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Mark Your Calendar!

April

- 04 CLC National Conference
- 11 AFLO Reaching Minds Gala
- 14 Connon Nursery
Fundraiser begins
- 23 Halton Pro-Life AGM

May

- 08 March for Life (Ottawa)
- 31 Walk-for-Life & 40th
Anniversary Picnic
- TBD Pro-life 101

October

- 03 HPL Banquet
- 05 Life Chain
- 05 Respect Life Sunday

What's New at HPL?!

Many pro-life groups, including Halton Pro-life are celebrating 40 years of promoting life and taking a stand for the unborn. Our focus and mandate has always been to educate Halton on core life issues and promote a culture of life. This continues to be our central focus and goal as we launch into the next phase. We are so excited by new partnerships and program ideas. Our hope is that before another 40 years the fight to protect the lives of the unborn will already be won. In the meantime, we are increasing our reach in the community to let our message of life be heard in every home.

The pro-life movement has many facets. Our role is to educate and provide resources throughout the Halton community, whether it is teaching youth to make informed, positive decisions, guiding parents in how to communicate a positive life message and tackle tough topics in the home, or providing resources and information to support those in crisis. We are thankful for our pro-life partners who tackle so many other areas of the pro-life movement from providing immediate care and counselling to coordinating protests and lobbies to standing in the cold with truth telling signs. We all must do our part to change the way people view life and respect those young and old.

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Poetry Corner

Is This the Year?

Psalm 35:19-22

Is this the year when life again
By Law becomes protected?
Or has Death's culture so perverse
Earned through sin, disaffected,
The true reality of Death
Which leaves none unaffected,
The cost, when tallied up, the curse
Condemns those men elected.
Who do not exercise their will
Much worse, duty neglected
Turns a blind eye to those who kill,
Counter to what's expected.
Immoral rot affects the core,
Life's mores through sin infected,
Perpetuate! Justice's no more
Through Truth's standards
protected.
My Lord have you not seen all this?
Do not be far from me,
Awake, and rise to our defense,
Judge! So that men might see

A. Blokhuis

On Topic

Babies, not Cancer

RU-486, the abortion pill, is a hot topic these days as we await the decision of Health Canada to allow the drug in Canada and pro-life lobby groups petition against it. RU-486 is a chemical called Mifepristone used in combination with Misoprostol to cause an abortion. Mifepristone blocks the production of progesterone, a hormone which aides and maintains a pregnancy by preparing the uterus for implantation. Without it, a pregnancy cannot continue and an abortion is achieved. Then Misoprostol, a synthetic prostaglandin, causes induced contractions to expel the dead fetus. Currently RU-486 is widely available in the US and other countries around the world. In Canada it is only approved to treat certain cancers, including breast cancer, Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and leukemia, and at lower doses, for the treatment of severe psoriasis and rheumatoid arthritis.

The abortion pill is recommended up to nine weeks and promoted by advocates as a 'do it yourself', convenient, more accessible abortion service, especially for women in rural areas where clinics and hospitals are less accessible. This is actually a reason not to use it. What they fail to point out is the significant complications that arise from taking the drugs and the increased risk for women who have poor access to emergency care.

While RU-486 may be convenient it is not easy or safe and women deserve to know what they may face if it is allowed in Canada and they choose to use it. *RU-486: Misconceptions, Myths and Morals* is a book by Renate Klein, Janice Raymond and Lynette Dumble that gives voice to women who have experience the drug. One woman stated, "I was in excruciating physical pain for at least 12 hours straight and I was bleeding through my pants, but I was in so much pain I couldn't even clean myself," she continued, "I vomited continuously ... I couldn't speak, eat, drink, sit up, and had difficulty breathing ... I thought I was going to die ..." This is the sort of scenario that advocates of RU-486 believe is okay to experience alone and unsupervised.

Planned Parenthood lists these types of experiences as "rare but possible". They describe a medical abortion as "safe and effective" on their website, stating, "The risk of death from medication abortion is much less than from a full-term pregnancy or childbirth." Unfortunately this is not the case for the unborn child and suggests giving life to your offspring is far more fatal. Furthermore, we know, according to the US Food and Drug Administration that at least 14 US deaths and seven deaths elsewhere, have occurred following the use of RU-486. On average only one in 10 adverse events are reported, the FDA has recorded 2207 adverse events for RU-486, including 612 hospitalisations, 58 ectopic pregnancies, 339 women who experienced blood loss requiring transfusions and 256 infections, 48 of which were "severe". The Therapeutic Goods Administration has been informed of 132 cases of ongoing pregnancy requiring surgical abortion, 23 cases of haemorrhage requiring blood transfusion and 599 cases of incomplete abortion requiring surgery. Therefore, approximately 1 in 30 women will need a second termination procedure.

Appropriately, Campaign Life Coalition has themed this year's March for Life, RU-4LIFE? and will draw great attention to this issue in Ottawa on May 8-9 (see details on page 4). With continued petition our hope is that Health Minister Rona Ambrose will reject the application to make RU-486 available in Canada. In the meantime, we continue to educate Halton community on this issue and inform our high school students with booths like the one pictured on the left.



The Student Connection

Revolution

More black children are aborted than born in New York City.

This frightening fact was amongst many revealed to us by Ryan Bomberger, speaker at the annual Culture of Life Conference. On Thursday, February 13th, pro-life students from all across the Diocese travelled to the Nicholas Mancini Centre. The theme of the conference was The Social Injustice of Abortion and special attention was paid to the option of adoption as Ryan Bomberger himself was conceived through rape but adopted into a multi-racial family that grew to the size of fifteen. Ryan Bomberger, being black himself, pays special attention to the fact that black children are aborted at a much higher rate than children of other ethnicities in the United States. He hopes to change this by encouraging black men to be there for their partners: fatherhood begins in the womb. He is the co-founder of the Radiance Foundation, an organization that launches pro-life ad campaigns and encourages each individual to "embrace their intrinsic value and live a life of meaning."

He led two sessions entitled "Adopted and Loved" and "No Revolution without U." The latter session proffered the "how." How do we live a life of meaning? We become part of a movement that matters. Every movement throughout history was comprised of individuals willing to stand up for what they believe in. A revolution requires you. After listening to Ryan Bomberger's inspiring presentation, students had lunch and then got together in groups to share ideas about how to better raise awareness about this social justice issue in their respective schools. The day finished off with a mass by Bishop Miehms at the magnificent Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Students went home educated and excited for the upcoming March for Life!

Josie Luetke



Jazzing it up!

The Jazz Soirée & Dance was a wonderful event in support of sending our Halton pro-life high school students to this year's March for Life in Ottawa. It was great to see so much support from the community. Not only was the fundraiser a success in reducing the cost for students to attend the march but it was great to gather with pro-life friends and family to enjoy an evening of music and refreshments. The Jazz Project played several sets of talented music that brought us all to our feet! The Culture of Life Committee, community volunteers and students all came together to provide excellent appetizers and some delicious homemade desserts!



The March for Life is a yearly event where pro-lifers gather from all over the nation to assemble on Parliament Hill and proclaim to our nation and government that the unborn deserve to be valued and protected as part of the human family. Last year approximately 25,000 people marched through the streets of Ottawa to demand protection of the unborn.

Many do not realize that Canada has NO laws to protect the unborn, our most vulnerable demographic. We are the only western nation void of any laws restricting abortion whatsoever. Since 1969, over 4million babies have been killed by abortion in Canada. That is 100,000 each year, approximately 1,400 in Halton region. If you haven't attended the March for Life before, we encourage you to come out this year. It is an inspiring event with great speakers and an important reminder that we are not alone in our fight to love and protect the unborn.



Halton Pro-Life WALK FOR LIFE & 40th Anniversary Picnic



Join us in celebrating 40 years of promoting a culture of life and providing a network of support in Halton Region. Show your support by gathering sponsors for the walk followed by a free BBQ and family fun!

SATURDAY MAY 31ST 2014

LOCATION: Burlington Christian Fellowship
2054 Mountainside Dr. Burlington

WALK @ 9:30 PICNIC @ 12:00

Register & print a pledge form online today!

- Bake Sale**
- BBQ**
- Bouncy Castle**
- GAMES**
- Prizes**
- "Like" us on Facebook & join the event!**



Will YOU be there?

ATTENTION: ALL MEMBERS!

Halton Pro-Life's Annual General Meeting is...

Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014
7:30pm

@ St. Gabriel's Parish
2261 Parkway Dr, Burlington



Teresa Hartnett
Director of Family Ministries
at Diocese of Hamilton

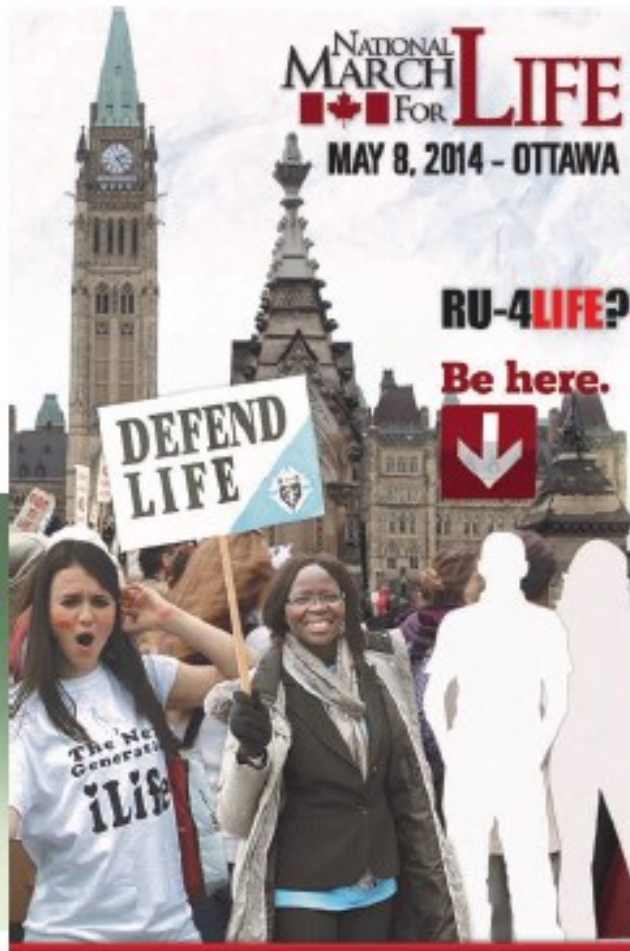


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NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE
MAY 8, 2014 - OTTAWA



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Need a ride? Contact HPL for information on community buses going to Ottawa!