

## RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH, MAY 2012

During Respect Life Month, Cambridge Right to Life invites all people of good will to take part in the various events planned to raise awareness on the transcendent value of every human being. Please consider joining us for the following events:

### THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012 MARCH FOR LIFE IN OTTAWA

A coach bus will be leaving Cambridge at 5:45 am (the parking lot of Smitty's - Holiday Inn Drive, near Tim Horton's) and return at approximately 11:30 pm. The cost is \$60 per person.

To reserve your seat or sponsor a student, call 519.623.1850.

### THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2012 DESSERT & COFFEE EVENING

Time: 7:00 pm • Tickets: \$10

**Guest Speaker: MP Stephen Woodworth** (Kitchener Centre)

Conservative Member of Parliament Stephen Woodworth is challenging the current definition of "human being" within the Canadian Criminal Code, which facilitates the termination of almost 100,000 pre-born children annually in Canada.

Entertainment: Tania Rosario

Location: St. Ambrose Church, 210 South St., Cambridge, ON

For tickets call 519.623.1850

### APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup>, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> COMMUNITY LIFE CHAINS

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Silent Witness along Hespeler Road

(across from the Cambridge Mall, near Tim Hortons)

*Please support Cambridge Right to Life! Become a member and help promote the sanctity of life from conception until natural death.*



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## Only 266 days ago,

Today's modern science reveals that at the moment of conception a genetically distinct organism, like Emily, comes into existence.

Section 223 of the Canadian Criminal Code states that a child becomes a human being only at the moment of complete birth.

## Emily became a human being...

It's time our laws reflected twenty-first century science.



*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you."*

Jeremiah 1:5

### **The Pre-born Child Never Stops Being a Human Being!**

The facts of science are clear: from the earliest stages of development, the pre-born are distinct, living, and whole human beings. Therefore, every abortion ends the life of a living human being.

Parliament has a duty to ensure that every law relates to reality and a law that states a child is not a human being until the moment of complete birth is out of step with reality.

### **What are the Differences Between the Pre-born Child and Born Human Beings?**

**Size:** Yes, embryos are smaller than newborns and adults, but why is that relevant? Do we really want to say that large people are more valuable than small ones? Men are generally larger than women, but that doesn't mean that they deserve more rights. Size doesn't equal value.

**Level of Development:** True, embryos and fetuses are less developed than you and I. But again, why is this relevant? Four year-old girls are less developed than 14 year-old ones. Should older children have more rights than their younger siblings? Some people say that self-awareness makes one valuable. But if that is true, newborns do not qualify as valuable human beings. Six-week old infants lack the immediate capacity for performing human mental functions, as do the reversibly comatose, the sleeping, and those with Alzheimer's Disease.

**Environment:** Where you are has no bearing on who you are. Does your value change when you cross the street or roll over in bed? If not, how can a journey of eight inches down the birth-canal suddenly change the essential nature of the unborn from non-valuable tissue mass to valuable human being? If the unborn are not already human and valuable, merely changing their location can't make them so.

**Degree of Dependency:** If viability and independence become the criteria, then is a diabetic who is dependent on insulin less valuable than a person

who is not? The newborn child is totally dependent on others for her care as is the child in the womb who is totally dependent on her mother for survival.

In short, it's far more reasonable to argue that although humans differ immensely with respect to talents, accomplishments, and degrees of development, they are nonetheless equal (and valuable) because they share a common human nature. Humans have value simply because of the kind of "thing" they are, not because of some acquired property they may gain or lose during their lifetimes.

**Conclusion:** Proponents of abortion argue that human beings that are in the wrong location or have the wrong level of development do not deserve the protection of law. They assert, without justification, the belief that strong and independent people deserve the protection of law while small and dependent people do not. This view is elitist and exclusive.

In sharp contrast, the position we have defended is that no human being, regardless of size, level of development, race, gender, or place of residence, should be excluded from the moral community of human persons. In other words, the pro-life view of humanity is inclusive, indeed wide open, to all, especially those that are small, vulnerable and defenseless.

A law that denies fundamental rights without cogent scientific evidence and sound principle is not legitimate. There are no restrictions on abortion in Canada. This means that abortion is permitted throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. Since 1969, more than 3 million pre-born children, like Emily, have been killed by abortion in Canada.

**You Can Make a Difference:** Individually and collectively, we cannot remain indifferent to this injustice and the loss of so many lives. Each of us can in some way be a voice for the pre-born.

Source: The SLED Defense of Life  
<http://www.caseforlife.com/sled.asp>

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