

News & Views



NEW SEASON, NEW BOARD

CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE HELD its Annual General Meeting on November 26th, 2017. Members voted in the 2017/18 board of directors, pictured above. Members include (From R-L): Reggie Weidinger, Michelle Badham, Myra Klassen, Teresa Ferrazzi, Cathy Miedema, Suzanne Rerrie, Camilla Gunnarson and office Cordinator, Chris O'Neill. It's an honour to serve the membership of Cambridge Right to Life and to speak for the most vulnerable in our community. We thank our membership for their faithful trust in this invaluable work.

A presentation was given by First Vice-President and Director of Education for Alliance for Life Ontario, Janet Smith, who spoke about Ontario's draconian bubble zone legislation and AFLO's newest project, The Petition of



One Million. This project is calling upon the House of Commons to enact legislation granting full legal protection to the child not yet born from the beginning of his/her biological development and urges parliament to show leadership in fostering a life sustaining society. We must collect one million signatures, *or more*, by May 2019. We have enclosed the signature sheet of the

petition and ask that you collect signatures amongst family, friends and colleagues and mail them to our office or the address at the bottom of the petition. Please do not write on back of the petition as it will no longer be considered valid. To read the full petition that will be presented to parliament, please visit the website: petitionofonemillion.ca. If you require more sheets, please contact us. Additionally, Cambridge Right to Life would like to organize Petition Sundays at churches within our community. If you can be a parish liason to organize one at your church, please contact our office.

We cannot protect the millions of children killed by abortion since 1969, but we can recognize and dignify their lives with every signature we collect. Please join us! ■

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP WITH CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE

I support human life from conception to natural death and I agree with the principles and aims of Cambridge Right to Life.

☐ I wish to *continue* as a member.

☐ I wish to become a *new* member.

TAX RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED FOR \$10.00 OR MORE.

Annual Membership: \$20.00

Additional Donation: _____

Please make cheque payable to Cambridge Right to Life.

PLEASE PRINT THE NAME OF THE PERSON(S) TO WHOM YOUR TAX RECEIPT SHOULD BE ISSUED.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **ONTARIO POSTAL CODE:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAILADDRESS:** _____

☐ I am willing to share not only my treasure but also my time and talents with CRTL as follows:

☐ I could volunteer in the CRTL office for a few hours.

☐ I could assist with this particular talent: _____

☐ I would be willing to be a liaison person between CRTL and my place of worship.



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JOIN OUR ANNUAL PEACEFUL PROTEST WALK

EACH YEAR CAMBRIDGE RIGHT TO LIFE organizes an Annual Protest Walk and visit with a government representative. This year, we will be visiting MP Bryan May's office on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. By our presence in a peaceful picket on that day, we will be commemorating the 30th anniversary of the day the Supreme Court of Canada struck down Canada's abortion law. Since that time, over 4 million unborn children's lives have been lost to abortion, leaving countless wounded mothers, fathers and family members. Please join us and be a voice for the voiceless.



**January 26, 2018
1:00 - 2:00 p.m
MP Bryan May
534 Hespeler Rd.**





LEARNING FROM HISTORY

BY JOHANNE BROWNRIGG
(Reprinted from Campaign Life Coalition, Ottawa News)

BUT WE HAVE NOT
PARSED OUT THE
HUMANITY OF THE
UNBORN CHILD
TO BE SETTLED AT
A LATER DATE.

THE LATE 18TH CENTURY MEMBER of Parliament, William Wilberforce’s fight against slavery, is aptly used to describe the fight to criminalize abortion. I would like to put a finer point on this illustration for the purposes of comparing fairly the strategy used by our two difficult causes.

Wilberforce attacked the slave trade and in spite of a twenty-five-year cultural and economic battle, he succeeded politically to end it. Twenty-five years later, slavery itself was outlawed. His determination is still a model of holy perseverance.

However, what Wilberforce did **not** do, was attack slavery by proposing that it be outlawed for women and children first, after which it would be easier to outlaw it for men. He did **not** suggest a strategy that proposed only children 12 and older could be sold into slavery until perhaps the age of 75, after which they should go free. **Nor** did he suggest that

pregnant women be exempted from slavery.

What Wilberforce **did** was to uphold the dignity of every human being, by strategically attacking an issue surrounding slavery: the slave trade.

Laws that recognize unborn victims of crime, or criminalize coercion to abort or offer protection from coercion for health care professionals, as well as motions that condemn the misogyny of sex selection abortion, or other related aspects that have stemmed from dehumanizing an unborn child, get our support. But we have not parsed out the humanity of the unborn child to be settled at a later date.

The next time you hear the Wilberforce strategy invoked as an example of successful strategizing for abortion, whole-heartedly agree. But clarify first what Wilberforce did **not** do.■

DEMOCRACY BECOMING A FARCE

BY REV. GEORGE PALAMATTAM
(Reprinted in part from The Guardian, Jan 3, 2018)



FROM THE VERY MOMENT of his election as the Liberal leader of Canada, Justin Trudeau started issuing orders curtailing the freedom of conscience of those aspiring to become Liberal members of parliament by prohibiting them from speaking in favor of the rights of the unborn child, along with similar controversial issues and beliefs of the Liberal leader. At the time of the election, it did surprise me that many believers, including practicing Catholics, decided to blindly ‘obey’ Mr. Trudeau, and to jump on the Liberal bandwagon.

Even since the big victory of the party, Prime Minister Trudeau seems to be acting against the Christian faith and particularly against the Catholic Church’s tenets. Euthanasia became free for the asking in Canada. Abortion was proclaimed a “right” for women, and a condition for countries to receive Canadian International Assistance. With the definition of sex, additional “genders” were incorporated even against science. The definition of marriage as between a man and woman was legally redefined, and many other similar core values of believers in One God were overturned. Now the right to work is also being made subject to the denial of one’s

freedom of conscious and religious beliefs. Who knows that the very freedom to worship will not be taken away tomorrow? All these big revolutions took place in Canada in the short period of two years’ Liberal governance. There were not any or enough open and serious debates on these issues in Parliament.

Conscience issues and rights seem to be totally absent from Liberal thinking. Believers in Canada cannot be faulted if they think that the Liberal members of Parliament have given up their faith in the one God and his Commandments. Surprisingly, they seem to be issuing commandments overriding God’s commandments. Or perhaps they have redefined for themselves the commandments and articles of faith and practice, or they keep silence in order to cling to power and its benefits, and subscribe to executive orders and one-man policy statements.

There is little future for a democracy when rulers set themselves above the people; when the party is above the electorate; when brute majority totally stifles the minority and the people’s voice; and when leaders discard every dissenting voice. ■

ACTION ITEM

According to the Canada Summer Jobs 2018 website, the Liberal government is justifying banning pro-lifers from the Summer Job Grant Program because **“sexual and reproductive rights -- and the right to access safe and legal abortions” are at “the core of the Government of Canada’s foreign and domestic policies.”**

If you believe this new **policy is violating the Charter right to freedom of religion, thought, belief, opinion and association**, contact MP Bryan May and Prime Minister Trudeau, asking them to rescind their policy.

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