

Voices4Life

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"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live." Deuteronomy 30:19

LIFE CHAIN

~ 2-3pm Sunday, October 2, 2022 ~

Life Chain is a peaceful witness of pro-Life Canadians standing for one hour praying for our country, for an end to abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide. It is a visual statement of solidarity in support of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Kamloops has been participating in Life Chain for more than 25 years!

We can make a difference TOGETHER!

- Stand in prayer with thousands of pro-lifers throughout North America
- Bring your family and friends—rain or shine
- Hold your choice of sign
- For best impact, stand 10 feet apart (except for family units); face sign toward oncoming traffic

Depots: Sacred Heart Cathedral 255 Nicola St.
First Baptist Church 454 Columbia St.

Venue: both sides of Columbia St., between 3rd & 5th Aves

Pro Woman
Pro Life

Adoption
Saves
Lives

Abortion
Hurts

40 Days—Choose Life

40 DAYS—Choose Life is a quiet, prayerful vigil for the healing of our land.

Daily Vigils from Sept 28-Nov 6 from 9:30-11:00 am

Pre-Vigil Evening on Sept 27, 7pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 3rd and Nicola.

Mission: To gather together the Christian community in prayer, to ask God for the healing of our land from the culture of death, and to witness to all that we need to return to a culture of life.

Biblical Foundation: Deuteronomy 30:19: "*Now choose life so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God.*" God uses 40-day periods to transform His people - from Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's Resurrection.

Available: Signs to hold, prayer, and meditation sheets to guide.

Directions: Stand/sit at least 6 feet apart (except for family units)



Euthanasia Provided in Local Hospice

On May 6th we attended a very informative and prayerful '12 Hours for Palliative Care' session sponsored by the CWLs. We very surprisingly learned via the hospice presenter that our local Marjorie Willoughby Snowden Memorial Hospice (Kamloops Hospice Association) now facilitates euthanasia by bringing in a 'team' to terminate lives on their premises. This greatly saddens us as they previously focused on an excellent ministry of very positive palliative treatment providing the best of physical, emotional, social, and spiritual care.

Our purpose in letting you know this is that some of you may wish to modify your choices for future care and support.

At this event we also heard RN Karen Peterson, who spoke about a home-care palliative option offered by Interior Health, where patients can remain in their familiar environment and be assisted by visiting professionals who also advise the primary care-givers (family, friends, aides). This presents us with another option.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made by Chris Kempling

The recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn the 1973 Roe vs. Wade ruling — which ended the constitutional right to an abortion, giving individual states the power to again ban abortions — has made this contentious issue the focus of huge protests and divisive debate.

Pro-choice advocates are incensed, while pro-life campaigners are elated.

In Canada, abortion was completely illegal from 1869 to 1969, with limited therapeutic abortions being permitted when the law was changed in 1969.

Dr. Henry Morgenthaler challenged that law and, in 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the 1969 law as being too restrictive.

In their ruling, the justices did not forbid the government from enacting laws limiting abortion by gestation limits or by gender, as is common in virtually every liberal democracy in the world.

For example, in Germany, Switzerland and Denmark, on-demand abortion is permitted up to 12 weeks of gestation, while in France and Spain, it is 14 weeks.

One wonders why French and Danish babies in the womb can be protected, but Canadian babies cannot.

Even Morgenthaler thought late-term abortions were unethical, but they are completely legal in this country.

Pro-life advocates are often Christians. So why is it that members of this religion are against abortion?

Christianity arose, of course, out of Judaism and the Jews were strictly forbidden to follow the practices of the pagan Canaanites. The Canaanites were infamous for sacrificing babies to their god Moloch. Moreover, the infant Moses was saved from Pharaoh's edict that all newborn Jewish males be killed.

Ancient Greeks and Romans practiced "exposure" for unwanted or deformed newborns, often leaving them in garbage dumps or dunghills. Early Christians had a well documented reputation for rescuing these abandoned infants and this practice continued well into the Middle Ages.

The Emperor Constantine (who made Christianity the state religion) outlawed the practice of infant abandonment in 339 A.D.

Abortion is not specifically referenced in the Bible, but there are numerous verses that affirm the personhood and humanity of the unborn.

In the Book of Exodus, Mosaic law stated that someone who struck a pregnant woman, causing a miscarriage, could forfeit his life if the fetus was fully formed ("you are to take life for life").

In the Book of Jeremiah, the Lord says to the prophet, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."

Christians have taken this to mean our soul pre-exists our physical selves and that "ensoulment" occurs at conception. Therefore, is it considered a great moral evil to wilfully destroy a life created by God. The Sixth Commandment, "Thou shall not kill", pretty much covers it.

The Didache, also known as The Lord's Teaching Through the Twelve Apostles to the Nations, is considered the oldest catechism of the church, which most believe was written in the late first century. Its teaching on abortion is explicit: "Thou shall not murder a child by abortion nor kill that which is begotten."

The Epistle of Barnabas, another first century Christian writing, echoes the Didache: "Thou shall not slay the child by procuring abortion; nor, again, shalt thou destroy it after it is born."

Tertullian referenced abortion in three of his extensive writings. In Apologeticum, he writes, "Murder being once for all forbidden, we [Christians] may not destroy even the fetus in the womb." He specifically mentions that noxious drugs used to induce a miscarriage are forbidden (the morning-after pill and mifepristone concoctions of the day).

Every Christian writer in the first 300 years of the church condemned the practice of abortion. These ideas have been incorporated into the Catechism of the Catholic Church which states, "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the

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moment of conception.

From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person — among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”

The “rights of a person” is the right that allows a surgeon to operate on the fetus in the womb to correct an identified defect. Prenatal surgery has been performed successfully since 1981 and is a growing, but highly specialized field of perinatal health care.

Who is the primary patient in these cases? Clearly, it is the unborn infant, who, in this country, has no legal status whatsoever.

We are precious to the Lord from the moment of conception.

Psalms 139 says, “For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”

We are all created in the image of God and no one should have the right to wilfully destroy what God has created.

(Reprinted with the kind permission of Chris Kempling who regularly contributes articles to the Faith page of Kamloops This Week.)

President’s Report

It's impossible to write a message without acknowledging the triumph of the June 24th defeat of Roe vs Wade—the victory of 'Life over Law,' as one of our supporters phrased it. For this miracle, we thank God and double our prayers for a pro-life breakthrough in our own country.

In May our AGM was held, re-electing all incumbents, plus bringing to our board Miguel Romaro, whom we heartily welcome and who has readily taken on an active role. Thank-you, Miguel, for your sacrificial offering. I also recognize the faithfulness and active commitment of our tried-and-true directors: Lise-Anne Dore and Shauna Desmarais as co-vice-presidents, Anita Sehn as secretary, Judy Robinson as treasurer, Marcella Mayhew and Tonia Howell.

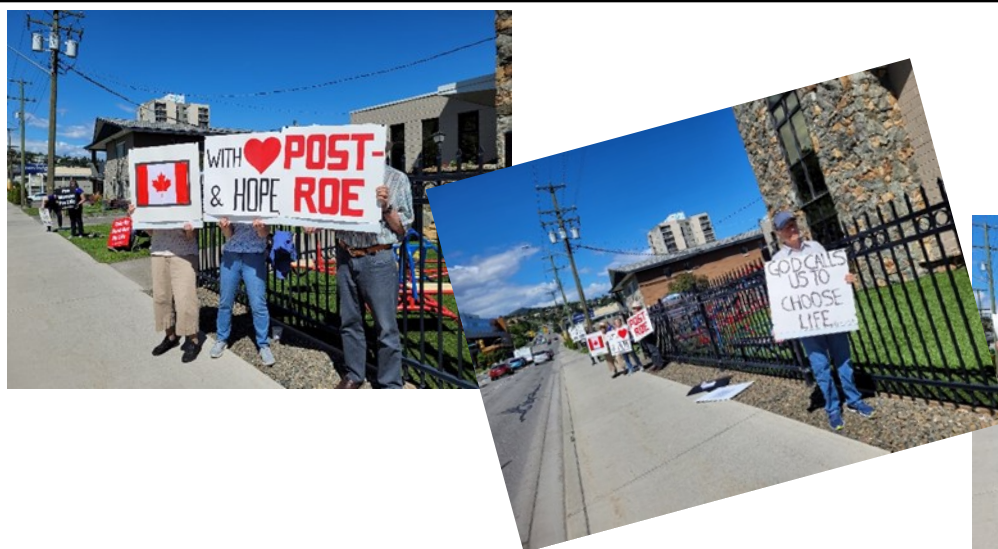
Very sadly, our long-term board member Marj Milman passed away earlier this spring. We give a tribute to her enthusiastic support of office endeavours, newsletter processing, and much more. May her soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Thank-you to all of you who, throughout the covid time, bravely showed up for vigils, LifeChains, and flag-display assistance. We have also appreciated your replies to our requests, your thank-yous, your commitments to prayer, your notes of reassurance, and your blessing of amazing financial support. These are what give us the uplift to carry on.

Looking ahead, we hope for a new TV ad which will continue to focus on respect for all ages and stages of human life. Also, our plan is to resume our fundraising dinners in the spring of 2023. It is also important for us to reach out to the younger generations through our churches with the desire to inform, inspire, and engage them in taking up the torch for life. In your churches, please encourage your youth to do just that.

In anticipation of seeing you all at LifeChain,
Blessings,

Garry Howell, President



Post-Roe Vs. Wade Vigil



Don't Let This Slip By! Please keep those Independent grocery slips coming! It is a simple but very meaningful way to show your support for our endeavours. Thank you to those who continue to help in this way! Place slips in an envelope and slide through mailbox at 331 Maple St or drop off at OLPH Church.

You Decide...

We appreciate your positive responses to our newsletters and hope that you will continue to find them informative. However, if you no longer wish to receive them, or to be phoned re: our events, please kindly let us know at the office. Call 250-376-4054 or email us at kamloopsprolife@gmail.com.

A person's a person, no matter how small.



A person's a person, no matter what side of the uterine wall.

A Case For Clarity

There has been much debate regarding the use of "hard-core" signs (such as "Abortion Kills Children") at Life Chains. Now that almost all attendees choose the newer, more positive signs, a dilemma has arisen - some members of the public no longer know what we actually stand for! We have had pedestrians ask what statement we are making. Some years ago, one passer-by commended us for speaking out in favour of better pedestrian safety (possibly taking her cue from our sign "Take My Hand, Not My Life"). Does this suggest that we need to display at least a few of the original signs in order to leave no misconceptions in the minds of the viewers?

Submitted by Tonia Howell, Director

In addition to acknowledging Dr. Seuss as the author of the first half of the saying (above), the wording underneath the graphic has been respectfully composed by the lead creator (in the Dobbs case which overturned Roe vs Wade) of the Justice Foundation brief, Allied Attorney Mary Browning, quoting the famous children's author of 'Horton Hears a Who' and expanding on his theme.

Have you changed your phone#? Email? Mailing address? We want to keep you informed, so please keep us informed. Thank you!

A Good Teaching Tool... We have Baby Steps videos (showing pre-natal life using the latest technology) to offer for a small donation. Call the office for more Information at 250-376-4054.

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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