



# 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:

The joy of Easter faith is warm, lighthearted, gracious and life giving. The weeks following Easter are an ideal time to explore how we can be part of a new life in God's world.

Despite the world still suffering from wars, economic crises, poverty, illness, homelessness, personal tragedies and the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic, hope will spring eternal. In pro-life work, it seems, at times like a never-ending circle of obstacles. Easter and The Resurrection, reminds us there is always hope. Though we are limited, God is not. We choose to wait on God and let our hope rest in Him. This brings us comfort and peace, allowing us to breathe when frustrations and discouragement come.

March was a great beginning to a spring-time of hope for us at Mississauga Right to Life. We hosted our event, "The Real Impacts of MAiD". The event was a success and the fruits are ongoing. We have been asked to help with organizing similar events at local parishes. We plan to keep riding the wave of pro-life activism into helping organize buses to the March for Life (May 11th - see the article about the March for Life inside), as well as hosting our Annual General Meeting on June 10th..

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This May, we will be partnering up with the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board to re-launch "Respect Life Week" in our high schools after a 3 year pause due to the pandemic. Sadly, the current narrative bombarding our children is promoted as "choice", for an all-out assault on life through abortion, euthanasia and infanticide. Our goal is to show students what exactly is being chosen! Students need to know more than these things are simply wrong but also why life is precious. The more students are immersed in knowledge of the sanctity of life the more they will be equipped to defend it.

Canadian laws have been changed so often in the wrong direction that they are now fully "off the rails". The fact that we don't have any abortion laws banning or restricting abortion caused the recent death of a 38-week-old baby this February in Quebec. This healthy baby boy was killed by lethal injection in-utero and his body delivered by C-section the next day. We need public pressure on our elected officials to revisit the legal status of abortion in Canada to avoid another horrific tragedy as this one.

Canadian law now allows Canadians, rich or poor, to kill themselves. In fact the government will pay for our deaths. It won't spend money to help us live and or die in comfort and peace. This "cost-saving" plan puts a price tag on humanity. Most alarming is that next year the government of Canada plans to extend eligibility for MAiD to include minors (age 12-16) subjectively deemed to have decision making capacity, without parental authorization! The government has funded, with our

taxes, a "Medical Assistance in Dying Activity Book" for children indoctrinating children into thinking that assisted suicide is just another medical option (see <https://www.dyingwithdignity.ca/blog/maid-activity-book-for-children/>).



What can you do in all this madness? "Don't avoid the topic" or be indifferent. Don't push that sick feeling aside in favour of easy things. Justifying our avoidance because someone else "will do it" or "it's not my thing" changes nothing. I have met so many staunch pro-life people who have never spoken or written a thing about it, haven't research candidates at election time, nor have ever donated money to promote Life. They say that they say they feel sick about how Canada is losing its moral compass, but never pray about it. Is that you? "We defeat Satan by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony" Rev 12:11.

Thank you for your support, kindness, prayers, generosity. As we look to the future, so hostile to God's plan for Life, we want to ensure, with your help, that we are able to maintain the spreading His Truth for the long term.

Soldier on For Life, Jolanta Galazka, President

Mississauga and Area Right to Life seeks to inspire and grow its membership across all ages and backgrounds. In doing so, we seek to educate members and the public at large, to expose injustices and reveal the truth surrounding the practice of abortion and euthanasia, and its victims.

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## Membership Update

### Change in our Fiscal Year-end & Membership Year!

**IMPORTANT.** Right to Life Mississauga & Area has obtained permission from Canada Revenue Agency to change its fiscal year-end to coincide with the calendar year versus the current date of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Our new 2023 Membership and fiscal reporting year began on January 1, 2023. This change will eliminate confusion for our members and better align our membership renewal campaigns with the tax year. We are already starting with our membership drive and renewal campaign for 2023.

The forces of evil seem to have an inexhaustible supply of energy and resources. We need to remain in a constant state of readiness to counter the narrative that life is a simple expendable and dispensable utility rather than a God given gift to be cherished, whether a pre-born child conceived in the midst of difficult circumstances or a person subject to age or infirmity. There is much work to be done and **we** need to continue to do our part.

In **2023**, we plan to continue with our effort and investments in the following areas:

- Continue with our pro-life sign refreshment initiative to make sure that updated and relevant messages remain in front of the public
- Bolster attendance through subsidizing buses for high school students to the March for Life in Ottawa in 2023 (we'd like to get from 9 to 14 buses)
- Furnishing of Pro-life flags and plaques to our Churches and High Schools as part of our new "Respect Life" week initiative surrounding the March for Life in Ottawa
- Purchase and distribute materials to further educate our youth and communities on the truth behind Abortion and Medical Assisted Suicide
- Subsidizing internships for development of "in-the-street" apologetics on college and university campuses
- Hosting in-person education events with expert keynote speakers

If you have not already done so, please send in your 2023 renewal as soon as possible to ensure that we can budget for initiatives for the year. For your contribution by December 31, 2023, you will receive a tax receipt automatically generated by the site at time of registration. For those who are more comfortable in donating through the mail, we will continue to process your Membership Renewal & Donation and send out a receipt in time for 2023 tax filing.

Let us know how we can support you in helping bring new members onboard. We must continue to educate and deliver programs which carry 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 depend".

**Please see page 10 (back page of newsletter) for the Membership Renewal/New Membership form along with completion and payment instructions.**

### Additional Educational Web-Sites to Keep You Informed



Life Site News  
[www.lifesitenews.com](http://www.lifesitenews.com)



The Interim  
[www.theinterim.com](http://www.theinterim.com)



Euthanasia  
Prevention Coalition  
[www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca)



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Right to Life MB  
[www.righttolifemb.com](http://www.righttolifemb.com)

## Pastor's Corner



In each Newsletter, our Parish Priests and other religious are invited to share their thoughts on Right to Life issues. In this 18th Edition, Fr. Roger Pascall offers his insights.

### From the Desk of Fr. Roger Pascall

*St. Marguerite D' Youville Parish Brampton*

The sick by virtue of their vulnerability, but also because of their identity as children of God, are deserving of our care. As such, taking care of the sick is an obligation. This outlook has been the basis of the churches' involvement in all medical matters. We hold this tenet so dearly that entire communities or religious orders have devoted themselves to the care of the sick. Additionally in all dioceses, in practically every hospital there are persons assigned to the care of the sick.

As a priest I operate from the outlook that we as church are required to transplant ourselves into these notoriously clinical and sometimes depersonalized environments where people are prodded and poked, hooked up to tubes and IVs, and treated as the bearer of various ailments. Hospital and medical business is our business, though sometimes the powers that be try to convince us otherwise.

What we bring to medical care first of all is presence which is more than a quick prayer or cheerful greeting. It is a respectful response to a patient in their given state. And boy, do these given states vary from day to day. It is a person centered and anticipatory approach that goes beyond the routine care of patients. As church we bring the humanized and pastoral approach to medicine, without which the hospitalized become a sterile place devoid of kindness and sensitivity.

Our approach when we engage with the sick should be one of passive respect. If patients need a shoulder to cry on then so be it. If it's conversation, that's okay too. Sometimes it's nothing, really. Just joining them, in their emotional state, whatever that might be. It recognizes their personhood. It says you are important. You are somebody and I am prepared to meet you where you are.

A patient once told me that she was picked up from her room and wheeled to another floor and placed in a corner under some stairs, waiting on some procedure. No one told her anything. Now she knew that eventually she would be attended, to, but it would have been so much more bearable if someone had just told her, "we will be with you shortly", or just "hello" or something.

People were walking by her for close to 45 minutes, so she felt completely ignored and forgotten. This is where, I think, we have something to offer beyond the routine care of patients. We engage with patients as individuals but also as persons who are spiritually disposed and receptive to God's grace.

Coming from our Catholic background this can mean several different things. It includes the material culture we bring to the bedside. In the sterile environment of a hospital room, the pictures, the crucifix, popular saints, rosaries and other religious objects all speak of an imminent God who loves them and who is involved in healing them.

The families of patients who are sick and dying do not need abstractions, but concrete witnesses that provide strength and hope. Of course the greatest witness of God's love is the Eucharist, the real presence of God.

In the long run, the Catholic approach to health care is based on a recognition of the personal dignity of each individual and their right to treatment in a holistic way, but also a faith-based approach that stresses the imminence of a loving God and the tangible witness of chaplains and ministers through the Eucharist and the sacrament of the sick.

## Important Dates to Remember 2023

Event	Date	Location	Time
March for Life 2023 (Ottawa)	Thursday March 11, 2023	Buses will be arranged by Parishes pick-up locations	Buses leaving parishes at 6:30am to Ottawa by 11:00am
Toronto March for Life	Friday May 12, 2023	Queen's Park, Toronto ON <a href="http://www.torontomarchforlife.ca">www.torontomarchforlife.ca</a>	11:00am
Right to Life Mississauga & area Annual General Meeting	Saturday June 10, 2023	Merciful Redeemer Church 2775 Erin Centre Blvd, Mississauga	10:00am-12:00noon
40 Days for Life Vigil Starts	Wednesday, September 27 <sup>th</sup>	Southwest corner of Queensway and Confederation Parkway (designated locations)	7:00am-7:00pm each day (12 1-hour slots booked/day)
Life Chain	Sunday October Oct. 1 <sup>st</sup>	See <a href="mailto:righttolifemb@gmail.com">www.righttolifemb@gmail.com</a> for time and locations on the following page	Varies by Parish (see website for details)
Mid-point Mass	TBD	TBD	TBD
40 Days for Life Vigil ends & Closing Mass	Sunday November 6 <sup>th</sup>	St. of Siena Church 2340 Hurontario St, Mississauga (will also be streamed thru parish website)	1:00pm



## March for Life 2023



## Why we continue to March...

*Jolanta Galazka, President Right to Life Mississauga & Area*

As you know, we are only at the beginning of the Easter season. The first Easter launched the new discipleship where the Apostles were called by Jesus to spread the Word in a primitive and hostile world.

Today, we are also called to spread the word in a world which is increasingly hostile to the Gospel of Life. As God's children, we are all called to stand up and protect one another from harm, especially harm brought to the voiceless and the vulnerable.



Help us answer the call to stand up to the culture of death and the scourge of Abortion (and Medical Assisted Suicide) by joining us in this year's March for Life in Ottawa 2023, for the rally on Parliament Hill and the march through the downtown. This year's theme is **"Stand Firm"**. Please see details on this year's March by going to the link: <https://marchforlife.ca/>.

Last year, Mississauga accounted for 9 buses (approx. 450 people) of devoted and committed participants. This year, we would like to push that number to (12) twelve with adults, students and children from all our Parish communities in Mississauga & Brampton. We are looking to support the mobilization and logistical efforts of all parishes in Mississauga & Brampton. Start working with your local committees to organize sign-up drives after Mass and parish events. Check with your Parish office regarding March for Life efforts.

During the next couple of weeks, you will start to see this poster for the March for Life in Ottawa on Church bulletin boards across Mississauga and Brampton, along with sign-up sheets. During the next 30 days, start planning with your family and friends, Parish ministries as well as Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League councils to mobilize buses and support for this event.

With our focus on youth, Right to Life Mississauga & Area would like to hear from you about the involvement of student family members who are planning or thinking about attending, not only the March, but also the Youth Banquet being held Wednesday, May 11, 2023 and Youth Summit (Friday, May 12th | 8:00 -3:00 pm). More information about these events can be found at [www.marchforlife.ca/event/youth-banquet-2023/](http://www.marchforlife.ca/event/youth-banquet-2023/) and [www.https://marchforlife.ca/event/pro-life-youth-summit/](http://www.https://marchforlife.ca/event/pro-life-youth-summit/).

If you would like to participate in the events above, please contact Right to Life Mississauga & Area at [righttolifemb@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifemb@gmail.com).

We will not waiver on the message of the Gospel of Life. We will not relent until advocacy for the pre-born and the vulnerable, and the protection of the right to life is firmly implanted in the heart of Canadian society. The Catechism of the Catholic Church 2246 states; "It is a part of the Church's mission to pass moral judgments even in matters related to politics, whenever the fundamental rights of man or the salvation of souls requires it." We are the Church. It is up to us to Stand Firm!



The National March for Life, typically the largest annual protest on Parliament Hill, takes place in May to mark the passing of the 1969 omnibus bill which decriminalized abortion. The March is organized by Campaign Life Coalition (<https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com>).

The event is a forum for pro-life Canadians to demand justice for the 100,000 children who are killed in their mothers' wombs each year across Canada. Abortion is fully funded by taxpayers for any reason or no reason at all, right up to the

moment of birth. However, a disturbing trend continues to emerge with the extension of abortion services to include babies which have already been born. This is why we need to remain vigil and demonstrative in the face of our political leaders.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's March for Life! *Please join us!!!*

**"Stand Firm" JOIN US**  
MAY 11th, 2023

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

**CONVOY FOR LIFE TO OTTAWA**

**BUS TRIP TO OTTAWA \$50**

6:00am Holy Mass Before Departure  
11:30am Arrival at Parliament Hill  
12:30pm Rally on Parliament Hill with various speakers  
1:30pm March through downtown Ottawa  
2:30pm Return to Parliament Hill  
3:30pm Departure for Home  
8:00pm Arrive Home

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**BE HERE MAY 11th**

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

## News &amp; Events

## The Real Impacts of MAiD Revealed

Barry Braun, Dir. of Communications

Right to Life Mississauga & Area recently held its first in-person event of March 2023 entitled “The Real Impacts of MAiD Revealed”. The event was held at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church in Mississauga and brought together keynote speakers who shed light on the legislative, institutional and personal impacts of ever encroaching Euthanasia legislation, known as “Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

The event was hugely successful with over 300 people in attendance in the Church’s large downstairs hall, owing to the wonderful and knowledgeable keynote speakers including Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition and Dr. Lucas Vivas, practicing physician at Brampton Civic Hospital and President of the Toronto Catholic Doctors’ Guild (an organization of Catholic physicians and medical trainees in the GTA focused on sanctifying the practice of medicine). However, hearts captured by the final keynote speaker of the afternoon, Margaret Marsilla. Margaret is the courageous mother who challenged the Ontario “healthcare” system and the Dr.’s who so easily approved her son’s application for Medical Assisted Suicide.



Alex Schadenberg brought the audience up to date on the relentless advance of MAiD legislation. In 2021, the number of deaths in Canada ballooned to over 10,000 (excluding the numbers from B.C. who have elected not to report details), an increase of 34.7% over the previous year. Current legislation and medical practices obscure reporting which only requires that the reason for death is the result of the underlying condition, not the act of the assisted suicide itself; the true cause of death.

The legislation, has fallen off the proverbial “slippery slope” providing assisted suicide to those whose death no longer “reasonably foreseeable” and also to mature minors “capable” of providing consent, even without parental or family knowledge. Alex sadly noted that assisted suicide is now virtually available to anyone for any reason.

Dr. Viva Lucas brought the audience up to speed on the practice and pressures on physicians and healthcare workers to support assisted suicide. In Ontario, and Canada in general, providing MAiD services is no more or less lucrative than most medical services, but that services were being supported by doctors who simply shared the same ideological bent and were committed to the practice under their belief that they were delivering compassionate care. Dr. Vivas mentioned that there is virtually no physical condition that cannot be treated with pain management and that for the most part the request for MAiD is the direct result of psychological conditions which require treatment first and foremost.



Dr. Lucas also touched upon the fact that the healthcare system does not provide adequate support for quality palliative care and that in our limited socialized healthcare system, the preference is to reduce costs and free up beds. Dr Vivas also addressed questions and clarified the distinction between MAiD and DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) orders. It was made clear that there is no relationship between the two. DNR orders were part of the natural process of dying while MAiD was specifically the cause of someone’s death.



For those who don’t know, Margaret mobilized a petition against the actual Doctor who authorized her young son’s death. The healthcare system took the easy way out, clearing the path for her son’s suicide foregoing any psychological counselling. Her relentless efforts resulted in the withdrawal of the Dr.’s consent and forced a further review of the legislation by the government with respect to offering MAiD, based on non-reasonably foreseeable death and mental illness. The whole ordeal was captured in an Episode on the 5th Estate (see [www.righttolifemb.com/inspiration/](http://www.righttolifemb.com/inspiration/)).

When Margaret was only 26, her son Kiano was diagnosed with diabetes at age 4. At the time she was struggling as a single mom. The real medical and behavioral implications of Kiano’s condition started to manifest from the age of 17. Treatment for Kiano’s ills included the use of medical marijuana which was legalized in Ontario at the time. Margaret believes that the use of, and reliance on the recreational drug, used for medical purposes in this instance, played a part in Kiano’s behavioural issues and decision making which she believes resulted in the missing of critical

Dr.'s appointments which could have helped Kiano's eye-sight. This culminated in Kiano's request for medical assisted suicide which the system placed too easily at Kiano's disposal.

Margaret recounted the interactions that she had with the Doctors and particularly, the arrogance of healthcare officials who refused to put themselves in to her position, a mother with a son in despair, subsumed by a callous process disinterested in providing any form of care, or even notice. Were it not for the interest and concern of one of Kiano's siblings, the process would have been "executed" without issue. Once Margaret found out, she went into action.

While euthanizing individual human beings for non-foreseeable death and for mental illness has been postponed for the time being, it is inevitable that legislation will pave the way for access to Medical Assisted Suicide for any reason, regardless of age. Thus far, the Supreme Court of Canada has decided in favour of supporting an individual's right to kill themselves, and sometimes without direct consent. You can follow developments and voice your opposition to MAiD through the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition at [www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca).

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## Canada's Euthanasia Law is a Moral Outrage

*Blog by Alex Schadenberg Executive Director  
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition*

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Kevin Yuill, who spoke at the Euthanasia Symposium at the European Parliament in Brussels on November 16 was published by Spiked on November 17 with his article: Canada's euthanasia laws are a moral outrage.

Yuill explains his position. Canada has the dubious honour of being the global capital of euthanasia. Through its medical assistance in dying (MAiD) program, Canada killed more people with lethal injections last year than any other country on Earth – many of them poor, homeless or hopeless. And soon, from March 2023, lethal injections will be offered to anyone who judges their mental-health difficulties to be intolerable.



Yuill writes about the recent case of Amir Farsoud. The recent case of Amir Farsoud has shocked Canada and the world, leading many Canadians to start questioning the regime of assisted dying that has emerged over the past decade. Farsoud is a disabled 54-year-old who has been approved for MAiD by his GP.

He applied for MAiD because he is about to be made homeless and has no money. He needs just one more doctor's signature and then he can be killed in 90 days' time. In a disturbing interview with Toronto-based City News last month, he says: 'I don't want to die. But I don't want to be homeless more than I don't want to die.'

After the news report on Farsoud went viral, many have taken to Twitter to accuse Canada of 'quite literally killing off poor people'. Even the head of Dying with Dignity Canada – a leading advocate of euthanasia – has been forced to say that the case shames the nation.

The number of euthanasia deaths in Canada have expanded quickly since legalization in 2016. Yuill explains that since the passing of Bill C-7. Simply having a disability or suffering physical pain is now enough to access MAiD. According to City News, this is why Farsoud, who suffers from back pain, likely qualifies. And in March 2023, euthanasia will be made available to those suffering only from mental-health conditions.

Yuill explains that Canada's euthanasia regime has become the most permissive in the world. Unlike other countries that have legalized assisted dying, such as Belgium and the Netherlands, Canadian doctors are not compelled to find other medical or social-support options that can relieve a patient's suffering. It can be enough for a patient to say his or her suffering is intolerable. As an article in the World Medical Journal notes: 'Canada... has now arguably the most wide-open state-facilitated suicide process in the world.'

Yuill concludes by stating: In my 2013 book, *Assisted Suicide: The Liberal, Humanist Case Against Legalization*, I warned that even allowing euthanasia in cases of terminal illness could open 'a Pandora's box'. If assisted dying is justified on the basis of 'alleviating suffering', then we should expect 'more and more categories' of people to 'seek recognition of their suffering by demanding assisted suicide for themselves. The categories have a tendency to expand and those who insist that it should only be those with terminal illnesses had better be ready to answer these demands from those who, on good grounds, can demonstrate their own suffering.' This is precisely what has happened.



## Stories that Inspire Us



## Honouring the Gift of Life

When you have achieved the milestone of 100 years of age, *how much “stuff” do you really need?* This past October, a lovely local lady named Augusta, celebrated her 100th birthday. Her loving family held a “celebration of her birth” with family members and friends. Indeed, 100 years is cause for celebration and a reminder to everyone that life is a gift from God. How amazing it is that we are alive and can continue to enjoy this gift.



In lieu of gifts, Augusta asked her family and birthday guests to donate to Right to Life Mississauga & Area on her behalf, to help support the cause. Augusta’s gift will go directly to our grassroots efforts to educate communities in Mississauga and Brampton on the truths behind abortion and Medical Assisted Suicide (a growing threat to many in Augusta’s age bracket). By making this simple request, Augusta herself has come to the defense of life.

Are we ever too old to care for life and to love and express compassion? As long as we possess life, given to us by our Creator, we have a responsibility to protect it. Augusta sees it that way. Let us remember that not everyone has such close support from their family and friends. Reach out a deliver hope to the lonely and those in despair.

To Augusta and her family, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for the amazing gesture of generosity. On behalf of Right to Life Mississauga & Area, we would like to thank you and wish you 100 more blessings!

Brothers and sisters in Christ, please remember that God has given us a beautiful gift (LIFE), and He wants us to unwrap it, value it and enjoy it! May you find joy and acceptance in every facet of your life.

A gift in honour of a friend, loved one or community member thriving today, or upon passing, is a touching way to pay tribute to value of life. Please contact us if you would like to make a similar donation. The gift of life is always better than “stuff”!

## Pushing Back on Abortion

G.L., Mississauga



I usually don’t write my comments on certain matters but I was challenged to do so after reading about the 38-week-old baby in Quebec, in February of this year, who was aborted for no reason. With no deformities, no cancer, no threat to mother’s life, he simply was unwanted!

I could not sleep that night. The emotions were so great. How could this be in Canada? We cheer for baby animals being rescued. We sign petitions to protect wildlife, go to court to protect trees and give our donations to rescue missions overseas. Yet we are silent when our babies are being killed.

I get it why we get emotional at seeing rescued animals. It is because God made us to protect, save, show compassion, love and cheer Life on. But doing nothing to protect our babies in the womb shows we are losing our humanity (some call it priorities).

I pictured that hospital, designed to save lives, full of state-of-the-art equipment, trained professionals, allowing that perfectly healthy baby to die. This child had a complete societal system at his disposal with the ability to accept him into the world. Prospective adoptive parents would weep with joy to have him. Yet he was allowed to die!

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## Schedule of Pro-Life Masses 2023

Looking to host a *Pro-life Mass* or *Pro-life Adoration* in your Church? Ask your Parish Priest to hold a Pro-life Mass. Right to Life Mississauga & Area will provide the inspiration and prayers for the General Intersession.

Church	Date	Time
Christ The King Church 3674 Lake Shore Blvd W., Etobicoke	Oct. 1, 2023	10:30am
<i>Please ask your Pastor to schedule a Pro-life in 2023 and let us know the location/date/time</i>		

## Stories That Inspire Us



## I Never Forgot You...

Anita Mascarenhas CWL Liaison



Pulling his grandson close, the dying man whispered, “I never forgot you.” “I will never forget you either, grandpa, said the young man, Pierre Poilievre, now the leader of the Conservative Party of Canada. If you haven’t heard this beautiful story before, Pierre Poilievre’s biological mother, a 16-year-old teenage mother, gave him up for adoption shortly after his birth. His adoptive parents, Donald and Marlene Poilievre, both schoolteachers, adopted him and raised him in a modest suburban household in Calgary. (Source: Wikipedia and Facebook post of P. Poilievre March 26, 2017).

What a beautiful thing it is to choose life. Imagine her pride, when she looks at her son rising to the occasion as Canada’s leader of the official opposition party. This mother could never regret her “choice” as many women and men who chose abortion often do. What a wonderful thing it is to live free from guilt and regret for the rest of one’s life, believing that you made the right choice.

And how different would one’s life be to forever recall how old your child would have been on the anniversary of the abortion, to wonder if your child would have looked just like you and to think how sad it would be to never hear the words “I love you mum or dad.” For some, the child they aborted was the only child they would ever have.

As a member of the Catholic Women’s League, I have witnessed similar heartwarming stories of adoption by our members who opened their homes and hearts, filled with generosity and love, to give a child a second chance. None of these members that I heard from ever regretted their decision to love a child that was not biologically their own. To watch that child blossom and grow into the person that God had intended him or her to be was the greatest gift to them. This is what being pro-life means.

Pushing Back on Abortion *cont’d...*

Why? If you can answer that, perhaps you can sleep soundly. Maybe you fool yourself with slogans like “woman’s choice”, hardship for the mother etc. You know these are cop-outs. It is LIFE. It is a great gift given to all of us.

Maybe it is time, like it was for me, to say enough. Don’t avoid the topic. I can’t push that sick feeling I got when I heard about this baby (and the thousands like him) .The opposition to abortion has been silent for too long. These babies have no voice and no chance if we don’t do something. Nowadays, we hear about the push to offer euthanasia to the vulnerable. Will it be also for babies born but deemed inconvenient or “*not quite right*”?

Get behind groups like Right to Life Mississauga & Area and show them you care and want to help. We can do this together so no more 38-week-old babies are killed for any reason. No more staying silent. I challenge everyone reading this to “go home and do something”.

See original story in Catholic Register: [www.catholicregister.org/item/35235-whistleblower-claims-38-week-old-unborn-baby-aborted-in-montreal](http://www.catholicregister.org/item/35235-whistleblower-claims-38-week-old-unborn-baby-aborted-in-montreal).

## Right to Life Mississauga &amp; Area Announcement - Annual General Meeting

## Keynote Speaker



Michelle Caluag

Fiscal Year 2022 - Annual General Meeting  
Sat. June 10th 2023 10:00am – 11:30am

Right to Life Mississauga & Area will host its *FY 2022 Annual General Meeting* to review key developments in 2022 and to pre-view our goals, objectives and activities for 2023.

This year’s meeting will feature **Michelle Caluag, Executive Director of Toronto Right to Life** and budding media mogul **Claire Gamble**, niece of well-known pro-life content producer Kevin Dunn. Michelle and Claire are developing a video for our 2023 Youth Strategy to better engage our youth, ; the future of the pro-life movement, on life issues in this secular world. **Brunch will be served! Please join us!!!**

## Keynote Speaker



Claire Gamble



## Youth Liaison



## At work in our Schools for the Pro-life Generation

Yara Bashoory, Youth Liaison

One of the key objectives of Right to Life Mississauga & Area for 2023 is our focus on promoting a “culture of life” to our youth. We often hear the lament of our members and parents that the message of the Gospel of Life is “passing over” our youth, and that they are at continuous risk of being further socialized away from a culture of life, falling victim to society’s utilitarian and self-serving messages, generating indifference to, and acceptance of abortion and euthanasia. We have seen evidence of the hardening of hearts in our youth, especially during and since Covid, who have been incessantly bombarded with misguided “truths” thinly veiled as reproductive rights and compassionate care.



Recognizing this key critical need, we took the initiative early this year, at the recommendation of Board Chair, Luz del Rosario (Trustee Mississauga Ward 6 & 11), to deliver a presentation to the Board of Trustees of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board detailing our ideas and desire to support the School Board, in efforts to restore awareness on critical life issues to youth in our schools. Our key area of focus included:

- Initiation of **“Respect Life Week”** in schools aligned with the March for Life in Ottawa
- Providing Pro-life flags and plaques in schools as visible symbol of pro-life advocacy and rallying point for pro-life support
- Greater support for school chaplains and teachers on promoting life issues and participation in the March for Life in Ottawa
- Educational sessions and support resources to help students understand and articulate pro-life issues from a faith and human perspective
- Improved articulation on pro-life issues through a “Ted Talk” style contest



The presentation was well received and our ideas were been presented to Board Executive with whom we are currently working to implement our first “Respect Life Week” in time for this year’s March for Life in Ottawa.



This is only the first step in our youth-centered strategy. Later on this year, our goal is to engage with Hopestone Catholic Formation Inc., a Catholic Lay Ministry that provides virtual sacramental preparation, retreats and conferences for elementary and high schools, to integrate key messaging on pro-life issues into Catholic formation and related sacramental preparation. These are ambitious programs which we need to relentlessly focus on in our efforts to build the next generation; the “pro-life” generation. We ask that you continue to be active in promoting Catholic values and Gospel of Life learning with your Trustees and in our schools.

If you are a junior high, high school or university aged student, or a parent with high school or university students, and would like to get them more involved in pro-life advocacy, please contact us at [righttolifemb@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifemb@gmail.com).

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

To receive a copy of the Newsletter via e-mail, please send an e-mail to: [righttolifemb@gmail.com](mailto:righttolifemb@gmail.com) with the Subject: “Send Newsletter Via E-Mail”

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*You can now submit your Membership/Donations on-line!*

### On-line Membership/Donation instructions:

Submit your Membership/Donation Registration & Payment **on-line** by clicking on the **“Submit Membership/Donation Registration & Payment”** button on the Right to Life Mississauga & Area website ([www. righttolifemb.com/membership](http://www.righttolifemb.com/membership)). Complete the on-line form with your contact information, credit card number and amount. A 2023 tax receipt will be sent immediately to you by email upon completion of the membership/donation process.

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Memberships are \$15.00 for individuals (\$25.00 for families). **High School and University Students are free** (please still complete a membership form and write “Student” on the card). Membership provides you with access to all of our programming, events and newsletters. 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 devoted to the cause.


### Membership/Donation by mail instructions:

Please complete the form below in its entirety including e-mail address and phone number so we can ensure that you receive your charitable tax receipt. Existing members, please *resubmit* a filled-out New Membership/Membership Renewal form with your name, check-off the box for “Membership Renewal” and write in “2023” in the Membership Year. Provide any updates or changes to your contact information over the past year. If there are no changes to your contact information, please simply fill in the form with your full name and check the box next to “Membership Renewal”. Write “2023” in the Membership Year and check off “Individual” or “Family” Membership and enter the total amount of your donation.

**Make your cheque payable to “Right to Life Mississauga and Area” and place the Membership Form and cheque and mail it to RTLMB 2656 Crystalburn Ave., Mississauga, ON L5B 2N8.**

Please clearly write your e-mail address so we can correspond with you and send your tax receipts via e-mail. A Tax Receipt for the 2023 tax year will be sent to you via mail or e-mail with a valid and legible email address.

**Please send in your 2023 renewal as soon as possible to ensure that we can budget for events and initiatives for 2023!**

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