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**ON THE WAY TO AN ABORTION,
TORONTO TEEN MAKES A **HAPPY CHOICE****



"Marie" & Milana

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By Debbie Fisher, Toronto Right to Life speaker

Everyone enjoys good news, especially when it involves saving lives. On May 15, 2012, I was asked to attend a pro-life symposium at St. Therese of Lisieux High School in Richmond Hill, Ontario, and staff an information table there on behalf of Toronto Right to Life for part of the day. Although TRL helped by sponsoring and with other aspects of the conference, the event was a student-led initiative and success, an outstanding example of proactive leadership by pro-life youth. I had been booked for a presentation that day with Cardinal Newman High School in Toronto, so I was disappointed that I couldn't stay for the whole day and speak at the Social Justice Council's first pro-life symposium. St. Therese of Lisieux High School holds a very special place in my heart because I gave my first abortion presentation there over six years ago. I remember that day like it was yesterday and I remember being scared to death. It was difficult, to say the least, to talk about the trauma of my own abor-

tion, but I believed that sharing my testimony could help prevent others from believing the lies about the unborn being blobs of cells, from abortion's devastating personal impacts, and to realize that there is healing for those who have been involved in an abortion. I recalled the words of Mother Theresa, "I know God won't give me anything I can't handle. I just wish he wouldn't trust me so much". On the day of the symposium at St. Therese of Lisieux, I contacted Cardinal Newman to see if we could switch dates and they graciously gave up the day. God used that simple switch as part of saving a life that day.

Father Tom Lynch, from Priests For Life Canada, was a speaker at the symposium. One of his most notable comments was in answer to a question of, "How can we stop someone from having an abortion?" He replied very simply but forcefully, "Tell them, 'Don't do it!'" Those words were to have a profound effect on many people's lives.

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JAN 28, 1988:

CANADA'S UNFINEST HOUR

BY PAUL KLOTZ

Twenty-five years ago, Canada became the only nation in the western world to totally exclude an entire category of human beings from having any human rights whatsoever- including the most fundamental right: the Right to Life.

It was on this day that the Supreme Court struck down all restrictions on abortion, giving it free range as great as the open western prairies, to run wild and claim a hundred thousand lives every year since, as well as to bring darkness and defilement to the culture of one the most (formerly) human rights- minded nations in world history. Nearly three million dismembered and decapitated children later, on this day, Monday, January 28, 2013, many are praising this pinnacle of distortion of the concept of human rights. "All persons have the right to life, liberty, and security of the person", run the hailed words of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, established only six years earlier than the day when the Supreme Court washed its hands of the abortion issue, and left it to Parliament to draft a new abortion law. 25 years

later, Parliament has not only failed to create any law limiting abortion in even the slightest possible way, but is in effect under self-imposed censorship regarding the very mention of abortion, while perpetuating a 400-year old legal definition of "human being" that implies a magical transformation of the unborn child into a "human being" upon full birth.



Dr. Henry Morgentaler, who challenged Canada's 1969 abortion law, claiming it to be unconstitutional by violating the life, liberty, and security of the person (the mother), and who received the favourable ruling of the Supreme Court this day in 1988, is being feted in a celebration of the utmost irony, as a hero of human rights and champion of all children being "wanted" children. Today, millions of Canadians are mourning the deaths of the three million human beings left out of the

Charter, who didn't make the cut of being "wanted" in the eyes of many who partake in this great travesty of believing that the void of a law constitutes a "right", and that human rights apply only to some human beings. ■



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RESPECT FOR LIFE STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2013



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of the Sisters of Life



Andrea Mrozak
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The details

Thursday, February 21, 2013
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Pro-Abortion Propaganda Semantics Take Devious New Turn

By Paul Klotz

As a result of the recent bruising Planned Parenthood has been taking in the US over its fast-food approach to selling abortions, efforts to curtail its enormous tax-funded government assistance, and being caught in lies and cover-ups, as well as signs and trends that are disquieting for the pro-legalized abortion community, the abortion industry's giant is quietly moving away from the term "pro-choice" and what it is now presenting as "labels".

In true corporate world fashion, when a tagline or campaign strategy no longer works, its time to re-brand, especially when the approach has been begun to prove detrimental to the profit margin. Perhaps PP has come to the purely "fiscal-centric" realization that a cash cow cannot successfully be disguised in packaging that can prevail in a contest for hearts and minds against a cause which needs no shrouding, whose moral weight and momentum has proven it to be unstoppable. The moral high ground is unassailable, the "pro-choice" arguments too ethically and scientifically weak to succeed in debate, developing technology such as 3-D and now 4-D ultrasound rendering their ideology increasingly difficult to justify, and so the logical step is to abandon these- to make the issue "label-less", generic, to get people to start thinking outside of the moral box. On the surface, it seems to fit in well with the increase of moral relativism among much of the mainstream culture. If people don't care about the morality of the issue, the "pro-life" position would simply be bypassed and left behind in history. The human conscience, however, does not capitulate that easily for most people, and even few of those engaged in the most immoral behaviour succeed in extinguishing the instinctive need to justify their actions. To survive legally, the abortion industry will need to either dominate on

the moral field, which it cannot, or seek the increase of moral indifference and relativism among the majority of society as its lifeline - which also, is

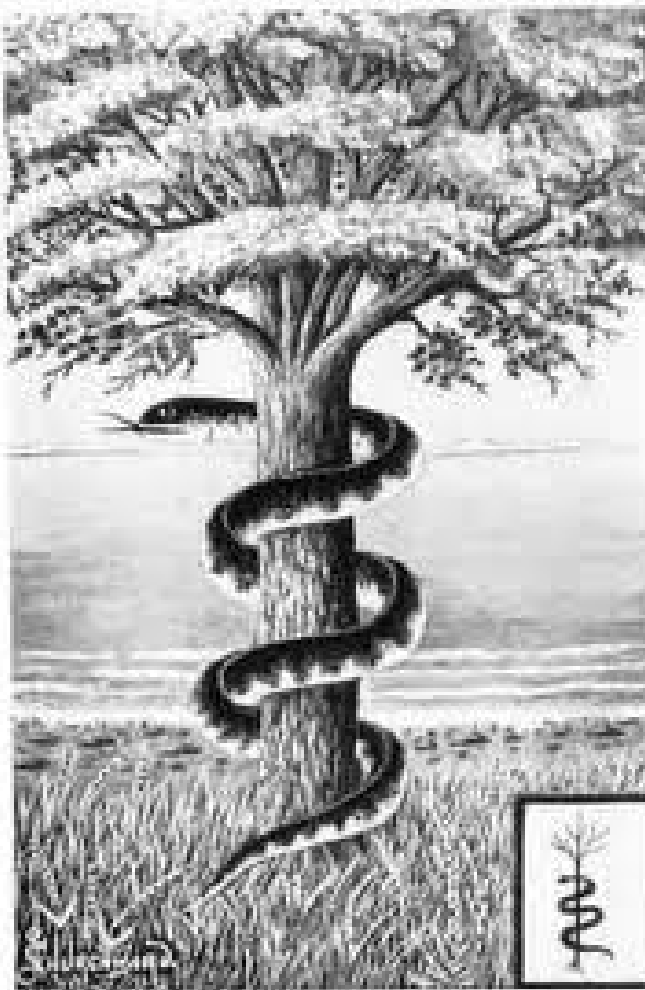


ultimately a dead end. The heart of the abortion issue is forever the inherent worth of human life and the lack of respect for it, and though a few may consciously descend to view it with dollar signs in their eyes, the nature of the issue cannot be forced, bent, or twisted into being about anything else. Nor can it be permanently hidden, especially with the accelerating accumulation of empirical evidence, from the conscience of humanity.

As the unmaskable truth continues to emerge, it is becoming increasingly ethically disturbing and questionable about aborting for conditions such as Down Syndrome or because the baby (or fetus, or whatever term is used) is female. In an article appearing in the National Post, Saturday January 19,

2013, Toronto Right to Life President Blaise Alleyne states, "I think Motion 408 (regarding condemning abortions based on gender selection) is a perfect example of how the word choice falls flat on its face when confronted with the real ethical issues around abortion. There's a strong consensus that while we might disagree about the other reasons or other circumstances (for abortions), Canadians are in agreement about this one". In fact, according to a 2011 Poll sponsored by Environics, 92% of Canadians are against sex-selective abortions. Even acknowledging the gender makes acknowledging the humanity, and thus the moral enclosure, inescapable.

"Pro-Choice" has also come to be seen by many as hollow and hypocritical, even by many fence-sitters. If "choice" is so open and glorified, why are so many university pro-life student clubs harassed or not allowed to exist? Why is it nearly impossible for a pro-life organization to sponsor public ads? Why is abortion banned from Parliamentary debate? Why are the gatherings of many thousands of pro-lifers marching in Washington or Ottawa or other cities unreported by the media? "Choice" is wearing out and just not being bought as much anymore, and the abortion lobby knows it now has all the punch of a used car sales ad. Since PP cannot win on this front, it is attempting to get both "pro-choice" and "pro-life" to be seen as "labelling", and appear to have "moved on". "Their messaging seems to be about advancing the conversation to a post-label debate, but that strikes me as rhetoric", says Mr. Alleyne. "Choice" has been exposed as partial, conditional, and subject to the will and agenda of the pro-legalized abortion community.



"40 Years Ago, Abortion-Rights Activists Won an Epic Victory With Roe V. Wade"... , runs the front page of the January 14 issue of Time Magazine, ..."They've Been Losing Ever Since". The article points mainly to division caused by generation gap differences in approach between elements of the "pro-choice" camp, which has also made possible the passing of abortion-limiting laws in some states by a tightly organized pro-life opposition. The author of the article, Kate Pickert, suggests as well that *more* abortions and expansion of access to safeguard "abortion rights", by reducing the "stigma" attached to abortionists. Pickert's article, however, has a hole the size of New York running all through it- the same gaping hole that permeates the entire "pro-choice" conglomerate of financial – focused businesses like Planned Parenthood, activists, lobbyists, and so on- which is that, for them, in a situation involving two human beings, only one exists- the other is entirely obliterated, ignored, pushed out of sight, out of mind, out of the body, and out of the equation altogether and forever. This is the hole that more and more people are beginning to see, some readily, and others hesitatingly while they struggle with what objective science is proving ever more effectively and their own consciences... a hole big enough for the burial of the legalized killing of unborn human beings.

Let Planned Parenthood drop the term "pro-choice"... We are pro-life, all human life, always and everywhere... and moving full speed ahead in the moral arena which abortion can never be separated from. ■

Remembering HOPE

By Sarah Blake

Toronto Right to Life Student Board Member

Hope is the heart of every social justice movement – a vital organ, requiring both nourishment and exercise in order to fulfill its purpose. To better define hope, let us say what it is not. Hope is not optimism which may have no basis in reality. Hope is not, as the overworn corporate proverb states, "a method" toward a goal, but it is what gives wings to the will to use the right methods reach the goal, regardless of the difficulty; to move the desire for the good outcome from a vision to a reality. But how often is it given the attention that it requires and deserves? How much more often is it forgotten and neglected? Let us ask ourselves if we really do possess a strong, healthy hope or if it clings to us by fragile threads.

While we in the pro-life movement endeavour to keep hope alive, from time to time our natural weaknesses make us slip into doubt and uncertainty. Regardless of reports or statistics, we often consider ourselves a minority of justice-seekers in a world that has lost its conscience. It is hard to keep hope as a beacon before us while the darkness of the Culture of Death surrounds us. Yet becoming overwhelmed by the darkness is nothing short of handing it the victory. This we know, and the thought alone is often enough to pull us from the depths before we sink.

Still, even the seeds of discouragement compromise our goal. When dejected, we run the risk of presenting our case without the love that is fundamental to it. Lacking this foundation, our tone may become frustrated, our defense combative, our arguments tactless, our judgments severe. Feeling alone and intimidated, we may begin to suspect everyone of having views contrary to our own. Regrettably, in this position we are in danger of losing support before we know it.

At a recent Life Chain, I stood holding a sign that read, "Abortion kills children." Presently, I was approached by a middle-aged woman who asked me simply, "What about cases of brutal rape? What do you say to that?" I mentally assembled some of the points of pro-life apologetics and

began, "I fully agree that rape is an unthinkable crime." Then I paused, only able to say, "But abortion still kills a baby." Disappointed, I looked at the woman, but she only said, "Thank you." I was speechless. She continued, "My daughter was conceived in rape, but I didn't abort her. I gave her up for adoption because I believed abortion killed a baby. The sad thing is that I never get to see her." As I expressed my sympathy for her situation and my appreciation for her decision, I could see in her a spirit at peace, perhaps after years of insecurity. "I know it was the right choice now," she declared, before crossing the street. "You are a hero," was the last thing I said to her.

Like this woman, there are many who may question us but do not mean to challenge us. They are searching for consolation and reassurance. The heart of their hope beats, though irregularly. It lacks the sustenance of spoken confirmation that their beliefs or decisions are right. These people are the practical, though unsung, pro-life heroes: the ones who do the right thing despite the adversity and troubles that they face. And yet, just like those of us actively working for the cause, they may feel burdened and isolated. While they recognize the stirring of truth within them, it may not always make sense. It is easy to forget why you believe something when no one else around you does.

When we in the pro-life movement begin to give way to discouragement, let us remember these things. Not everyone is against us. Sometimes those who appear to challenge us are simply trying to come to terms with their own convictions. Moreover, there are others struggling like we are, but in an even worse position. While we at least can find solace in each other, many practical pro-life heroes have no support system and lack the knowledge to affirm their beliefs. Finally, love must always remain paramount in our work. No matter our state of mind, we should not let this hinder the intention of our message. No matter what we have to face, we must persevere. No matter what else we may lose in the process, we must never lose hope. ■



2012 Annual General Meeting

November 19, 2012 • North York Central Library



Keynote speaker, Dr. Ashleigh Molloy, presenting on the topic of "The New Eugenics"



TRL Executive Director, Paul Klotz, presents TRL initiatives from the past year.

2012 AWARD WINNERS

The June Scandiffio Award for outstanding pro-life leadership in the media



JONATHON VAN MAREN

The Laura McArthur Award for outstanding pro-life leadership by a youth



DAN ZELENY

The Gwen Landolt Award for outstanding pro-life leadership



ALEXANDRA JEZERSKI

The Dorothy Sullivan Award for outstanding pro-life volunteer work



LUCY SCHMIDT



OF EUTHANASIA

BY PAUL KLOTZ

Legal euthanasia has made several attempts at securing an entry into Canada in recent years: through direct Parliamentary vote with Bill C-384 in 2009, through an attempt to get the current federal law prohibiting euthanasia declared “unconstitutional” via the “Carter Case” in the B.C. Supreme Court last year, and now through the Quebec government, after a panel of law experts have determined that the province can legally circumvent the federal law on the issue.

Quebec apparently plans to legalize “assisted death” by summer, and what is concerning besides the fact that it increases the possibility of spreading to other provinces or all of Canada, is that the plan is based on the Belgian model, the vague and minimal parameters of which have proven to expand intentional killing in the name of “medical care” exponentially, to more and more groups of individuals. As Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director and International Chair of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, points out:

"It should concern people that Quebec has chosen to mirror the Belgium euthanasia law. Belgium legalized euthanasia in 2002 and research has found significant abuse primarily related to the imprecise and wide-open definitions that the Belgium law uses.

Three recent studies from the Flanders region of Belgium found that:

1. 32% of all euthanasia deaths were done without explicit request.
2. 47% of all euthanasia deaths were not reported as euthanasia.
3. Nurses are euthanizing their patients, even though the Belgium law limits the act of euthanasia to



doctors.

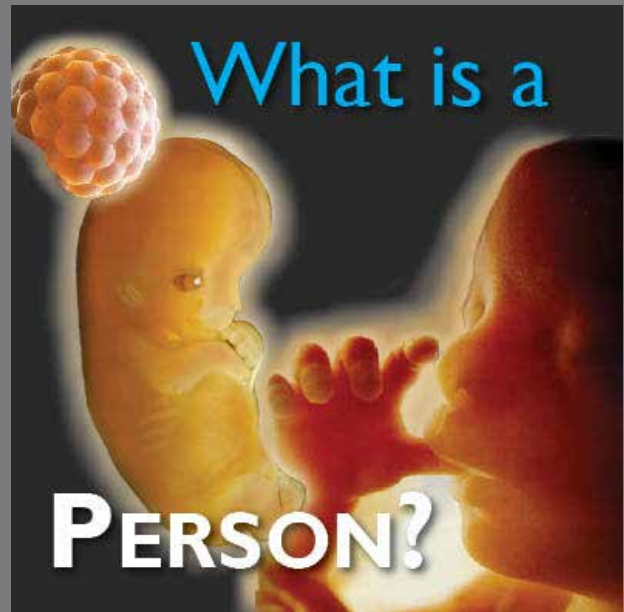
It is important to note, that even though independent studies have found significant abuses of the Belgium euthanasia law are occurring, not one doctor has been prosecuted in Belgium.

Now the Belgium government is considering changing the euthanasia law to include children and people with dementia/Alzheimer’s. This would once again widen the definitions of who qualifies for euthanasia.

Considering the concerns in Quebec related to the cost containment of healthcare and the concern with medical errors, is it not likely that Quebec will follow the lead of Belgium?"

“How can killing be defined as a form of healthcare?”, continues Schadenberg. “By defining euthanasia as healthcare, access to euthanasia will inevitably be extended to everyone, because everyone is given equal access to healthcare. People who want to increase access to euthanasia, in the near future, will employ the equality provision in Canada’s Charter of Rights to convince the courts to logically extend euthanasia. The Quebec government seems to have intentionally defined euthanasia as medical treatment in order to introduce it in a limited form and then let the courts extend it to nearly everyone.” (Reprinted with permission from: Alex Schadenberg, AlexSchadenberg.blogspot.ca, Jan.22, 2013) ■

TRL SPEECH CONTEST



Personhood has been used to both defend and deny the rights of people throughout history. Society has redefined the meaning of personhood, yet all human life should be respected and valued. TRL asked interested grade 9 through 12 students to answer the question "What is a Person?" in a short speech. The three finalists presented their speeches at the Annual General Meeting on Nov. 19, 2012, and the winners were chosen by vote of the attending TRL Association members.

WINNERS

1st
place



KRISTINA SYLVESTER

2nd
place



SAM LAI

3rd
place



RENATA ISKANDER

Thank you to all who participated in the contest!

Shortly after this a grade 12 student approached his teacher, and told her he had a friend who was on a local public transit bus at that very moment to have an abortion. Father Tom's words echoed in the teacher's mind and she repeated, "Call her and tell her don't do it!" The student called his friend and asked her not to go through with it, but her mind was made up. She told him she had no choice and was going through with it. She promised to call him as soon as she reached the Eglinton subway station. Angelina Steenstra of Silent No More Awareness Canada was speaking to a group of students at that time so the teacher approached me in the library and asked me if I would speak to the young man before his friend called him back. She left, and I immediately started praying the rosary. Soon after, he approached me with tears in his eyes and quietly listened as I told him the story about my own abortion. The words that struck him the most were the words of sadness and regret. As we were speaking his phone rang and he said to his friend, "There's a lady here who regrets her abortion". Those were the words that unlocked her heart and she replied, "Why?"



The author, Debbie Fisher, with baby Milana

"They understood that in order to save a life we *absolutely* have to love the mom first."

He handed the phone to me and I remember asking the Holy Spirit to be my guide. I asked her to give me just one hour of her time and if she decided to still go ahead with the abortion the next day, I promised I would be there for her when she came out. By the ultimate grace of God, she broke down and said "Ok!" I looked at her friend and said, "Let's go", to which he replied, "it's ok, I can get there faster than you". I realized she would feel more comfortable in a

friend's presence before we met.

I can still see "Marie" (whose actual name has been changed for this story in respect of her wishes) walking down the empty school corridors toward the Toronto Right to Life information table. True to her word she gave me an hour. Suddenly she said, "Ok, I won't do it!" The students and teachers of St. Therese of Lisieux and many more people had been praying very intently for this young mom and her baby, and she was overwhelmed by the love and support she received after we spoke. They understood that in order to save a life we absolutely have to love mom first.

So many women think we only care about the babies. Many moms wonder, "What about me? What happens to me if I have this baby?" This points to a very significant and often unperceived difference between the mechanical spirit of the abortion industry and the human being-focused spirit of the pro-life position. Marie related to TRL that when she called the abortion clinic, the person at the other end told her it would be a very short procedure that would take about half an hour. She remembers they told her it wouldn't hurt, however she might experience some dizziness or nausea and that's why she would need someone to pick her up. Nothing was said about "the baby". It was as if a second human life in the picture did not exist at all. Nor was there anything whatsoever mentioned about how she might feel emotionally after the abortion and there was no counselling or any other form of post-procedure assistance offered.

When I had spoken to Marie for that hour about my regret, I asked her what she needed most in the world at that moment. She said, "Support!" She did not say, "an abortion". Like so many other young women in her age group, she felt she couldn't give her baby a good life so it would be better for her baby if she had an

abortion. She had booked the abortion because she felt financially she wouldn't be able to support her child, and the baby's father was not supportive. Marie said that she was scared but after talking with me, she knew she made the right decision. She now realizes that the call she made to the abortion clinic was really a cry for help and support. The abortion business realizes this is a target of fiscal opportunity and appears to be supportive to women in Marie's situation... until the abortion is done. Then its time for the next procedure as the wheels of the industry must keep moving. The support that these young mothers need is within the pro-life community, if the link between the two can only be made. In Marie's case, minutes away from making a lifelong tragic choice, a true friend made that connection- between herself, himself, Toronto Right to Life, the teachers and students of the Social Justice Club of St. Therese of Lisieux High School, Angelina Steenstra of Silent No More Awareness Canada, Father Tom Lynch of Priests for Life, and other members of this community who have been supporting Marie with everything from her concrete, immediate needs to a baby shower and even hairdressing. The clinic... has forgotten all about her.

Milana was born on December 8 at a hospital that was five minutes north of the abortion clinic that would have taken her sweet life. She is the apple of her mother's eye and is embraced by all of mom's family. "Being in an unplanned pregnancy is scary", said Marie, "but having your baby is the right decision. I am happier. I feel amazing, I feel great, and I love being a mommy. My life is completely changed. It was a hard decision but the best decision to make. I am grateful to everyone who helped me and I am a better person because of my daughter." ■

WITH RESPECT TO MR. ROGERS

In our last newsletter, I posted a picture of "Mr. Rogers", the former children's television show host of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood", and had as a caption, "spokesman for the current legal definition of "human being", which states that children do not become human beings until they are born. Those who remember the show will recall that it centered around "the neighborhood of make-believe". The intention of the picture was to draw attention to the conscious and scandalous pretense and child's make-believe fantasy-like game that those who support the perpetuation of this definition are engaging in, full grown adults in full knowledge that it is a lie and a transparent avoidance of truth in the face of objective science, simple reasoning, and common deductive knowledge. The late Fred Rogers, a moral man and Christian minister, I am sure would have nothing to do with this shameful spectacle. I express my sincere apology to anyone who may have been offended otherwise.

Paul Klotz

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TRL, in its mission of Educating for Life, centres much of its activity around the school year. Thanks to the support of our friends and members, we have already educated nearly **6,000 students and adults** in our presentations so far this school year! But we have many other new and ongoing projects and initiatives, which we cannot accomplish without you.

There are many ways in which you can help enable us to sow the seeds of cultural change - together we can increase the culture of life in Canada!

Financial Donations - large or small, every bit helps! We need to maintain a budget for bringing high profile speakers for talks, improving our educational methods and materials, even acquiring office equipment that helps us in our day-to-day mission and the latest pro-life resources for our lending library!

Memberships - becoming a member is simple and requires nothing beyond an extremely modest annual fee – for the price of a pizza, you can take part in all we do for “informing minds, inspiring hearts and saving lives!”

Bringing us into your school, youth group or adult organization - for enlightening and empowering presentations or recommend us to teachers, pastors and other pro-life community leaders!

Promote us to your friends, family and associates - for donations, volunteering, membership or presentations through word of mouth or through “liking,” sharing and talking on our Facebook pages (“righttolife.to” and our new youth website, “studentlifelink.ca”)

PROJECTS & EVENTS

Youth Conference - Last year’s Youth Conference was well attended by over 200 students from 18 high schools across Toronto. This year, we are hoping to reach out to more students and teachers by planning an even bigger pro-life event. With your support, you can help us reach our goal in bringing forth a new generation of pro-life leaders.

High School Student Manuals - The high school manuals are a great resource for students and teachers starting a pro-life club. Each manual costs \$10 to print. If you would like to see more of these practical guides distributed across Canada, please consider a donation to cover the cost of printing.

NON-FINANCIAL DONATIONS

Some of our office supplies have endured the test of time and have served our needs in accomplishing our pro-life work of spreading the message of life to you, our members and to communities across Toronto. These items are essential in performing our day-to-day tasks.

Here’s a list of items that you may wish to donate:

- Desktop computer
- Projector & screen (used for presentations)

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