm
Sts Martha and Mary Parish	Saturday, November 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>	4:30pm 9:00am, 11:00am
Merciful Redeemer Parish	Tuesday, December 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm
St. Francis Xavier Parish	Sunday, January 17 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am
St. Martin of Tours Parish	Sunday, February 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am
St. Patrick Parish	Sunday, March 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am
St. Christopher Parish	Wednesday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am
St. Francis of Assisi Parish	Sunday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm
St. Joseph Parish	Saturday, June 18th Sunday, June 19th	5:30pm 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm, 6:00pm





## IN THE NEWS

### “As long as it shares a name, Canada’s Planned Parenthood will share in a grotesque legacy”

*Andrea Mrozek is the founder of ProWomanProLife.org*



“Planned Parenthood Ottawa is publicly complaining about a decrease in donations. Its president, Lauren Dobson-Hughes, has taken to Twitter and the media to complain that her organization has been targeted. “A small group who oppose health care for women and trans people have put unacceptable pressure on Planned Parenthood Ottawa’s funders ...harassing them and threatening to expose them in the media,” she said.

The question is: why now? Planned Parenthood supports abortion, yes, but this is not newly divisive. Pro-life versus pro-choice folks have been going at it for almost 30 years since the Supreme Court decided *R v. Morgentaler*, leaving Canada without any abortion law at all. So what could it be? Why specifically now would Planned Parenthood donations diminish? This a question they would rather let fade into obscurity.

On July 28, a group calling themselves the Center for Medical Progress began releasing the results of an investigative sting operation into the practices of Planned Parenthood south of the border. Two actors, posing as buyers of organs for research purposes, took undercover video purportedly showing that Planned Parenthood in the United States engages in the sale of fetal hearts, livers, kidneys and heads (“calvarium”) for profit.



The video evidence, all of which is available in full online, shows Planned Parenthood executives in different states discussing fetal organs with infinitely less concern than your auto mechanic discusses car parts. Quotes include one Planned Parenthood director, Dr. Deborah Nucatola, saying, “We’ve been very good at getting heart, lung, liver ... so I’m not gonna crush that part, I’m gonna basically crush below, I’m gonna crush above and I’m gonna see if I can get it all intact.” This while drinking a glass of wine and munching on a salad.

Additional videos show Planned Parenthood lab techs showing off bloody body parts — little legs, hands and arms — to the actors posing as buyers, declaring when it was “another boy” or a twin. The discussion of financial benefits is frequent and forthcoming, with one Planned Parenthood exec saying that “she wants a Lamborghini.”

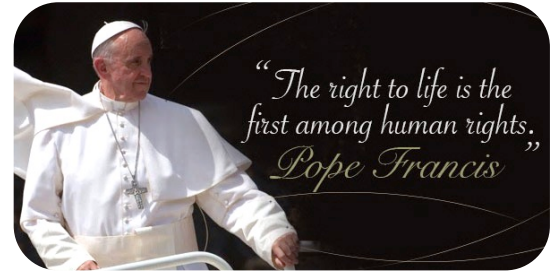
#### **Are times ever so tough that the body parts of aborted fetuses should go up for sale?**

Federal law in the United States prohibits the sale of organs for profit, making this not merely morally problematic, but legally as well. Planned Parenthood USA gets a half a billion dollars from the American federal government. Needless to say, Planned Parenthood USA went into damage control mode. Cecile Richards, Planned Parenthood’s executive director there, said she regretted the tone of her staff and emphasized that Planned Parenthood doesn’t profit from the sales. Yet the grotesque videos — this display of callous indifference to women and their babies — remain online for everyone to see. All but the most severe of ideologues can see that where fetal hearts are provided, still beating, for research purposes (yes, apparently this actually happens), we have a catastrophe on our hands.

In the U.S., Planned Parenthood could once argue that their health services were indispensable to the poor. With the advent of President Barack Obama’s Affordable Care Act, this is no longer the case. When the Senate voted on a bill to defund Planned Parenthood on Aug. 3, even two Democrats crossed the floor to support it, in a country where abortion politics are even more divided than here.”

## "As long as it shares a name, Canada's Planned Parenthood will share in a grotesque legacy" (cont'd)

"That measure did not succeed, but others have. Alabama, Louisiana and New Hampshire, among others, have defunded the organization at the state level. All this to say that under these circumstances, taking to Twitter and the media to ask for additional funding is a brazen move, the sheer chutzpah of which I applaud, one woman to another. Yet while this scandal is not the only reason for the current calls to defund Planned Parenthood in the U.S. today, it certainly is the biggest. It is no great surprise therefore that this should spill over to affect an organization that shares the same name, though not the same practices, in Canada."



### EDUCATION



### NO TURNING BACK!

**'Why we must never go  
down the road of legally  
assisted suicide'**

**Join Speaker:  
Charles Lewis**

**Tuesday, October 6th  
7:30pm  
St. Francis Xavier Parish  
5650 Mavis Road, Mississauga**

**Doors open at 7:00pm**

Charles Lewis is a veteran journalist who has worked for the Ottawa Citizen and the National Post. There he covered religion and ethics and ran the religion blog Holy Post. Last year, Mr. Lewis had to leave his post due to a severe spinal ailment. Since then, he has spoken out against legalized euthanasia to nearly 40 church groups. Most recently he was interviewed on Salt and Light Television about issues pertaining to pain, suffering and the immorality of euthanasia.

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