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Proclaiming Saskatchewan Pro-Life Month



By Valerie
Hettrick

Greetings, pro-life family, on behalf of myself, our board of directors and our staff!

It is always exciting for me to write to you in the Spring edition of Choose Life News. The supreme harshness of winter has finally passed, and we can once again look to the rebirth and hope of Spring.

It has been a very long, difficult winter for many of us because of numerous factors. Here at Sask Pro-Life, we have experienced times of struggle due to personnel changes, illnesses, and family obligations for board and staff members alike. But with God's grace and your prayers and encouragement, we are seeing a light at the end of that tunnel. Thank you.

We are very excited to proclaim May as "Saskatchewan Pro-Life Month." With the wonderful initiative of long-time pro-life warrior Alex Banga, we are pleased to unveil this with you. As was reported in the Fall issue of Choose Life News, there is now an international pro-life flag, which we hope to fly at the Legislature in May 2022. Below is the official proclamation for Saskatchewan Pro-Life Month, which was shared with our Premier, Scott Moe.

God bless you all. We hope to see you at the virtual SPLA conference in early April and at the March for Life on Saturday, May 7th in Regina.

Proclamation of Saskatchewan Pro-Life Month

WHEREAS the right to life is the first of all freedoms, from conception to natural death,



AND WHEREAS the dignity and sanctity of life is foremost given to everyone by our Creator,

AND WHEREAS we celebrate the dignity of motherhood on Mother's Day,

AND WHEREAS we celebrate the gift of children who are the future of this province,

AND WHEREAS we celebrate the gift of family as the fabric and fundamental unit of society, and who built, and continue to build, this great province,

AND WHEREAS it is to the good of every person that a culture of life prevails in Saskatchewan,

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved:

The Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association, along with its member pro-life organizations across Saskatchewan, hereby proclaim the **Month of May as: Saskatchewan Pro-Life Month.**

That the international pro-life flag be raised across Saskatchewan and at the Saskatchewan Legislature, as a symbol of uniting all peoples of Saskatchewan, and across Canada and around the world, in a culture of life. ♥

Please share your email address with SPLA!

See Editorial, next page.



Calendar of events

MARCH 2 – APRIL 10: 40 Hours for Life: Silent prayer vigil, Regina General Hospital vicinity* 14th Ave. Every day 4:30-5:30 PM. Organized by Regina Pro-Life Association. Email: rpla@sasktel.net Phone: (306) 569-1985 *subject to bubble zone law restrictions

EARLY APRIL: Annual Sask. Pro-Life Conference and AGM. Once again, due to COVID uncertainty, we will be hosting a VIRTUAL event on the Zoom platform. Join us online for a day of inspiration and encouragement. Make your voice heard at the AGM. For more information call (306) 992-6941 or email Francis operations@saskprolife.com

WEDNESDAY MAY 4 & THURSDAY MAY 5: Regina Pro-Life Association Drive-thru Banquet. See Ad on page 11. Meals provided by Charlotte's Catering. Email: rpla@sasktel.net Phone: (306) 569-1985

SATURDAY MAY 7: SK March for Life, REGINA. Further details will be announced closer to the actual date. (See ad page 13)

SUNDAY, MAY 8: Mother's Day Walk, Saskatoon. 2:00-3:00 PM on College Drive between Wiggins Ave and Hospital Drive. Sponsored by Campaign Life Coalition Saskatchewan.

MAY 12: National March for Life, Ottawa: For more information, visit Campaign Life Coalition's March for Life webpage: marchforlife.ca

NOTE: In-person events remain subject to COVID restrictions. For more information, contact the organizations involved, or consult the Sask. Pro-Life website events page: <https://www.saskprolife.com/events>

Faith, Fear, and Freedom



By Mariette Ulrich

I'd begun writing numerous 'political' editorials, but each one invariably led me down a long rabbit hole of sarcasm or despair. Mercifully, space considerations, and God's grace, will rein me in this time around.

Regrettably, I must disclose that due to other considerations, there may not be a 'next time' –at least not in CLN's current incarnation. Lest I sound alarmist, I must forewarn that this could be our last printed issue. The reason can be summed up in two words: supply chain. It's not the first time you've seen that phrase, and it won't be the last.

In Canada's printing industry, 75 percent of all paper utilized comes from overseas. I am unsure whence CLN's paper supply originates (mea culpa), but it should surprise no one that the world's number one exporter of paper is China. Will our great-grandchildren curse us for outsourcing most of our manufacturing to a country that specializes in censorship, oppression, slave labour, and killing its own citizens—or will our nation by then so resemble China that Canadians have only to admire our basic dictatorship?

Long story short: with the 'Covid-economy' and shipping industry in a state of flux, there is no guarantee that SPLA will be able to source the specially-sized press sheets upon which CLN is printed—or if we can, that we'll be able to afford them. We are planning (hoping, praying) to produce a Summer issue, but all bets are off.

Should we be forced to delay or cancel, I urge supporters to share their email addresses with the SPLA office. For now, we should still be able to manage letters, in order to stay in touch with those who rely solely on snail mail. In

the meantime, our board and Choose Life News committee are discussing feasible options for carrying on.

It can be frightening to ponder the future, and society's "leaders" (I use the term loosely) have taken full advantage of that, since—well, forever, but particularly in the last two-plus years. Despite their mawkish assurances that they want us to be "safe," they demonstrate by their words and actions that they want us to live in fear.

There's always a monster around the corner, be it a virus, a doomsday climate scenario, or the notion that Canada will be overtaken by shadowy "fringe" elements who have "unacceptable views" (ie. social conservatives, Christians, and now, apparently, truckers—even the vaccinated ones).

I freely admit that both sides in any debate tend to engage in fear-peddling: it does generate more clicks than sweetness and light. Any student of history (and totalitarian dictatorships) must be feeling nervous after seeing what our western governments have pulled off over the last two years. How many more God-given rights and freedoms will they take away? How many more lockdowns? How much further will censorship go? Will the pro-life movement survive? What kind of world will our grandchildren inherit?

The only way to live in peace is to have faith and let go of fear. God does not promise to keep us safe, but he does promise us love, wisdom, courage, and every other virtue we require to do his work. Many generations of humans have survived plague, famine, war, financial collapse, deceitful media, corrupt bureaucracies, and ruthless dictators—what makes us think we would be spared any of that? And what makes us think we cannot conquer it?

No one can defeat us—or steal our joy—if we are not afraid. Trust in God. Build his kingdom. Let us pray for Canada, the pro-life movement, and one another. ♥

PRESS RELEASE: WE NEED A LAW

Free Speech Court Victory

The Ontario Divisional Court ruled [Jan.26] that the city of Guelph's decision to remove pro-life bus ads was unreasonable in light of the *Charter*. "We're happy to see the Court confirm that we have the freedom to express the pro-life viewpoint," said Tabitha Ewert, the lawyer who represented the Association for Reformed Political Action (ARPA) Canada as an intervener in this case. "The city had failed to recognize the *Charter* guarantee of freedom to expression by exclusively relying on a private body's opinion on the ads. But the city can't opt out of their constitutional responsibilities and we're thankful the court affirmed that with their ruling."

The city of Guelph had relied on the advice of Advertising Standards Canada – a private, industry group that offers its opinions on the accuracy and appropriateness of ads. "We argued that a private organization like Ad Standards isn't in the position to consider the *Charter* rights at play. It's not their role, nor do they have the expertise necessary to do so," Ewert said.

"The Court affirmed the arguments of the pro-life group, Guelph and Area Right to Life: The City improperly relied on Ad Standards' rulings without giving any considerations to its right to freedom of expression." Ewert commented on the court's reasoning: "The Court strongly affirms that the responsibility of respecting freedom of expression falls squarely on the city. They have a responsibility to uphold the *Charter*, and they can't opt out of that duty by pointing to Ad Standards' opinions."

The Court ruled that the city of Guelph's decision was unreasonable and remitted it back to do a proper *Charter* balancing of the interests at stake. For further comment please contact Tabitha Ewert (EDT) at 1-866-410-9625 or email tabitha@weneedalaw.ca

LETTER TO SCOTT MOE

An Invitation to Proclaim Life

Dear Mr. Premier:

The Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association (SPLA), along with its member pro-life organizations across Saskatchewan, have proclaimed the Month of May, beginning in 2022, as Saskatchewan Pro-Life Month.

On behalf of an association with broad-based membership across the province that advocates a culture of life for the good of every person, I write to ask you, as the Premier of Saskatchewan, to add your voice to the proclamation and to raise the International Pro-Life Flag at the Saskatchewan Legislature during the Month of May in 2022, and in every year moving forward.

Attached is a copy of the proclamation and an image of the International Pro-Life Flag. Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association will provide a flag to be

flown at the Legislature. The flag was a recent initiative, to which pro-lifers worldwide submitted designs for a universal pro-life flag.

At the appropriate time, the SPLA will hold a press conference announcing the proclamation. It is our hope that you and all legislative representatives will lend their support to the proclamation and to the raising of the International Pro-Life Flag at the Saskatchewan Legislature.

Thank you in advance for your support for the culture of life. I would be pleased to discuss this further as we move towards proclaiming Saskatchewan Pro-Life Month.

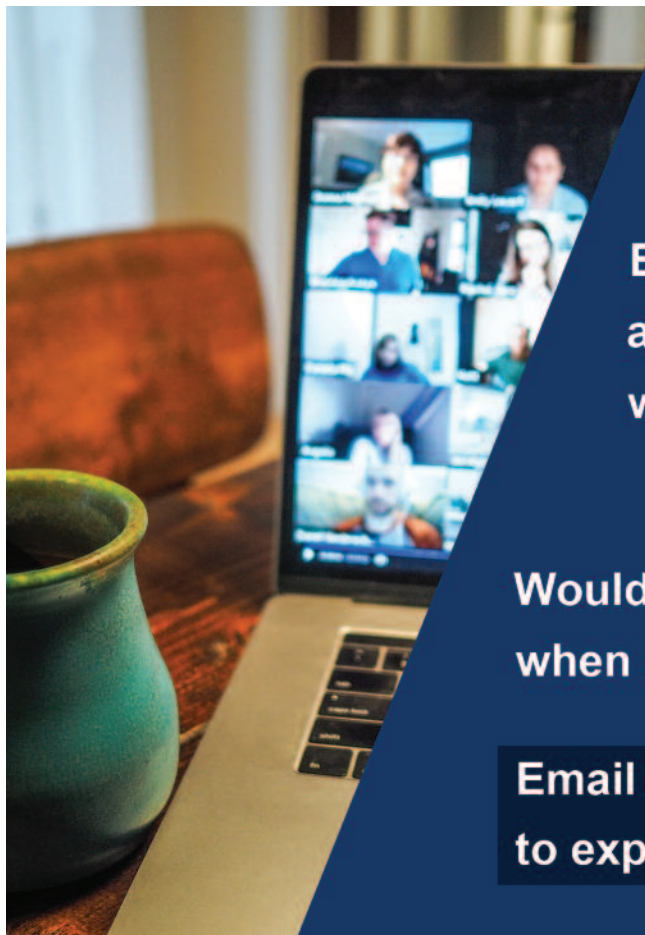
Sincerely Yours,
Valerie Hettrick, President
Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association Inc.

Donations In Memoriam

Donations were made in memory of the following persons:

- Dennis Gutting
- Tim Hudec
- Faye Laskowski
- Natalie Van Maarion

If you would like to make a donation in memory of someone, contact the office or visit saskprolife.com/memoriam. ♥



2022 Conference & AGM

Early April this year, we will once again be running a Zoom conference with 2 incredible Pro-Life Speakers.

Would you like to be the first to know when registration opens?

Email operations@saskprolife.com to express your interest.

Have Your Say!

Share your news and views with Sask Pro-Life:

- Report or photos of your pro-life group's recent event
- Letter to the Editor
- Promotion for an upcoming pro-life project or activity
- Feature Article or Op-Ed

Contact the Sask Pro-Life office, or email our Editor: editor@saskprolife.com

The next issue of *Choose Life News* is scheduled for June, 2022.

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ASSISTED SUICIDE

Death is Becoming an Industry

Euthanasia Opponents Bemoan Rise in Medically Assisted Deaths in Canada

By Lee Harding

Recently released statistics and anecdotal accounts have caused anti-euthanasia activists increased concern, as they believe medically assisted death is not only permitted, but encouraged. Medically assisted deaths in Quebec rose to 2,426 in the year ending March 31, 2021—an increase of 37 percent over the year before, and represented 3.3 percent of all deaths. The statistics were made public by the province's commission on end-of-life care, which submitted its report to the Quebec parliament on Oct. 20, 2021.

Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, said the [Quebec] increase is only slightly higher than rates in the rest of Canada. Since medical assistance in dying (MAiD) became legal in 2016, the number of Canadians who opted for the procedure rose from just over 1,000 in 2016 to 7,595 in 2020, according to Health Canada.

Schadenberg said MAiD has gained momentum since the Liberal government introduced and passed

legislation to expand the scope as to who can receive the procedure. "In the discussion leading up to Bill C-7, all of the cultural taboos about killing people with disabilities or extending this to people with mental health issues and things like that, it was breaking down the negativity or the concept of maybe it's not a good idea to do this to anyone for any reason," he told The Epoch Times.

"The more we talk about it, the more it will happen. The more people will promote it, the more people will think it's fine and the more people will die this way. ... In a sense, death is becoming an industry. The fact is that all these things have moved our social mores."

Schadenberg has been a vocal opponent of euthanasia since the initial bill for its legalization was debated in 2016. In recent months, he helped steer a former pro-life leader from following through with MAiD after he received a phone call from the man's wife.

"She's calling me up all upset, saying, 'My husband would have never supported this, never. What's happening?' And we had a long



Alex Schadenberg

discussion. She found out that the one nurse in palliative care had spoken to him for two hours in the middle of the night, convincing him that it was the right thing to do," he said.

"They say this is all about freedom and choice and autonomy, and yet you're getting calls like this."

Angelina Ireland, president of the Delta Hospice Society, is fundraising for a new private facility after the society's former facilities, Irene Thomas Hospice and the adjacent Harold and Veronica Savage Centre for Supportive Care, were seized by the B.C. government due to their refusal to offer MAiD on-site. The facilities it built were on land owned by the health authority.

"It's like one big killing free-for-all," Ireland said, regarding societal trends on assisted death. "They can kill you at your home, the hospital, long-term care facility, hospice, and now the funeral home. But if one actually wants to live—that's a lot more difficult. With the firing of thousands of health-care workers across Canada, we cannot so easily access even routine surgeries and tests for our own well-being. Where are the priorities?"

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Amy Hasbrouck, a Quebec resident and executive director of “Toujours Vivant – Not Dead Yet,” a project of the Council of Canadians with Disabilities, said the disabled have actively opposed euthanasia for over 35 years.

“Consciousness was made during the landmark case when Robert Latimer killed his 12-year-old daughter, [Tracy]. And while the court engaged appropriately by convicting and sentencing him to the usual sentence, the amount of public support he received for his desire to have a more lenient sentence was really shocking to those with disabilities,” Hasbrouck said in an interview.

“We’re accustomed to being considered more disposable and less valuable, but we were fairly surprised that people were so overt in their declarations that Tracy’s life was not worth living.” The Truchon decision in Quebec in September 2019 legalized euthanasia for the disabled across Canada, a



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decision Hasbrouck believes did more to devalue people with disabling health conditions than to empower them.

“The judge, basically, instead of saying, ‘You’re right. That’s the problem of our public policies and the way we treat disabled people. We need to do things differently,’ she said, ‘Oh, yes. You’re right. You should have the right to be killed by the state because, of course, you wouldn’t want to go into a nursing home,’” Hasbrouck said. “So the judge’s solution was, they would be better off dead.”

In 2020, Jonathan Marchand, a Quebec City man with muscular dystrophy, camped out in a makeshift cage in front of the Quebec National Assembly for five days to protest his confinement in a nursing home due to the lack of independent living options for people

with disabilities. “Quebec resisted and dragged their feet. And ultimately, they allowed Jonathan to create a program for himself, but they refused to extend the pilot project to other people. ... [Yet] it costs less for somebody to live in the community than for the person that lives in an institution,” Hasbrouck said.

“It became much more apparent during the COVID pandemic that society in general considered disabled people [and the elderly in nursing homes] as a disposable population. Those are trends that we have seen most recently that are very worrisome.” ♥

Lee Harding is a journalist and think tank researcher based in Saskatchewan, and a contributor to The Epoch Times. Reprinted with permission from The Epoch Times www.epochtimes.com.

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2021 FEDERAL ELECTION UPDATE

Results for Pro-life MPs

By Scott Hayward, RightNow

More Pro-life MPs Elected

Despite a difficult election with an unpopular Conservative leader who constantly held up his pro-abortion credentials and offered no policies on reducing the abortion rates, RightNow was able to work with local pro-life supporters across the country to increase the number of pro-lifers elected to the House of Commons. This marks the second consecutive federal election (and incidentally, the second federal election of RightNow's existence) where the number of pro-lifers elected has increased from 40 in 2015, to 68 in 2019, to 74 in 2021. Your investment in RightNow is already paying dividends!

Pro-life Incumbents Were Saved

Given that our organization has very limited resources, we focused the majority of our efforts on retaining the pro-life seats we already had in the House of Commons. We identified 16 pro-life MPs who were running for re-election but polling poorly. We named this plan Operation Rescue,



Left to right: Scott Hayward of RightNow; Leslyn Lewis, MP and former CPC leadership candidate; campaign volunteers

understanding the historical significance of the name. We were able to recruit and distribute over 250 volunteers across Canada, including over 1,000 weekly door-knocking hours into the 16 target ridings. The result? We were able to rescue 13 of the 16 pro-life MPs and help ensure their re-election to the House of Commons.

Pro-abortion Candidates Lost

Of the 242 Conservative Party of Canada candidates who were either pro-abortion or refused to interview with RightNow prior to election day (and thus did not receive assistance from the pro-life movement), 45 of them were elected (a success rate of less than 20%). Naturally, this pales in comparison to the 96 known pro-life Conservative Party of Canada candidates, of whom 74 were elected for a success rate of 77%!

For RightNow's in-depth analysis of the 2021 Federal Election, visit their website www.itstartsrightnow.ca. ♥



BATTLEFORDS RIGHT TO LIFE Memorial Prayer Service



On September 25, 2021, Battlefords Right to Life sponsored a memorial prayer service around the Right to Life Monument at the city cemetery. Jim McLane led the group with petitions and prayers for all the victims of abortion and euthanasia. Keith Anderson led the group with his guitar in singing an opening and closing hymn. About 35 people were in attendance. ♥



SMALL STEPS ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Passage of Kmiec's Bereavement Bill is Positive News for Pro-lifers

By CLN Staff

If you weren't paying attention last December, you may have missed it—a small win for pro-lifers in a sea of anti-life, anti-freedom federal legislation. In late December, *True North* journalist Cosmin Dzsurdzsa ran a story titled, "Conservatives and Liberals strike last-minute deal on leave for bereaved parents" ([tnc.news](#)). The effort was initiated by Conservative MP Tom Kmiec (Calgary–Shepard) who lost his daughter Lucy-Rose in 2018 when she was just 39 days old.

The law change will now allow grieving parents employed in the public sector or federally-regulated industries to take eight weeks of unpaid leave after the death of a child. Before that, bereaved parents could take a maximum of ten days of leave, five of which were unpaid. The extended leave is available to parents who lose a child under the age of 18, a disabled child in their care, **or parents who have a stillborn baby following 20 weeks' gestation.**

Kmiec had introduced a private member's bill (C-211) before the 2021 election, but the dropping of the writ halted that effort. However, in December the Conservative MP tried again, this time including his bill in the passage of Bill C-3 (*An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Canada Labour Code*) which was passed before Christmas.

Granted, other aspects of Bill C-3 are far from benign: the bill contains wording and intent similar to Saskatchewan's recent bubble zone legislation. While ostensibly claiming to ensure the 'safety' of healthcare workers, it also has the potential to thwart citizens' rights to peaceful protest. Please become familiar with what is in this bill and contact your MP with your questions and concerns.

However, it is still incumbent upon pro-lifers to appreciate any gains in the direction of fostering a culture of life, and Tom Kmiec's bereavement portion of the bill certainly does this. To quote one SPLA board member: *This has*



Photo Credit: Tom Kmiec MP, [substack.com](#)

opened the door for further political debate on when life begins... Why are parents being given extended leave from work to grieve? What/Whom are they grieving? Twenty weeks gestation seems to be a starting point that politicians on all sides of the House have acknowledged with the passing of this bill. We are thankful for any progress being made in the right direction to respect human life from conception. ♥

SK Bubble Zone Update

By CLN Staff

In the name of "safety," and under the auspices of COVID restrictions, the Saskatchewan government has effectively banned prayer, witness, free speech, and freedom of assembly in certain areas.

November 24, 2021: Passage of Bill 48 (*The Public Health (Safe Access to Hospitals) Amendment Act, 2021*) creates a 50-metre "safe access zone" around provincial hospitals. Ostensibly aimed at keeping vaccine-mandate protests away from hospital property, the bill also bans any non-union protests, including those organized by pro-life advocates.



Peaceful prayer and witness near a hospital: now illegal in Saskatchewan

December 2, 2021: Passage of Bill 66 (*An Act to amend The Education Act*) creates 50-metre anti-free speech zones around every school in the province.

Josie Luetke, Campaign Life Coalition's Youth Coordinator, criticized the province's government for betraying preborn children along with pro-life advocates.

"Scott Moe's government was not only the first relatively 'pro-life' government to pass 'bubble zone' legislation, but also the first conservative government to do so. When so-called 'pro-life' conservatives are doing the work of social liberals and the censorious left-wing elite, we've lost any sense of meaningful ideological diversity," she said.

Contact your Saskatchewan MLA to register your objections to this anti-freedom legislation. ♥

HOPE AND HEALING

An Interview with Shawna Arnold

By CLN Staff

Many of our readers are familiar with author and speaker Shawna Arnold from Warman, SK. We recently asked her to share some updates on her ministry.

CLN: Hello, Shawna, and thanks for doing this short interview. Can you give us a brief overview of your ministry? What do you consider the highlights or most important aspects of your work?

Shawna: I share my testimony of God's grace and mercy at various events and venues, including high schools. I have been sharing my personal story for over ten years and I am grateful for the healing I have received from God to fulfil his will in my life, and to help others who are suffering and hurting. I believe hope gives us the strength we need to change our lives and to find true purpose and meaning when we turn to Jesus in our brokenness.

I am the author of two books: *From Darkness Into Light: Finding My Way to the Father's Merciful Love* (2016), and *A New Heart: My Story of Abortion, Addiction & Conversion* (2021). My spoken testimony is also available through Lighthouse Catholic Media in a CD/MP3 form. The title is the same as my new book: "A New Heart: My Story of Abortion, Addiction & Conversion" (2020).



Author and speaker Shawna Arnold with her new book

CLN: What inspired you to write your latest book? How is it different from your first book?

Shawna: My latest book, *A New Heart*, is my testimony with added devotionals and prayers I have written throughout the years. I feel that the devotions and prayers can assist one on a daily journey through the real life struggles we face. We all continue to have trials spring up in our lives and I feel the devotions can encourage others by allowing them to see that we all have problems but with Christ we can get through anything.

CLN: The pandemic has impacted everyone and everything: how has your ministry changed or adapted to restrictions? What ways have you been able to reach out to people when in-person events have not been allowed?

Shawna: I have taken part in online interviews and have done recordings where I have shared on various topics throughout this pandemic. On a frequent basis, I respond to emails from people who reach out to me in regards to what I share, as that is easily available to do from home at this time. Numerous people reach out to me after I share my story, and they open up about their own personal struggles when they hear a part of my story that resonates with them. Many seek healing after our conversation, which is very rewarding for me to witness first-hand.

CLN: How can people contact you if they want to connect, buy your books, or just find out more about your work?

Shawna: My book is available through my email where I can be reached, and I will mail out copies:
shawnaa_respectforlife@hotmail.com
Also through the following links:

Book: <https://store.parousiamedia.com/a-new-heart-my-story-of-abortion-addiction-conversion-shawna-arnold-parousia-paperback/>

E book:



Hope gives us the strength we need to change our lives and to find true purpose and meaning when we turn to Jesus in our brokenness.

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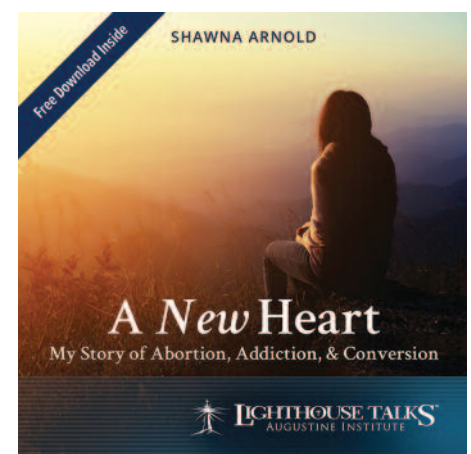
My website is:
<https://shawnaarnoldblog.wordpress.com/>

CLN: Thank you, Shawna, for sharing your journey with listeners and readers, and for bringing hope and healing to so many. May God continue to bless your ministry.

Shawna: Thank you so much for the interview. If anyone would like to contact me, please feel free to send an email; I will most definitely love to have a conversation. ♥

Editor's Note: The audio resources Shawna mentioned (Lighthouse Media) can be found at the link below. The CDs and MP3 files are very reasonably priced, including discounts for bulk orders. Ideal for study/prayer groups, parishes, and so forth. Please check out this wonderful resource!

<https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/a-new-heart-my-story-of-abortion-addiction-conversion#>



Shawna's CD on Lighthouse Media



2022 Drive-Thru Fundraiser

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Sask. Pro-Life Makes Donation

SPLA Operations Coordinator Francis visited the Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre in early January. Recalling the challenges experienced last year by the Centre, and wishing to assist in their amazing work, Sask. Pro-Life Association is pleased to make a donation of \$5000 on behalf of its members and supporters. The Options Centre is dedicated to providing love, support, and acceptance to women and families experiencing a pregnancy related crisis. For more information visit saskatoonpregnancy.com ♥



*Left: Anne-Marie Hughes (Client Services and Fundraising - Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre)
Middle: Dee Cook (Executive Director - Saskatoon Pregnancy Options Centre)
Right: Francis Nowak (Operations Coordinator - Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association)*

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Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day

Thank you for saying 'Yes' to Life!





ESTEVAN AND AREA Event-filled December, with Ups & Downs

I would like to share these ideas to inspire other pro-life groups. We did a beautiful quilt raffle and also did a fabulous pro-life display in our park for our city's Festival of Lights. The Festival runs for three weeks, and the entire community parades through the park to view the light displays.

We came up with a nightly one-liner for a radio station which will be played in the evening during inspirational broadcasting: it is a 10-second ad for pro-life that runs the entire year. We also placed two ads in the paper for December, one for the quilt raffle and one for a Christmas greeting.

Our group also ordered three amazing pro-life movies that we will use for private showings: the theatres are too regulated so we're going to show them in a church. The films are *Gosnell*, the trial of America's biggest serial killer; *Roe versus Wade*, the real story you've never been told; and *Unplanned* – based on a true story. We had already brought *Unplanned* into Estevan when it was released and it sold out the first day, so they played it a second day—at the movie theatre!

In mid-December we were very upset to learn that our beautiful display at the Festival of Lights had been vandalized. The RCMP took pictures, and will examine footage from a trail-cam nearby the St Joseph's Hospital display, where the baby Jesus figurine was stolen. As far as we are aware, no other vandalism at the Festival of Lights took place. We know that haters are going to hate but it's no less crushing when something like this happens. ♥

Submitted by Bridget Bittman,
Pro-Life Estevan & Area

PRO-LIFE YOUTH IN ACTION December Fundraiser in Saskatoon



By CLN Staff

Three students from Saskatoon spearheaded a pre-Christmas fundraising event that took place in two locations, on four separate dates in December. The three girls, Sophia B., Annalee B., and Sarah L., undertook to organize a series of baking and craft sales on behalf of Sask. Pro-Life Association. The sales were held at St.

Anne's parish, 217 Lenore Drive, on December 11th after the evening Mass, and on December 12th after both Sunday morning Masses. The following weekend, they held sales at Our Lady of Lourdes parish, 1235 12th Street. The first sale was December 18th after the Saturday evening Mass, and they finished up on Sunday, December 19th, after the 10:30 morning Mass. They had a great response, and donated a total of \$1459.00 to Sask. Pro-Life. Thank you for your hard work and dedication! ♥



Teen-Aid Northwest Raffle Winner

Teen-Aid NW Cash Calendar Fundraiser for 2021: the winner of the \$1000 prize is Valerie Witzaney from Denzil SK (left). Presenting the cheque is Colette Stang, representing the board of Teen-Aid NW.



MONTHLY MASS FOR LIFE

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month

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March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day



That the lives of people with disabilities would be valued:

O Champion of the meek, open our eyes and soften our hearts, that we may see the beauty in all humans — not because of the symmetry of their face or the number of their limbs, but because they are made in Your holy image. Open our mouths so that we may not speak hastily, but always act in love toward our neighbor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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2022

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, May 7th 2022

To be held in Regina

Further details to be announced

In current times of isolation, public division & bubble zones, it is important to come together and remind people of the sacredness and dignity of life.



SASKATCHEWAN ACTIVISM

Life Chain 2021

On the first Sunday in October, the pro-life movement across Canada gathers for an hour to hold signs and pray at busy intersections and street corners in peaceful protest against the injustice of abortion, and to witness to the value of pre-born life. ♥

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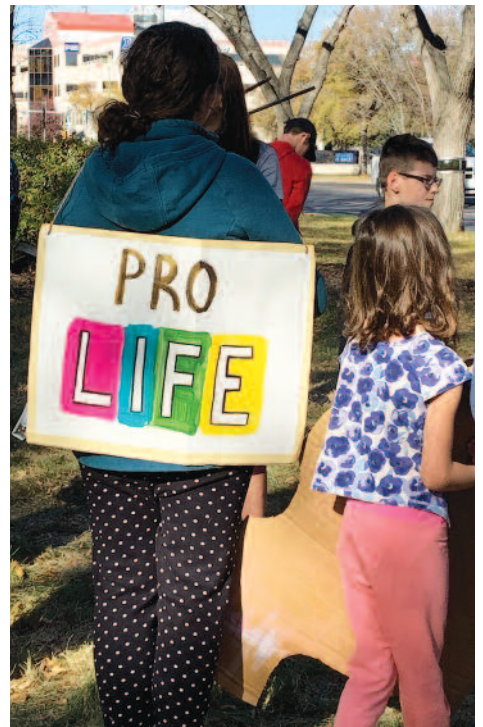


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SASKATOON Memorial Mass Held



January 28 is the anniversary of the day when Canada's abortion law was struck down in 1988. This year, Bishop Mark Hagemoen declared Sunday, January 30 as a Day of Prayer for Reverence for Life in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon, to reflect and pray about the protection of life at every age and stage. A Mass for the Day of Remembrance for the Unborn was celebrated on Saturday evening, January 29, at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Saskatoon. About 125 people took part in the Memorial Mass. In his homily, parish priest Fr. Geoffrey Young shared an inspiring message:

"Life is always a gift. It is received as a gift, and given in love for the other. God created the world, not out of necessity, but out of love. Because each of us is a gift of love, we each have dignity and purpose."

Alliance for Life Saskatoon members attended both (Jan.29-30) weekend masses at the parish; they invited attendees to visit their information tables, and to sign up to become involved in upcoming events and action items. There was a good response and Alliance for Life looks forward to forging

relationships that will help them reach more people and create more pro-life opportunities for all ages. ♥



Alliance for Life members: Florence Paquette; Celeste & Randy Greenwald

40 Days of Prayer

A Note from 40 Days for Life: Knowing that "with God, all things are possible," people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting. Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help.



Sask Pro-Life invites you to join in spirit all those who are praying at 40 Days for Life vigils or other pro-life events happening now.

*Dear Father in Heaven,
I thank you today for the gift of life. Every human being at every stage of development is created in your image and likeness, made "a little less than the angels" and "crowned...with glory and honour" (Psalm 8:5). In our country and around the the world, this great gift is being thrown away. I pray in repentance for the sin of abortion. I ask you to convert the workers involved in abortion and to heal those who have suffered the trauma of abortion. And I beg you to spare all abortion-bound moms and babies in special need of your love and mercy this day.*

*I Jesus' Name I pray,
Amen.*

Access daily devotions at: www.40daysforlife.com

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