

Welland-Port Colborne Pro-Life

LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION!



Life Vines

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Illegal abortion widely used by some UK ethnic groups resulted in almost 5000 fewer female babies in 2011 !!

The lost girls: 'If you have a girl, you feel you've let your husband down'



Rupi remembers her second pregnancy with tearful dread. Having given birth to a girl two years before, she had expected the further love and support of her husband and his family.

Instead, she came under extraordinary pressure to have an abortion. The 29-year-old British Indian, who has asked The Independent not to reveal her real name, found out during a private scan that the child she was expecting was a girl.

It was at this point that congratulations turned to consternation and the hints began that "it could be taken care of". She told The Independent: "It was a completely traumatic time. I had this child growing inside, a beautiful thing. But my family weren't happy, they wanted me to have a son. My husband's family were not wealthy and a son is so cherished.



"I'll never forget. My mother-in-law sat me down one evening and said I should think about making the pregnancy go away, that it could be taken care of. It was clear what she meant. When I told my husband what she had said, he said it was something we could consider. I was shocked. I felt as if my baby had become dirty, shameful." After seeking the help of a community group near her home in Slough, Rupi, who comes from a Sikh family, persuaded her family that she should keep her daughter, now a bouncing three-year-old girl. But she has no plans for further children. Other outcomes are not so happy. In communities of different faiths and ethnicities across Britain, there is evidence that women are seeking abortions both in the United Kingdom and abroad on the sole basis that their unborn child is a girl. Read more: <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/the-lost-girls-if-you-have-a-girl-you-feel-youve-let-your-husband-down-9059570.html>



AGM

Our Annual General Meeting and Dinner Dance takes place on May 10, 2014 St. Anthony's Hall on the River Road, Welland. Our Guest Speaker is Mrs. Linda Gibbons. See our web site www.wpcprolife.com for more details or call the office for tickets - Telephone: 905-714-0547

Walk - A - Thon - Saturday June 7, 2014

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WWW.WPCPROLIFE.COM

Welland-Port Colborne Pro-Life Association is an educational group. Our primary purpose is to educate our local

Community about pro-life issues from conception to natural death. We also provide a pro-life presence in the community, and, when required, provide support to women in crisis pregnancies.

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President's Address



Dear Fellow Pro-Lifers,

Didn't we once not long ago have a population explosion? I didn't believe it then and still don't today especially after reading articles like the one on the front page of this newsletter. We have strayed so far from truth and righteousness that it makes you feel like Faye Sonier (page 2 of this newsletter). We have to get inspiration from Mother Theresa and people like Linda Gibbons, Jim Hughes, Alex Schadenberg and their teams and pray to the Lord for courage to fight this evil. Thank you - to you members who support them in prayer and monetary donations to continue the courageous fight against this senseless destruction of human life. Linda Gibbons will be our guest speaker in May at our AGM, and I hope that you will come out and not just listen to her, but carry her message with you and act on it.

God bless you all. **Muriel Dyson**

**Alliance for Life Ontario working for you
in 2013 and 2014**



Reaching Minds "All the Time" Through Media campaign

This campaign is in getting ready for its 7th campaign. A gala dinner with Bishop Crosby as Honorary Chairman is planned for

April 11th 2014 at Carmen's in Hamilton. (visit our web site www.allianceforlife.org for more details)

2014 Events - Currently, we have plans in 2014 connected with our many committees:

i) Café Clinique on Adverse Prenatal Diagnosis, ii) Workshop for churches and the public on adverse prenatal diagnosis, iii) Conference on Men and Abortion, iv) Presentations Thunder Bay Conference v) Annual general Meeting at the National Conference in Toronto in April

In 2013 the AFLO office has produced : a) Catch the WAVE Manual, b) A Right to Know Clinics on abortion, c) Canada Wide Compilation of abortion statistics, d) The Right to Live, e) Hope In Turmoil Manual for The Annie Committee (updated original work of Bernadette Zambri), f) Fertility in Ontario (not complete), g) HPV Presentation

It is difficult to include every single step taken by AFLO but we maintain the following web sites, through which you can follow our progress. Thank you.

www.allianceforlife.org

www.personhood.ca

www.wewantthedebate.ca

Pro-Life Work is Making Me Sick

Monday, January 13, 2014 at 10:53AM

By Faye Sonier



Faye Sonier

I've been a pro-life activist for six years. One of my primary files as a lawyer for The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada is the "Life" file. Daily, I study issues like euthanasia, assisted suicide, reproductive technologies and abortion. I'm currently working on an abortion-related project that the EFC is preparing to release. This means that for the last four days I've worked on nothing else. I've been reading and writing about abortion non-stop. I'll continue to do so for the next few weeks until we release the report.

Only four days into this project, I'm already struggling with waves of nausea and deep sadness. This is partly because the abortion topic is a hard one to focus on exclusively. We're talking about the dismemberment and killing of unborn children. We're talking about the damage abortion inflicts on mothers, fathers, families, and communities. The damage for individuals may be psychological, emotional and physical but many fail to consider it is also reflected in demographic, cultural and economic realities of our society. Anytime spent studying this issue is like taking a class entitled "Culture of Death 101." It's not a happy topic. (Continued on page 3)



From the desk of the EPC



The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) won a tremendous victory today (February 3, 2014) in the Bentley case. The Bentley case sought to define oral feeding as health care in order to withdraw feeding from Margaret Bentley. EPC intervened in the Bentley case. We argued that oral feeding does not constitute health care, but rather basic care and withdrawing it constituted neglect under the law. Read more: <http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2014/02/bc-court-decision-in-bentley-feeding.html>



People with disabilities and chronic illnesses and seniors are the people most directly affected by assisted suicide, euthanasia, and other practices of the end of life.

Amy Hasbrouck, the leader of Tourjours Vivant - Not Dead Yet (TVNDY), is legally blind.

On October 18, the Supreme Court upheld the unanimous decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal requiring doctors to obtain consent from patients or substitute decision-makers before withdrawing life-sustaining treatment where such a decision is anticipated to result in the death of the patient. Hassan Rasouli, who was at the centre of the Supreme Court of Canada decision determining that doctors must obtain consent before withdrawing life-sustaining medical treatment, will likely be moved from Sunnybrook hospital to a care facility. Read more: <http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2014/01/hassan-rasouli-to-be-transferred-out-of.html>

Québec's euthanasia Bill 52 is Lethal !

Bill 52 cannot be controlled. Bill 52 requires a doctor notify the Commission on end of life care within 10 days of lethally injecting a person. Doctors in other jurisdictions who abuse the euthanasia law do not report their own abuse. A 2010 Netherlands study found that 23% of all assisted deaths were not reported and a recent study from Belgium found that doctors do not report assisted deaths that are done outside of the law.

Read more: <http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2013/12/quebecs-bill-52-is-not-safe.html>



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The other reality is that I'm six months pregnant. My son, Jack, seems intent to dance his way to the ninth month, whether that's in his waking prenatal hours or in his sleep. The boy is kicking and stretching incessantly. So while my laptop is propped up on a pillow just past my ever-growing belly, as I read about abortion procedures, Jack might kick enough to knock aside a page that is resting on my stomach. While I read pro-choice arguments that ring increasingly hollow, about choice or bodily rights, Jack is making my sweater ripple and bunch with his activity. And this makes me feel sick, this reading about the killing and the rhetoric in defence of killing children just like my Jack. Other pro-lifers have confessed to me that sometimes, to cope, they have to mentally and emotionally move to a 30,000 foot view of the abortion issue. They need to think about the "issue" without thinking about one or every single life destroyed. I fully understand how it would be crippling to function, much less engage, otherwise. I've been there too. Some days, as horrible as it sounds, I can't bear to think about each life lost. On those days, I can handle a statistic, but I can't handle the Susies, or Ellas, or Matteos, or Jacks who didn't make it through the day because an abortionist and mother decided that today would be that child's last. Right now, I cannot separate myself from the individual lives that are being lost on an hourly basis. I can't because I have one life that is making itself known all too loud and clear. His movements echo those of the little ones who will move no more before the end of the abortion clinic's business day. Today, like yesterday and the day before, about 275 children will die in Canada from abortion. So I cry. I put down my journal articles and email a few of my colleagues and let them know I'm struggling. They call and we share. I try to get perspective. I cling to hope that lives are being saved because of the work the pro-life community is doing. That this work we do makes a difference. That hearts are being changed. That maybe today a life will be spared. But it also spurs me on to pray for the children and women who are victims of abortion and for my colleagues who spend their lives sharing a message of life. It makes me recommit to this cause on a nearly minute-by-minute basis. My struggle is minute compared with that of the children who are fighting for their lives, angling their little bodies away from the abortionist's instruments. It is small compared to that of the women and communities who are left to pick up the pieces once the procedure is over. Abortion leaves loss, destruction and suffering in its wake. And today, it leaves me feeling sick and my heart that much more broken over the little lives lost than it ever has before. And, for this activist, that's probably a good thing.