

Voices4Life

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There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me

For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me

From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand

Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Lines taken from
"In Christ Alone"
songwriters Keith
Getty & Stuart
Townend (2002)

*Kamloops Pro-Life Society invites you
to its 3rd annual...*

Gala Dinner Non-Event

*This event will NOT take place on Sat. May 1, 2022
Dinner will NOT be served at 6:30 pm
No program will be held at 8 pm
No need to buy tickets (\$40 each)
No babysitting expense (\$40)
No need to buy auction items (\$100)*

We want to thank you for your support of our last two Gala Dinner Non-Events. Our 2022 budget is set at over \$35,000. Would you be able to donate what you would normally spend on our dinner and silent auction? All donations \$10 and up will be eligible for a tax receipt. We appreciate your continued support as we endeavour to do the work that you expect of us and to which God has called us.

Please mail donations to:

Kamloops Pro-Life Society
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Or to donate electronically, you can send an e-transfer by adding Kamloops Pro-Life Society to your list of payees as **kamloopsprolife@gmail.com**

Please type your address in the memo portion.

We hope to invite you to a Real Event with Real Food next year!!!

AGM

Kamloops Pro Life Society Annual General Meeting 2022

Wednesday May 25th at 7:00 pm
OLPH Parish Centre

~bring your ideas to share~
~refreshments to follow~

If you wish voting privileges, please ensure that you have paid your membership dues by April 25th. See the attached membership form on page 4.



KPLS Membership Drive 2022

Please join the Kamloops Pro Life Society this year! Taking out a membership does not require you to become active in the cause (although you certainly can, if you wish). It amplifies our voice in support of the most vulnerable members of our society. You can find our membership form on the back of this newsletter.

Thank you for your support!

President's Report

These are dark days in our world. The devastation of Ukraine is drawing us to our knees and calling us to help from afar. Our hearts should be heavy with the suffering of our 'brothers and sisters.' Many western countries are rightly condemning Russia.

But, as the saying goes, when the accusatory finger points, three other fingers are directed back towards the accuser. In Canada along with all the other nations who cite Russia's dreadful aggression, the unnoticed fingers pointing back at us speak of nearly fifty years of unseen dismemberment, bloodshed and deliberate death within the womb. Oddy enough, Russia now has reduced its abortion rate to one quarter the number performed in the year 2000.

In the midst of the horror of the present conflict, let us remorsefully remember the international war that is relentlessly waged on the unborn and now on the frail and elderly. May we weep and confess the sins of our country and refuse to be silent. As we approach Easter in this penitential season, may our hearts be renewed to speak the truth.

Blessings,
Garry Howell, President

**The following excerpt is the conclusion of an article entitled *My Sister Bella* by Elizabeth Marcolini, whose sister was born with a rare and in most cases prenatally fatal disorder, Trisomy 18. The author lovingly describes her journey to acceptance of her little sister with complete and unconditional love. Elizabeth's desire is that Bella's story will "witness to the transforming love that these special children bring into a world that so desperately needs to experience the self-giving love the Father has for His children."



The moment I knew I loved Matt occurred in my parents' kitchen. Matt and I were watching Bella and making dinner for my family. We were playing music and enjoying the time together. I left briefly to get an ingredient from the downstairs freezer. When I came back, I heard him talking to her. He didn't know I was there. He said, "Bella, can I have this dance?" Then I heard her laughing, her delightful, twirling laugh. I peeked into the kitchen and saw him holding her hands and spinning her around in her chair. She was over the moon with joy. As I watched, with tears in my eyes, I knew then that he loved her so very much. His love for her, my beautiful, precious, and vulnerable little sister, made me know that I could walk with this man through all sorts of things in life. That is the sort of man I wanted to marry!

-Elizabeth

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Hot Potato in the Oven by Chris Lindsay

When a woman
is pregnant
people say
she has a baby
in the oven.
Abortion is a hot potato
many people
don't want to
talk about.

Please pray
every little
sweet potato
will make it
safely out
of their mother's womb
and not be burnt
to a crisp
by the deadly power
of abortion.

This poem is found in a booklet entitled 'Hot Potato in the Oven: Essays Concerning Abortion', by Chris Lindsay, copyright 2000, published by New Name Press. Since we cannot locate Chris' contact information, we are taking the liberty of reprinting this thought-provoking poem without authorization. Those of you who have been in the Pro-life movement since before the 21st century may remember Chris Lindsay's energetic prolife activism in the Kamloops area.

Study Shows Negative Impact of MAID on Palliative Care in Canada

Published by The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Dying Well (UK) on Nov 3, 2021;
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A study conducted by a group of physicians in Canada reveals the detrimental impact that the legalization of assisted dying has on palliative care. In their 2020 qualitative study, "Impact of Medical Assistance in Dying on palliative care" ([2021]. Palliative Medicine, 35[2], 447-454), Matthews and Colleagues interviewed palliative care physicians and nurses who practiced in healthcare settings where patients could access Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) in Southern Ontario. Their findings conclude the negative impact that MAID has on palliative care in Canada:

1. All clinicians spoke about a conflict between maintaining MAID eligibility and effective symptom control. Clinicians felt they must withhold symptom control medications that could cause sedation or confusion and therefore jeopardize MAID eligibility, even if the medication could significantly alleviate their patient's pain. This difficulty in providing optimal symptoms management created by the MAID legislation resulted in increased providers and patients' distress.
2. Many clinicians described the prevalence of ethical and moral dilemmas regarding the appropriateness of certain discussions regarding MAID with their patients, such as introducing MAID to patients who did not initiate these requests. Clinicians were concerned that introducing the topic might be misinterpreted as an invitation to request for it and may add to the burden of vulnerable patients and erode families' trust. Participants also described challenging conversations around supporting patients and resolving tension with families around MAID.
3. MAID has a significant emotional and personal impact on palliative care providers. Many of the clinicians described a large emotional toll created by exposure to it.
4. MAID changes the patient-palliative care provider relationship. The clinicians described how patients thought that palliative care included assisted death, which complicated their relationships with these patients. Further, clinicians with moral or religious objections to MAID described substantial challenges with building trust with patients pursuing assisted death.
5. The clinicians felt that the providing of assisted suicide led to more palliative care resources being dedicated to assisted deaths that would have otherwise been allocated to palliative care.

This study should serve as a warning to the UK as Parliament debates the legalization of assisted suicide. If Canada serves as any example, the implementation of assisted suicide will have a profound negative impact on palliative care.



Stop Euthanasia

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May be Your Own!**

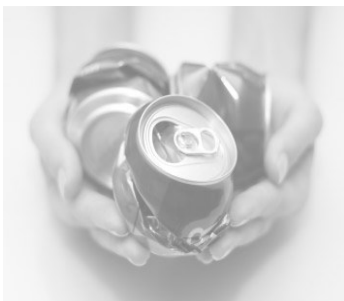
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- * 1395C Battle St.
- * 611 Fortune Dr

...and inform them that you wish to donate the proceeds to Kamloops Pro-life Society. We are registered at these two locations. It's just that Simple!



Compassionate Community Care

Advice, help, and support regarding euthanasia, assisted suicide, and/or end-of-life treatment issues.

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1-855-675-8749

If you or someone you know is facing problems with receiving positive chronic-illness care or positive end-of-life care or is contemplating euthanasia, please call Compassionate Community Care for life-affirming assistance.

Save Your Slips

Collect your Independent Grocers slips (from family and friends as well) and deliver them to 331 Maple St., bagged, and slid through the mail slot, or to OLPH Church. It's a fantastic and very much appreciated way to help us pay our bills!

The Great Little Coupon Book

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St. Joseph's 256 Nicola
Ph. 778-471-6100

Want to be more involved?

Do you have some spare hours?

We are seeking new board members to be elected at our AGM in May. Meetings are monthly; further commitments are as your time permits.

Looking for Pro-life books, gifts, and resources?

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~ IN LOVING MEMORY ~ If you are asked to make a donation to your favourite charity in lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the Kamloops Pro Life Society. Also, you may wish to remember our organization in your will. Your support is a great blessing to us!

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Yes!

I WANT TO HELP. You can count on me to support and protect the sanctity of life!

- I would like a Single Membership. Enclosed is\$10.00
- I would like a Senior Membership. Enclosed is\$ 5.00
- I would like a Family Membership. Enclosed is\$15.00
- I want to support the Advertizing Campaign. Enclosed is my gift of\$
- Enclosed find a one-time donation in the amount of\$
- Enclosed are _____ post-dated cheques in the amount of\$
- Please contact me regarding a pre-authorized debit plan.

Please make all cheques payable to Kamloops Pro-Life Society.

- Please send a tax deductible receipt to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please note: a Senior Membership is for those aged 60 and above