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**September /October, 2008**

Dear Pro-life Friends:

Wow! What a summer! We had a wonderful summer here in Digby County at the family homestead of my wife Rosalie. Our health was good and the weather fine, not like elsewhere in the province. I haven't felt this good in the past five years; hopefully, my good health will continue, and I must thank you for all your prayers.

There is plenty of news, excitement and activities for the fall. We will try to keep you up to date on our website at [www.clcns.com](http://www.clcns.com). First is the national strategy session being held in Toronto, September 12-14<sup>th</sup> with much thanks to a donor with air miles, I'll be able to attend representing NS. Next is the kick-off of 40 Days for Life on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish Center; if you want more information, go to [www.40days.com](http://www.40days.com). International Life Chain will be held at various locations around NS on October 5<sup>th</sup>; in Halifax at the Halifax Commons on Robie Street at 2:30 pm, everyone will be welcomed to a peaceful, prayerful vigil for the unborn and their moms. All denominations are welcomed and encouraged to attend. October 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 4<sup>th</sup>, will bring the 2008 International Pro-life conference to Toronto. Speakers included the following: Dr. Jack Willke (USA), IRTL; Fr. Gerard Wilberforce (England), - yes you guessed it: a great-great-grandson of slavery abolitionist William Wilberforce; Brian Rooney (USA) St. Thomas More Law Center; Bert Dorenbos, (Holland) Cry for Life; Fr. Alphonse De Valk, (Canada) *Catholic Insight*; Dr. Sheila Harding (Sask); Lech Kowalewski (Poland) Human Life Internation; Kit Tatad (Philippines); John Smeaton (England) Society for the Protection of Unborn Children; Ewa Kowalewska (Poland) HLI; Jeff Watson (England), MP; Sisters of Life (Canada); Cale Clark (Toronto); Fr. Raymond de Souza (Canada) *National Post*; Rosemary Connell (Canada) Show the Truth; Dr. Talmir Rodrigues MP (Brazil); Pat O'Brien, former MP (Canada); Stephanie Gray (Canada) Show the Truth; Tom Wappell, MP (Canada); Phil Horgan (Canada) CCRL; Georgette Forney (USA) co-founder, Silent No More; an added attraction from Ireland, Fr. Ted Colleton— Wow! That is quite a slate.

Now to top this we have two elections coming up which are extremely important, one is the Federal Election and the Municipal elections in Nova Scotia. First I'd like to address the Federal scene. In NS we have eleven (11) federal districts, two in Cape Breton and the rest on the mainland, with four in the metro Halifax area. The conundrum has always been who to vote for especially when we do not really know the candidate nor their ideology or moral fiber. There is only one 100% pro-life party running in this election and that is the Christian Heritage party, pro-life, pro-family and biblical traditionalist. The conservatives at times give us hope but really lack the will to do anything and perhaps are not as dangerous as the others, namely the Liberals, the NDP and the Greens, who are for the most part pro-choice and are not supportive of traditional family values. Sometimes it must be said, but not as official CLC policy, that we have to vote for the lesser of evils to keep absolute evil at bay. I would encourage you to contact your local candidates to poll them on life and family issues. Need to know what riding you are in? Then visit our website: you'll find a link to the Government of Canada Elections Canada site, where all you need to know is your postal code. If in doubt, call our office at 861-1982.

Next would be the municipal elections, which includes school boards, where important decisions are made that affect the citizen of tomorrow: e.g. the implementation of the HPV vaccine Gardasil. Isn't it ironic that there have been 10 deaths since September 2007 attributed to this drug, and 140 have been seriously hospitalized and yet the government keeps pushing this vaccine as a cure-all; but with the Maple Leaf scandal, there have been 8 deaths and the products have been taken off the market? Go figure; what logic? Please don't be afraid to run for office in a municipality or school board and do keep in touch with CLC NS for the latest in election tips and strategies.

Don't think this is enough activity? Well there is more; we have to raise funds, and we have to sell Christmas cakes and cards to keep the wolves away from the door. This project is mammoth and will need help of every description because of the elections and other activities; please call Ellen at 861-1982 and offer to help. I encourage you and your organization to send someone to the National Conference to come back and share the information gathered. If you have Airmiles points or Aeroplan points you can share with us to send one of our directors to the conference, that too would be appreciated; please call Ellen at 861-1982.

The next big news is that Project Gabriel may be getting off the ground this fall with a big interest in the Yarmouth area, in support of the Tri-County Pregnancy Office and others who want to save lives and souls, and walk the talk. More in our next newsletter. As always, I wish to thank you for all your support over the last two decades and as always I ask for your continued support, financially as well as spiritually. You make me jump with joy just knowing you care, no matter how small a donation or how large a prayer. You are great. Watching what's happening south of the border with an unapologetic pro-life vice-president nominee makes my heart sing and gives me hope for the future that this example will encourage Christian Canadians to stand up proudly and say I'm for life! See you at Life Chain.

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Herm and Rose Wills  
Campaign Life Coalition

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# OFFICE NEWS



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FYI Herm was presented with the Pro Vita Knights of Columbus award, from the Truro Council in June 08. Thanks KofC for recognizing Herm's relentless efforts to the pro-life cause.

We're back! With summer's end, the monsoons over, and basements dried out, we can now look forward to the autumn season with its full colour and glory.

As with most summers, there wasn't much rest on the pro-life front. One appalling happening, which is still keeping us busy, was the announcement that Henry Morgentaler would receive the Order of Canada. The brazen act of official favouritism toward one side of the abortion debate has sparked a renewal of pro-life activism in the country. More than 70 MPs spoke out against the award, eight individuals have returned their Order of Canada, 18,000 signed CLC's on-line petition and another 10,000 mailed in signed petitions to the CLC Toronto office. It is our responsibility to ensure this debate hears a clear pro-life voice that all human life is sacred and deserves legal protection. Please continue to write to your MP, register your dissatisfaction about the Order of Canada with the Governor General's office, send letters to the editor, and raise the abortion issue in other ways. If you need info on who to contact, call the office; I am pleased to help.

Throughout the summer and presently, work is being done to help organize a new pro-life campaign, **40 Days for Life**. This is an intensive pro-life initiative that focuses on 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigils at abortion facilities, and 40 days of grassroots educational outreach. The 40-day time frame is drawn from examples throughout Biblical history where God brought about world-changing transformation in 40-day periods.

40 Days for Life started in Texas in 2004 and has now grown to an international campaign. Halifax, the first city to join this initiative in Canada, will hold 40 Days for Life outside the Victoria General Hospital, South Park Street entrance. From September 24 till November 2nd 2008, Halifax, together with Toronto, Ontario, and 45 US states (more than a hundred thousand people) will be praying and fasting to end abortion.

**How YOU Can Make a Difference**  
Please pray and ask God to show you the unique role He has for you in the 40 Days for Life effort:

**Prayer warriors** are needed to fast and petition God that He will bless this effort and do as He promised in 2 Chronicles 7:14; that He will hear our prayer and heal our land.

**Vigil participation** may be your role. God could be asking you to peacefully stand as His witness outside the local abortion facility as a sign to the community that what goes on inside that building is simply wrong.

**Community outreach** might be your specialty. If you're a person with an outgoing personality, please consider this. Or maybe you're being called to take a leap of faith and step out to educate your city about God's truth.

**Leadership** is needed in the following areas:

- Campaign director
- Prayer coordinator
- Vigil coordinator
- Outreach coordinator
- Event coordinator
- Church coordinator
- Communications coordinator

Contact Ed & Pauline Mullen at 861-3962 or e-mail: [40dayshalifax@gmail.com](mailto:40dayshalifax@gmail.com). *If you can pray, you can help make a difference.*

More about 40 Days for Life at:

[www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## KICK-OFF RALLY

St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall  
**Tuesday, September 23rd, 7 p.m.**  
 Music by: Eric Myatt  
 Introduction by Fr. James Mallon  
 Special Guest Speaker:  
 Pastor Jeff Lutes, President  
 International Harvesters for Christ  
 CJLU-FM  
 Refreshments



SEPTEMBER 24th  
 to  
 NOVEMBER 2nd, 2008

## 18th Annual Life Chain

**Sunday, October 5th from 2:30-3:30**  
 Robie Street, near Halifax Commons.  
 LifeChain is the annual pro-life witness which takes place across North America, where tens of thousands proclaim that abortion is wrong. Pro-lifers from coast to coast stand to form a human chain holding signs which remind the public that abortion takes the lives of pre-born children.



## International Pro-Life Conference, Toronto

**October 2—4th, 2008**

CLC National is co-sponsoring with Life Canada & the International Right-to-Life Federation. The conference boasts an incredible roster of speakers including: Dr Jack Willke, President of IRLF; Fr. Gerard Wilberforce, great-great grandson of slavery abolitionist William Wilberforce; Georgette Forney, co-founder of Silent No More; Stephanie Gray of Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform; and many others to numerous to list. Contact the CLC office (902) 861-1982 for further details.



### EUTHANASIA:

The Euthanasia Symposium in Canada is being held at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg on October 24/25. The Symposium features: Not Dead Yet leaders - Diane Coleman and Stephen Drake; legal expert Hugh Scher; Dr. Mark Mostert from the Institute for the Study of disability & Bioethics; Alex Schadenberg, Jim Derksen and Rhonda Wiebe from the Council of Canadians with Disabilities; palliative care experts Dr. Margaret Cottle & Dr. John Scott; and more. For more information go to our website at:

[www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca)

### IN MEMORIAM

Willie Mah, Melissa Saulnier, Msgr. Wm. Wamboldt, Rev. Jim Whalen, Lawrence Embree, Lois Smith, Mary Belliveau, Liam Currie, Claude Chabot, Malcolm Patterson, Teresa Moore, Cella MacLellan, Joseph Dort, Robert Billard, Elizabeth MacKinnon, (Baby) Mujanio DeMone, Dan Franklin, Yvonne Mullen, Bernard MacDonald, Lauchie Fredericks, Howard Christian, Vera Clarke, Hector Saulnier, Sue Leydon, Joseph Lappin, Clyde O'Malley, Agnes Cadue, Edward Cadue, Alvin Forward, Keith Graham, George Doucet, Stewart Wills, Sarah Theriault, Pauline Klein, Hector Pothier, Beryl Coffin, James Briand, James (Jack) Norris, Raymond & Rona Hunter, Edmund Morris, Steve LeBlanc, Jim Woods, James Keddy, John Cahill, Michael MacLellan, Peter Rankin, Leo Miles, Ann Brown, Helen Hersey, Anna Walsh, Gerry Platz, Walter Foran, Eunice MacEachern, Elmer Caborn, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Sheila M. Poitras, Eleanor B. Prosser, Bessie Wight, John MacNeil, Cameron MacNeil, Kaye MacGillvray, William MacDonald, Brad Amirault, Wilfred J. Petrie, Mr. & Mrs. Edward LaPierre

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## **Killed in Darkness, Remembered in Light**

**Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director,  
Priests for Life**

On the afternoon of Sunday, July, 27 2008, close to five hundred of the faithful filled the tremendous Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament that Mother Angelica built in Hanceville, Alabama. They were gathered for the funeral of three children – Karen Esther, Enoch, and Rebekah.

The three children were all in the same small white casket. All had been killed just weeks earlier by abortion, and discarded in the trash outside of an abortion mill in Livonia, Michigan. Dr. Monica Miller, Director of Citizens for a Pro-life Society, transported the children to Alabama.

I conducted the funeral ceremony. Mother Angelica's community of sisters sang. The People of Life prayed, worshipped, mourned, and rejoiced in the hope of resurrection. As they honored the dead, they recommitted themselves to protect the living.

I have done funerals like this in various parts of the country. It was especially important, however, that this funeral took place at Mother Angelica's Shrine. I remember when she first told me, years ago, that at the heart of her vision for that Shrine was the unborn child. This was to be a place dedicated to the Divine Child, and a place where children in the womb – so easily forgotten and discarded in this culture of death – would be remembered and celebrated.

That's what we did on July 27.

I reminded the congregation of the funeral that Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago conducted back in 1988, when he buried two thousand aborted babies. When asked about the legal implications of the burial, he responded that such concerns paled to insignificance in comparison to the evil of taking innocent human life. He said he was doing a corporal work of mercy – to bury the dead.

That's what the People of Life do. They protect the living, and they bury the dead. They are not ashamed or afraid to honor in public those who are dishonored in secret by the hidden violence of abortion. By gathering in large numbers to bury aborted children, and by letting as many people as possible know about it, they make up in some small way for the callous disregard in which these children are held by many in our society.

That's why the 16,500 babies found in a large container in the Los Angeles area in the mid-1980's had to wait for three years before they were buried, as abortion supporters launched a legal battle to block the burial. They did not want society to acknowledge in any way that there was any humanity there to be honored. Just throw them away – and the more secret, swift, and private the better. So the abortion advocates believe.

But the Church believes different, and as we believe, so we worship. The congregation – including children holding their parents' hands – filed by the casket, which was open, and viewed the remains of these babies. There were tears of sorrow, but full of hope.

Each person left that church more committed than ever to bring the killing to an end.

### **ACTION ITEM:**

As noted in the *National Post*, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (CPSO) is considering putting in place a policy which would deny physicians their right to exercise religious or moral conscience. Currently, doctors across Canada are allowed to opt out of such things as prescribing birth control or morning-after pills or doing abortions when it goes against their conscience. The proposed new policy would no longer allow them to refuse to offer such treatments or refuse making referrals. We need to fight for freedom of conscience and support our doctors! I strongly encourage those of you who oppose this new policy to write a letter or email the CPSO Executive Committee Members (contact each one of them!) to request they revise the policy. Also, please pass this information to as many proliferers as possible.

BOARD MEMBER



## WILLIAM JOHNSTON

I was born son of Lieutenant (at that time) William D. F. Johnston and Royal Jane Johnston (nee Jeffery) on December 24, 1940 at the Blanchard Fraser Memorial Hospital in Kentville at 8:10 pm. My father was "...on active service with the Royal Navy" (from the birth notice in the paper) in the North Atlantic.

We lived in Dartmouth and Halifax during my early school years. My parents thought I might do better at KCS in Windsor, NS, at that time a boys' school, for two years and I did do better. The family was moved back and forth from Halifax to Ottawa because of my father's being in the RCN. Unfortunately, one province had twelve grades and the other had thirteen, which caused me to be put back and sometimes put ahead; thus, I was a wee bit older than average student when I entered Dalhousie University. I was a very average student - that is not modesty speaking; it is the truth.

I eventually graduated and worked at the Dalhousie University Library for two years where I enjoyed books as a form of refuge from the world but I was encouraged by my boss to use my B.Ed and teach. While at Dalhousie University I became very interested in St. Thomas More - possibly brought on by the movie *A Man For All Seasons* - and became a Roman Catholic.

I left the University Library and taught for one year at Stellarton High School and I then applied for a position at the NS Department of Education in the adult upgrading section, where I stayed for approximately twenty- five years. I was bought out (as many other civil servants were at that time) by the Liberal government.

In 1969, the Omnibus Bill introduced abortion almost on demand. One other matter that caught my mind's eye was Justice Bertha Wilson's comment that the biological father would in effect have NO say in the matter of the abortion of the child. This seemed to me to be reverse chauvinism by the feminists of the day. Recently, there has been a renewed interest in the position of fatherhood. Today there are a few brave souls, usually women, writing in defense of men vis-à-vis the unborn child and child-rearing; men don't write about these matters as they would be summarily dismissed as chauvinistic.

I joined Campaign Life Coalition, NS in a roundabout way. I started out as a telephone volunteer at Birthright under Mrs. Henman; next I joined Nova Scotians United for Life, when it was under Mrs. Mildred Moir; then I joined Christians Concerned for Life (CCFL) - it was then that I started picketing with Jim Christian, Doctor Michael Ramsey (now retired) and others on Saturdays. We picketed the Victoria General for five years or more. It was a good group but enthusiasm later waned so CCFL later became defunct. I then started picketing for Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) at the VG but later switched to Morgentaler's abortuary. There were many people who picketed there but Milton Ford, a third party and I tried to be there on Wednesdays as much as possible. There were groups that would picket on special occasions like the Massacre of the Innocents on the Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> and on the anniversary of the Omnibus Bill of 1969 (better known to pro-lifers as the Ominous Bill) on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Because abortions were performed on Wednesdays, many working people found it hard to picket. In a related matter, I believe the VG presently performs its abortions on Wednesdays.

Many people rightly blame politicians for caring only about getting elected, talking out of both sides of their mouths and generally being deceptive. But still, we keep on electing the very same ones! The old saying: "One gets the kind of government one deserves" is very appropriate. I believe that any and all changes regarding abortion have to come from the ordinary citizen, not the politicians or any other organization. I am afraid that the general population has been lulled into a comfortable position and loves it.

## ***Pre-Authorized Giving Plan***

Campaign Life is pleased to be able to offer pre-authorized monthly donations. This is a tremendous option for CLC because it allows us to schedule our pro-life activities since we know in advance how much support is coming in each month. It is also easy for you our supporters, since you just have to complete a form, send in a void cheque showing amount to be deducted, and then the pre-authorized amount is automatically deducted from your bank account. YOU maintain control of YOUR donation by simply contacting us by phone, e-mail or letter to let us know if you wish to make changes or cancel the plan.

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#### **Other ways you can help by:**

***Peaceful Picketing*** (witnessing) Wednesday Mornings 8 a.m. V.G. Hospital, South Street site

**Writing** your MP, House of Commons, Ottawa, K1A 0A6, on life issues

**Be a Contact** Person in your Church community

**Pray** for the unborn and the medically vulnerable, and those involved in pro-life and the abortion industry.

**Volunteer** to work on a committee, i.e., finance, planning and research, media & communications.

**(Our work involves political advocacy and as such we cannot issue tax receipts)**

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