

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE

WALK FOR LIFE

EVERY STEP
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**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 23RD
GALT LEGION
(VETERANS WAY)**

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:30 AM
5 KM WALK BEGINS AT 10:00 AM
REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW**

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CANADIAN DOCTORS BACKING AWAY FROM ASSISTED DEATH

It has been over one year since the legalization of euthanasia across Canada under the term "Medical Aid in Dying." Since then, the number of people requesting assisted death has been steadily rising while the fight for doctors' conscience rights is being lost in Ontario.

On February 26 2017, the National Post ran the article "Take my name off the list, I can't do it anymore: Some doctors backing out of assisted death". Ontario tracks how many doctors are willing to provide assisted suicide by maintaining a voluntary referral list. As of February 17, 137 doctors were on this list of providers. Of those, 30 were only willing to provide a second medical opinion and would not prescribe or administer lethal drugs. Prior to February, 30 names on the list had been put on temporary hold and 24 had been permanently removed. Dr. Jeff Blackmer of the Canadian Medical Association stated that for some doctors the act is too distressing to participate in. Many hesitate to participate again after assisting just one death. Blackmer stated that "it's been noted at a systemic level."

Meanwhile, the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons require all physicians to give an effective referral if they are unwilling to provide assisted suicide. Ontario's Bill 84 was an opportunity to ensure that conscience rights were upheld but passed without doing so. Doctors who disagree with euthanasia are forced to ensure that their patients can die at the hands of another physician.



"DEATH WITH DIGNITY IS NOT ATTAINED BY A LETHAL INJECTION. DEATH WITH DIGNITY IS ATTAINED BY DYING COMFORTABLY WITHIN A COMMUNITY OF CARING AND SUPPORTIVE PEOPLE."

Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition responded to the National Post article by stating "*Death with dignity is not attained by a lethal injection, death with dignity is attained by dying comfortably within a community of caring and supportive people.*"

CBC News reported on April 20th that there have been more than 1324 euthanasia deaths in Canada since legalization. As of June 30th 2017, the coroner's office reported that 548 Ontarians have been killed under this legislation.

We should expect these numbers to increase as, among other things, the

medical field sees that money can be saved by offering euthanasia instead of long-term treatment. The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition shared a story from the Compassionate Community Care helpline (1-855-675-8749) - "[We] received a call from a woman who was concerned about a friend who felt pressured to discontinue dialysis. When we spoke to an authority about this issue we found out that care-givers in Ontario are being urged to ask dialysis patients if they want it discontinued. There are many reasons why someone may decide to discontinue dialysis; it is a whole other issue if the government "pressures" people to so." If you or someone you know feels pressured to make medical decisions they are uncertain about, please reach out to the Compassionate Community Care helpline for advice.

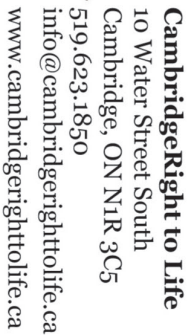
TAKE ACTION

If you know anyone who is considering assisted dying as an option, we encourage you to share the impact that this practice is having on the doctors involved and on families. Show them "*The Euthanasia Deception*" documentary which is available for purchase or loan through our office.

Ensure that your friends and family know that you will stay by their side during the pain and emotions which often accompany natural death, so that they need not fear facing the end of their lives alone.

SPONSOR RECORD

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REGISTRATION: 9:30 AM
THE LEGION (4 VETERANS WAY)
WALK BEGINS: 10:00 AM**

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL: _____

* IF WALKER IS UNDER 14, PLEASE INDICATE AGE AND OBTAIN PARENTAL SIGNATURE
AGE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

AGE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

PLEASE NOTE:

* Walkers between 10 & 14 years of age must secure a parent's signature. Children under 10

must be accompanied by an adult.

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NOTE: When on Water Street use WEST side only.

GAULT LEGION

WATER ST.

VETERANS WAY

3

MAIN ST.

WATER ST.

GRAND AVE. 1

PARKHILL RD.

GALT SCHOOL 2

WATER ST.

1st Turn Right at Delta

Check Point #1 SE Paul's Lutheran Church (on Grand Ave.)

Check Point #3 Galt Legion Hall

Walk for Life Route

Checkpoint: #1 #2 #3

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EVENTFUL RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This May, we once again held our annual Respect Life Month. Community Life Chains were held on Hespeler Rd. in April, May, and June with dozens of people in total witnessing to the value of life in our community. A bus trip was organized to attend the March for Life with Kitchener Right to Life, but unfortunately we did not make it to Ottawa because our bus broke down. Participants still took the opportunity to share in pro-life fellowship and we supported our fellow marchers from a distance.



Speaker, Lia Mills with Monsignor Doyle
teacher, Annie Denomme.

The 'headliner' event for our Respect Life Month was a full day visit from Lia Mills, a passionate young woman who has become an international advocate for the unborn. Lia spent the day making the **"Case for Life"** to students at both local Catholic high schools, speaking to over 300 students. She then gave an inspirational and humorous talk at our Coffee and Dessert evening at the Pines. She encouraged the 70 members in attendance to continue speaking up

about life issues and to use our words wisely with love. We cannot allow pro-abortion advocates to dominate the public arena!

Lia's new book, "An Inconvenient Life", is available at Cambridge Right to Life's office for anyone who wishes to borrow it and learn more about this feisty prolifer who is helping to lead the next generation into activism.

ABORTION 'AT THE CORE' OF CANADIAN VALUES

On June 6th, Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland announced to the House of Commons that abortion is “at the core” of Canadian foreign policy. This declaration comes on the heels of the federal government’s March 2017 decision to spend \$650 million on worldwide sexual and reproductive health and rights. In July, the federal government released the official document on their website outlining the new “feminist international assistance policy” which includes the “right to access safe and legal abortions”.

Pro-life Canadians are outraged that the government is imposing destructive values on the policies of other countries. International concern has also been voiced about this spending. Culture of Life Africa released a short video entitled ***"The Dictatorship of the Wealthy Donor"*** questioning **"Has anyone bothered to ask the Africans?"** The video cites several recent surveys which show that upwards of 80% of people in African countries find abortion morally unacceptable. **The Canadian government is ignoring the values of these people and ignoring the real needs of women internationally.**

In a June 29th letter to Prime Minister Trudeau, Bishop Crosby, president of Canada's Catholic Conference of Bishops, noted that **in many countries female preborn babies are targeted for abortion due to their gender. Our government claims to be promoting gender equality, yet they ignore this deadly issue. He also pointed out that this \$650 million for abortion funding greatly overshadows the \$120 million pledged in response to severe food shortages in Africa. In no situation is killing unborn babies more essential than feeding the hungry.** Our current Foreign Affairs Minister and Prime Minister seem to have a very convoluted idea of what Canadian "core values" should be.

TAKE ACTION

Contact Foreign Affairs Minister, Chrystia Freeland, PM Trudeau, and your local MP about this pledge to spend \$650 million worldwide on abortion. Draw their attention to the gender discrimination that abortion access permits and the fact that African people do not want increased abortion access.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NFP INFO SESSION

Saturday, Sept. 16th, 2017
10:00-11:30am

**Parish Hall of the Basilica of
Our Lady Immaculate
28 Norfolk St, Guelph**

Kathy & Bob Borys will share information about the Serena method of Natural Family Planning, as well as information about other natural methods. For more information, contact Guelph Right to Life.

WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, September 23rd

See details on Page 4 and use sponsor sheet provided.



LIFE CHAIN

**Sunday, October 1st
2pm-3 pm Along
Hespeler Rd.**

Be a public witness for the
invisible victims.
Meet near the Royal Bank &
Value Village.
Signs will be provided.

WELCOME TO THE BOARD

At our April 2017 board meeting, our board of directors accepted Michelle Badham as a board member. She will be serving 'pro-temp' until our 2017 AGM. Michelle has already contributed significantly with her passion for staying aware of what local students are being taught, and her involvement in events such as our bingo centre fundraisers. Thank you for your time and talents Michelle!

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