



KW Right to Life Marks Tragic Anniversary

On January 28 approximately 100 people joined KW Right to Life to mark the anniversary of the Morgentaler decision that struck down Canada's abortion laws and created the legal vacuum where preborn children until the time of their birth have no legal protection in this country. The format was much different than in years past when we would hold an hour long silent vigil in front of Grand River Hospital. This year we moved a few blocks south in front of Kitchener City Hall where the outdoor skating rink and the lights of downtown provided a fun and energetic atmosphere. After a half hour we walked to St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church where we were graciously hosted. There we had a half hour of prayer and reflection.

The highlight for me this year was in the reflection delivered by Harold Albrecht, Conservative MP for Kitchener Conestoga. In a heartfelt address, Harold explained how his personal experiences have led him to place a high value on life at every stage from conception to natural death. They were powerful examples. He spoke of a grandson who was born extremely prematurely. The baby did not survive, but the impact of the loss on the parents and extended family left little doubt that this was more than just the product of conception. This little one was a very real person who remains missed.

He spoke of the disabled, particularly children, youth and adults with Down Syndrome mentioning that they are often so joyful and unconditionally friendly. These special people have enriched the lives of their families and community. Simply because we have the technology to screen in utero, it would be a shame to end their lives prematurely and miss out on the special joy they bring to our world. He spoke of visiting the elderly in nursing homes and hearing their stories of pain and loneliness. He said we must focus on providing quality comfort measures, palliative care and emotional support for the elderly, rather than opening the door to eu-

thanasia. Finally, he spoke of the mentally ill and the depressed and of a colleague who committed suicide. He also expressed how personally shaken he was by the news of Nadia Kajouji. Nadia was an 18 year old university student who committed suicide in March 2008. During the investigation into Kajouji's death, police discovered that a 47-year-old male nurse from Minnesota, who was posing online as a 28-year-old woman might have encouraged Kajouji to commit suicide via an internet chat room. Under Canadian law, no charges have been laid in the case.

Harold, pictured left, explained that Section 241 of the Canadian Criminal Code says "everyone who... counsels a person to commit suicide, or aids or abets a person to commit suicide, whether suicide ensues or not, is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding fourteen years." His concern though is that it is not clear whether encouraging someone to commit suicide via the internet is a crime.

On November 18, the House of Commons voted unanimously in favour of a motion (M388) Harold put forward calling for change in how the Criminal Code deals with people who counsel others over the internet to commit suicide. He is hopeful that the measure will prevent another case similar to Nadia's.

Harold thanked everyone present for the work they have done to protect life, and noted that our most important task is to change the hearts and minds of our friends and neighbours. He noted that in his experience, even a simple example of sharing an image of a preborn child can start a conversation that will help to convince people of the humanity of preborn children and to know that they need our protection. After hearing Harold's message, many of us left with a renewed sense of purpose. By Patrick O'Neil - Patrick's blog <http://patrickoneil.blogspot.com/>

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Help the Non-profit Organization of Your Choice with a Donation.

K-W Right to Life already has a commitment of \$100 by members. Income tax receipts will be issued to donors by Right to Life. Any size donation will be appreciated & received.



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40 Days for Life

Pray to End Abortion from Ash Wednesday, March 9 to Palm Sunday, April 17. 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting to end abortion, from 6 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week. The event sponsored by Campaign Life Coalition and supported by KW and Cambridge Right to Life takes place in front of Freeport Hospital, the current abortion facility in the area. In a peaceful community witness to the sacredness of human life we join hundreds of thousands across N America where 3,599 babies have been spared. Call 518-746-5433.

March for Life

Annual March for Life Bus trip to Ottawa May 12. Seats are available from the RTL office 519-746-5433. Or sponsor a seat for a student or anyone needing bus fare. Seats are \$60. Last year nearly 12,500 people attended on the Hill in front of the parliament buildings seeking a law to protect the unborn. Over half were students.

Dessert & Coffee

June 2, The Club Willowells
40 Blue Springs Dr., Waterloo (street parking)
Sheila Matthews birthmother tells her wonderful story. An Annual Report AGM will be distributed for a brief discussion on the pro-life movement in this area. 6:30 p.m.

The ebbs and flows of morality Jane Richard President

Late last year Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty withdrew his controversial new sex-ed program for public and catholic schools because Ontario citizens did not want its graphic, permissive content. Fifty years of a values neutral society brought us the sexual revolution through contraception, a surge in STD's and marriage break up leading to abortion on demand including increased crimes against women and children. Much of it was embraced by main stream religions for the sake of following one's own conscience. The promised empowerment from the popular value system now seems like a disempowerment to many.

Living Values Education for Children and Young Adults and Alive to the World are alternative programs of personal, social and health education that focus on values rather than sexuality. The result of creating paths to virtue is very successful in other countries. It seems respect for love and life has once again found its niche in public thought and action. It would serve Canadian citizens well to adopt such programs in all school boards at all levels.

What are the Chances of Canada ever again Adopting a Law to Protect the Unborn? Will it be a result of instant transformation of hearts and minds through compassion and love as the new enlightenment suggests? Or will the road continue to be more arduous, and even decline as the days of protection for the safety of preborn babies slips further back into history.

This is what we know: There is abortion on demand at any stage of development in Canada. Abortion is funded by tax payers in most provinces. There is no regulatory law issuing informed consent for women seeking abortion. Late term abortions do occur

in some facilities. Such statistics must be purchased for about \$100 from Statistics Canada. They are not published along with regular statistics for obvious reasons. Statistics for all abortions are painfully inaccurate as most clinics and some hospitals do not report numbers and categories leaving the general public in the dark.

It is not surprising that in a country where there is no abortion law, there is no system of providing accurate statistics. Polls are left to give us some insight to the mind of the Canadian public, provided they are conducted with legitimacy. The following is from Alliance for Life Ontario—Polls consistently show that a large majority of Canadians (68%) are opposed to funding abortion on demand. Sixty-three percent favour legal protection for human life before birth, while 67% favour informed consent legislation on abortion. (Leger, Nov. 2003; also see Leger, Oct. 2002; Gallup, Dec. 2001; Baseline, July 2001) Leger is accepted as a reputable poll across all lines.

If protection for preborn life is to be won through funding or informed consent legislation then it can be facilitated faster if the pro-life movement is united in the push to educate politicians and the public with the help of church leaders and women's groups. KWRTL has encouraged this extensively over the past 10 years. Progress is slow; however, there are signs of change both inside and outside the pro-life movement. We continue to rely on the power of Divine Providence that we believe will fill in the gaps to remedy the situation in the near future. Respect for the true value of human life at all stages is waiting on all of us to heed the call. Please call us to learn about our endeavours and find out how you can help. 519-746-5433

Commentary on the strange prevailing legal and political situation in Canada pertaining to the unborn children as compared to wildlife animals.

Dr. Morgentaler, who has received our country's highest honour, the Order of Canada is once again in the spotlight promoting the culture of death. This time by getting the Human Rights Commission to fight the New Brunswick government over its refusal to pay for his abortion clinics. It's strange how much power one man can have over our society when one compares his lonely efforts to that of over 12,000 pro-life people who protested in front of Parliament in Ottawa last May over the lack of legal protection for the unborn in Canada.

We are the only "civilized" country with no abortion law but plenty of provincial and federal wildlife laws, which will even force a \$ 3.2 million fine against Syncrude Canada for killing 1,600 oil drenched ducks in a tailings pond at its northern Alberta oil sands mine. However, when 100,000 babies are killed yearly in Canada by dismemberment during abortions and students at Carlton University protest openly, the reaction is not a multimillion dollar fine against those "doctors" involved. It's public condemnation of their protest and a swift arrest by the Ottawa police.

Unfortunately, our legal and political indifference to human life teaches us that a wild duck deserves more dignity and respect than an unborn baby. However, the majority of Canadians know that is not right. It is now up to our elected leaders to look into the heart of the nation and assess her pain because our selfishness and apathy has led to widespread extermination of something far more important than our wildlife—our humanity.— Dr. Andrew Caruk is a pro-life, pro-family health professional in Kitchener. *



Membership Form

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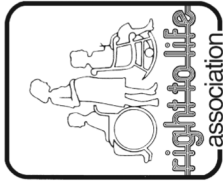
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Add your email address to our list for timely notices and events.

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Registration 10 a.m.

St. Michael's RC Church
240 Hemlock St. and University
Waterloo

The Walk 10:30 a.m.

K-W Walk for Life; Saturday, May 7, 2010

purpose: To further the aims of the Right To Life Association
by: promoting greater respect for all human life through
educational programs.

Details about the walker you are sponsoring

Name: Age: Address: City:

Phone: Signature: (of Parent, if under 14) Postal Code:

Note: Walkers between 10 and 14 years old must secure parent's signature. Children under the age 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

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Reminder: 1. Pledges are to be collected by the walker, preferably prior to the event.

2. Please provide complete names and address, **including Postal Code**, for Tax Receipts.

3. Income Tax Receipts will be issued at year end for donations of \$10.00 or more, if requested above

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32nd Annual

Walk for Life

Saturday, May 7

Registration begins at 10 a.m.

St. Michael's RC Church
240 Hemlock St. and
University Ave., Waterloo

WALK begins at 10:30 a.m. (4 2/3 K)

Start at St. Michael's RC Church,
go along University Ave. to King St.

Turn right on King St. through to
Waterloo Square, 75 King St.

Break

Return along King St. turn left on
University Ave. to St. Michael's

Enjoy pizza and dessert

Prizes for top 3 fundraisers

Every \$50 pledged receives
a chance for a \$150 gift
certificate from McPhails

(winners of 2 consecutive
years are not eligible for
3 years after last win)

Prizes — Draws

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