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Dear Pro-life Friends:

Who wants another election? Again we will be attempting to ascertain the moral and/or social views of the candidates. They have become more reticent, not on their own accord but at the demands of their respective parties. We have been involved in 7 federal elections and now our 7th provincial election. Over the years some, but not many, provincial politicians have spoken out in support of nascent life, although we have had politicians who have indicated that they are pro-life and done virtually nothing to support their stated views. The most consistent political party has been the NDP, firmly for ABORTION at any point during pregnancy, and for same-sex marriage and assisted suicide (at least federally) - no wavering with them.

It is my opinion that each election has been driven by monetary issues without a concern for the long-term effect: i.e., the tax burden being left for our children and our grandchildren. In fact not much attention has been paid to the demography of our beloved province. It truly can be said that a society without children is a dying society. We are sadly lacking statesmen; that is, politicians who are concerned about the distant future as opposed to the near future. Perhaps, just perhaps, this time there will be that one statesman who will rise to the challenge.

Since the inception of CLCNS in 1987, we have kept track of the births and the abortions here in NS and Canada and the results are disturbing. Since 1985 there have been 35,000 abortions in NS, at a cost of approximately \$900.00 each. Ironically, there has been a decrease of 35,000 in the student population of NS over the same period of time. Yet there is a cry for more and more daycare spaces - perhaps because more and more women are being forced by economics into the work place.

This decrease in the population of our youth will have serious effects on our economy in time. Already our older generation are assuming the burden of staffing our fast foods outlets. In the past 40 years, since abortion became freely available, 3 1/2 million human beings, prospective workers, have been lost through abortion.

We tried again this election to simplify our questionnaire for the candidates, but we will need your help to encourage them to complete the questionnaire. Please look and read the questionnaire being put forward to the candidates by e-mail and fax, then call your candidate and ask virtually the same questions as suggested by Ellen within this election newsletter.

Interestingly a cardinal south of the border is asking congressmen to support a bill to help pregnant women who wish to give birth; he said that no woman should ever be forced to choose abortion because of lack of information about alternatives, or the lack of financial or other support. We along with our government should be reaching out to women with a helping hand when they are most vulnerable, and most engaged in making a decision about life or death for their unborn children.

As a suggestion, would you consider contacting your candidates from all parties to ask them if they would support similar legislation and would they consider introducing legislation, if elected, to support women who do not wish to have an abortion. It certainly would be life-affirming and doing the right thing, no matter on what side of the issue they stand. It would truly benefit women and society. **Then give us a call at 902 861 1982 with the results. We will be sure to post them on our website and make them available to others. www.clcns.com**

It is my pleasure to announce to you that more and more interest is being shown in the Gabriel Project, a grassroots support initiative to help a pregnant women. Help is on its way, we hope.

This will likely be the last newsletter before September unless something unusual happens. We do ask for your support again, your prayers and help in assisting us in identifying candidates who can and will support our values. We truly wish you and your families a peaceful and enjoyable summer and if you have computer access keep abreast of the news with www.clcns.com and www.lifesite.net.

Again, thanks and may God bless you. You may subscribe to our e-mail service as well at clcns@clcns.com.

For the love of life and family,
Herm and Rose Wills

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OFFICE NEWS

Prayer Vigil



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Wow! Our March for Life was a tremendous success and without any incidents. We extend deep appreciation to all of you for your enormous presence at the prayer vigil and our rally. There is no doubt that your greatly increased numbers and peaceful sincere determination was recognized. We are grateful to the shepherds of the Catholic faith for their presence, seven in all. Your pastoral leadership is desperately needed and appreciated and we look forward to, and welcome, many pastoral leaders and worshipers of all faiths next year. And last but not least, thanks is extended to the "city's finest," our police officers who stood on guard during the entire event.

On Wednesday evening one hundred plus attended the candlelight vigil held in front of the V.G. Hospital where more than 1,700 babies are aborted annually. At noon on Thursday, an estimated 140 gathered at Province House, led by the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus marching to the legislature all dressed in their regalia - an impressive demonstration of their support for life.

Our presenters were Pastor Jeff Lutes, Anita Durette and Julie Culshaw. Fr. Mark Cherry led us in prayer and Pastor Jeff opened the rally with a robust talk which emphasized the inconsistencies of the pro-choice point of view. Anita, our second speaker with the Silent No More Awareness Campaign, delivered a powerful testimony about her personal experiences with abortion, which moved some of the listeners to tears, I being one of them. It's a travesty that some women will suffer a lifetime in agony with post-abortion syndrome simply because they are not fully informed of the consequences of abortion. Julie's talk was particularly interesting as she presented a rational point of view with statistics in rebuttal to the pro-choice rhetoric. All talks can be viewed on the CLC website.

At the close of our rally I presented, on your behalf, the petitions which opposed tax funding of abortions to the commissionaire for the Minister of Health. The sheets were filled with the names of over 1,800 Nova Scotia citizens. Well done!

The event made our local Global news and I thanked them for their excellent coverage. CTV reported on the New Brunswick rally, which was also fair. However, a record-smashing crowd of over 12,000 Canadians marched through the streets of Ottawa to our nation's capital. There was a tremendous show of support from the Canadian Catholic bishops with 11 bishops participating. As well, 18 members of parliament were present, many of whom spoke up in defense of life. Did you see it on the national news? Well, neither did we. Not a mention by the media. Not a picture nor a write-up, zilch!



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UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

PROVINCIAL ELECTION:

JUNE 9th, 2009

*May the ballots we cast on voting day be fitting
memorials to all children killed by abortion!*

Taken in part from: "My Day at Notre Dame" by Father Frank Pavone: It started with a national Fox News interview along with Fr. Richard McBrien. We were asked our views of the Commencement. My message was: Everyone can imagine people they would protest speaking at a commencement: an avowed racist, anti-Semite, or advocate of terrorism. So the failure to object to one who is unwilling to call for an end to abortion is the failure to see that abortion is as bad or worse than those other evils. We have to stop trivializing abortion.

Moreover, the university gave the President an honorary law degree. Law exists to protect human rights; but this president has admitted that he doesn't know when a child receives human rights. How can he defend human rights when he doesn't know who has them?

After I greeted and blessed the demonstrators who were at the campus entrance, and concelebrated a special Mass for Life, I led the Class of 2009 Vigil for Life. We meditated on the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary, on the victory of life over death, and on the fact that Jesus is King over every nation, over the courts, the Congress, and the White House. As I gave the students and their families reflections on these truths, the current occupant of the White House was calling the graduates to have "open minds, open hearts" and a spirit of dialogue.

Now dialogue with our opponents on this issue is something we at Priests for Life specialize in. I maintain friendships with abortion advocates and practicing abortionists. The clarity of our own convictions never means we despise, demonize, or shut out other people. And yes, we are willing to collaborate with others in morally legitimate ways to reduce the numbers of abortions.

But the President's remarks had a glaring omission. While willing to dialogue and to promote adoption, he gave no indication of any willingness to protect the children in the womb. And that's the crux of the issue. In his remarks, he referred to the Brown vs. Board of Education Supreme Court decision that outlawed segregation. Certainly, his call for open minds does not include openness to reconsider the segregation issue. There's a right answer to it, period. So it is with the protection of the unborn. And as quiet again descended on campus at the end of the day, I reflected... Open minds, yes, but for the purpose of eventually firmly closing upon the truth! And isn't that supposed to be the purpose of Catholic universities?

IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Lloyd Robertson, Ken Amirault, 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

Now for the not-so-exciting stuff—elections! I'm heavily involved in the grueling task of soliciting each candidate for his/her views on life and family issues and urgently need your help! Presently all candidates that are currently listed with Nova Scotia Provincial Election 2009 have been e-mailed and faxed our Provincial Election Questionnaire. This is our voter's guide, which asks the following five questions:

1. TAXPAYER FUNDING OF ABORTIONS: Taxpayers pay in excess of \$2,500,000 annually for abortions in Nova Scotia. Health Canada has yet to give evidence that abortions are "medically necessary." Will you support measures to prevent taxpayers' money being used to fund abortions which are **not medically necessary**? Yes ___ No ___

2. INFORMED CHOICE: No woman should ever have to undergo an abortion because she feels she has no other choice, or because alternatives were unavailable or not made known to her. Would you support measures to ensure that women have the **right to be thoroughly informed** about the possible health consequences of having an abortion, the development of the child in the womb, as well as the alternatives to abortion? Yes ___ No ___

3. EUTHANASIA is the deliberate killing of a person - by action or omission, with or without that person's consent. Will you oppose euthanasia and support measures to instead promote good "palliative care" to alleviate pain and enhance the quality of life for terminally ill patients? Yes ___ No ___

4. MARRIAGE: Do you support the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman to the exclusion of all others? Yes ___ No ___

5. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: Will you support legislation that protects religious freedom in relation to the solemnization of marriage for clergy, churches and civil-marriage officials? Yes ___ No ___

Politicians tell us that the most important influence in their representation of the concerns of the electorate is what they hear when canvassing on people's doorsteps. We need to become courageous in making known our position on life and family issues to those campaigning for public office. Even at the provincial level these concerns are relevant. In Nova Scotia we are aborting more than 2,000 children annually at a cost in excess of \$2,500,000 with our tax dollars. Schools are closing, our workforce is dwindling and we are literally killing our future.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AND YOUR FEEDBACK

Here is what you can ask your candidate.

- "What is your position on a woman's right to choose"?
- "What is your position on same-sex marriage"?
- "What is your position on the right to die with dignity"?

By phrasing your questions in this manner the candidate may be more likely to give an honest answer. Would you also ask your candidate if he/she has completed the CLC questionnaire.

I'll be working hard till June 9th to find out where each candidate stands on life and family issues and look forward to your responses also. Call the office (902) 861-1982 if you have any questions and information to report.

Have a great summer, and as the old song says: "See You in September."

Halifax March for Life Rally



NOTE:

We are seeking signatures for another petition, this one at the federal level.

What's unique about this petition is if it is passed on to your MP he/she is obliged to present it to the House on your behalf. This means that regardless of the MP's party-line the petition will still be presented.

We are asking you to take up the challenge and collect enough signatures to fill your sheet? Written signatures and addresses must be recorded on each line and all 25 spaces must be filled or the petition is deemed void. When it is complete you can present it to the MP in **your** riding (so all signatures must be from your own riding). If you prefer, and if you have signatures from other ridings, send the petition to our address at PO Box 2085, Fall River. NS. B2T 1K6. We will ensure the names will be forwarded to the federal minister of health.



Fox News Poll Confirms Gallup: More Americans Say They're Pro-Life on Abortion Washington, DC (LifeNews.com)

-- A new poll conducted by the Opinion Dynamics research firm for Fox News confirms the results of a new Gallup survey. Like the Gallup poll, the Fox News survey finds more Americans say they are pro-life than "pro-choice" on abortion and the number is the highest since 1997.

The May 12-13 Opinion Dynamics survey asked respondents, "On the issue of abortion, would you say you are more pro-life or more pro-choice"? It found 49 percent of Americans say they are pro-life while just 43 percent say they are "pro-choice." Another six percent said a little of both and two percent didn't know where they stood. The poll also found that Republicans take a pro-life position by a 69-27 percent margin, Independent voters have a pro-life view by a 51-40 percent spread and Democrats support abortion 57-34 percent.

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