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Dear Supporters of Life:

The atrocity of abortion has disturbed me deeply since my faith first came alive when I was 16 years old. I remember being shocked at how oblivious I had been, and how I was struck by this feeling that I needed to see abortion.

I had heard of graphic abortion images and so one day I sat on my bed with my laptop. I still remember the image – a tiny hand soaked in blood laid beside a dime. As it came up, a shriek rose up out of me involuntarily. I jumped up, ran out of the house and down the street, reeling. I sobbed, and I was angry. Perhaps as I'd never been.

I knew that day that it had to end, and I would give my life if that's what it took.

I joined Campaign Life Coalition shortly after, in 2003. Now 8 years later I am humbled at the privilege to serve this province's unborn, and you its devoted pro-life community, as president of CLC NS. My full-time work since I graduated in 2009 has been as a reporter and Canadian Bureau Chief for LifeSiteNews.com, an international pro-life and pro-family news agency. My wife Jenna and I moved back to NS in 2009, and I've served on CLC NS's board since then. We now have two children: 2 year-old Noah, and 4-month-old Isaiah.

Pro-life work is frustrating. It feels as if, no matter how hard we fight, we're just not making progress. Many of you, I'm sure, have been working and praying at this for forty years, yet Canada still has no abortion law and the slaughter goes on unabated. I often feel so small and incapable in the face of such a massive problem. Indeed, none of us alone can end abortion.

But we can each touch one person, and we can work together, pool our efforts, to touch many more. "I can love only one person at a time. I can feed only one person at a time," said Bl. Teresa of Calcutta. "I picked up one person--**maybe if I didn't pick up that one person I wouldn't have picked up 42,000.**" When I get really frustrated, I always think back to Mother Teresa's famous quote: "**God does not call us to be successful. He calls us to be faithful.**"

The true fruits of our labours will never be known to us in this lifetime. But we know that our movement has had a massive impact, even if it has not yet reached success at the legislative level.

The international 40 Days for Life movement has given us ample signs of hope. Since it launched in 2007, we've heard testimony that 4,313 babies have been saved and 53 abortion workers left their jobs. In Halifax itself, we've heard stories of nurses rethinking their position in the abortion facility as a result of our campaign .

So let's keep our chins down and our hands to the plow!

As I transition into this new role, I want to thank Herm and Rose Wills for their 23 years of service at the head of CLC NS. Herm was a true leader for the movement in this province for many years, and I expect to lean on him heavily in the months to come. I would ask for your prayers and support, and I'll be sure to keep all of you in my prayers as well.

Please feel free to call me at 902-281-2135 or e-mail at pcraine@redeemer.ca.

Yours in life issues,

Patrick Craine

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Welcome back and t h a n k s to all of you for your continued faith in the work of Campaign Life Coalition Nova Scotia. We are continually blessed with your help and prayers.

I am sure many of you, like me, are wishing the summer would last a little longer, especially since our weather wasn't so good; nonetheless, I hope you enjoyed yourselves and are fully recharged for the new year ahead.

September came in with a vengeance this year and our fall calendar is quickly filling up with plans for our 20th annual Life Chain, our annual sale of fruit cakes and Christmas cards and a special campaign to produce letters and videos that will be sent to all politicians and priests in the Maritimes.

Our president attended the National Strategy meeting in Ottawa earlier this month and our spokesperson, Jennifer, will be attending the Life Canada pro-life conference in October on our behalf.

Our Life Chain will be held on Sunday, October 2nd, from 2:30 till 3:30. I do hope many of you will be able to attend. The Life Chain is a call to the Christian Church to mobilize against the abortion holocaust which claims over 60 million lives worldwide. This one-hour silent prayer, in the formation of a human chain, is a simple but profound statement that we abhor abortion for the reason that it kills babies and hurts women. Life chains will be held in the following areas:

ANTIGONISH : Trans Canada Hwy at St Ninian's Cemetery site, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

(Janet & Martien Bekkers 902-863-5061);

CHURCH POINT / DIGBY COUNTY : Hwy 1 at St Marie Church, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. -

(Marie Blanche Comeau 902-769-0974) and (Lucille Saulnier);

HALIFAX - Robie St at Halifax Commons, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.; **(Ellen Chesal 902-861-1982)**

PORT HOOD - Board Walk, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.; **Lorelei MacDonald 902-945-2897**

TRURO - Willow St @ Victoria across from the hospital, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Alfreda Brown 902-895-1481; Gail Munroe-902-895-2296

There has been much discussion lately amongst pro-life organization in regards to incremental legislation on abortion. CLC's position has always been that the law is the great educator. If you believe that a human being is present from the time of conception, then children before birth should enjoy the same protection as those already born.

What kind of law is needed? A law under the Criminal Code.

The Criminal Code is the only suitable place for abortion legislation because the Criminal Code contains the legal provisions which protect each of us from attacks upon our lives. The Criminal Code should be amended to make it an offence once again to take the life of a pre-born child.

Incremental Legislation. This would be any type of legislation (other than gestational legislation that would help to stop or curtail abortion or would help to develop a culture of respect for human life, from conception to natural death. An example would be legislation making it illegal to coerce a woman into having an abortion. Another example is de-funding, so that taxpayers do not have to pay for a procedure they morally oppose. Conscience legislation for health-care workers, whereby they do not have to cooperate with or participate in abortion, is another example..

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<http://goo.gl/a2rKq>



40 Days for Life begins Sept. 28! Visit <http://40daysforlife.com/halifax> for more info!

For CLC to be effective in its effort to secure full legal protection for the unborn, *we need to develop and maintain an effective network of pro-lifers across Nova Scotia so that we can communicate key information in a timely manner.*

To this end, we are looking for volunteers to serve as liaisons for CLC in their church, both Catholics and Protestants. We're hoping these people can help us build up our list of supporters in their church as well as communicate with the priests, ministers, and pastors to get announcements out to the faithful.

We're also looking for riding contacts who can help us get info on candidates in the riding and to communicate with supporters there.

WE NEED RIDING CONTACTS AND CHURCH LIAISONS! CONTACT ELLEN AT 861-1982.



Stay informed with key LifeSite headlines:

- Pro-life heroine sentenced to jail for peacefully witnessing to life at Toronto facility <http://goo.gl/jkl2J>
- Shock: No jail time for woman who strangled newborn because Canada accepts abortion, says judge <http://goo.gl/3tZIW>
- Protestant Life Chain founder begs pastors to denounce contraception <http://goo.gl/z4zw1>
- Canada's feds paying full maternity benefits after abortion <http://goo.gl/tXm0V>

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