

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:

Since our last newsletter, Canada has elected the most pro-abortion, secular government in its history. We are also, sadly, on the cusp of legalizing medically assisted suicide with virtually no restriction. This is frightening, to be sure.

But this is Spring. It is Easter. And we are culture warriors. This battle may appear to be lost, but we will not despair. We will continue to evangelize the message of Life, spreading it one person at a time. By dialoguing with our family members, friends and colleagues, by writing Letters to the Editor of both local and national newspapers, and by writing to and meeting with our elected representatives, we will continue to stand up for ALL life. On pages 6 and 7, you'll see letters that we wrote to newspapers which got printed. Also, FYI, when you dial 211, you can obtain all information needed to write to your representative including Justice and Health ministers.....your tax dollars at work! We know the truth, that each and every life has value. We will March For Life and be emboldened when we realize that we are not alone. We also recognize that God's Law trumps civil law. This should invigorate us.

When it comes to the Life issues, we must learn the facts, spread the word, Gather and Pray. We are here to help you be effective in your efforts and we need YOU to continue to support us.

This newsletter is full of stories of local events and initiatives that have taken place or are coming up. We hope that they both inform and inspire.

For Life,
Genevieve Carson

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2016 Dates to Remember

Event	Date	Location
Mass for the Unborn (Talk to follow)	April 6 th (Wednesday)	St. Anne's Parish Brampton 7:00pm
March for Life	May 12 th (Thursday)	Parliament Hill Ottawa
QA Project Training (All are welcome!)	May 21 st (Saturday)	St. Francis Xavier Church Mississauga – Upper Room 12:00pm – 3:00pm
RTLMB Annual General Meeting Rosary for the Unborn Meeting	June 14 th (Tuesday)	St. Joseph's Parish, Streetsville Rosary Garden – 7:00pm Church – 7:30pm

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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

Like hope, spring is eternal. As we move quickly into 2016, challenges still abound in advancing the sanctity and preciousness of life. Recent Supreme Court decisions and a change in government have pitted moral and legal positions against one another. In 2015, Right to Life Mississauga and Area (Mississauga and Brampton) increased its membership to just over 200. Our goal over the next 12 months is to grow to 300 members. We need both a growth in members and funds to continue to educate and deliver programs directed towards delivering the message that “All human beings, from the moment of conception through natural death, have the right to life, the basic right on which all others depends”.

Our objective is to continue to sponsor informative and life affirming events and initiatives. Over the past 12 months we sponsored events including: *Holy Hour with the Sisters of Life* who dedicate themselves to outreach programs providing pregnancy support as well as help and healing after an abortion, *Charles Lewis*, noted newspaper columnist and educator on issues related to doctor assisted suicide, and *Matt Mooney*, the loving father of Eliot who succumbed to Trisomy 18 after 99 precious days of life and now has devoted himself to the support of those with disabilities. We are also aiming to expand the *QA (Question Abortion) Project* developed by the National Campus Life Network to equip high school and university students with “kits” to raise awareness that there are no legal limits on abortion in Canada. We also want to continue to maintain a real presence on Parliament Hill in the *March for Life in Ottawa* by subsidizing bus transportation costs for area students.

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 keep the important culture of life messages in the forefront of our community. Your membership is also a call to active engagement in the mission through participation in prayerful protest at a pro-life vigil, during 40 Days for Life and Life Chain, attendance at an educational session or an organized event 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 resubmit 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). Please send in your renewal as early as possible in 2016 ensuring that we can budget for our events and initiatives.

It is worthy to note that generous donations over and above the \$25 membership fee, for those who are able to give, are very much appreciated and fruitfully devoted to programs and events. A tax receipt will be returned to you via mail. A copy of the 2015 Financial Statement will be posted to website at the end of our fiscal year May 1, 2016. For any questions, please refer to the website at www.righttolifemb.com or contact Right to Life Mississauga and Area at 416-888-0251.

From Our Youth Ministry

UTM Students for Life



Everyone, at some point in their lives, declares they've had enough. This was the case for UTM Students for Life (UTMSFL) in December 2015. After being initially denied club status in August 2015, UTMSFL, for the first semester of the 2015 – 2016 academic year, tried to satisfy their student union's demands in the hope of regaining club status. They were ultimately unsuccessful. After repeated sabotage attempts and being led in bad faith, UTMSFL went to their last resort, legal action, in December 2015. Represented by the Calgary-based Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, UTMSFL commenced the lawsuit in January 2016. As of press time, UTMSFL has been formally questioned by the opposing side's lawyer and is anticipating a court date some time in the next six months.



However, even with the lawsuit, UTMSFL continued to be the voice for life on campus. This semester, UTMSFL took part in the Question Abortion (QA) Project, an initiative designed by the National Campus Life Network to encourage greater conversation about life issues on campuses across Canada. At UTM, this was met with moderate success. UTMSFL had a number of conversations and signups, but very little explicit interest shown in joining the executive team. In part to rectify this, as well as to broaden their message, UTMSFL teamed up with Power to Change, a UTM Christian group, to host Kianna Owen from the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reforms. Little interest has been shown as of press time. In other news, UTMSFL also plans to send at least one member to March for Life this year. On a final note, UTMSFL thanks Mississauga Right to Life for their support throughout this challenging year, and looks forward to working with them in future.

Chad Hagel, UTMSFL

Schedule of Pro-Life Masses for 2016

Church	Date	Time
Our Lady of the Airways	Sunday, July 17th	9:00am
Sts Peter and Paul Parish	Sunday, August 28 th	7:45am
St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish	Saturday, September 24 th	10:00am
St. Catherine of Siena Parish	Friday, October 21st Saturday, November 5 th	7:00pm 4:30pm
Sts Martha and Mary Parish	Sunday, November 6 th	9:00am, 11:00am
Merciful Redeemer Parish	Tuesday, December 6 th	7:00pm

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Pastor's Corner



In each Newsletter, our Parish Priests are invited to share their thoughts on Right to Life issues. In this 2nd March for Life Edition, Father Marc-Andre Campbell (St. Joseph's Parish, Streetsville) offers his insights.

From the Desk of Father Marc-Andre Campbell

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

In the last few days as I was meditating on the Passion of Jesus the dialogue between the Lord and Pilate came to mind. Central to it is the question of the nature of Truth. Pilate's question: "what is truth?" is one that our modern world still struggles with today. Do we not live in a time when figuring out what is true is becoming increasingly difficult?

Marketers, in order to entice you to buy 'stuff', are constantly subjecting us to efforts; we approach the news with a certain degree of skepticism. Even in the realm of public policy things are spun, facts are manipulated to produce a certain result. In this general context it is easy to wonder, "what is truth?" as Pontius Pilate did. Ultimately, we can be duped into believing that truth is a matter of opinion; but when my truth and your truth differ, we inevitably have conflict. Sometimes, truth is assumed to be what the majority of us believe to be true at a given time. Truth then becomes the dictatorship of the majority – the last century has illustrated for us the devastating effects of such a belief. At Jesus' trial – the will of the majority, that horde that screams: "crucify him" becomes the truth Pilate follows as he condemns the innocent to death.

There has to be more to truth than my individual point of view or whatever the majority feels is right. I mean what is true today, had to be true yesterday and will be true tomorrow. Otherwise it's not true is it?

Truth, dear brothers and sisters, is not a concept we can manipulate. Truth is a Person and on Palm Sunday we are to remember that Truth was lead to the Cross. Did not Jesus present himself as "the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (Jn 14,6)? It is interesting to note that He doesn't say a way, a truth but rather uses a definite article – I am the Truth.

The great St. Augustine wrote: "But when Christ bears witness to the truth, He bears witness to Himself; as He said above, *I am the truth*. (c. 14:6). But inasmuch as all men have not faith, He adds, *every one that is of the truth heareth My voice*: heareth, that is, with the inward ear; obeys My voice". Our faith teaches that truth then is not something we can modify or make evolve. Truth is not something; it is someone! And we long to belong to the Truth. We do not stand with the mob that condemns the innocent to death. The mob of today's gospel or the modern day mobs that clamor for the legalization of death and killing as we see in the upcoming legislation on medically assisted suicide for example.

Dear friends, we must be clear something cannot be good if it is not based on truth. Our obligation as disciples of Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life is to conform our conscience, will and intelligence to the One who is Truth and to act accordingly. Pope Benedict, in his greeting to the Roman Curia on the occasion of Christmas, reminded all of us that. "We do not possess the truth. The truth possesses us. Christ, who is the truth, has taken us by the hand, and we know that His hand is holding us securely on the path of our quest for knowledge."

As we remember the Saving Passion of our Lord, may we truly be seized by the Truth and have the courage to stand apart from the murderous mob.



March for Life 2016 May 12th – Parliament Hill, Ottawa

On Thursday, May 12th, thousands of people from across Canada (as well as some of our neighbours to the south) will once again gather on Parliament Hill to remind our Prime Minister, our Parliamentarians, the Supreme Court Justices and all passersby that when it comes to the senseless slaughter of our preborn brothers and sisters, we want to “END THE KILLING”. Members as well as friends and relatives are strongly encouraged to participate.

Several buses will be departing from various churches in Mississauga and Brampton. RTLMB will again be helping to offset the cost of bus transportation for local area high school students.

To secure a seat on a bus departing from Brampton, please call Liz at 905-452-9330. For Mississauga, call Genevieve at 416-888-0251.



For a complete schedule of March for Life Events taking place May 11th – 13th, visit the March for Life web-site at: www.marchforlife.ca.

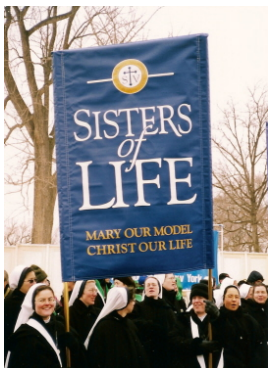
Pro-Life Signs

This spring, we want to make a visual and heartfelt impact on as many residents in our cities as possible. We have designated 8 strategic locations on which to erect bright, thought-provoking 4’ X 8’ signs. Initially, all signs will read, “Assisted Suicide is NOT healthcare”. Eventually, we will include messages relating to the Preborn. We will not use graphic images. Our goal is to stir the heart and start a conversation, particularly in the cars and buses of passersby. If you would like to help with this project, by donating, suggesting a location, or erecting the signs, please call 416-888-0251.



The Sisters of Life Host a Monthly Holy Hour

The Sisters of Life host a monthly Holy Hour, called The Source, from September to May. Normally held at St. Paul’s Basilica in downtown Toronto, these evenings begin at 7 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. During the hour of Adoration, we sing meditative and prayerful music written by one of our own Sisters interspersed with times of silence. This hour is followed by Benediction and Reposition at 8 pm. After Reposition, everyone is invited to join us in the church hall for a social hour with treats. In its second year now, this Holy Hour regularly draws about 100 people, from all backgrounds and ages. In February, we had an additional Source Holy Hour at St. Joseph’s Parish in Mississauga. The event was a great success with over 200 people in attendance to adore the Lord and gather in fellowship.



Taking a fourth vow to protect the sacredness of human life, the Sisters of Life have been in Toronto for eight years. Our primary work at the service of life is prayer. In Toronto, we have our Visitation mission – an apostolate to serve pregnant women pressured to abortion and their unborn children. We are privileged to walk with these women in their journey of motherhood and witness their heroic courage in the face of difficult circumstances. We also undertake various works of evangelization on the beauty, goodness and dignity of human life and love (www.sistersoflife.org).

Life Chain

As many of you know, the annual “Life Chain” has been taking place in Mississauga and Brampton for 25 years. Admittedly, participation has leveled out, so this year we tried something new.

With the support of pastors from two pilot parishes, St’s. Peter and Paul and St. Francis Xavier, last year (Sunday October 4th), parishioners left Sunday Mass, grabbed their “ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN” signs on the way out and stood along the sidewalk to witness right outside their church. This experience was very positive. Parishioners felt encouraged by each other and the turnout was increased significantly.



This arrangement means that participants won’t be forming a Cross at the traditional intersections (for example Dundas and Hurontario in Mississauga), but numbers were not permitting this anyway. Change can sometimes be risky. However, the advantages are many:

- it is easier for people to remain parked at church and proceed right out to the street from their pews (convenience is definitely a factor in increased participation)
- the signs will be seen at different times throughout the city, in various neighbourhoods, and often in highly populated areas (e.g., St. Francis Xavier Church is adjacent to Heartland shopping centre, where thousands of shoppers were able to pause and reflect on the messages they saw).
- other denominations will see what the participating churches are up to and may be inclined to join the next time!

For these reasons, we will be inviting other churches to consider conducting Life Chain on-the-sidewalk right outside church doors after the midday Mass/Service next Sunday October 2, 2016. If you would like to assist with this by initiating it in your own church, please call 416-888-0251.

IN THE NEWS
Letters to the Editor



*March 17, 2016, The Mississauga News
From Genevieve Carson*

Killing is Rampant

Justin Trudeau scares me. I see him kissing the babies of the refugees who are entering Canada and hugging those adorable baby pandas who we were introduced to recently. But there is no Hope or Joy springing from his hasty determination to legalize medically-assisted dying in Canada.

As the mother of a young man who died by suicide less than two years ago, I can tell you that that decision has us still reeling in shock and sadness. We were deprived of the chance to offer our son real help. For the same reason, medically-assisted death and the chilling recommendations made by our government’s special committee are wrong for so many reasons.

First, we should never license our healers to purposefully end life. It erodes that innate sense of trust we have of this noble profession. Second, a compassionate society does not solve pain and suffering by killing. Ever. When someone is dying, we must make them comfortable. We should provide excellent pain management and hospice care and hold their hand until the last breath.

When someone is depressed, we provide psychiatric treatment and supportive counselling. We treat the depression. We don’t kill them even though, in their distress, they think dying is the only solution. When someone is diagnosed with dementia, we plan for assisted living. The recommendations allow for people to pre book their deaths, before they become a burden!

Cases like Dr. Lowe (the SARS expert) lead us to think that we are dealing with only those in the last stages of a terminal illness. But the elderly, the mentally ill, those with special needs and the thousands of healthcare providers who vehemently oppose medically-assisted death are NOT protected if this legislation goes through.

Fight it ... before Canada becomes like the Netherlands and Oregon state where the safeguards are meaningless and the killing is rampant.

IN THE NEWS

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March 20, 2016, The Toronto Star
From Barry Braun, Treasurer RTLMB

Protecting the Conscience Rights of Healthcare Workers

I don't often write personal letters. However, I feel compelled to convey my feelings and thoughts surrounding impending legislation on medically assisted suicide.

While it may be inevitably difficult to deter a person from making desperate choices, the danger exists that impending legislation may compel doctors and other health care providers to act against their conscience and force them to administer lethal treatments "causing people to die". This is a gross violation of ethical and moral rights and tramples on religious freedoms and conscience rights.

Forcing people into "causing of death" actions is unconscionable and repeats the horrific mistakes of history in "simply obeying orders" despite the atrocious results. For many health care professionals, the work of healing transcends the mechanical administration of tests and application of medicine. For them, the act of healing recognizes and advances the notion that life is precious and God given. Others may not share in that same view and generally do excellent work. However, excellent work is not the sole objective.

I can't imagine being told by some authority that I must cause the death of someone at the risk of being punished or sanctioned because I refused to follow such orders. We cannot let legislation violate the conscience rights of health care professionals who have dedicated themselves to saving lives.

Clear evidence exists in Europe and elsewhere that the combination of power of attorney, "honour based" self-reporting by the health care industry and a general lack of true compassion has led to the death of scores of individuals unwittingly deprived of the benefits of better end of life care and support services. The real concern is that the scope of victims will be widened beyond the clichéd octogenarian rife with cancer in excruciating pain (despite the fact that the pain can be managed by modern medicine) to minors to individuals with "abnormalities" that conflict with today's perverse ideal images to ruthless economic forces in which the marginal cost of care exceeds the existential benefit of life.

As a Christian, I believe that life is a precious God given gift, to be cherished from the moment of conception to natural death. I also believe that it is permissible to refuse burdensome and disproportionate treatment prolonging the inevitable process of dying. What is required is greater effort and investment that must be made in treatments and compassionate support services for those who are ailing as well as palliative care for those reaching the end of their natural lives.

We have done away with capital punishment even for criminals who want it in order to escape incarceration. Why would we effectively restore it to take the lives of the truly innocent. The original law prohibiting assisted suicide struck down by the Supreme Court in a move of judicial activism and moral relativism, needs to be restored.

Additional Educational Web-Sites to Keep You Informed



Life Site News
www.lifesitenews.com



The Interim
www.theinterim.com



Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
www.epcc.ca



Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience
www.canadiansforconscience.ca



RighttoLifeMB
www.righttolifemb.com

Stories That Inspire Us



Eliot Mooney's Story and Legacy

At thirty weeks into the pregnancy, Matt Mooney and his wife Ginny were informed that their child had a genetic disorder called Trisomy 18, also known as Edward's Syndrome. They were told that birth was unlikely and that many babies with Trisomy 18 don't survive past the second or third trimester of pregnancy, that life was not "viable", and that a bleak future awaited. Defying the odds, Eliot was born on July 20th, 2006 at 4:59pm at 6lbs and 18 ½ inches; the first of many miracles. Over his 99 days of life, Eliot beat the odds at many turns growing to over 8 pounds.

What Matt and Ginny were not told was that they would get 99 beautiful and life affirming days with Eliot and these precious days would change them forever. Through sleepless nights, an unrelenting desire for answers, and the frightening reality that slides in where optimism once resided, Matt and Ginny walked with family and friends through the life and death of their first born son. The love and care shown by Matt and Ginny was repaid by family, friends and hospital workers who shared visits and celebrations with the family.



Matt and Ginny, with an unrelenting love, took pride in celebrating every day of life with Eliot despite the challenges of the day. Matt and Ginny had to ensure that both breathing and feeding tubes were constantly looked after throughout every day.

From 10:00pm to 4:45am, Matt took over the night time feeding shift, feeding Eliot every three hours, for an hour and a half for each session, enabling Ginny to catch up on her sleep in preparation for the next day's care. Eliot enjoyed the soothing closeness of his mother and father especially during bath and massage time.



On day 99, Eliot left for the kingdom of Heaven. At Eliot's funeral, 99 balloons were released into the air to represent the 99 days of his life. This act of remembrance stirred the hearts of a community and a country. The story of Eliot was featured on Oprah and the Today show. A video of his life has been watched by millions on YouTube. But the story of Eliot's life and death is not the end of this journey.

Through the impact of his life, a legacy has continued. Following the death of Eliot, Matt and Ginny founded 99 Balloons, a registered non-profit organization dedicated to changing the story of disability by proclaiming the worth and image-bearing beauty of each and every human being and by building inclusive communities so that every person with disability and their family can live a full life within relationships. 99 Balloons programs have been set up in Canada, U.S. and internationally.

Inspired by love, Matt and Ginny continued their work spending time at an orphanage in the Ukraine, accompanying the 99 Balloons TEAMworks therapy team to continue their work with the special needs children. During their time at the orphanage, Matt and Ginny fell in love with a young girl 5 years of age named Lena with severe autism, destined for a state institution, whom Matt and Ginny have since adopted. Matt goes on to reflect; "There's such life in those eyes despite an environment that would have choked the life out of me long ago. There is much to be done, and more to be undone. So much so, in fact, that one of the many struggles on this trip, for me, has been to enjoy meeting her rather than let my mind start structuring a step-by-step plan for all that she needs."

Educated as a lawyer, Matt and his wife Ginny have stepped outside the "normal" career path to set up 99 Balloons centres in North America and around the world. Matt recently visited the Greater Toronto area (Toronto, Guelph and Brampton), sponsored by Toronto Right to Life where he presented story of their amazing journey with Eliot followed by presentations to local high school students.



Stories That Inspire Us



My Pro-Life Experience

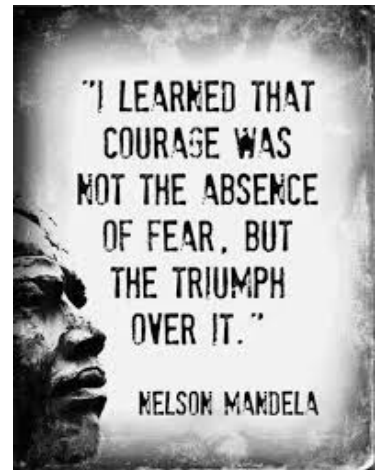
By Monica Sabbineni, High School Student, Brampton

At the beginning of this school year, in September, all the grade 10's who had English were given a semester-long project called the Social Action Project. It got me thinking; what topic should I choose? There were so many issues out there that I could try and take into my own hands. A lot of people wanted to do things that were talked about year after year, and although they were all very concerning problems, I was determined to shine light on something that was considered "taboo" amongst youth and others in my community: abortion.

Without a doubt, I immediately felt strongly for pro-life. I was appalled to see all the things that were being done to unborn children, and from that point onwards, it was no longer just a school project but a personal goal. I was nervous about going out into the "real world" to reach out and connect with other pro-life advocates—after all, I have never done anything like this before. With abortion being a "gray" topic by having no definitive right or wrong, I thought it would be a bit difficult to get my ideas across without being penalized for having different beliefs than that of pro-choice or for the stereotype associated with my age that our ideas are not as valuable.

I tried out different actions to test out the waters, but I believed that they did not really make the impact that I wanted. Roadblocks came up frequently, too. I had made an account on an opinion-sharing website, where, ironically, my fear of being shamed for my opinion on abortion came true; I wrote a short story that was intended for my school's newspaper but was not able to be published due to the targeted age group and the fact that abortion is not something that teenagers talk about often; and I also wrote a letter to the editor of the Brampton Guardian, from whom I still have not received any reply. All in all, things were not looking very good.

So, as most other teenagers would, I made a beeline for the Internet to get help, thus leading to my discovery of Right to Life Mississauga. Going through their mission, vision, and values excited me, as I had finally found a group near me that fought for the same movement. I did not have much hope to begin with; I was constantly being shot down from different organizations as I was "too young", but *RTLMB* proved me wrong by responding with many ideas of what I could do, ranging from attending one of their monthly board meetings to research on signage for them—and I am proud to say that I have actually done the aforementioned actions.



After the board meeting, I was truly inspired to do so much more. My perspective broadened as I learned that pro-life is not just for abortion, but many other life-related issues like euthanasia. I had yet to meet a group that was so willing to help and share their experiences with me until then. Ever since, I began pursuing my goal as a pro-life supporter with a stronger resolve. *RTLMB* inspired me to create a video as well, and with their help, my thoughts and ideas were finally able to get out into the community. So many opportunities have risen from this experience, and like I said, delving deep into pro-life became more personal than merely an academic accomplishment. Even now, after I completed my Social Action Project months ago, I know that I will continue to shine more light on what we believe—every being has the right to life regardless of size, age, or development. I hope to get more people my age involved in the pro-life movement because soon it will be our time to taken the reigns and steer us in the right direction.

"Monica has been an inspiration to all of us at Right to Life Mississauga and Area. A young high school student from a public high school has shown all of us the face of courage, perseverance, and love. Monica is surely the future face of the pro-life movement." Barry Braun, Treasurer, RTLMB

EDITORIAL

**“What Now?”**

by Charles Lewis

It has been great to see legalized euthanasia getting the scrutiny it deserves. Not only has Thomas Collins, our esteemed archbishop, spoken forcefully against the insanity of euthanasia but also such well respected columnists as Andrew Coyne in the National Post and Margaret Wentz in the Globe & Mail. Even the erstwhile pro-euthanasia Toronto Star recently expressed its concerns in an editorial. All are reacting to a report from a joint parliamentary committee that investigated ways to make euthanasia safe. All this is honourable but it misses the larger point.

By all means continue to write to our political and religious leaders in order to stop the more grievous recommendations: euthanasia available to psychiatric patients, forcing doctors to abet in killing by being forced to refer patients to physicians willing to kill, and the nearly psychotic idea of allowing euthanasia for those between the ages of 12 and 17 to access state sanctioned murder in three years time.

But never forget that there is no such thing as a safe euthanasia law. At the very minimum doctors will still kill some people. And, as most of us who have been speaking out against this for years, whatever the law is today it will morph into something far more dangerous. I'm almost tired of saying it but read what is going on in The Netherlands and Belgium. It took a while for those countries to slide into utter madness so even with a safe law, I am convinced Canada will end up in the same place - even without the recent recommendations.

So what to do beyond sending letters. We know that 70% of Catholics either strongly or moderately approve of euthanasia. We can ponder why this has happened but not right now. The 30% of us who are completely against any form of euthanasia, including assisted-suicide, must start to become part of a rescue mission. Vatican II gave more responsibility to the laity. And now the rubber must hit the road. We must find those Christians who are for or unsure about euthanasia and evangelize them. They are wrong and we are right. For all those we convince a life will be saved. If our priests and pastors are not speaking out enough it is up to the people in the pews to lobby those priests to speak more.

We are small in number but we have a great advantage: We have the Church on our side. We are bolstered by truth. We are bolstered supernaturally because we are conformed to the true teachings of the Church. Please, this is no longer the time to demure or be shy or frightened. The next time you are worried about being mocked or scorned or remember those Christians in the Middle East who are dying for the faith. We live in a free country. Stop saying it is the fault of the media, liberalism or whatever. Once you know the truth there are no longer excuses. Do your duty and start evangelizing today. Otherwise we are lost.

EDUCATION UPDATES

Your newsletter, Right to Life and educational web-sites, special events, and guest speakers will continue to provide you with education on the issues.

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