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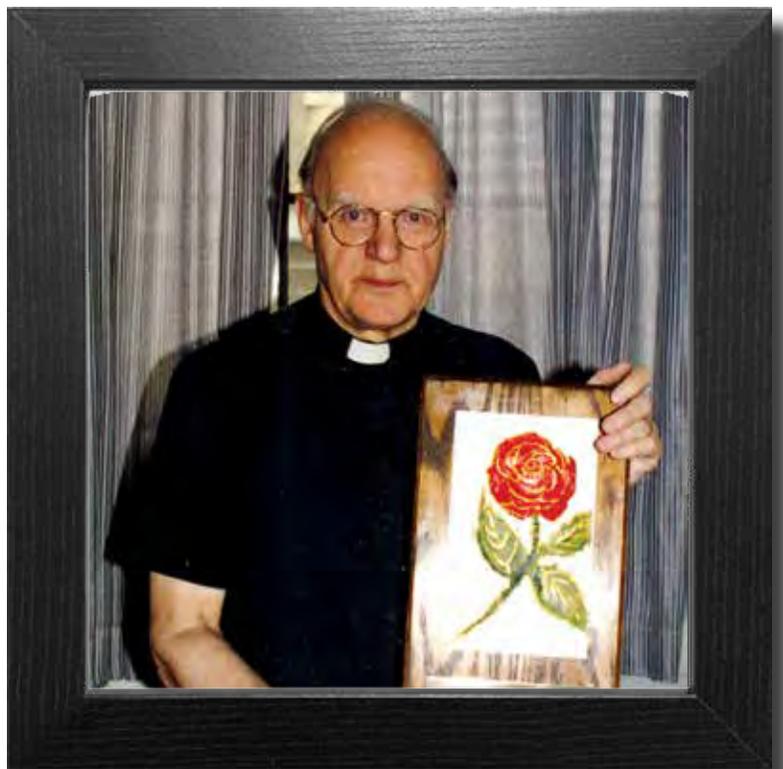
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May 14, 2020

Dear Pro-Life Friends,

Welcome to the National March for Life 2020!

Who, in their wildest dreams could've imagined the National March for Life moving from the streets of Ottawa to the cloud – the online version of the cloud, that is?

Even though hearts and minds across Canada are focused on controlling and eliminating the coronavirus, the culture of death crusaders are focused on the pre-born child and the elderly. Through these times, when everyone is concerned about saving lives, there is a push to make killing pre-born babies by abortion an essential service and to use the elderly as guinea pigs in the rush to stop the virus. There is no safe space for the most vulnerable.

The world thinks it needs a vaccine. Some researchers are saying we need to use embryonic stem cells of pre-born babies who have been aborted. Some politicians and health authorities are saying inoculation must be mandatory. Some ethicists are saying it is alright to use a vaccine that was founded on the aborted baby cells because that happened a long time ago. The underlying and overreaching theme is 'we must protect society at all costs'... but wait ...sacrificing one tiny baby is too big a cost. It doesn't matter whether the child was conceived in his mother's fallopian tube or a scientist's test tube, each child is a unique never to be repeated human being, not a commodity, not even a choice but a separate human being.

You are the frontline workers in this fight to eliminate the deadly diseases of abortion and euthanasia. Society won't write songs or sing your praises. People won't step out on their balconies and make joyous noise applauding your courage and dedication. In fact, you will be scorned, derided and ridiculed. That is a small price we have to pay to bring legal protection to the most vulnerable among us.

We need a vaccine to neutralize this toxic culture of death. Until it arrives we must keep the faith, and carry on. The little ones, those with handicaps and the elderly are counting on us.

Thank you for caring and may God continue to bless all you do for His little ones.

Sincerely,

Margaret Mountain *Ambrose A. Atkins*

Marg Mountain and Ambrose Atkins
Co-Chairs of the National March for Life 2020



Mai 14, 2020

Chers amis et amies pro-vie,

Bienvenue à la Marche nationale pour la vie de 2020.

Qui aurait pu imaginer que la Marche nationale quitterait les rues d'Ottawa pour se retrouver dans les nuages, ou plus exactement dans le « nuage » en ligne?

Alors que, partout au Canada, on travaille à maîtriser et à éliminer le coronavirus, et donc à sauver des vies, les partisans de la culture de la mort, eux, en profitent pour réclamer que l'avortement soit considéré comme un « service essentiel » ou que les personnes âgées servent de cobayes dans la course au vaccin. Les plus vulnérables sont toujours en danger.

Il faut trouver un vaccin contre le coronavirus, mais certains chercheurs veulent qu'on utilise pour ce faire les cellules souches d'embryons avortés; il n'y aurait rien de mal, selon des éthiciens, à inoculer ce vaccin à tous, puisque l'avortement aurait eu lieu de toute façon. La logique sous-jacente est toujours la suivante : « il faut protéger la société à tout prix ». Mais s'il s'agit de sacrifier des bébés à naître, le prix est trop élevé. Que l'enfant ait été conçu dans le sein de sa mère ou dans une éprouvette, il est un être humain unique, et non un matériau à utiliser.

Vous êtes en première ligne du combat contre deux maladies mortelles, à savoir l'avortement et l'euthanasie. Personne n'écrira de chansons en votre honneur, personne ne fera votre éloge. On ne vous applaudira pas sur les balcons, on ne vantera pas votre courage; bien au contraire, vous serez méprisés et ridiculisés. Mais c'est un bien petit prix à payer pour finalement conférer une protection juridique aux plus vulnérables de nos frères et sœurs.

C'est donc un vaccin qu'il nous faut – un vaccin contre cette culture de la mort. Et d'ici à ce que nous disposions de ce vaccin, nous devons continuer le combat. Les enfants à naître, les personnes handicapées et les personnes âgées comptent sur nous.

Merci d'être de ce combat, et que Dieu vous bénisse.

Margaret Mountain

Ambrose A. Atkins

Marg Mountain et Ambrose Atkins
Coprésidents de la Marche nationale pour la vie de 2020

May 15, 2020

Dear faithful supporter,

Venimus, Vidimus, Deus vicit (“We came, We saw, God conquered”). These words (in English) came to me as I thought about the online events that we broadcast during the National March for Life week! This virtual program was a huge challenge for us. We were flying on a “wing and a prayer” for the most part. We owe our thanks to God and to those on the ground, including in large part to Kevin Dunn and Dunn Media. We pulled it off!

And I must mention the primary organizers, CLC’s Debbie Duval, Matt Wojciechowski, and Josie Luetke. They had their noses to the grindstone for weeks, similar to, yet so much more intensely than when they are helping with the live March for Life.

Why do we MARCH for LIFE each year? Because Canada has no law protecting pre-born children. The National March for Life serves as a witness to the horror of abortion and a plea to Parliament that we must end the killing of the innocent in the womb! Sadly, while our lives were upended by the virus and many of us, affected by loss of work due to the closure of businesses nationwide, had surgeries postponed, to Canada’s shame, abortions were permitted to continue – abortuaries were deemed essential services. It was in Prime Minister Trudeau’s and each provincial/territorial premier’s insistence that the killing persist!

Say what you will about the COVID-19 pandemic that forced us to go online, but I believe the silver lining in this global crisis was the fact that we reached people heretofore not able to come to the March – some of whom have never heard the truth about abortion in Canada. And many of those who have come to past marches enjoyed the variety of the program!

A great debt of gratitude is extended to our sponsors. The National March for Life, whether live in Ottawa or live and pre-recorded online, incurs expenses beyond Campaign Life Coalition’s ability to afford from its operational budget. We have always counted on individual donors and corporate sponsors and I am so pleased to say that you all came through with flying colours!

Friend, thank you for your allegiance to the truth. We need you to remain in this battle for life, truth, and freedom. Your prayers are needed first and foremost. The enlisting of your body, whether in a rally or picket line, in front of a computer, or in running as or volunteering for a candidate for political office is the fruit of your prayer and we salute you. And thank you for trusting us with your hard-earned money. Your donation allows us to be a perpetual reminder to the abortion industry, politicians, the media, etc. that life is not a commodity to be disposed of when inconvenient.

If you missed all or part of the Virtual National March for Life, much of it is available on our March for Life Canada YouTube channel, accessible through marchforlife.ca. Why not make it a “movie night” with your family and/or friends? Enjoy!

God Bless you!



Jeff Gunnarson
President
Campaign Life Coalition

Mai 15, 2020

Chers amis,

Venimus, Vidimus, Deus Vicit (« Nous sommes venus, nous avons vu, Dieu a vaincu »). Ce sont ces mots qui me viennent à l’esprit quand je pense au programme que nous avons diffusé en ligne pendant la semaine de la Marche nationale pour la Vie! En effet, l’entreprise a été des plus difficiles et nous avons dû improviser un peu. Mais nous avons réussi notre pari, ce dont nous sommes reconnaissants d’abord à Dieu, et aussi à nos collaborateurs, particulièrement Kevin Dunn et Dunn Media.

Je dois aussi remercier nos organisateurs, Debbie Duval, Matt Wojciechowski et Josie Luetke, de Coalition nationale pour la vie. Ils ont travaillé d’arrache-pied pendant des semaines, encore plus intensément qu’ils le font chaque année pour la Marche pour la Vie habituelle.

Aucune loi au Canada ne protège les enfants dans le ventre de leur mère. La Marche nationale pour la Vie rappelle cette vérité et appelle le Parlement à agir! Dans le contexte de la pandémie, il est navrant que les avortements, considérés comme un « service essentiel », aient continué au Canada, alors que des milliers de personnes succombaient au virus ou perdaient leur emploi ou leur commerce. Les premiers ministres du Canada et de chaque province et territoire ont en effet insisté pour que les avortements se poursuivent.

La pandémie nous a peut-être forcés à nous tourner vers Internet, mais certains avantages en ont résulté : ainsi, nous avons eu des participants qui jusqu’à présent n’avaient jamais pu se déplacer pour venir à la Marche, et certains ont ainsi pu entendre pour la première fois la vérité sur l’avortement au Canada. Aussi, la programmation, variée, a plu à bon nombre de nos habitués.

Nous sommes très reconnaissants envers nos commanditaires. Qu’elle ait lieu à Ottawa ou en ligne, la Marche coûte cher et le budget de Coalition nationale pour la vie ne suffit pas à payer toutes les dépenses. C’est pourquoi nous comptons chaque année sur nos donateurs – qu’ils soient des entreprises, des groupes ou de simples particuliers – et ceux-ci sont venus à notre aide encore cette fois.

Mes amis, merci de rester dévoués à la vérité. Dans cette bataille pour la vie et la liberté, nous avons besoin d’abord de vos prières, puis de votre participation active – dans la rue, devant votre ordinateur ou comme bénévoles pour des candidats pro-vie –, et enfin de vos dons. Grâce à vous, nous pouvons continuellement rappeler à nos adversaires, aux politiciens et aux médias que la vie est précieuse.

Si vous avez raté notre Marche pour la Vie virtuelle, vous pouvez visionner une bonne partie de notre programmation sur notre canal YouTube, accessible à marchforlife.ca. Vous y trouverez des vidéos à regarder en famille ou entre amis.

Que Dieu vous bénisse,



Le président de Coalition nationale pour la vie,
Jeff Gunnarson



May 12, 2020

Dear pro-lifer,

I've been attending the National March for Life since Grade 9 and it has consistently been the highlight of my year. Where else do you get to be enveloped by the roar of thousands of other equally passionate pro-lifers, all proudly voicing their intense appreciation for life? Each speaker on the Hill is somehow more inspiring than the last. I stand on Parliament Hill and stare down our legislature, promising that whilst they continue to abandon the innocent, I will continue to come back to tell them that I won't.

I know I'm not the only one who looks forward to this event year after year. Yes, the reason for the march is a somber one, but the hope that the march can infuse is magnificent.

Naturally, I, like most of you, was crestfallen that we had to cancel the in-person March for Life. Just another COVID-19 casualty.

And yet, there are a plethora of ways having to turn to a Virtual National March for Life has been a blessing in disguise. I'm writing this letter midway through the big week. Leading up to this point, I've connected with so many provincial (and territorial) pro-life leaders from coast to coast, and pro-life activists from abroad in our effort to piece together the Virtual National March for Life program. Local right-to-life groups and religious organizations – many of whom can't regularly make the journey to Ottawa – have graciously been advertising the online march to their members, and their members have been tuning in – from Kamloops, British Columbia, to Saint-Jérôme, Québec; from Athabasca, Alberta to Dieppe, New Brunswick. This level of participation brings a whole new meaning to 'National' March for Life.

Frankly, I'm exhausted, but it is such a good exhaustion. Because we should exhaust ourselves for the innocent. We want to be able to look back on our lives and say that we lived each minute for others, and in that sense, for Him. So take what you learned from this Virtual National March for Life, take the hope and the sense of community, and let it drive you to be more active for the cause of life than you ever have been before.

Secluded in our homes, we are looking into the face of Darkness in more ways than one, but we are not alone, and neither are the preborn, nor any vulnerable population. This Virtual National March for Life is a critical reminder of that. Be not afraid, Canada. He goes before us always.

With gratitude,

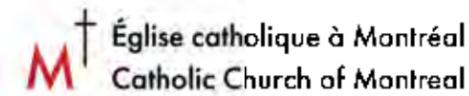
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The Father Ted Colleton Scholarship Essay Winners

The Interim newspaper and Niagara Region Right to Life are co-sponsors of the Father Ted Colleton Scholarship program named in honour of a great Canadian pro-life leader, writer, and activist. High School students in their senior years (grades 11 and 12) are eligible to apply for the scholarships. Three prizes are awarded (\$1500, \$800, and \$500 respectively) and students are urged to apply. The essay must be an original work and must not exceed 1,200 words. For more information on how to apply, contact Dan DiRocco at 416-204-1687 or e-mail dirocco@theinterim.com

The following essays are the winners from 2019:

1st place Fr. Ted Essay contest winner God's choice

Editor's Note: Chiara Fricano, of Cathedral High School in Hamilton, Ont., finished first in the 2019-2020 Fr. Ted Essay Scholarship. This is her winning essay.

Chiara Fricano



“It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish,” as society is reminded by St. Mother Teresa. How does one measure wealth? How does one measure worth? How does one add up the pros and cons? When one discusses life and death, who merits the power to decide, or is this

beyond our scope as humans? Widely considered a crime across the globe in the past, yet legalized in Canada in 1969, abortion is a highly controversial moral and political matter.

Pro-choice groups argue that the mother has the right to decide the actions taken on her body, whereas pro-life groups advocate for everybody's right to live, including the unborn child in the womb. This moral issue, debated for decades, continues to be a pressing topic in the media. In the 2018 film, written and directed by Christel Gibson, *Her Only Choice*, a newly expectant mother faces her personal decision regarding the life of her baby while battling a uniquely challenging pregnancy situation. Although some individuals may argue that this film depicts the clearest circumstance where a mother deserves to choose the ending to her story, it

offers a different mindset, namely that her baby has a right to live even against the advice of medical professionals, familial support, and personal health.

As a teenager, Tasha already knew her dream of “a house full of children, “yet this fantasy was crushed when she discovered her infertility. After seven years of failed pregnancy attempts, Tasha and her husband, Bernie, learned the heart-warming news of their expected child at an annual check-up. Unfortunately, this news was coupled with the discovery of a mass found on her left breast during a mammogram that further testing proved malignant. The doctor immediately recommended that Tasha end the fetus' life and begin chemotherapy treatments to save her own, invoking opposite responses from the couple. Bernie admitted that if they needed to choose between Tasha and the baby, his wife's life was his main concern, whereas Tasha had already decided on a different outcome. Some may say that Tasha is part of a pro-choice argument when she exclaims, “my body, my choice” or “this is my life, mine.” However, she is battling

“I want you to know that whatever happens, I chose you.”

for her baby, choosing the life inside of her womb rather than her own. These convictions instantly create tension and create a rift between Tasha and Bernie. Tasha must fight for her own life, as well as that of her child without the support of her husband. Bernie has even refused to attend her first sonogram appointment. Tasha is already faced with multiple reasons to consider ending her baby's life to save her own and simplify her upcoming

fight against cancer, yet she never wavers in her decision.

According to a survey of abortion patients in 1987, women stated several factors that contributed to their decision to follow-through with their abortion plans.

Although some may argue that these statistics could be considered outdated, women today are still faced with the same obstacles that may warrant advice from friends, family, or even doctors to terminate their pregnancy. As noted in the above survey, three quarters of women admitted to choosing an abortion because the pregnancy would interfere with their work, schooling, and responsibilities; two-thirds of the women feared their lack of financial capabilities to support the child; and half of the expectant mothers did not want to raise their child alone due to an unstable relationship. Tasha's complicated pregnancy situation would interfere with her health, becoming a costly endeavor as she received medical advice from multiple professionals, as well as cancer treatment, but a main concern would be surviving her extra difficult pregnancy without support from her husband.

In addition, Tasha lost the approval of her father, Melvin, when she first announced her decision to continue her pregnancy rather than save her own life. Tasha's father raised her alone after her mother's death following a hard-fought battle against breast cancer, and now the same mutated gene and disease was discovered in his only child. Her father warns, "I've seen what this disease can do firsthand, and baby, I don't wish that on you . . . you really need

to think about the possibility of this child growing up without you." Not only does he fear for his daughter and her baby's health, but also the child's emotional well-being of possibly having to grow up without a mother's guidance. Even before his wife's cancer diagnosis, Melvin was an involved father who constantly recorded moments he deemed special, hoping to capture everything important on film to later be viewed again. For example, at Tasha's 30th birthday party, all the guests gathered to watch the tape of Tasha's birth video. As well, although Bernie didn't attend Tasha's first sonogram appointment, Melvin arrived with his camera, finally showing his daughter that he supported whatever decision she made and would stand by her side. Later in the film as Tasha struggled with her fears of raising her child and facing this frightening pregnancy alone, she found strength from the past actions of her father and she decided to record a video for her future child where she said, "I want you to know that whatever happens, I chose you. You are loved and I will always, always be here with you!" proving her commitment to sacrifice herself to

provide her baby a chance to live. This video would have been made so that if she passed, her baby would know that it was loved and wanted. These are similar words that one would tell an adopted child. Pro-life advocates often offer scared mothers in these difficult situations, who may choose abortion, the option of giving their child up for adoption rather than ending the baby's life. Often, adopted children may wonder why their birth parents didn't want them, leading to a constant question as to why they were undesirable. These children are reminded that they were given up providing them a better life, and they were chosen by their adoptive parents, therefore, deeming them special. Tasha wanted her baby to know that he or she was of great value. Every human life is without measure; in



fact, experiences and love make someone rich. Although Tasha did fear her child growing up without a mother like herself, she recognized the blessing of her child, even during this stressful time in her life, telling her father, "I want to have our baby. Whatever time I have left on this Earth, I would rather spend having a baby to love than without one. Daddy, this is a miracle; this baby is a gift from God!"

Not only did Tasha begin this journey without her husband's support or her father's approval, but multiple doctors also recommended the termination of her pregnancy. Tasha even attended a support group for women battling breast cancer where she was shamed for not choosing to fight the cancer that grew inside of her. The mediator asked, "can you tell me why it is so important that you would risk your own life for this baby?" Tasha asked if the woman had any children of her own and if she would "risk (her) life in order to protect them" or "die to save them." The mediator replied with a firm "of course." Tasha, recognizing her child's equal right to life as a human being, not just a fetus, answered, "even though my child is still inside of me, I feel that exact same way." In society, the main debate concerning the ethics regarding abortion begins with the question as to when a fetus is considered a human child, the reason why abortion clinics will limit the timeframes acceptable to perform this procedure. According to our Catholic faith and scientific studies, human life begins at the moment of conception. Even though the single-celled embryo does not resemble a human child, it deserves the same rights and the opportunity to live. No sane being would ever save

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the life of an adult over that of an innocent child full of potential, yet given Tasha's cancer, her child's life was undervalued. One woman at the therapy group told Tasha to "adopt a baby" instead because the child in her womb was not worth her life. However, when Tasha visits another doctor in an ongoing attempt to find support to continue her pregnancy, she finally finds hope for her situation. Dr. Lopez agrees with the previous advice given, stating that "it's normal practice to suggest termination in the first trimester when there's cancer present" given that "hormones that your body's producing during your pregnancy will only cause the tumor to grow and possibly spread." Unfortunately, Tasha is reluctant to begin chemo until after her pregnancy, remembering how it "sucked the life out of her mother" and doesn't think it is possible for her baby to survive. When the doctor suggests an immediate left breast mastectomy followed by small doses of chemo that wouldn't hurt her child but would give her the opportunity to survive to raise her baby, Tasha's sole concern is for her baby's safety during the surgery rather than her own beauty or the pain associated with this procedure. Nonetheless, Tasha finds the courage to begin treatment while continuing to prioritize her baby. Her husband, Bernie, is relieved

to hear of this new plan, as well. Although Tasha was unsure about the available options to take care of her health so she could grow a healthy child in her womb and survive to raise her baby, she never wavered in her steadfast love for her child, consistently choosing her baby's life over her own, even against the advice of medical professionals.

The film, *Her Only Choice*, studies the sensitive material regarding pregnancy and the abortion issue as the main character upholds her fight for her daughter's unborn life despite risking her marriage, her father's approval, and her own life when diagnosed with an aggressive breast cancer. Her doctors and family recommend aborting her child to save her own life, but Tasha's unconditional love for and the integral value of the desired child in her womb makes her choice easy. She never considers ending the baby's life, recognizing the miracle involved in its conception and thanking God for this gift, given her past pregnancy struggles. This film promotes the Catholic values linked to human life, ending with the birth of Tasha's healthy baby and the remission from her cancer. It is imperative that in our darkest hour we maintain our hope, trust in God and place the highest value on life.

2nd place Fr. Ted Essay contest winner The pro-life lessons of *Horton Hears a Who*

Editor's Note: *Gabrielle Vandergragt, attends Bishop Smith High School in Pembroke, Ont., finished second in the 2019-2020 Fr. Ted Essay Scholarship. This is her essay.*

Gabrielle Vandergragt



Did you hear he heard a Who? Who heard a Who, you ask? Well, Horton did! Horton heard a Who when the Whos of Whoville were wafting in the wind.

Horton Hears a Who is timeless. It's classic. It's simply and profoundly pro-life and nails down several key points about the pro-life community, in addition to being hilarious and a fun adventure. Dr. Seuss didn't need to layer his story in allegories and allusions to make readers and viewers think. The movie reflected the pro-life movement beautifully, in three ways. The main character, Horton, embodies the true spirit of the movement and its indi-

viduals. The plot itself is a journey of hardship, chaos, very real physical danger, and simple parallels. And the reactions of the movie's antagonists at the end are so well-done as they realize the atrocity they very nearly commit is so heartbreakingly real.

Horton is an elephant. He lives in the jungle of Nool. He's a wildly imaginative and caring elephant who teaches a class of young animals. While not always quickest to the draw, Horton more than makes up for it with his charm and caring nature. One day, Horton finds a speck floating through the air, and it happens that the speck is inhabited by millions of tiny people called Whos. Horton discovers that they are in serious danger, after having their speck dislodged from its resting place, Whoville could be destroyed if a safe place for them to rest isn't found. Horton sees the importance of his mission. A person is a person, no matter how small, and even the tiniest speck has a deep value to the elephant. So off Horton goes, on a long, dangerous journey that earns him many enemies who think he's gone crazy and want to stop him. Horton is the perfect example of how pro-lifers need to be in the face of adversity. Not once does he lose his temper or become

angry at his adversaries, never gives up on his mission, never stops believing that what he is doing is the right thing when it would be far, far easier to just throw in the towel, give up, and say that he's done his part. Even when he's shoved into a cage and treated cruelly, Horton never holds any lasting animosity towards anyone. When the clover that bears the speck is dropped into a field of three million flowers, Horton picks every single one until he finally finds the clover with Whoville on it. Horton's determination is perhaps extreme, but it reflects the value of human life: this one tiny "speck" (and in real life we could just insert "clump of cells") is so important that the elephant risks everything to save it. We could compare this to a pro-lifer who is at risk of losing his or her job because they refuse to back down on their belief. The movie takes it a step further, because even though Horton has been persecuted, he finds it within himself to forgive his opposition.

The plot of the movie is packed with humour, wit, adventure, and profoundly simple messages. It kicks off with the speck being launched into danger, through no fault of its own, when a seed falls from a tree and disturbs the flower the speck was resting on. The Whos, completely unaware, are sent flying through the air, putting them at great risk. If the speck were to land on the ground and get stepped on, for example, Whoville would be destroyed and all the Whos along with it. Once again, one could take out "speck" and replace it with "clump of cells" or "fetus" and have the same story, in essence. In both cases, innocent life is being endangered because of circumstances beyond its control.

Despite the movie's silliness and humour, viewers can notice the real threats faced by the Whos. Others keep trying to force Horton to get rid of the speck, claiming that he's bonkers for thinking it's worth anything. This element is reminiscent of the pressure young women sometimes feel to get an abortion when pregnancy occurs unplanned. Throughout the movie, we also see how fragile Whoville is. It responds to outside stimulation dramatically. When Horton covers the speck with his ear, the whole world is plunged into darkness. When in the sunlight or shade or cold,



the weather changes drastically. The ease with which Horton can positively or negatively affect the Whos is actually quite realistic.

Carrying on the thread of the plot, the most poignant thing about the whole movie comes at the very end. All the animals that have opposed Horton's mission finally hear the Whos. Almost like a pro-choicer listening to a preborn heartbeat or watching a baby move on an ultrasound, the enemies are brought low by the simple cry of the tiniest Who in Whoville. It was then they realized that Horton had been right the whole time. Life did exist on the speck, it just had no voice with which to show itself. And that is a chilling reality, that so many unborn children have every right to life and happiness but they need someone else to speak for them. But the true greatest part? The reaction. Once all the animals learn what they almost

did, and realize the implications of that, they are horrified, especially the antagonist, Kangaroo. She begins to beat herself up for her behaviour, having been rude, prideful and arrogant throughout the entire film. When people in the real world understand what exactly abortion is, there is no way to support it. You don't have to be religious to see the atrocity of murdering babies before they are even born. The animals are educated,

and once they see the truth, they are forced to admit that they have been wrong. This must be a goal of the pro-life movement if it is to gain any sort of traction; educate the people enough that they can understand the reality of abortion for themselves, make it culturally abhorrent to consider abortion, and success is sure to abound. The other beautiful scene in this movie is the closing. As the cred-

its begin to roll, the camera pans out and zooms away, revealing that the entire world Horton and the other animals live on is also a tiny speck floating through space. Every human being is just a clump of cells. It's all a matter of size. Horton just so happened to be a large clump while the Whos he fought for were smaller than the head of a pin' Because at the core, that's all a human being is. The only difference between an embryo and an adult is time.

Horton Hears A Who is a wonderful movie. From a

In both cases, innocent life is being endangered because of circumstances beyond its control.

purely entertainment perspective, it's a goofy adventure featuring both Steve Carell and Jim Carrey, whose excellent acting make it just that much more enjoyable. It represents the value, dignity, and importance of human life in ways that more allegorical films like *The Giver* or reality movies like *Unplanned* just can't. Which is not to say, of course, that those movies are not masterpieces or thought-provoking works. In fact it is quite the opposite. But Horton's story is one even chil-

dren can learn from. It's simple and effective. Horton is an exemplary model of the patience, compassion and fortitude required for both the greater whole of the pro-life movement, the plot is full of parallels that are beautifully executed, and the heartbreaking reality of the final scenes of the movie are quite touching and promote the value of human life. The whole movie is a wonder, summarized by its most famous quote: "A person is a person, no matter how small."

3rd place Fr. Ted Essay contest winner *Unplanned: the value of human life*

Editor's Note: *Nikole Wassenaar who attends Smithville Christian High School in Smithville, Ont., finished third in the 2019-2020 Fr. Ted Essay Scholarship. This is her essay.*

Nikole Wassenaar



Slaughter or solution? This question has been an ongoing controversy for decades. In recent years there has been a growing divide on this topic and many were surprised to hear that a pro-life movie entitled *Unplanned*, based on the true life story of Abby Johnson, was being made. This movie shocked pro-choicers and pro-lifers alike

with its bold and honest realities regarding abortion. The movie's main character, Abby Johnson, strives to help women as much as possible. In this film, Abby gets involved with an abortion clinic called Planned Parenthood, where she becomes the youngest clinic director ever. She excels at her job and seven years after she started earns the employee of the year award. However, her world is turned upside down when an abortion doctor calls on Abby to assist him by following the abortion on ultrasound. This experience shakes her to the core as she sees the unborn child fighting to escape the suction. She no longer cares about women's rights; all she sees is the baby helplessly dying at the mercy of the surgical instruments. Abby quits her job and begins volunteering with the pro-life group outside her clinic. This powerful testimony of Abby Johnson promotes the value of human life by making people aware of the weightiness of the term "abortion," showing the unborn

child as a separate being from the mother, and painting pro-lifers as pro-women.

Many people view abortion as a solution to an inconvenient pregnancy, but they don't take the time to think about it. This could stem from a fear of finding the truth, and so many are ignorant to the possibility of a separate human life growing and developing in a woman's body. Ignorance is bliss, right? However, the plot takes viewers on a roller coaster of events and experiences, and reveals what the term "abortion" actually holds. Many people are uneducated about the true horror of it and merely need an eye opener, which is what the movie successfully achieves. *Unplanned* begins with Abby having the same perspective as most people in society: abortions help women and should be a basic right. She is first drawn in when, at university, she notices the Planned Parenthood kiosk and a representative explaining the purported purpose of the clinic and how Abby can get involved - sugar-coating the practice of abortion, as so many do: "*When a woman really needs an abortion, our clinic provides security. It is hard to believe that there are still people who want to say what to do and what not to do with our body.*" (*Unplanned*). Abby then starts out volunteering as a clinic staff escort, helping the women turn their backs on the crowds of people shouting insults and curses at them. Once she takes a paid position, she quickly rises to the top and becomes the youngest clinic director in the history of Planned Parenthood, all the while having a distorted view on what abortion truly is. To her, abortion is a woman's right, as she aggressively informs Shawn Carney, a kindhearted pro-lifer who is recording his fellow advocates praying along the fence: "*There have always been people defending human rights. First the fight against slavery, then there were people who were against the Holocaust, and then the fight of Planned Parenthood that fights for the reproductive rights of women.*" Shawn gently

explains that her examples of injustice," ... *slavery, segregation, and the Holocaust that just occurs when a whole segment of the population is dehumanized and that is just what your clinic does to newborns.*" Even this powerful statement does not change her mind. It isn't until she witnesses the procedure on the ultrasound that she realizes what she is doing. This is the result of people being educated. This reflects the importance of life and that if people were to look a little deeper, they would realize this. People need to understand that the rights of the two parties (child and mother) are actually on the same side.

Abby's view on women over children is shattered the moment she walks into the procedure room and sees the baby desperately trying to avoid the suction. She hears the heartbeat; she sees the figure moving around. She then witnesses the most heartbreaking event as the baby is viciously ripped from the uterus, and she finally sees the fetus for what it really is: a living, breathing, moving human being. It is at this point in the movie where she realizes that the body inside is separate from the mother's. People can attempt to argue this, but this movie speaks truth, and it is a testimony. Even science proves this to be right: there are two separate DNA codes, meaning there are two separate people. Having someone such as Abby Johnson - the director of an abortion clinic - realize this, will have an effect on viewers. This shows the value of children from the moment of conception. This shows that they are people, too, though they are not completely developed.

When people choose to be either pro-life or pro-choice, they assume that the choice needs to be made between the woman and the embryo/child. Many people base their opinions of "rights:" whose rights do we choose, fetus or woman? In reality, however, it's not the choice between a woman and a fetus, but rather, deciding whether the significance of a further



developed human being is superior to that of one less developed. *Unplanned* slices these stereotypes and paints pro-lifers as pro-women. This is seen in Shawn and his wife Marilisa while they stand at the gate of Planned Parenthood, praying for the aborted children and trying to convince the women to change their mind. They don't stand there and shout and scream at the women walking into the clinic, as the other group of people are doing. In fact, Marilisa tells Abby that she has asked them to stop, but they don't listen.

"We have asked many times for them to stop but we can't force them to do anything. You're right, Abby." (Cary Solomon and Chuck Konzelman, *Unplanned*). Instead, they stand patiently and quietly waiting for an opportunity to speak some encouragement and truth to the young women. They understand that if a girl is walking into an abortion clinic, chances are she is going through tremendous struggles: an unhealthy relationship, the consequence of a single mistake, peer pressure from family or friends, or others on top of the internal conflict she

is definitely dealing with. Not only do they speak the truth in love, but they also promise to help the women find other solutions that do not involve killing the child. This demonstrates not only a positive view on the life of the unborn child, but also love for the women.

Making people aware of the weight of the term "abortion," showing the unborn child as a separate being from the mother, and painting pro-lifers as pro-women are three ways that *Unplanned* shows the significance and purpose of human life. Abby, Marilisa and Shawn Carney are the three most significant characters in terms of advocating the importance of human life, and Abby's turning point in the abortion procedure room is what hits readers with the filthy reality of abortion. So now it's time to decide for yourself. Do you believe that a child is human from the moment of conception?

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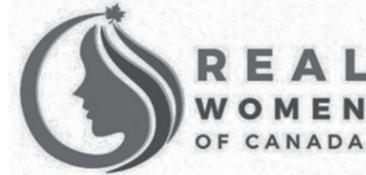
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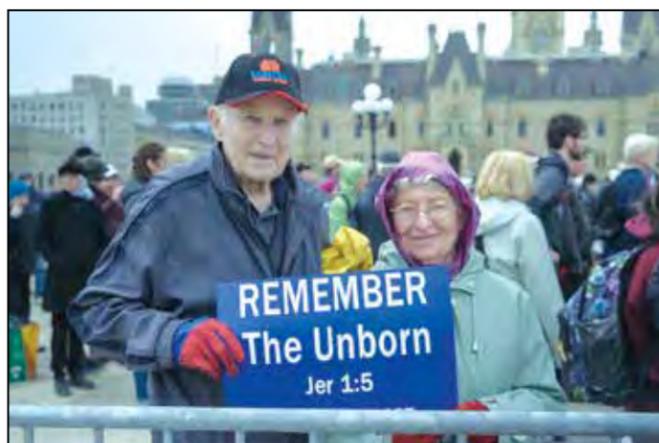
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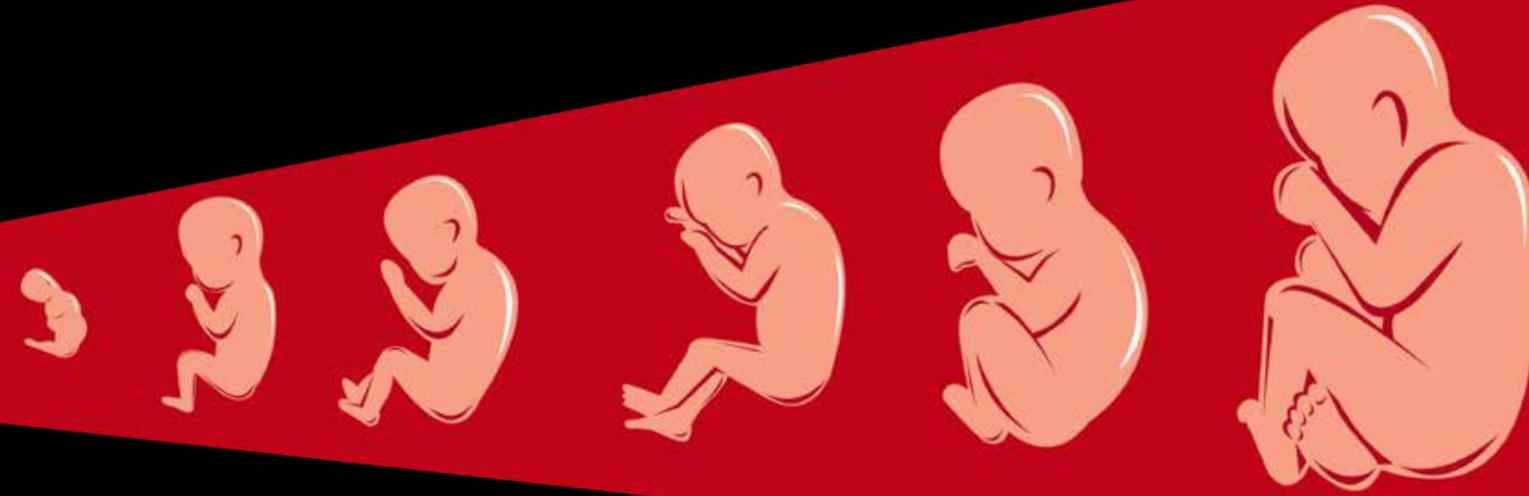


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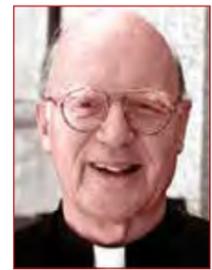
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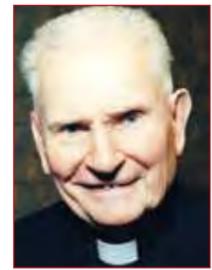
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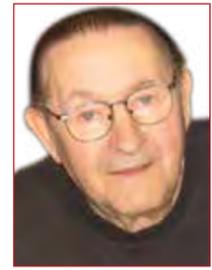
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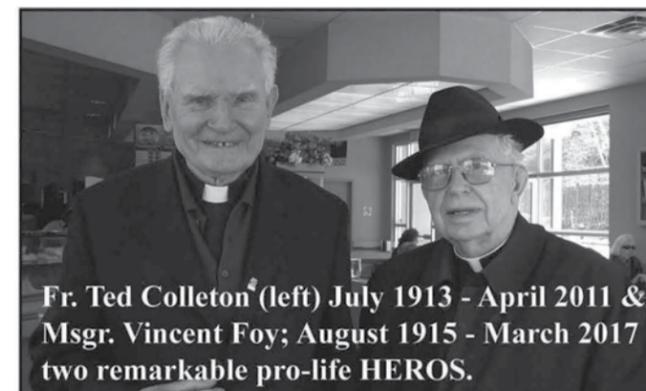


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Canadian Government MAiD bill permits euthanasia for psychiatric conditions and incompetent people.

<https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2020/02/government-permits-euthanasia-of.html>

Bill C-7, a bill to amend Canada's euthanasia (MAiD) law, if passed without amendments, will make Canada's euthanasia law the most permissive in the world.

On February 24, Canada's federal government introduced Bill C-7, an act to amend the Criminal Code (medical assistance in dying). Bill C-7 is the federal government's response to the Quebec Court decision that struck down the section of Canada's euthanasia law that requiring that "natural death be reasonably foreseeable" before qualifying for death by euthanasia (lethal injection).

I reported that the Quebec court expanded Canada's euthanasia law by eliminating the requirement that only terminally ill people could be killed by lethal injection.

The court decision expanded euthanasia to people with psychological conditions. Canada's euthanasia law states that a person qualifies for euthanasia if:

the illness, disease or disability or that state of decline causes them enduring physical or psychological suffering that is intolerable to them and that cannot be relieved under conditions that they consider acceptable.

Before the Quebec court decision, a person didn't qualify for euthanasia based on psychological reasons alone since the law required that a person's "natural death be reasonably foreseeable." Since the Quebec court struck down this requirement, the law now permits euthanasia for psychological reasons.

Bill C-7 pretends to prevent euthanasia for "mental illness". Section (2.1) states:

For the purposes of paragraph (2)(a), a mental illness is not considered to be an illness, disease or disability.

This paragraph does not prevent euthanasia for mental illness or psychological reasons since the law specifically allows it. To prevent euthanasia for "mental illness" they would have had to define "mental illness" and they would have had to amend the requirements of the current law.

Bill C-7 creates a two track law where a person who is not terminally ill has a 90 day waiting period while Bill C-7 waves the 10 day waiting period for people who are terminally ill. Therefore a person can request and then die by lethal injection on the same day.

The government is wrong to create a two tier euthanasia law. A future court decision will likely strike down the 90 day waiting period for people who are not terminally ill because this provision represents an inequality within the law.

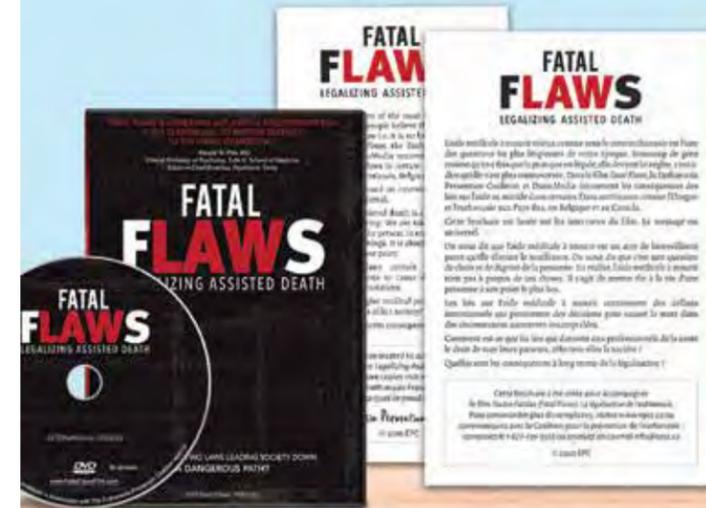
Bill C-7 allows a person's healthcare provider or care provider to be one of the witnesses. This is a conflict of interest.

Finally, Bill C-7 allows doctors and nurse practitioners to lethally inject an incompetent person, (advanced request) so long as that person consented to death by lethal injection before becoming incompetent.

This amendment to the law contravenes the Carter Supreme court decision which required that a person be capable of consenting to die.

The goal of the euthanasia lobby was to amend the law to allow "advanced consent" for euthanasia. Canada's Liberal government appears to be working closely with the euthanasia lobby.

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By eliminating the 10 day waiting period, a terminally ill person can request euthanasia and die by euthanasia on the same day. Studies show that the "Will to Live" fluctuates over time.

The government should wait before amending the law. In June 2020, the government will begin its consultation on 5 years of euthanasia in Canada.

Candice Lewis recently died a natural death. <https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/search/label/Canada%20euthanasia>

In August 2016, Candice Lewis, who was 25, while receiving treatment at the hospital was pressured by a doctor to "request" an assisted death.

No one questions that Candice was very sick at the time, but as Candice's mother told CBC news, the doctor pressured her to request physician-assisted death. The article stated:

"His words were 'assisted suicide death was legal in Canada,'" she told CBC. "I was shocked, and said, 'Well, I'm not really interested,' and he told me I was being selfish."

Kevin Dunn interviewed Candice and her mother Sheila for the *Fatal Flaws* film. (see ad above) During the interview Sheila said:

Not once did she say to them, "I want to end my life." The doctor came in the next day after he told me about assisted suicide, stuck his face down in Candice's and said, "Do you know how sick you are?" When I got his eye contact we went out in the hallway and I told him, "Don't you ever pull something like that again."

How many situations, similar to Candice Lewis have occurred in Canada and either died by lethal injection or were so shocked by the experience of being pressured that they will not speak about it?

I have received emails and calls about people being pressured to die by MAiD. Recently I received this email from a care-giver stating:

Several weeks ago, in the space of a two week time period, I was made aware of four instances in which nursing staff [in hospitals] ... seemed to be initiating discussion of MAiD with family/friends, and, in the last instance, a patient, without any apparent prior reference to MAiD on the part of the patient.

During my Vancouver Island speaking tour, a man told a group how his mother, who required dialysis, was urged by healthcare "professionals" to ask for MAiD (euthanasia). He said that if he had not spoken to his mother, she may have died by euthanasia.

At the next talk a woman came up afterwards and shared that her father, who had significant health issues, was urged by healthcare "professionals" on several occasions to consider MAiD (euthanasia).

It appears that many doctors and nurses are urging patients to ask for MAiD.

This type of pressure, at the most vulnerable time in a person's life, will lead some people, who would never have otherwise considered death by lethal injection, an option. In fact, it is likely that many people have died by euthanasia after being urged by a doctor or a nurse to do so.

If you have a story or a concern, please share it. Knowledge and awareness will help others to resist euthanasia when they are pressured.

I urge you to be involved in the lives of those who you know and care for. When someone is pressured by a doctor or nurse to ask for an assisted death, you can make a difference in their lives by saying – NO, I care for you, I will not abandon you.

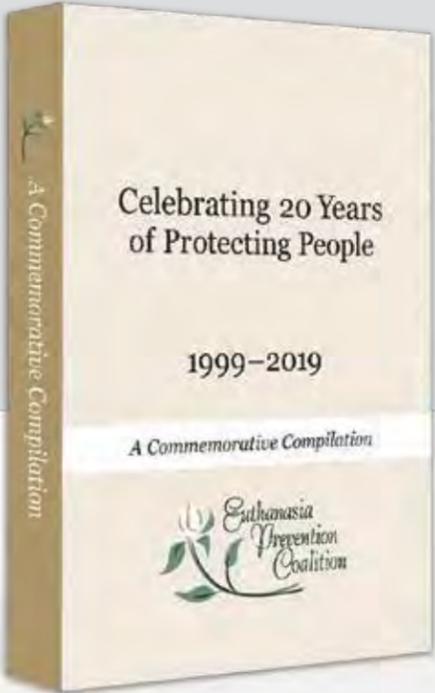
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Monday, May 11
8:00pm EDT

Crescendo and Sing a Little Louder & Conversation with film-maker and pro-life activist, Jason Jones.

Tuesday, May 12
8:00pm EDT

Fatal Flaws: Legalizing Assisted Death & Conversation with Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

Friday, May 15
8:00pm EDT

Because of Gracia & Conversation with Tom Sime, co-producer and director.

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Wednesday, May 13
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VIRTUAL PRO-LIFE RALLY AND MARCH FOR LIFE

Thursday, May 14
12PM -1PM EDT

Canadian National Mass for Life from Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. Celebrated by the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop of Ottawa on EWTN and MarchForLife.ca.

Thursday, May 14
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'Be Not Afraid' Canadian Pro-Life Special on Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN). Hosted by EWTN's Doug Keck, with special guests international pro-life speakers Kevin Dunn and Stephanie Gray and Matthew Wojciechowski, Vice-President for Campaign Life Coalition, organizers of the National March for Life. Guest appearances by pro-life activists and leaders.

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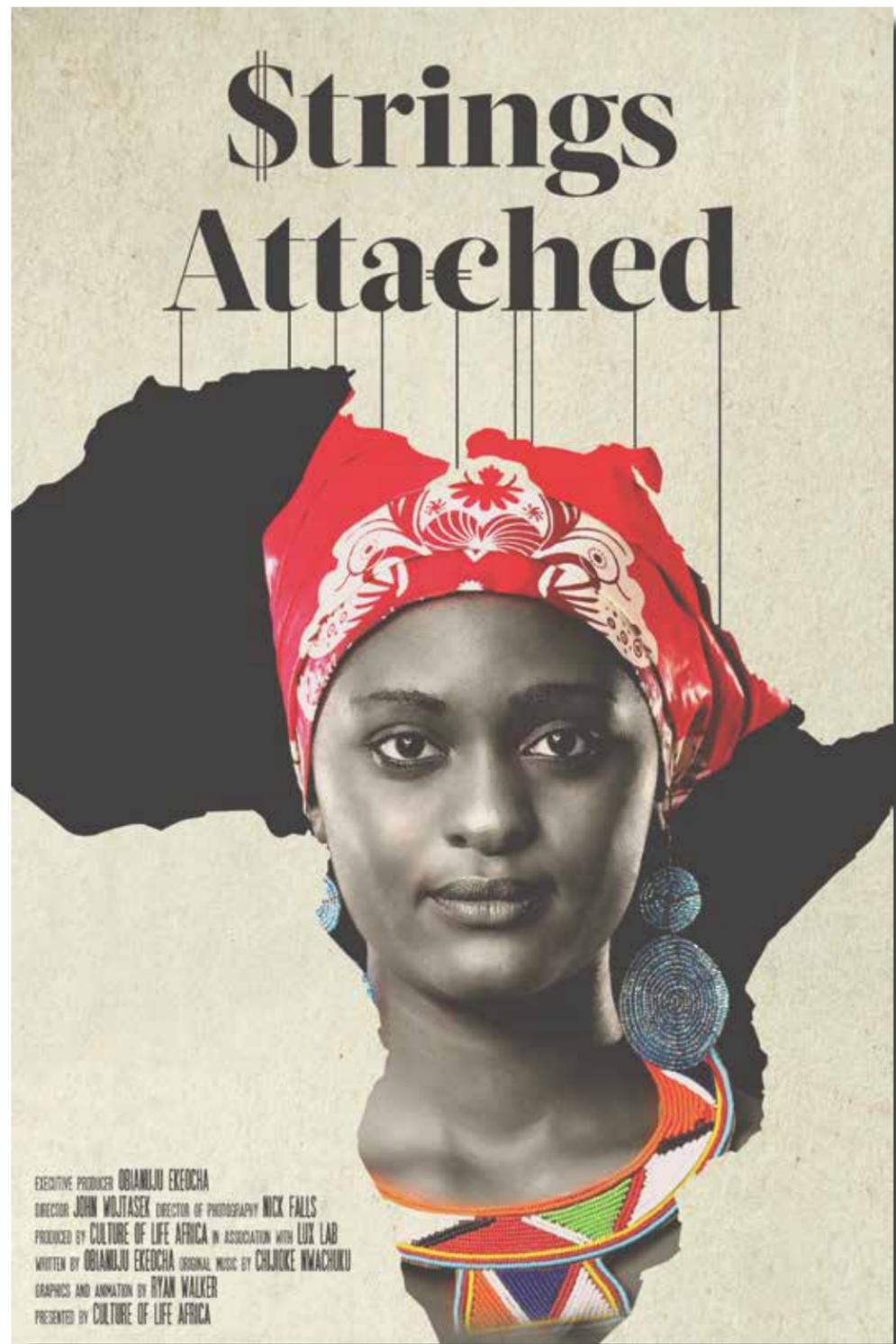
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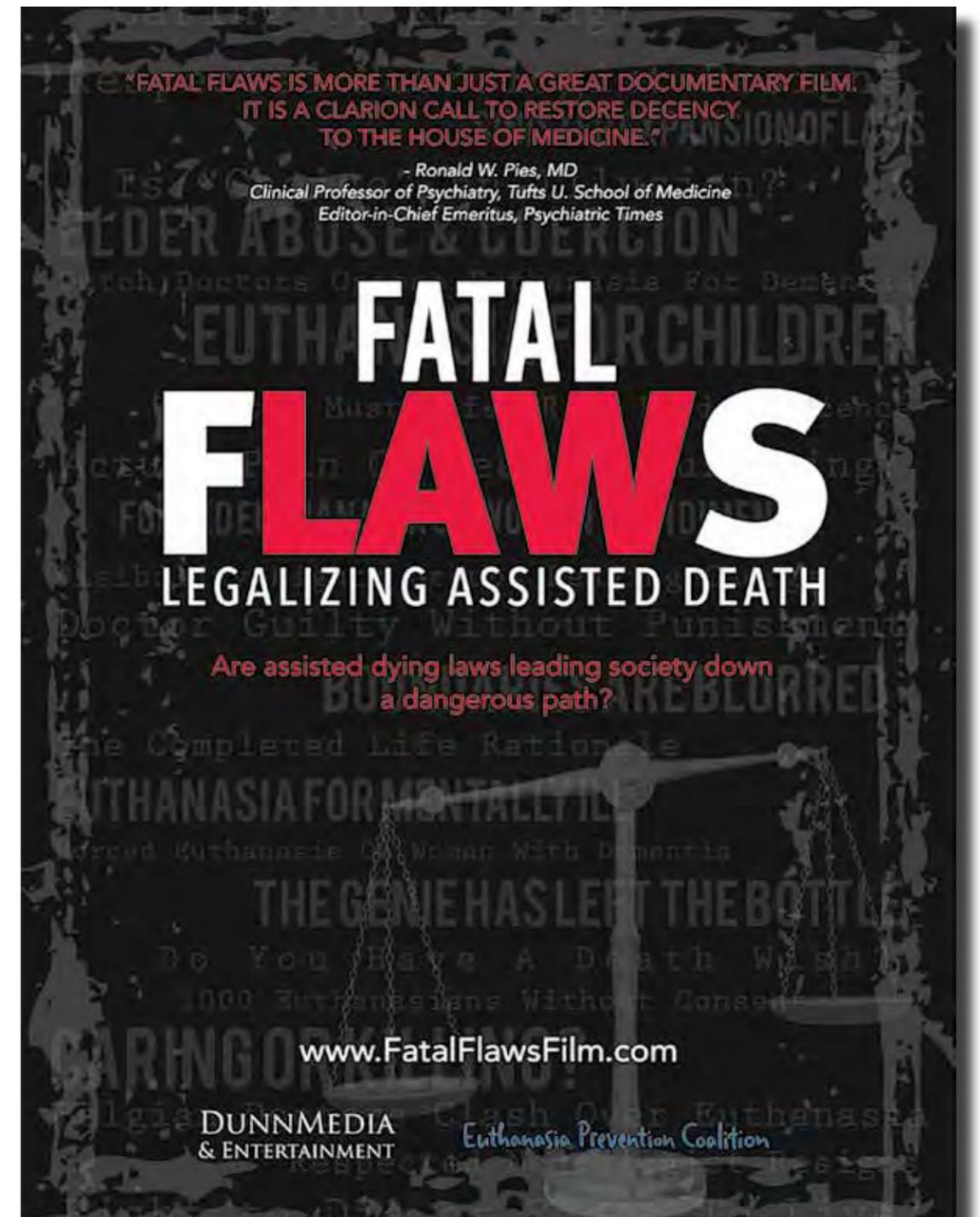
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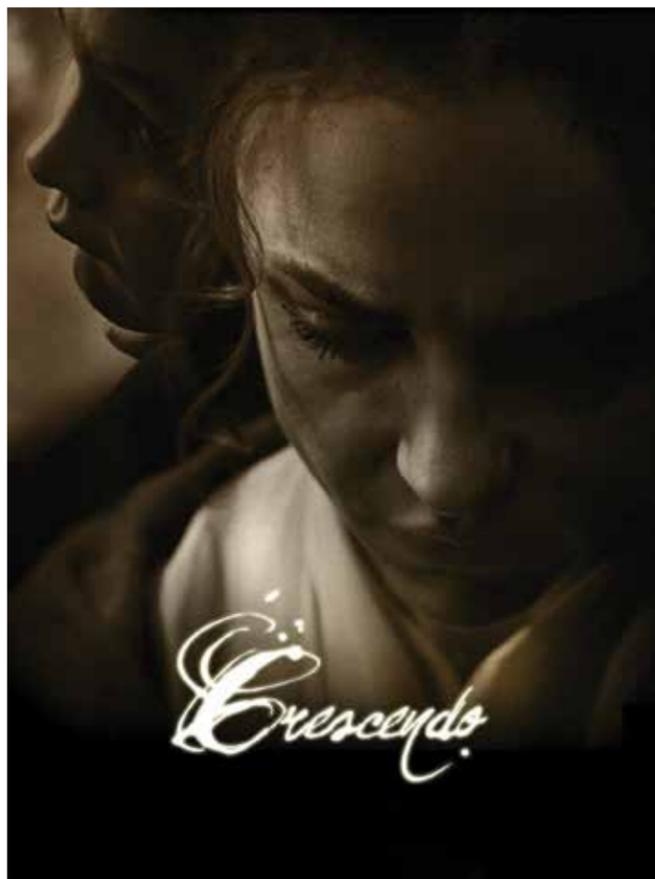
Every year, western donor nations, organizations and private foundations pour into the continent of Africa, billions of dollars earmarked for the support and promotion of “sexual and reproductive health and rights”. But no one ever follows the trail of their funding to know where and how it ends up. *Strings Attached* is a feature-length documentary that presents the African side of the story of enthusiastic western donors and the African recipient of their “gifts”, particularly, the African women who are the primary targets of the donors’ dollars.

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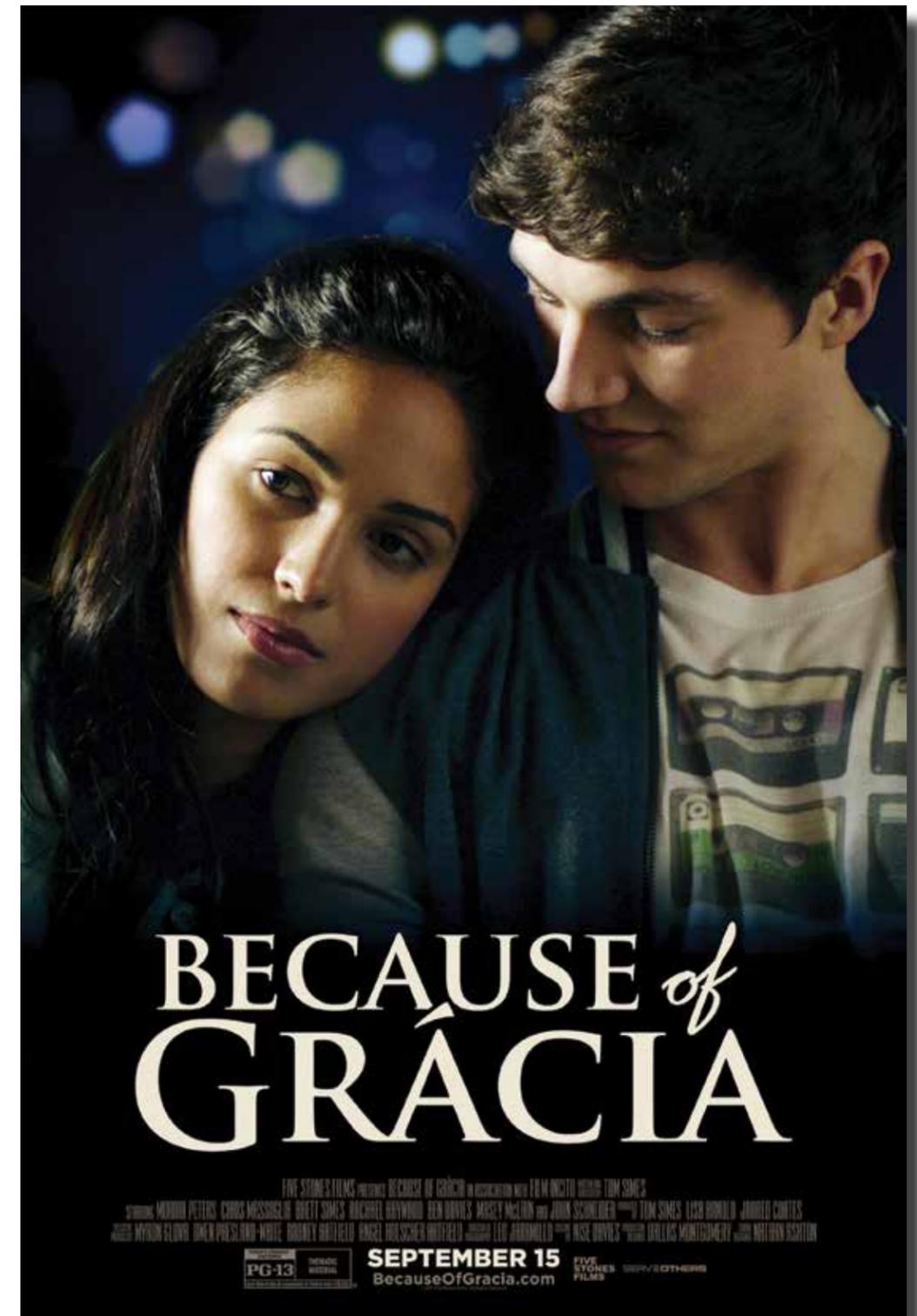
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Chase Morgan would love to live up to his own name and pursue something great. It's his senior year and he's still as insecure as ever but Eastglenn High's newest student is about to turn that around. Gracia is a girl with charisma, intelligence and conviction but she's not as "put together" as Chase and his best friend OB might think. A dark past gives her a unique connection with Bobbi, a misunderstood classmate with a pushy boyfriend and disconnected father. As Bobbi struggles with a life-and-death decision and Chase risks rejection, Gracia challenges her friends, teachers and even herself to step outside the status quo. Because of Gracia's inspiring strength, those around her are finding it easier to speak up and fall in love.

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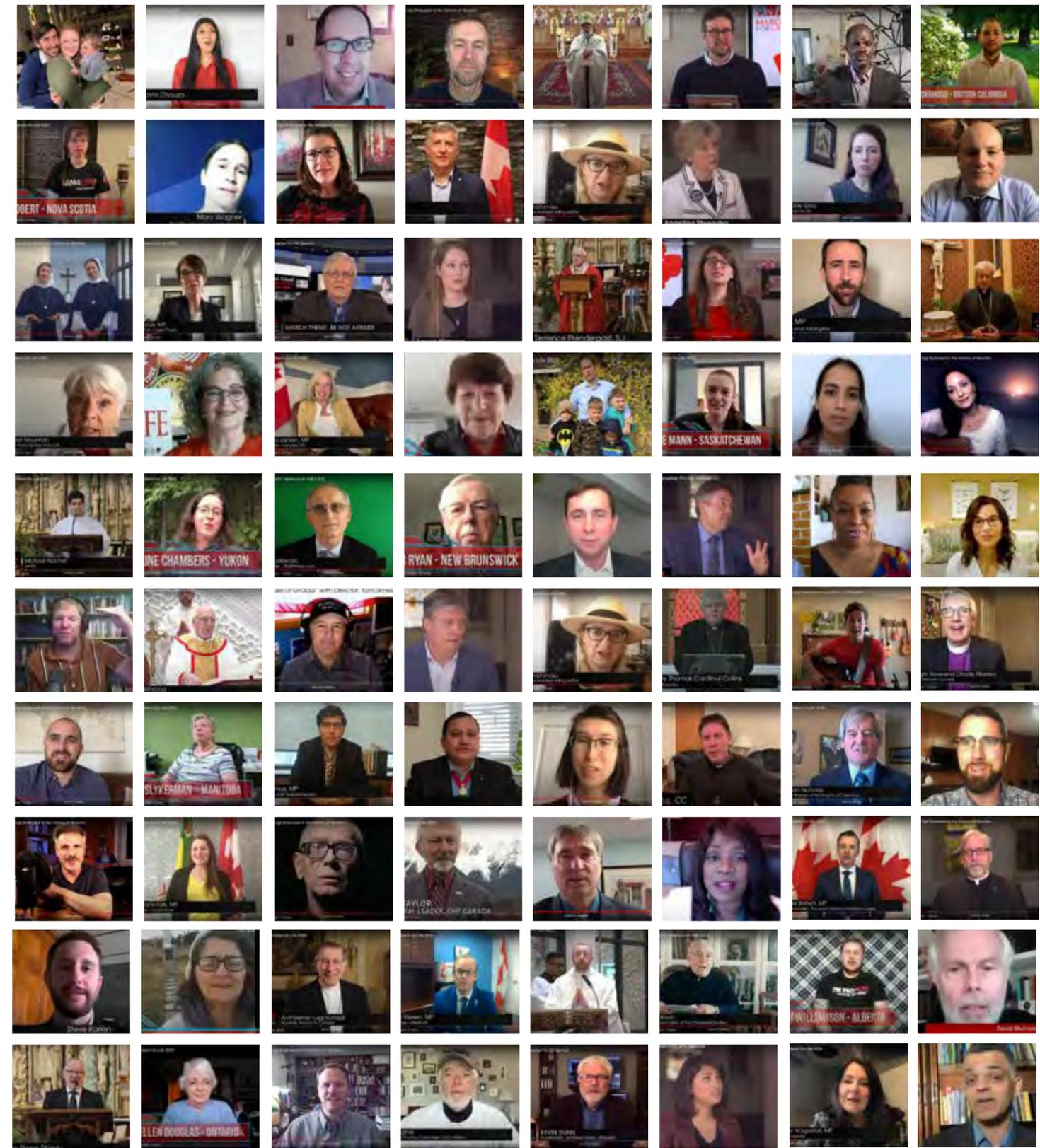
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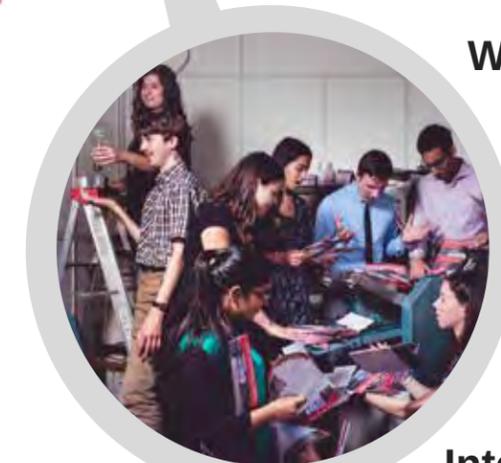


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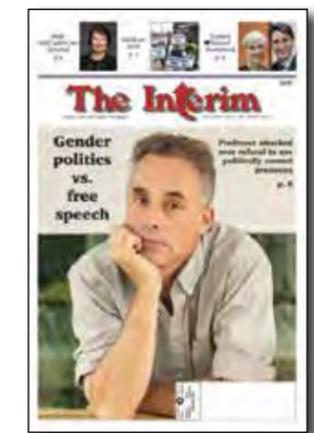
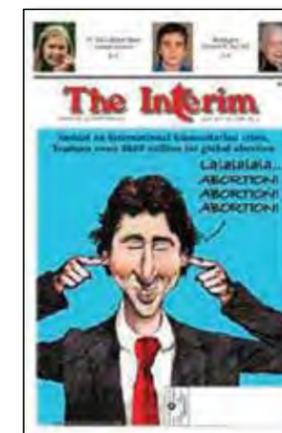
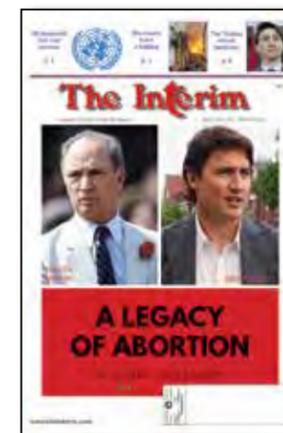
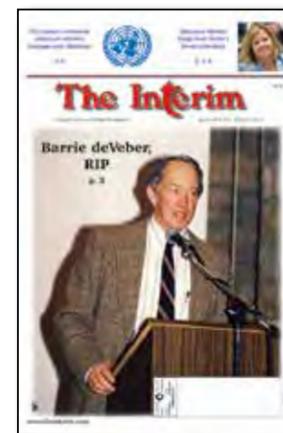
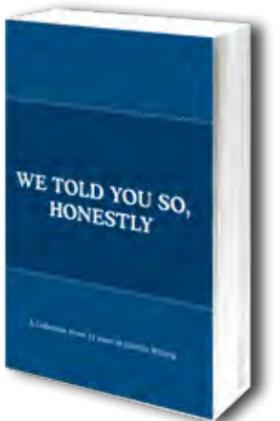
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What is Campaign Life Coalition?

Campaign Life Coalition was founded in 1978 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It is the national pro-life organization working at all levels of government to secure full legal protection for all human beings, from the time of conception (fertilization) to natural death. We defend the sanctity of human life against the threats posed by abortion, euthanasia, doctor-assisted suicide, medical and scientific research that results in the killing of an unborn child, infanticide, the practice of eugenics, population control, and developments that threaten the family. Campaign Life Coalition never compromises on basic principles; but it supports incremental policies that do not compromise the lives of unborn children.

How are we organized?

We are a grassroots movement. We come from all walks of life. Each of us contributes according to our individual strengths to the needs of the movement as required from time to time: whether spiritual support, financial assistance, or political activism. The national office in Toronto acts as a link between our provincial groups and strengthens the pro-life effort by coordinating strategies across the land.

Our Ottawa Bureau is responsible for lobbying MPs and Senators, assisting with the National March for Life, and collaborating with the provincial offices through our National organizer.

What we do:

Defend life and family at the international (United Nations), federal, provincial, municipal and school

board levels.

Organize the annual National March for Life in Ottawa and numerous provincial marches for life, LifeChain and 40 Days for Life campaigns in Canada and countless pro-life conferences and activist meetings across the country.

Produce and distribute pro-life information including pamphlets and fact sheets, books, videos, monthly newsletters and e-updates, websites such as campaignlifecoalition.com and iamahumanbeing.ca, provide sample legislation to politicians and students, send out voice blasts and e-mail blasts in support of pro-life political candidates.

Support crisis pregnancy centres and sidewalk counselling to help distressed pregnant women to choose life, and support organizations dealing with the aftermath.

Recruit young people through Campaign Life Coalition Youth, educating, informing and inspiring them to become leaders of the pro-life movement. We also hire and train up to a dozen summer interns each year.

Promote pro-life activism and influence public opinion in favour of life through the use of traditional and new media.

Our political activity consists of:

Recruiting, nominating, and supporting pro-life candidates

Lobbying elected officials at all levels of government.

Preparing and presenting briefs to parliament, provincial legislatures, city councils, and school boards.

Publicly supporting elected officials who speak up for the unborn, the elderly, and the vulnerable in our society.

Running campaigns at the provincial and federal level to stop the public funding of abortion, both in Canada and by Canadian agencies in developing countries.

Monitoring anti-life and anti-family activities at the United Nations and abroad, and assessing its potential impact on Canadian public policy.

Our emphasis during election campaigns is to:

Encourage pro-lifers to run for office and to work within each party to nominate pro-life candidates.

Identify candidates who are pro-life and those who are pro-abortion.

Mobilize supporters across the country to help pro-life candidates from all levels of government get elected, and defeat those who are pro-abortion.

Organize leafleting, door-to-door canvassing, and phoning – especially in swing ridings.

Four point approach to restoring a culture of life in Canada:

- 1. Support Pregnant Women** in distress and help them to choose life and support organizations to deal with the aftermath of abortion.
- 2. Influence Public Opinion** so that the public is better educated about the facts of abortion, the breast cancer connection, the development of the unborn child, and the nature of euthanasia. Make the public aware of a dangerous anti-life, anti-family world agenda being pushed by non-government organizations through the United Nations.
- 3. Engage in Political Action** to change the minds and hearts of our fellow Canadians, and work to ensure that our elected officials restore full legal protection for all human life.
- 4. Trust in Spiritual Action** since the attacks against life and family are real and the culture of death is heavily entrenched in our institutions. Fervent prayer and reliance upon God, the foundation of our pro-life work, is essential.



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23 Years: A Brief History of the National March for Life

The National March for Life is an event inspired by the late Miss Nellie Gray, founder and lead organizer of the March for Life in Washington D.C. At a pro-life leaders event in the '90s, she turned to Jim Hughes, national president of Campaign Life Coalition, and suggested to him that Canada should "march for life" too. Upon returning from the meeting, Jim spoke to Father Alphonse de Valk, founding editor of *Catholic Insight Magazine* who echoed Miss Gray's suggestion, and the National March for Life was born.

The Canadian march is in many ways modeled after the Washington march. We march and bring our concerns to the foot of our federal government on Parliament Hill. We include Masses, Prayer Services, a candlelight vigil, youth events and Silent No More Awareness Campaign testimonies. We have had many suggestions to add or to change the events and we considered each and every tactic as to what will most impact the three-days of support for the cause of the unborn.

A brief summary of past marches:

- Held yearly on or near May 14 to commemorate the passing of an Omnibus Bill May 14, 1969. On January 1988, the Supreme Court struck down the previous legislation but did not give women the right to abortion and stated that Parliament could legislate, if they chose. To this day, there is no law in Canada restricting abortion
- First march was held in 1998 and began at the Supreme Court of Canada with more than 600 participants walking/marching up Wellington Street to Parliament Hill – speaker Rev. Ken Campbell.
- In 2000, it was decided to gather on Parliament Hill and walk through downtown Ottawa, returning to Parliament Hill.
- Took on the name National March for Life in 2003 to differentiate us from the March for Life in Washington D.C.
- Themes over the years include: Equal Rights for All Human Beings (2000), No To Discrimination (2001), Let Them Live (2002), Life is the ONLY Choice (2003 & 2004), Abortion NO: Life is the Only Choice (2005), Abortion is Killing Canada's Future (2006), Justice for the Unborn (2007), Life: The First Human Right (2008), Exodus: A Future Without Abortion (2009), Abortion: A Crime Against Humanity (2010), Abortion Kills a Human Being (2011), Abortion Hurts Everyone (2012), End Female Gendercide (2013), RU-4LIFE (2014), Let Life Win (2015), #EndTheKilling (2016), Life, We Stand on Guard for Thee (2017), Pro-life: All. In. (2018), #50YearsTooMany & #IVoteProlife (2019), and this year's theme is #BeNotAfraid.
- Over the years the march has picked up momentum and school groups have bused in from various parts of Ontario including greater Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Pembroke, Sault Ste. Marie, Sudbury, Southwestern Ontario and, of course, Ottawa. Beginning in 1998 with several hundred participants, in 2016 there were more than 20,000 participants with clearly two-thirds being under the age of 30 years.
- The late Dr. André Lafrance was the mastermind behind the candlelight vigil. It was his dream to have candlelight vigils across the country, simultaneously held, in memory of the unborn.

He died Nov. 23, 2005, and in the past few years his vision has been fulfilled.

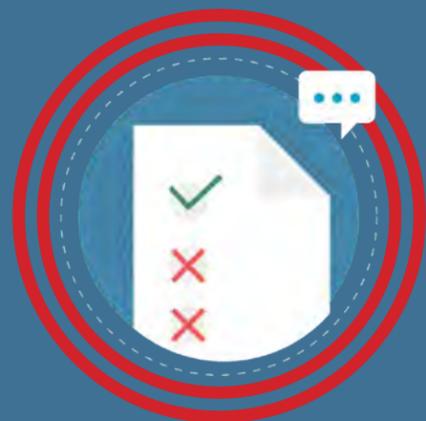
- The National March for Life also sparked numerous provincial marches across Canada. Every year, marches are held in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland.
- The first banquet was a luncheon event at the Ottawa Congress Centre with 330 attendees. The following year it was moved to an evening event and in 2005 named the Rose Dinner. When the numbers began to swell to 1,000 attendees, a decision was made in 2010 to hold both a Rose Dinner and a Youth Banquet simultaneously.
- The idea of having a youth conference was entertained for a few years and in 2002 it became an addition to the NMFL events. The first year, 172 young people attended; in the past few years closer to 800 youth have attended.
- Many prominent pro-life leaders have spoken at the rally on Parliament Hill and the banquets. These include: many MPs and Senators, Dr. John C. Willke (former president of International Right to Life Federation), Angelina Steenstra, Georgette Forney and Janet Morana (Silent No More Awareness Campaign), Ted Morton (former Alberta Cabinet Minister), Sandy Rios (Concerned Women for America), Carl Anderson (Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus), His Eminence Marc Cardinal Ouellet (former Primate of Canada), former MP Elsie Wayne, Father Frank Pavone (Priests for Life USA), Rebecca Kiessling (author of *Conceived in Rape: From worthless to Priceless*), Dr. Alveda C. King (Priests for Life USA), former MP Tom Wappel, Melissa Ohden (Abortion survivor and international speaker), Lila Rose (Live Action), David Bereit (40 Days for Life), Mario St. Francis (Motivational Speaker), Steven Mosher (President of Population Research Institute), Rev. Patrick Mahoney (Christian Defense Coalition), Reggie Littlejohn (Women's Rights Without Frontiers), Ryan Scott Bomberger (The Radiance Foundation), Carol Everett (The Heidi Group), Jason Evert (The Chastity Project), Eric Metaxas (Author, speaker, TV and Radio host) and Matt Fradd (Author, speaker and founder of *theporneffect.com*, a website that exposes the reality behind pornography and equips individuals to find freedom from it.), Obianuju Ekeocha (Founder and president of Culture of Life Africa), Matt Walsh (Writer, blogger and speaker), Steve Karlen (Director of North American Outreach, 40 Days for Life), Transform DJs (Pro-life and Christian Electronic Dance Music Group), Jim Hughes (National President, Campaign Life Coalition), Catherine Glenn Foster (President and CEO of Americans United for Life), Paul J. Kim (Speaker and performer), Ann McElhinney & Phelim McAleer (authors and producers of *Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer*), and Steve Fitzhugh (best-selling author and former NFL star).
- This year, due to the health pandemic, the National March for Life Organizing Committee took on the unprecedented task of organizing a virtual National March for Life. This new format came with many obstacles but also new opportunities to bring together a lot more speakers and pro-life leaders to share their stories and expertise. See page 48 for a list of pro-life, religious, and political leaders who offered their greetings, prayers and discussion as part of the virtual programming.

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National Life Chain

Sunday, October 4, 2020, across Canada

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