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Dear Friends of Life;

Our new provincial NDP government has revealed its first budget and it is simply amazing how politicians can go on ignoring the shrinking tax base and keep spending. It was reported that health care amounts to 1/3 of the total budget and it will have to be looked at. Makes one wonder how far we are from rationalized health care, especially for seniors?

On a positive note, at our last executive meeting we were joined by two young energetic new members. We welcome Patrick and Jennifer. Patrick Craine, who was once with Campaign Life Coalition NS while in University as a youth member, and now a journalist with LifeSite News, has re-joined us in the battle for life. We joyfully welcome Jennifer Derwey, a young energetic woman who cannot wait to enlighten the public. Both Patrick and Jennifer bring youth, vitality and energy to the struggle for life in the public square.

This month we are hosting a Gala Dinner with guest speaker Michael Coren, in the Harbour View Room of the Westin Hotel (formerly Hotel NS), there will also be a silent auction. You or your groups can have a table of ten seats for \$850. Individual seats can be purchased for \$100. Additional information about Michael can be found on our website www.clcns.com and his www.michaelcoren.com.

Proceeds from the dinner will go towards building a fund for education and political action such as lobbying. We have professional lobbying at the National level that we as a province contribute financially along with other provinces. We recognize a lack of adequate lobbying at the provincial level to lobby our MLAs and our MPs. We recognize a deficit in education of the public on life and family issues. In general most segments of society need a clarion call to recognize the intrinsic value of life and families. The campaign has to continue and be strengthened.

Next month the annual March for Life will be taking place all across Canada with the main march in Ottawa. The theme this year is "Crime Against Humanity". The national March for Life has been a showcase for Canadian Pro-Life youth and it is fitting that this years guests are Lila Rose of Live Action Films and Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor. Their stories will enlighten and enthuse pro-lifers and the public.

On Good Friday of this year the Newfoundland Right to Life hosted a March for Life with 300 attendees. Wow, I wonder if NS can match that number this year? Our March for Life will be on May 13th at 12 noon on the steps of Province house. Why not take a moment, if you're not working, or are retired, or if you are in the downtown area?

Visit our web page for bi-weekly updates of the news that you won't find in the mainline media. The mainline media attempts not to discriminate against the life issues, but many times they just ignore the pro-life efforts of the many thousands of Canadians who will be in attendance at pro-life events, i.e., Annual March for Life. You can find us on the web at www.clcns.com and www.lifesitenews.com and www.campaignlifecoalition.com, if you don't have computer access you can subscribe to the Interim.

We are grateful for all the support you have given us for without you the vigil light would have been extinguished years ago. Please keep us in your prayers that the vigil light will soon be a flame that will not go out. Whenever and wherever possible take a stand for life, write to your local daily or weekly newspaper, speak to your family and friends and your Christian community.

We ask for your continued support, both spiritually with prayer and physically with presence and financial offerings.

With heartfelt thanks,

Herm

Yours for life

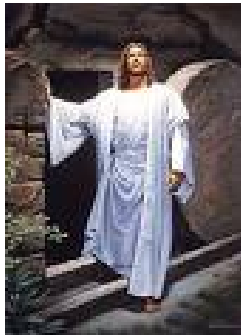
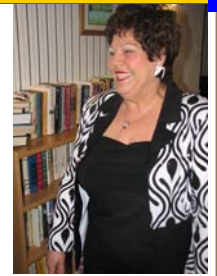
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OFFICE NEWS



*What an incredible journey Jesus made;
What an overwhelming expression of love He undertook;
What an awesome purpose he had in mind.
You were on His heart when He stretched out
His hand upon the cross and died.
He has returned to the Father and prepares a place for you.*

I trust your Easter was a time of fully enjoying His gift, His blessings and His love for you. As we look forward to spring and the new birth nature brings, let us also be reminded that through the death and resurrection of Jesus we too are given new birth and a new spirit to continue working for the Kingdom of God.

Where does the time go? It seems as if I just finished the January/February newsletter and here we are again, and wow have we been busy!

Our web site www.clcns.com is receiving several hits a week, and we've been diligently following up with responses. One particular e-mail was from a father seeking information for help for his 17-year-old daughter who is pregnant and wanting to keep her baby. It was indeed uplifting to hear that this young mother, even though her boyfriend didn't support her, had decided to keep her baby, but also that her father was considerate of her decision and willing to help her as best he could. We didn't hesitate to respond to his request.

As Herm has mentioned we are busy planning our major fundraising dinner, which now includes a silent auction. We have many donations from talented local artists, including Tom Forrestall and Gordon Roache. I do hope to see many of you there.

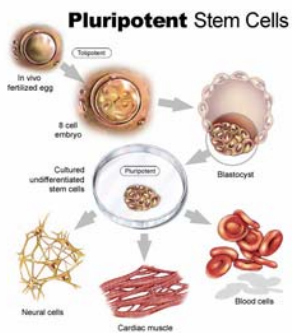
On the matter of politics, it appears that the abortion issue is still a hot button no matter what the cause. The Harper government was under fire on all sides when they refused to include abortion in the maternal health initiative for third world countries. We pray the Harper government will maintain its opposition to including abortion, especially during the June G8 meeting.

Euthanasia will once again be up for parliamentary debate. Bill C-384, if passed, would legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada, and it's coming up for a second hour of debate on Tuesday, April 20th. We urge YOU to write to your member of parliament. The following web site will direct you to your MP. <http://webinfo.parl.gc.ca/MembersOfParliament/MainMPsCompleteList.aspx?TimePeriod=Curent&Language=E>. Tell him/her to vote AGAINST this bill. If euthanasia or assisted suicide were to be legalized in Canada it would become the ultimate form of elder abuse and people with disabilities would most often experience subtle pressures to "choose" to die.

In general conversations just recently, and on two occasions, I made mention that I was “pro-life” and the immediate responses were “you mean you’re anti-choice?” I wish I had been quick enough to comment “Yes of course I’m anti the killing of babies in the womb”.

This really bugged me. Why aren’t those who support abortion not called “anti-life” or “pro-abortion”? Instead, thanks to the rhetoric by the pro-abortion movement they have themselves adopted the term “pro-choice” because it sounds a lot nicer than “pro-abortion.” “Pro” obviously means you are in support of something: pro-gun, pro-life, pro-union, these are terms that describe something you support. Why is it then that the term pro-abortion is not used proudly? The term “pro-choice” should really embody all of the “pro” stances on every issue. It shouldn’t just define one issue. When someone refers to themselves as pro-choice, what choice are they referring to? Abortion. What they are saying is that they believe it is fine for someone to obtain an abortion, which makes them pro-abortion.

DID YOU KNOW



The question of stem cells is currently the dominant subject in the debate over bio-technology and human genetics: Should we use *embryonic* stem cells or *adult* stem cells for future medical therapies? Embryonic stem cells are taken from a developing embryo at the blastocyst stage, destroying the embryo, a developing human life. Adult stem cells, on the other hand, are found in all tissues of the growing human being and, according to latest reports, also have the potential to transform themselves into practically all other cell types, or revert to being stem cells with greater reproductive capacity.

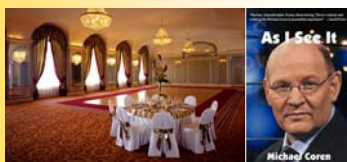
Embryonic stem cells have not yet been used for even one therapy, while adult stem cells have already been successfully used in numerous patients, including for cardiac infarction (death of some of the heart tissue).

So why the debate and why are we still using embryonic stem cells? Could it be that it would end the multi-million dollar profits realized by companies who provide the “anti-rejection drugs” which are needed to eliminate the problem of foreign body rejection when using embryonic stem cells?

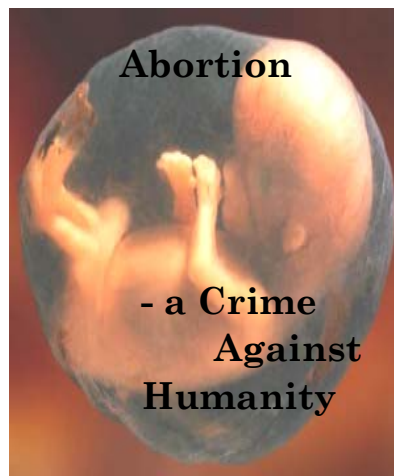
UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Apr. 15th cut off date for ticket purchase

Westin Hotel Halifax



Gala Fundraising Dinner
Featuring Guest Speaker
Michael Coren
(A Journalist for Life)
SATURDAY, April 24th
6 p.m.



March for Life
Thursday, May 13th
12 noon
Gather at Province
House
Granville Street,
Halifax

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