



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 trust you and your loved ones are still enjoying the summer and the bounty Our Lord has provided – warmth and sunshine, fresh produce, time to travel and to spend with dear ones. Often during summer, I find myself going to farms and markets where copious fruits and vegetables can be purchased. It occurred to me how easy it is to buy the fruits and vegetables made by labour and love of others with minimal effort from us.

Sometimes I think that is how we approach defending faith, family and life from conception to natural death...with minimal effort. All the while, the opposition is perpetually at work undermining the culture of life.

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Upcoming, we have 2 wonderful opportunities to celebrate life and show to the world the power of standing in solidarity and in prayer to save lives of the unborn. Keep in mind these could be possible future leaders in our country.

The 40 Days for Life campaign kicks off on Sept.27 for 40 days (through Nov. 5th). Please join others throughout Canada, and indeed the world, to pray, fast and participate in a vigil with the hope of sparking a reawakening in Canada, making the rights of the unborn equal to all human rights. This would make abortion totally unthinkable!

On Sunday Oct. 2nd is Life Chain (*Respect Life Sunday*). We are called to faithfully stand outside our churches on the sidewalk in unison with cities Canada-wide, to pray for one hour, giving public witness to the sacredness of life (see page 5 of the Newsletter and our website for details on both event).

Sadly, the quest to further the culture of death continues. In 2016 when MAiD (euthanasia) was introduced to Canada, it was with the assurance that safeguards would be in place to prevent abuse. Well these safeguards are all gone. Politicians are treading boldly where even physicians dared not go, expanding euthanasia to those with disabilities and mental illness. In spring of 2024, they plan to expand it to minors and babies 0-12 months old. Note that these expansions are not based on any scientific studies and often go against opposition from disability groups, indigenous leaders, and even physicians. Simply put, this is not medicine! Do not be fooled to support in any way these expansions.

Dear friends of Life, it is time we end our cold indifference toward the sacredness of human life. Let us start one person at a time, one saved family, one precious baby. Turning the cultural tide certainly is a marathon and not a quick race. It will require more than our "minimal effort" to have a lasting impact. Our efforts will not be in vain if we boldly, with God's help, voice His Truth and stand for our most vulnerable. It has been done before and we must believe it can happen again. Be encouraged knowing that we are all loved by a powerful and mighty Saviour.

On behalf of our Board and the vulnerable in our society who will survive because of your prayers of support and your presence, we sincerely thank you!

Soldier on For Life, Jolanta Galazka

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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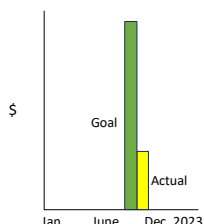
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*Always looking for
talented people to join us!*



Membership Update

We are far below our New Membership & Renewal target!



With less than 4 months remaining in our 2023 Membership and Fiscal year and another summer all but over, we find ourselves well below our new membership and membership renewal targets.

We need your continued membership support and funding to maintain and grow our efforts to promote the Culture of Life in a self-centered society that abounds in negative messaging towards the sanctity of life, promoting abortion and medical assisted suicide as virtuous and necessary.

With your support we will continue to increase our visibility with the addition of new poignant pro-life signs for both 40 Days for Life and Life Chain prayer vigils. We must continue to invest in tools and materials to support our efforts with our local Catholic School Board to engage our students and bring greater focus back on life issues. We will be placing heavy emphasis on helping high school students get back to the March for Life by subsidizing buses to Ottawa.

We need your support to keep the pro-life message in the forefront.

We all need to participate in driving the message at the grass roots level. You can make a meaningful impact in this effort by joining us as a new member and by renewing your annual membership.

We have made it easy for new and existing Members to join or renew their Membership with Right to Life Mississauga & Area. ***Go to our website at www.righttolifemb.com/membership to register and donate today.*** You can also send in your new membership or renewal, using our regular mail-in option using the form on page 10 of the newsletter.

Please send in your 2023 renewal ***as soon as possible*** to ensure that we can budget for initiatives for the balance of 2023 and into 2024. For your contribution by December 31, 2023, you will receive a tax receipt for the 2023 tax year. If you use our on-line option (www.righttolifemb.com/membership) you will *receive your tax receipt immediately* on-line for either monthly or one-time annual donations.

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

Did you know?

- In 1969, legislation changed criminal laws (see 1969 Omnibus Bill C-15 including Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1968–69) relating to protection of pre-born children, whereby a pregnant woman could no longer be held responsible for negligence (and other harms) that would threaten the life of a pre-born child
- This change was made to absolve doctors from criminal liability when terminating a pregnancy in the womb through the act of performing an abortion
- At the same time, man-made law changed the definition of a “human being” to “a child becomes a human being...when it has completely proceeded, in a living state, from the body of its mother whether or not (a) it has breathed, (b) it has an independent circulation, or (c) the navel string is severed.”

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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. Michael Simoes, St. Mary Star of the Sea offers his insights.

From the Desk of Father Michael Simoes... “The Power of Good Influences”

I was very fortunate in my life to have good influences in those formative years to help me know right from wrong. Whether it be at home with my parents, at school with my teachers or my parish priests, they all informed me about what is good and what is evil. My mom would be the first to tell you, this was a series of fortunate events because it could have gone the other way very easily with bad influences that could have been in my life. And it is from this foundation that I get filled with zeal when I see injustice in the world: unjust wars, abortion and euthanasia. These are just a few of the things that really grind my gears. The so-called social encyclicals since Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum* are really eye-opening and give the principals of social justice that we need to uphold church teaching; but for me in my conversations, those listed above were the issues that were most pressing and spoken openly about.

It was in high school that I learned the art of speaking about these items. While I went to a Catholic School, not all my classmates were of the same mindset as I was. The art of pro-life apologetics was a tricky but not as polarizing as they are today. We could get into good debates about the issue and we would remain friends after them. I think one of the most memorable debates that I had was with a good friend, Catholic, was pro-life but the approach we had differed. He was of the mindset of grassroots, change one heart at a time, I was more we need a law to criminalize these actions. We gave each other food for thought and I know that influenced me in the best sense of the Catholic “both-and”.

University, on the other hand, was a different ballgame. I encountered a lot more hostility when it came to the pro-life issues, but I also found like-minded individuals. We were able to support and each other and learn from each other. Pro-Life apologetics was a lot more refined and articulated, going more into the science of development of life in the womb and for my scientific mind, it was logical and rational. I was able to move out of a “this is what the Church teaches” mindset to a “science backed” argument which is much more credible in the university landscape. It was in this phase of my life that I began to get “out on the streets” for the pro-life movement with prayer vigils like “Life Chain” and the “March for Life”.

When I entered into the seminary and subsequently became a priest, all of my past experiences and growth played a pivotal role in how I was to be a priest who promoted justice, supporting the woman in front of me who was in a “crisis pregnancy”, helping fathers to understand their role as fathers and protect life when they are afraid of the consequences, being an instrument of God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession, supporting the local pro-life causes and most importantly prayers for the conversion of hardened hearts. Pastorally speaking, this is what we are called to do as a Church. Its more than just politics, its more than just a culture war, it is about an encounter with a person and being Christ to them, wherever they are at. It is not a popular position to have, but it's the one that will bring souls to Christ and to let Him do the work of healing.

Important Dates to Remember 2023

Event	Date	Location	Time
40 Days for Life Vigil Opening Mass	Sunday September 24 th	St. Mary Star of the Sea 11 Peter St S, Mississauga, ON (Parking off of John Street) Celebrant Fr. Michael Simoes	11:00am Mass
40 Days for Life Vigil Starts	Wednesday, September 27 th	Southwest corner of Queensway and Confederation Parkway (12 1-hour slots can be booked each day)	7:00am-7:00pm
Life Chain	Sunday October 1 st	Respect Life Sunday See Life Chain times and locations on the following page	Varies by Parish (see Page 4)
Mid-point Mass followed by Adoration	Thursday October 12 th	Merciful Redeemer 2775 Erin Centre Blvd, Mississauga, ON L5M 5W2 Celebrant Fr. Seamus Hogan	7:00pm
40 Days for Life Vigil ends & Closing Mass	Sunday November 5 th	St. of Siena Church 2340 Hurontario St, Mississauga Celebrant Fr. Gabriel	1:00pm



40 Days for Life Mississauga



Jolanta Galazka, President Right to Life Mississauga & Area

September 2023 marks the 12th year for the 40 Days for Life campaign in Mississauga. It is an amazing opportunity to impact our society, locally, for the glory of God and the protection of all His children, including the pre-born!



There is always so much to rejoice about in the many victories that happen in our community and throughout the hundreds of cities throughout the world, over the course of the campaign. Sound legislation in many U.S. states combined with our prayer vigil efforts have saved thousands of babies and is set to save thousands more. In the absence of similar legislative support in Canada, we hope and pray that you will continue to support the value of all human life with your presence during our campaign.

Stay tuned to all that is happening by visiting our website (www.righttolifemb.com/40daysforlife), for details including site location map, vigil participation instructions, 40 Days for Life signs and pro-life “talking points”, including the “Human Rights” argument; “If only two human parents can produce human offspring, then abortion is a human rights violation”. You are now able to log into the 40 Days for Life/Mississauga website at **www.40 Days for Life/Mississauga** to sign-up for one or more 1-hour slots and join us in the prayer vigil, or simply sign-in at St. Catherine of Siena, our 40 Days for Life “hub” (at the side entrance).

Prayer & Fasting

Knowing that “with God, all things are possible,” people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting. Christ told us that some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God’s will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God’s help.

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day non-stop, 7:00am-7:00pm prayer vigil across from the abortion facility in Mississauga. It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this daily presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.

Constant Vigilance

Community Outreach

During 40 Days for Life, the message is taken proactively to every corner of the community, driven by local Parish pro-life groups, through church announcements, pro-life masses, newsletters and by local pro-life associations including Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women’s League councils. It is our hope that our conversations and reach-outs will motivate even more participants to invest one hour (and more) in silent and prayerful witness over the course campaign.

Park your car at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church (*our 40 Days for Life Hub*) at 2340 Hurontario St. To help us manage our efforts, please sign-in using the sign-in sheets on the table of our 40 Days for Life display at the north side/side entrance of the Church (well-marked).

If you are coming as part of a group, please have all participants sign-in, so we can get an accurate measure of participation. Walk south on Hurontario Street, and then turn right (West) on Queensway towards the hospital past Confederation Parkway. The site is on the south-side of Queensway just west of the hospital on the east side of the 170 Queensway medical center.

Mark your calendars. The Campaign runs from Wednesday, Sept. 27th to Nov. 5th 2023. Watch out for upcoming emails!

We are depending on you!



Life Chain 2023



On Sunday, October 1st 2023, **Respect Life Sunday**, join with thousands of people across North America for Life Chain. Life Chain is an easy way to get involved in pro-life activism. Just find out where and when your local Life Chain will be held, and then show up for *one hour* to stand on the sidewalk with others who are not ashamed to publicly witness to their pro-life beliefs. Your local Life Chain organizer will provide you with Life Chain sign to hold, and you may pray silently for an end to abortion and for those affected by it.

There are approximately 310 locations across Canada, and thousands more in the United States. *Where's a Life Chain near Me?*

City	Parish Life Chain Sites	Location	Time
Mississauga	St. Ignatius Loyola Church	2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd.	1:00-2:00 pm
Mississauga	St. Maximillian Kolbe Church	4160 Cawthra Rd.	2:00-3:00 pm
Mississauga	Sts. Peter and St. Paul Church	Central Pkwy and Burnhamthorpe Rd.	2:00pm-3:00pm
Mississauga	Cristo Rei Church	Confederation and Central Pkwy	12:00-1:00 pm*
Mississauga	Near St. Joseph Church	Creditview Rd. at Bristol Rd. W.	2:00-3:00 pm
Mississauga	Near St. Martin of Tours Church	Dundas St. W. and Erindale Station Rd.	2:30-3:30 pm
Mississauga	Near St. Francis of Assisi Church	Dundas St. W. and Glen Erin Dr.	2:00-3:00 pm
Mississauga	Croatian Martyrs Church	Eglinton Ave. W. at Mississauga Rd.	12:00-1:00pm
Mississauga	St. John of the Cross Church	Glen Erin Dr., South of Derry Rd. W.	1:00-2:00 pm
Mississauga	Merciful Redeemer Church	Glen Erin Dr. and Erin Centre Blvd.	1:00-2:00 pm
Mississauga	Saviour of the World	Hurontario St. & Bristol Rd.	1:30-2:30 pm*
Mississauga	St. Catherine of Siena Church	Hurontario St. and The Queensway	2:00-3:00 pm
Mississauga	Near St. Christopher Church	Lakeshore Rd. W. and Clarkson Rd. N.	1:30-2:30 pm
Mississauga	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Lakeshore Rd. W. and Peter St. S.	12:00-1:00 pm
Mississauga	St. Francis Xavier Church	Mavis Rd. at Matheson Blvd. W.	2:30-3:30 pm
Mississauga	St. Patrick's Church	Tomken Rd. and Dundas St.	2:00-3:00 pm
Mississauga	St. Martha & Mary	Southwest corner of Dixie Rd. & Dundas St.	12:00-1:00 pm
Mississauga	Near St. Josephine Bakhita Church	Winston Churchill Blvd. and Thomas St.	2:00-3:00pm
Mississauga	St. Cyril & Methodius	Hurontario & Nahani Way	12:30-1:30 pm
Mississauga	St. Joseph Syriac Catholic Church	999 Lakeshore Road E.	12:30-1:30 pm
Brampton	St. Jerome's Church	8530 Chinguacousy Rd.	1:30-2:30 pm*
Brampton	Near St. Leonard's Church	Sandalwood Pkwy E and Conestoga Dr.	1:30-2:30 pm
Brampton	St. Marguerite d'Youville Church	Sandalwood Pkwy E and Torbram Rd.	2:00-3:00 pm
Brampton	Guardian Angels Church	Sandalwood Pkwy W. and Creditview Rd.	2:00-3:00 pm
Brampton	From St. Eugene de Mazenod Church	Steeles Ave. to Chinguacousy Rd.	1:30 – 2:30 pm
Brampton	St. Mary's Church	From the Church to Gage Park	3:30-4:30pm
Brampton	CrossPoint Christian Reformed Church	444 Steeles Ave West	11:30am-12:30pm
Brampton	St. Elias the Prophet	10193 Heritage Rd.	12:30-1:30pm

(Times with an * - check with your local parish to confirm Life Chain vigil times).

For more information on Life Chain go to: <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/life-chain>.

Youth Corner



Y-HOPE: The Answer To A Question

By Sarah Marchack, co-founder of Y-HOPE

Earlier this year, I went to a Right to Life dinner hosted by ChooseLife Niagara, registered as St. Catharine's Right to Life, where I learned that over fifty Right to Life groups shut down during Covid. Formerly, there used to be less than one hundred Right to Life groups in Ontario. It was during Covid that I became pro-life and started a pro-life group.

In 2019, I lived in a residence for young women on the University of Toronto campus called Kintore College. It is run by members of a lay organization within the Church called Opus Dei. During my time at Kintore, I encountered the beauty and richness of the Catholic Faith and decided to convert. I was received into the Church on May 31st, 2020, the feast of the Visitation. This feast day commemorates the time when the Virgin Mary met her cousin Elizabeth. At that moment, Elizabeth's unborn son, John the Baptist, leapt for joy at the presence of Baby Jesus in Mary's womb.

Converting to Catholicism completely changed my views on abortion and assisted suicide. Through my catechesis, I unlearned lies that I had been taught. Unborn babies were not just "a clump of cells", suicide was not ethical just because it was obtained through a doctor's assistance, and that birth control was not only unsafe and harmful to one's health, but some forms were actually abortifacients.

In February of 2020, the assisted suicide Bill C-7 was passed by the House of Commons and awaiting a vote by the Senate. This awful bill allowed people without terminal illnesses to request assisted suicide.

During this time, I was living in an apartment in downtown Toronto. There were many young Catholics in my building, and we would gather to pray the rosary together, after which we would discuss different issues. One of our rosary intentions was for the Senate vote on Bill C-7 to fail. However, I noticed that the same people who would pray for the failure of this bill would later say, "This bill is probably going to pass and there's nothing that we can do to stop it."

Here was a group of young, faithful people who were praying for one thing, but had an attitude of defeat and cynicism about the very thing they were praying for!

I didn't think that this was right, and furthermore, wanted to do something about this issue. My only experience in the pro-life movement at that time was going once with a friend to be a witness for the 40 Days for Life campaign. What I did have were friends who had invested a lot of time and talent into the pro-life movement. I met up with one of them, Troy Scotchburn, to discuss how we could educate people on the issue of assisted suicide as found in Bill C-7 and mobilize them to fight against it.

Troy has been active in the pro-life movement for over thirty years, helping to get pro-life politicians elected, starting pro-life clubs on university campuses and organizing conferences, and providing mentorship to others who are interested in doing something for the movement. For example, the last group he co-founded is PAFE (Parents As First Educators). When I first asked him to join my cause, he politely declined, saying that his work against abortion was already a lot and that it would be too much to tackle assisted suicide, which was another big issue. Unwilling to take "no" for an answer, I asked him again to help me and he agreed. God loves a cheerful giver!

Together, we started Y-HOPE, which stands for Youth Helping Others thru Pro-life Education. Y-HOPE is the answer to a

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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, text and Prayers of the Faithful.

Year	Church	Date	Time
2023	<i>Please ask your Pastor to schedule a Pro-life mass at some point in 2023/2024</i>	TBD	TBD

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question: why hope? Because as long as there are people, especially youth, willing to fight for the most defenseless in society, there is hope for those whose lives may have otherwise never been lived or could have been cut short. Youth are the future, and the coming generations will be depending on young people like myself to stand up for them.

All of us have been fortunate to have been born, to have the right to life. We have a responsibility to make sure the same holds true for others.

In order to effectively combat the “culture of death” that Pope St. John Paul II talked about, people need to be made aware and properly educated on pro-life issues.

Through Y-HOPE, we have been able to do just that. We were able to:

- Raise awareness about Bill C-7 through a petition that got nearly 800 signatures in a few short weeks
- Collaborate with pro-life Oakville Catholic Trustee Helena Karabela on a motion to send a letter from the Halton Catholic District School Board to the Senate opposing Bill C-7 and that teachers seeking promotions be opposed to all forms of assisted suicide and Bill C-7
- Promote the National March for Life, and the Life Chain and 40 Days for Life campaigns
- Provide voters with information on pro-life candidates
- Shared current news and uplifting stories that people need to know

This past June, I graduated from the University of Toronto concert pianist program. For the completion of my degree, I had to play a public recital that was graded, in front of a live audience and live-streamed on YouTube. That same month, I also played in a gala featuring Jordan and Tammy Peterson as the guest speakers, and feel fortunate to have been able to share beautiful music with hundreds of people.

As both a pro-lifer and a pianist, I hope to play concerts for the Church and the pro-life movement to help build up the Culture of Life. I hope that others will be inspired to support the pro-life cause by seeing a young person like me willing to put myself out there, both on the stage and through Y-HOPE.

I never expected to become Catholic, to become pro-life, or to start a pro-life group. I did it because there was a need, of which the pro-life movement has many. It all started with a hope for a better future, which we all dream of despite the many problems the world presents.

Because, as King Gil-galad says in Lord of the Rings, “Hope is never mere, Elrond, even when it is meager. When all other senses sleep, the eye of hope is first to awaken, last to shut.”

Because, together, we can make a difference.

If you would like to receive the Y-HOPE newsletter, learn more, or write back, please email Sarah at: yhope2021@gmail.com.

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- The same legal maneuvering was used in 2016 when Euthanasia was legalized in Canada by creating an exception in the criminal code (Section 241) to homicide (murder) which gave physicians and nurse practitioners the right in law to kill or cause the death of their patients
- Previously, for hundreds of years, both acts were considered as murder in Canada

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Stories that Inspire Us!



CCBR Summer Internship Graduation 2023

Barry Braun, Director of Communications



On Friday August 25th, we were privileged to be invited by the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) to their summer internship graduation ceremony and celebration held at Grace Canadian Reformed Church, Brampton, Ontario. Ceremonies were emceed by Jeremy Hooghiem, Eastern Operations Coordinator for CCBR and CCBR Representative on the Board of Right to Life Mississauga and Area. The ceremony, celebrated new graduates from both the 2-month and 4-month summer internship programs.

As an educational organization, CCBR aims to make abortion unthinkable in Canada — like slavery, child labour or segregation. We must change hearts and minds on abortion in order to save lives. Pastoral and political efforts are also necessary, however, educating the public is essential to the overall success of the pro-life movement. Unless people see abortion as an injustice, they are less likely to accept help through a difficult pregnancy or support pro-life policies.

CCBR focuses on “effective education” which utilizes among its many tools, Abortion Victim Photography (AVP) and Human Rights Apologetics. The question is, in the face of so much deception on the part of the abortion lobby, what must we do to make abortion unthinkable? We need to change how people feel, which changes how they behave.

There are two essential pieces to CCBR’s “End the Killing” plan. We must reach all mature Canadians with (1) abortion victim photography (AVP), and (2) human rights apologetics. We need to bring compelling evidence and clear reasons to change hearts and minds on abortion. The strategy and all of CCBR’s projects are centered around the goal — to reach all of Canada using both abortion victim photography and human rights apologetics, to make abortion unthinkable and end the killing.



You will be amazed to know that the efforts to take this battle to streets and school campuses is being fought by a committed cohort of young woman and men as young as 17 years of age. First class training and mentorship is delivered by heavyweights in the pro-life movement including Jonathon Van Maren Communications, Director for the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, and Maaïke Rosendal, Author at Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform. Mr. Van Maren reviewed extensive statistics and results of polling data formally



conducted by CCBR detailing the impacts of the millions of views delivered by the presence of CCBR interns and their roadside banners depicting the horrors of abortion.

The proceeding included fun bio’s on all of the interns and stories from weeks on the road in Ontario and across Canada. Many of the interns spoke directly about their “in-the-street” experiences and their witness to changing the perspective, if not hearts and minds, of those who feel that abortion is necessary sometimes, or is simply an absolute right. A common tactical conversation, during encounters with students and other young people, was introduced surrounding “human rights” and who gets them. If we are all entitled to human rights regardless of our age, and “if two human parents can only produce human offspring, then wouldn’t it follow that abortion is a human rights violation?”



Right to Life Mississauga & Area is proud to be a supporter of CCBR and the next generation of pro-life warriors!

Additional Educational Web-Sites to Keep You Informed


www.lifesitenews.com

www.theinterim.com

www.epcc.ca

www.canadiansforconscience.ca

www.righttolifemb.com

In the News!

Abortions Fuel Sex Trafficking

By Helena Karabela, Oakville Trustee, Halton Catholic District School Board

This past summer, the Sound of Freedom movie raised awareness regarding the pervasiveness of the child sex-trafficking industry. Despite the challenges to the movie's release, Sound of Freedom made more than \$190 million worldwide since its release on July 4th, and out-performed several Hollywood movies that had significantly higher production budgets. If you haven't seen this movie yet, I highly recommend watching it - it is still playing in theatres!

While the movie did a good job portraying Tim Ballard's experience of capturing pedophiles in the U.S. as a Special Agent for the Department of Homeland Security, and rescuing children from sex-trafficking abroad, it would be a mistake to think that these kinds of things only happen in foreign countries.

I went to a presentation by Laura Ross, the founder of SEEDS (Supporting Every Eve's Daughter Safely), where I learned that:

1. 93% of trafficking victims in Canada are Canadians; 53% are Indigenous;
2. Approximately 200 girls are trafficked each night in the Kitchener-Waterloo region, and high numbers like these can be expected in the surrounding regions as well;
3. Girls are moved around and trafficked in hotels and motels along the 401 and 403 highways.

According to a Global News article, titled "Children for sale: Canada's youth at the heart of the rising sex trade", at least 60% of all trafficking victims in Canada come from Ontario. The recent stories of young women such as Michelle Furguele (from Oakville) and Markie Dell (from Hamilton) are just two examples of the scarring experiences of hundreds of minors who are sex-trafficked each year. Furthermore, children can be sex-trafficked while continuing to live at home, without their family knowing it.

As a mother and a grandmother, I was horrified to learn that these things were happening right here, in our own backyard.

An aspect of the abortion industry that is not often talked about is how it contributes to the sex-trafficking industry. In August, the American pro-life organization, LiveAction, published a story on the link between sex traffickers and abortuaries, titled "Trafficking survivor says her trafficker 'took all his girls to Planned Parenthood'". The article states:

"Traffickers take the women and girls they abuse to Planned Parenthood because, according to the survivors, Planned Parenthood does not ask questions."

LiveAction goes on to detail how abortuaries like Planned Parenthood are a favourite for sex traffickers because:

1. The staff don't ask questions. A trafficker can lie about the connection between himself and the victim, no problem;
2. The centers are happy to repeatedly provide abortions, birth control, and screening for STIs and STDs;
3. The staff are even helping traffickers to not get caught.

Instead of helping the sex-trafficking victims, abortuaries are enabling their predators instead.

By having access to the life-killing services that abortuaries offer, sex traffickers can cover up evidence of sexual assault or rape, and can continue to exploit their victims over and over again.

An article by the Western Standard, titled "DUR: Human trafficking and abortion in Alberta", detailed how the same is true for sex-trafficking victims in Canada.

"Minors in Alberta can undergo an abortion without the consent — or even knowledge — of their parents....Parents might never know of their daughter procuring an abortion. And in cases where abortion is used to cover-up the exploitation of that child (as occurs in more than 50% of cases, according to one US study,) parents may never learn of their daughter's exploitation."

At this time, I know of no law in Canada which demands parental consent before a minor may get an abortion.

This is one of the many reasons why abortuaries need to be shut down. As parents and members of communities, we need to be on guard for our children and future generations. Practical ways that we can ensure their safety are by having good

relationships with family members (e.g. son, daughter, niece, nephew), and knowing the signs of child sex-trafficking.

Most of all, we must persevere in the fight to end abortion in Canada. It is an outrage that the perpetual murdering of innocent, Unborn babies is allowed, and is a scourge on the history of our country. Children, both born and unborn, are the most vulnerable members of society. We know that killing a child of God, whether he or she was wanted or unwanted, is never the answer to a problem.

As Pope St. John Paul II said, “A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.” (Letter to The New Ambassador of New Zealand, 25 May 2000).

I never imagined that I would see the Supreme Court of the United States overturn the pro-abortion ruling, Roe v. Wade, in my lifetime. I have great hope that Canada too can become a society that defends its weakest members, in spite of the unfettered access to abortion and assisted suicide in our country. As Mother Teresa said, “God has called us not to be successful, but to be faithful”.

May St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, Protector of the Holy Family, and patron of Canada, watch over us and guide our efforts to obtain Justice for the Unborn.

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