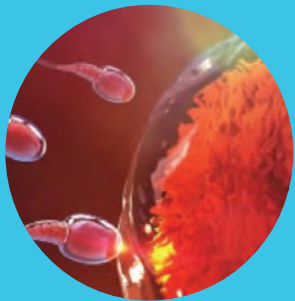


# UNIQUE FACTS ABOUT YOU

## CONCEPTION: THE MOMENT YOU CAME INTO BEING. YOUR LIFE BEGAN AT CONCEPTION.



**EAR:** The ridges and curves of the rim of your ear create a particular shape unmatched in the world.

**TOES:** Toe prints develop at the same time as finger- prints and are just as unique.

**EYE:** A complex set of capillaries supply your retina with blood, making the intricate details of your eye totally unique.

**VOICE:** Your voice is distinct and different from every other person in the world.

**BLOOD:** There are between 60,000-100,000 miles of blood vessels in the average human body.

**NOSE:** The nose can recognize a trillion different scents.

**TONGUE:** Tongue prints are unique to each person, just like fingerprints!

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## MAY IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Each year, CRTL designates the month of May as "Respect Life Month." We are thrilled to be once again having in-person events to mark the importance of defending and respecting human life. Please see page 4 of our insert and help make our events successful.

## NEW AD PROMOTING ADOPTION

Our adoption ad appeared in the Cambridge Times February 3rd and ran every 2nd week up to March 31st (5 weeks in total), as well as at the Delta from February 2nd until April 3rd, and in the March issue of the University of Waterloo's Student Paper, *The Imprint*. ■



## A FOLLOW-UP TO CRTL'S LETTER TO MP BRYAN MAY

By Cathy Miedema

(See printed CRTL Newsletter of Jan. 2022, pg.4 or website link: <https://cambridgerighttolife.ca/crtl-writes-to-mp-bryan-may-denouncing-trudeaus-latest-attack-on-pro-life-orgs/>)

At MP Bryan May's invitation, on February 23rd two Board members had an encouraging telephone discussion with Bryan about our letter of concern regarding potential loss of charitable status for pro-life groups and crisis pregnancy centres. Mr. May clearly stated that his role is to be "a defender of the right to choose" and to ensure that his community have available a good balance of options for people to make informed pregnancy decisions. Presently, he sees Cambridge as having such a balance, counting Dawn Centre (which we identified in our conversation) an important part of this balance. Being familiar with and having personally visited the Centre, Bryan holds their work in high regard and he would defend their right to exist and receive charitable status. Interestingly, one of Mr. May's reasons for seeking a career in politics was a previous government's poor handling of non-profit organizations, for which he did work in the past. As far as the timing and nature of Charitable Act revisions (mandated by PM Trudeau to Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland), Mr. May had no idea when these might come or what they would look like, making any action at this time premature. He did, however, express his hope that reputable pregnancy resource centres would remain protected as charities. He is very open to follow-up conversations with us in the future. ■



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## ABORTION KILLED 5X MORE CANADIANS THAN COVID IN SAME PERIOD

### IT'S TIME TO FLATTEN THIS CURVE

By Pete Baklinski

About 37,000 Canadians tragically died from the COVID-19 pandemic over the last two years. A different kind of pandemic, however, far more deadly in its scope and victim-count, continues unabated to destroy human lives across the country.

Since February 2020, when COVID started claiming the lives of Canadians, until now, this more-deadly pandemic has claimed the lives of an estimated 200,000 victims, making it five times more deadly.

Compared to the COVID pandemic, where the vast majority of victims were the elderly over the age of 70, this more-deadly pandemic exclusively targets the youngest members of the human family.

While the COVID pandemic prompted governments, politicians, and leaders of every kind to declare a "state of emergency" and band together to come up with solutions to "save lives," this other pandemic has been entirely ignored, or worse, aided and



abetted by these same governments, politicians, and leaders.

I'm talking about the pandemic of abortion.

I'm talking about pre-born children, the victims of this deadly moral disease.

Yes, abortion is pandemic in Canada and across the world. Abortion has become pandemic on account of so many people being infected with immoral ideas. Ideas have consequences, and in this case, they're deadly.

Some of these ideas include that the strong should be allowed to dominate the weak and dependent, destroying them when necessary, that "choice" and "bodily autonomy" means terminating someone who is weak and dependent when they're inconvenient, and that children in the womb are less human than children outside the womb on account of them being weak and dependent.

Over the past two years, while

businesses, gyms, and churches were closed to keep people "safe" from COVID, Canadian abortion mills were deemed an "essential service" and continued the daily grind of exterminating children in their mothers' wombs. For every person that died from COVID, the lives of five babies were snuffed out by abortion.

While COVID restrictions inevitably forced many businesses to permanently go out of business, the Canadian abortion industry saw an uptick in the number of abortions and requests for information and services related to abortion.

And what were Canadians willing to do to bring an end to the COVID pandemic? Many were willing to change their lives, sacrifice comforts and conveniences, and even allow their rights and freedoms to be infringed upon – all of this to "stop the spread" and "save lives."

"We're all in this together," we heard over and over again during the COVID pandemic. "We need to flatten the curve."

Because of abortion, pre-born children face a "state of emergency" every day in Canada. And, the abortion curve continues to climb.

Babies in the womb are our fellow human beings and our brothers and sisters. When they are attacked and exterminated, all humanity suffers as a consequence. Abortion leaves no one unaffected. It causes

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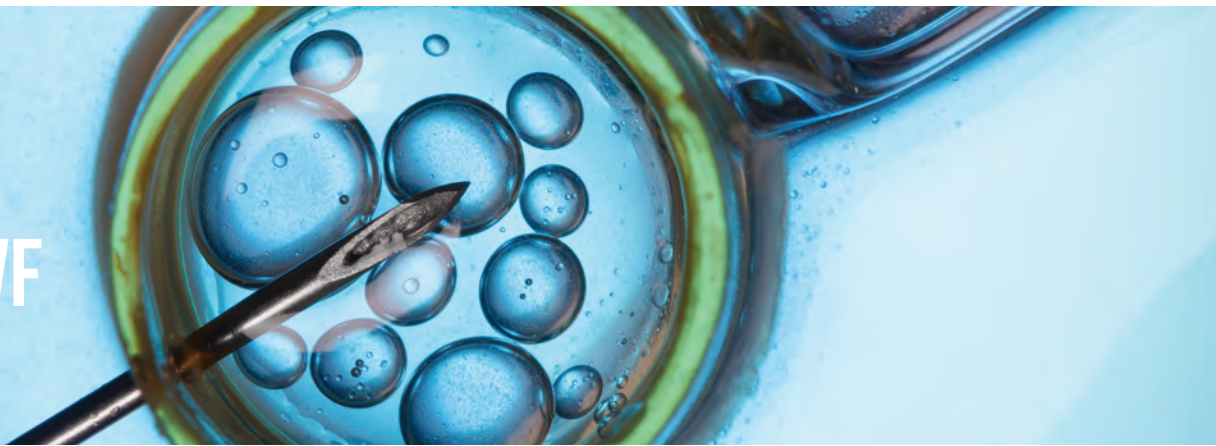
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# THE CASE AGAINST IVF

By Nicholas Elbers  
The B.C. Catholic



Although in vitro fertilization can be something of a fringe concern among pro-life groups, there is growing understanding that IVF poses a serious threat to society's understanding of pre-born human dignity.

Each year, millions of lab-created embryos are put in freezers, to either be forgotten or used for scientific and medical research in experiments, both of which pose serious ethical problems.

Enter Stephanie Gray Connors. The prolific moral apologist and author is the latest to tackle the subject in her new book *Conceived by Science: Thinking Carefully and Compassionately about Infertility and IVF*.

Gray Connors hopes the book will prompt readers to consider IVF with a more critical eye as she presents arguments against IVF rooted in a Catholic appreciation for human dignity.

She also echoes points made in a March 2021 First Things article by Matthew Lee Anderson, "The Biblical Case Against IVF," in which he outlined the problematic realities while offering a biblically centred rebuttal for Christians who might be on board with IVF as a practice."

IVF procedures "suggest a profound crisis in how we understand the significance of human life," Anderson wrote. Noting that many people consider embryos only "ambiguously human," they still remain "members of our own species ... deserving our love and compassion."

Responses to the piece were mixed, with some praising the decision to open the debate while one reader accused the magazine of trying to invalidate their grandchildren who had been conceived through IVF.

Gray Connors acknowledged the topic is challenging. "Some people agree that IVF is problematic, but some think my work is a charge that a child shouldn't exist," she said.

Gray Connors thinks the latter response skirts the issue: "If I have money that I stole, I could do the best things with it, but the end doesn't justify the means," she said.

Gray Connors emphasizes that IVF separates the creation of life from the natural reality of sex and marriage where children are meant to manifest the marital love of a husband and a wife, not to be designed and produced in a lab.

IVF also leads to all sorts of abuses, including the "commodification of human beings" through the buying and selling of not just embryos but

human sperm and eggs, says Gray Connors. It also cultivates eugenic attitudes through the process of embryonic selection, she says.

In addition, IVF can be viewed as an abortion-adjacent issue because it often leads to the implantation of more than one embryo, creating a situation in which abortion is used to "reduce" the pregnancy down to a more desirable size.

While the book takes a systematic approach to the issues surrounding IVF and deals with each of its moral complications in turn, Gray Connors also spends significant time discussing alternative treatments for couples experiencing infertility. She believes fostering a message of hope will be one of the keys to helping people who struggle with infertility.

Restorative reproductive medicine, which works to identify and correct the underlying causes of infertility, is given significant examination in the book, and Gray Connors offers numerous stories of couples with fertility problems who had positive results.

She offers her own story of dealing with the miscarriage of her first child as an example. When it appeared a hormone deficiency might have been a factor, she was prescribed supplemental progesterone to help maintain her next pregnancy. She had a healthy delivery and her daughter is now six months old.

*Conceived by Science: Thinking Carefully and Compassionately about Infertility and IVF* is available at [amazon.ca](https://amazon.ca). ■

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shockwaves across the nation, affecting mothers, fathers, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, homes, towns, and cities.

It turns out that with abortion, we are in this all together. And, we need to work together to flatten this curve.

And what should we, pro-life advocates, be willing to do to bring an end to the far-greater pandemic of abortion? How are we willing to change our lives and make sacrifices to stop the killing and save lives? We must unite with a common purpose.

That's why I'm looking forward to attending in person the upcoming National March for Life in Ottawa on May 12. The March for Life is a great way to kickstart your pro-life activism, recommitting yourself to the pro-life cause throughout the year.

Pete Baklinski is Director of Communications at Campaign Life Coalition ■

## NEW LEADERSHIP

Reggie Weidinger joined Cambridge Right Life at its inception in 1972. Over the years Reggie held many positions within the organization assuming the role of President from 1995 to 2003. From 2011 to 2016 as "acting" past President Reggie's knowledge and expertise continued to guide the organization, once again assuming the role of President in 2017. Reggie held that position until her recent resignation in 2021 passing the reins over to Myra Klaassen. Reggie will continue to stay on with the Board of Directors for the near future.

## ABOUT MYRA

I was born and raised in Galt (Cambridge) to a loving mother, father and sister. I have always had a deep understanding of the most precious gift of life, as first taught to me by my mother. I was an unexpected pregnancy for Mom and Dad, and the pregnancy was a difficult one. There was fear that neither she nor I would survive due to RH incompatibility. (A second child, a brother born about 5 years earlier, died shortly after birth. It was then they were first learning and understanding what the problem was).

I recall my mother sharing that there was discussion that they could save her, or they could save me, but they could not guarantee that we both would survive if she continued with the pregnancy. My Mom and Dad chose to place their faith and hope



Reggie Weidinger (middle) protesting outside Cambridge Memorial Hospital with pro-life activist, Dr. Jack Wilkie.



CRTL'S new President, Myra Klassen

in God. I was delivered a month early, and also was one of the first recipients of a lifesaving procedure

shortly thereafter, and the rest is history...

In 1981, a couple of years after graduating from Fanshawe college as an RN, I married Paul Klaassen. We are blessed with the gift of two daughters, Kathlyn and Allana. Our family has grown to include son in laws Matt and Aaron, and grandchildren too. We experience great joy when spending time with them, and especially with our granddaughters Ayden and Zoe, and their brother Cade.

I have always had a desire to help people, and have been involved in a variety of volunteer and work experiences through the years, in the community and at church. Most recently I have been blessed with the ability to serve and work at St. Ambrose Parish, primarily supporting and visiting the sick and elderly.

I am honored and privileged to be involved and now serve as President with Cambridge Right To Life. For many years I have been deeply inspired by the various members of the board and members at large who seek to share the truth, supporting and educating others regarding the value of life from conception to natural death. I often feel that the message we share and the activities we are involved in are living examples of love in action. Each one of us has a light to share, and together we are building a culture of life, a foundation of hope for our future generations. ■