

# Voices4Life

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“Euthanasia and assisted suicide are a defeat for all. We are called never to abandon those who are suffering, never giving up but caring and loving to restore hope.” —Pope Francis

## LIFE CHAIN

~ 2-3pm Sunday, October 1, 2023 ~

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!

This year we would like to emphasize our commitment to PRAYER to demonstrate our sincerity before God.

### 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 27-Nov 5 from 9:30-11:00 am

**Pre-Vigil Evening** on Sept 26, 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 as well as prayer and meditation sheets to guide.

**Directions:** There will be opportunities for supporting other pro-life charities throughout the 40 days.



## New Board Members

This past AGM in February, we were pleased to have 3 new directors nominated and voted in to join our board. We welcome them as unique and gifted additions to our team! Following are their answers to our question:

*'Why are you willing to serve on our pro-life board?'*

### Teresa Shayler ~

Here are the reasons why I joined pro-life: I have personally experienced the pain. And it still haunts me to this day. I also know other women that have gone through this. I am so very grateful God has called me to get on board and commit to use my God-given voice to help activate the necessary communication that tells people abortion and euthanasia are wrong in every way! This is what I learned from the pain of abortion: it's been a very long grieving process and I finally learned to forgive myself because I turned my eyes to Jesus and He forgives me, so I forgive myself for giving in to the pressure that was placed on me by my mother and doctor to abort my baby. I pray that people will stop putting pressure on women to have abortions. I pray forgiveness to those who have pressured women to the point where they see no other choice, because ADOPTION is always the BETTER choice, instead of abortion. To this day, I still don't know why my Mom insisted that I abort my baby, her grandchild. But at the time, I was feeling so vulnerable and really seeking my Mom's approval and just wanting her to like me even just a little bit. So I did what I was pressured to do. When I woke up, never have I felt more empty and alone than I did that day. I thank God for His forgiveness and understanding because every morning His mercies are new and His compassion fails not. The lesson that I learned from the pain of abortion is that I will not worry about gaining anyone's approval, except for the approval from my Heavenly Father who loves me unconditionally, just as I am.

### Maureen Lefebvre, a returning board member ~

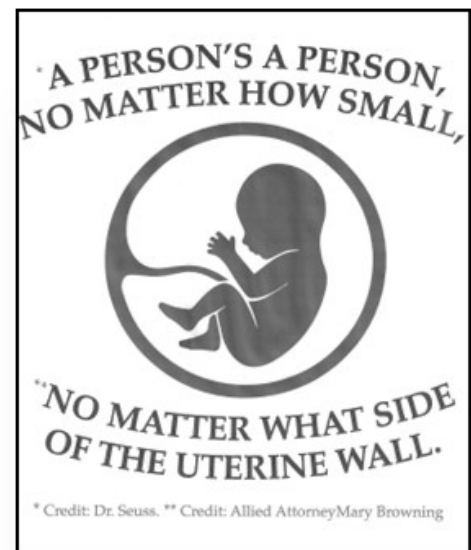
My name is Maureen Lefebvre. I have lived most of my life in Kamloops and have been prolife for almost 40 years. When I became a Christian in 1985 I wanted to "do" Christianity properly. It seemed that many Christians I saw had a cause they worked at. Since I had several committed prolife friends, that's where I began volunteering. Working in the office, as I read the stories I was filing, my heart was broken for the defenseless unborn. I have been committed to the injustice ever since. My activism has included signing petitions, writing letters, picketing doctors offices, barricading abortion clinics, Life Chain, prayer, and board membership of Kamloops Prolife Society. Respect for life in Canada has only gotten worse since I began. How we get the message out must change to reach a post-Christian generation. I would like to be a part of that.

### Shirley Bosman, a returning board member ~

Hello! I have decided to join the ProLife Board of Directors because I have always believed in the sanctity of life. I believe that all of life is precious, irreplaceable, and each life has been designed uniquely by our God and Creator for His glory! I also believe that no one has the right to decide which life is worthy and which is not worthy of life. I am impressed by the individual diversity this board includes. All believe in the intrinsic value of life from conception to natural death. I am honoured to be welcomed as board member of the Kamloops Pro Life Society.

## Bus Advertising: Reaching the Right People

Local research has shown that in order to reach a captive audience for our pro-life message, inside bus advertising will return the best results. However, excellent results do not come cheap. To place our message in all Kamloops buses for one month and reach hundreds of young women & men in transit will cost \$3000.00. We would like to try it for at least 2 months or longer, but can only do so with the generous support of our donor community. Therefore, we are asking if you can help us make this a reality! There are two ways you can help. You can mail a cheque payable to the Kamloops Pro Life Society and write "Bus Ad" on the subject line. Our mailing address is: **Box 24051 #70-700 Tranquille Road Kamloops, B.C. V2B 8R3**. Or you can give by e-transfer. Add Kamloops Pro Life Society to your list of payees. Enter our email address as follows: **kamloopsprolife@gmail.com**. In the memo area, type the words "Bus Ad" (and we would also like you to add your address there). Together we can make a significant difference by reaching out with this campaign. Thank you so much for being our continued strength!



~Shirley Bosman

## President's Message

This year, our scholarship contest engaged many excellent participants, making it very challenging for our board to choose the winners based on a variety of criteria, including pro-life volunteerism and an essay. We decided, with the help of additional funding specifically designated for scholarship use by the donor, to award three amounts—one \$1000 award and two \$500 awards. Following are excerpts from each of their essays. We wish that space allowed us to include the entirety of each composition. If you are interested in reading the complete submissions, please contact us (see the top of page 1). All excerpts have been reprinted with permission from the authors.

We hope that you too will be encouraged by the solid pro-life commitments of these young people as an assurance that we are confidently passing the torch to the future of the pro-life movement. As you can see, my report is very brief as I have placed this newsletter's message in their very capable hands.

Blessings,  
Garry Howell, President

## All About MAiD

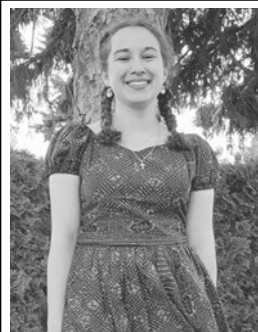
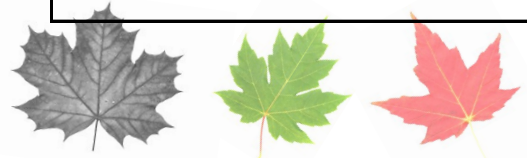
Federal MP FRANK CAPUTO and  
Federal MP MICHAEL COOPER

will present on

Nov 4, 2023

at the OLPH Parish Centre  
evening time TBA

Sponsored by Catholic Women's League  
Knights of Columbus  
Kamloops Pro-life Society



**Anastasia Wasylenko, \$1000 Scholarship winner**

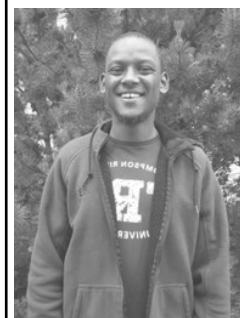
...Coming to Kamloops, my involvement with the pro-life community continued to increase. My youth group volunteered at banquets hosted by the Kamloops Pro-Life Society, and I would assist at more community events as well. During Covid, some restrictions were put in place, but there were still a few events I could participate in. These included putting up flags in a display outside Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, and attending the Friday prayer vigils by the hospital. One of the last ones happened on Good Friday during my Grade 12 year. The solemnity of that day made that vigil an incredibly powerful experience.

In university, the business of student life has made it harder to participate with the local pro-life community. However, I have received multiple opportunities to witness to my beliefs in daily life. The most profound of these opportunities has been a conversation with a friend that occurred this year. We were having a different conversation when the topic turned to euthanasia. Instead of being nervous that I didn't know as much about it compared to abortion, I was still able to articulate my beliefs in a non-judgmental manner. Although I am still a little afraid to share my pro-life stance, I am gradually becoming bolder...

**Nate Amy, \$500 Scholarship winner**

...One of the earliest experiences that influenced my pro-life beliefs was when my aunt and uncle's daughter was born with Down syndrome. For three months, Jolene was at BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver. My family and I made frequent trips to see her during this time. While there, I observed other children who also needed medical attention to survive. This opened my eyes to how delicate and fragile life is and the importance of valuing every human being, regardless of their abilities or disabilities.

..My commitment to pro-life values extends beyond my individual encounters and into the realm of politics. I hold firmly that every human being is entitled to life, including fetuses. It is integral for me to support laws safeguarding unborn children's rights while granting each child a chance at full development without obstacles. Further, it remains imperative for me to provide mothers with useful resources when facing unplanned pregnancies and support them through their decision-making process as they choose life for their offspring.



**Albert Mbai, \$500 Scholarship winner**

...I head a Christian club here at the university and abortion is one of the topics that comes around and the discussions are normally lengthy. I believe that every life should be protected and that babies have a great future and purpose, and they should be given the opportunity to live irrespective of their parent's socioeconomic condition or position. Growing up in Kenya has really helped me appreciate the fact that children can come from a humble or poor background and rise to become helpful people in society. In Kenya, the southern part of Kenya known as Kajiado, I saw children who were starving, dehydrated, and ill from all kinds of sickness like kwashiorkor, marasmus, and anemia. Due to the conservative culture in the region, the parents and the community came together to share the little food that they had to support their children from dying from hunger. The parents did not think of aborting the unborn child due to hard economic situations but saw the unborn child as a hope for the future.

I am planning hopefully by late summer and early Fall to start a pro-life club here at Thompson Rivers University. The club will serve the purpose of educating students, faculty, and staff and also advocate for pro-life policies in Kamloops and Canada as a whole. I am planning to lay a good groundwork and look for a team that is passionate about Pro-life and that we will work together.

**Christmas Gift Ideas—Birdhouses and More!**

These are carpenter-created, eco-friendly, wooden birdhouses, birdfeeders, bug boxes, games, and charcuterie boards, ready for painting or staining, donated by longtime pro-life supporters. Payment is by donation (suggested \$25). Order early to ensure pre-Christmas delivery. Use the painting time as a family-friendly teaching opportunity on bird life/feeding/care.

Blessings,  
Garry



**Gift Cards Gone!**

We regret to tell you that the Independent Store has informed us they no longer are accepting grocery slips for the purpose of issuing gift cards. Therefore, we will now not be able to collect grocery receipts for fundraising purposes.



Thank-you to all who took the time to save and drop the slips off at either Maybelle's home or OLPH church. We received between \$200 & \$800 annually during the course of this offer.

**New Fundraiser - Nature's Fare**

Do you shop at Nature's Fare? If so, you can be assured of quality produce, and support KPLS at the same time. Just hand in your purchase slips to St. Joseph's Christian Bookstore, 256 Nicola St. and we will take it from there. We receive a 3% rebate on all purchases. If you don't yet patronize Nature's Fare, why not check it out? Senior's Days are Wednesday & Thursday with 5% discount.



Blessings,  
Garry Howell, President

**Words of Wisdom...**

“Those who speak out against life are people who are hurting. We pray for them to find truth, because we want them to know peace.” —Abby Johnson

“If we are truly committed to social justice, creating an environment where people are treated equally and given equal rights, then that has to include the unborn.” —Charlotte Pence

“Abortion does not kill a potential human person, it kills a human person with great potential.”—Author Unknown

“Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die.” (Proverbs 31:8, NKJV)

Here are some literary Pro-Life resources you may be interested in:

- Courageous: Students Abolishing Abortion in This Lifetime** by Kristan Hawkins (\$13.10 on amazon.ca)
- The Case for Life: Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture** by Scott Klusendorf (\$13.62 on amazon.ca)
- I Can Hear Music** by Brendon Lyons (a Pro-Life children’s book) (\$13.62 on amazon.ca)
- Defending Life: A Moral and Legal Case Against Abortion Choice** by Francis J. Beckwith (\$19.98 on amazon.ca)
- Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments Expanded & Updated** by Randy Alcorn (\$18.97 on amazon.ca)



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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 .....\$
- E-transfers accepted at kamloopsprolife@gmail.com

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

Please send a tax deductible receipt to:

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 City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Please note: a Senior Membership is for those aged 60 and above**