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Dear Friends:

Christmas will shortly be here and a new liturgical year will begin with the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. It brings back sad but beautiful memories of my past, which I'd like to share with you.

The first Christmas I remember was one spent in the Saint John Protestant Orphanage along with about 200 other orphans. Orphans in the 'home' in those days, were there because the parents or parent could not afford to care for them. My family was no exception: a poor single-parent family during the Depression when food stamps were in vogue.

It was during World War Two, towards the middle of the war, that I remember big paper bags (coal bags) filled with goodies from the *empty stocking campaign*, a campaign that likely goes on today in that port city, one much like the Christmas Daddies show. We will always remember the Salvation Army coming to the home with fresh fruits and toys, and winning the hearts of us children. Years later it proved to be a lesson to me: give a small toy to a child, for they'd rather have that than a pair of mitts. (Give them the mitts also).

The Christmas celebration started off with a stage show at the local school with a ventriloquist and "Donald Duck," followed by Santa Claus. No parents, just us kids along with the staff and volunteers. I couldn't wait to get to the bottom of that bag of goodies. Then there was the special trip to the church in a parade of orphans. Luckily I was registered as an Anglican, for that church was close by. I can't remember the story of Christmas from that experience, and for that, I feel short-changed today. As an orphan I could not understand a loving God allowing for me to be in an orphanage but now, with wisdom of my years, I am thankful for the good care I received, and I now remember the orphanage in a positive light.

Jumping ahead to when Morgentaler came to Nova Scotia and CLC NS hosted a press conference, I remember opening the conference with the statement: "*We no longer have need for orphanages; we now have abortion and abortion clinics,*" which was followed by complete silence even as the cameras rolled. Each and every day I am thankful for my family and that I survived a teenage pregnancy. I have tried to do my best to return that thanks by helping unborn children survive in a time that is much more precarious than it was before the liberalization of abortion.

We now celebrate the birth of the Infant Jesus as a reminder of the intrinsic value of each human life, a reminder that life is God-given and to be treated as a gift from the Master. This Christmas, as we humbly recognize the Christ Child in the crib, my wife and I remind ourselves of the dignity of life. To the best of our abilities, we seek protection in our hearts from a secular world that is filled with false ideas about life.

In 2008, God willing, we will be able to carry on the battle for the life of each child in the womb and we will offer our prayers for the possible beginning of Project Gabriel. We continue to give thanks to you, our supporters, for your help, your letter-writing, your financial support, your phone calls, and your love of life. We hope to keep the vigil candle aglow with your support and continued efforts to defend life.

God bless, and merry and holy Christmas to each one of you and your families!

Herm and Rose Wills

OFFICE NEWS



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ELECTIONS:

Like it or not, elections are inevitable and we should be taking the time to choose our candidates. Because so much is at stake, we have to shake ourselves out of all weariness, pessimism, indifference or cynicism, and get to work on informing ourselves about the process and the candidates.

How do we figure out which candidate to back in the election? Obviously, the positions of both the candidate and his or her party have to be examined closely.

Are we Christians well informed on issues that clash with our faith? We have an obligation to be involved and our responsibility goes beyond mere patriotism and civic pride. Participation in political life is a moral obligation and we must always seek justice and civil order, striving to be the best of citizens. Many policies instituted by those in elected office will affect our loved ones and those around us in very real ways and our vote is a tangible demonstration of our love and concern for our neighbor.

We must make our voices heard. The candidates we elect will exert monumental influence over the direction of our province and our country. They will help set the moral tenor of the culture—especially for our youth.

I firmly believe that the selection of a candidate should begin with a recommitment to traditional moral values and beliefs. Those include the sanctity of human life, the institution of marriage, and other inviolable pro-family principles. Only after that determination is made can the acceptability of a candidate be assessed. We must seek out candidates who support the cherished beliefs that conservative Christians have promoted and defended for decades. Wining the election is vitally important, but not at the expense of what we hold most dear.

Remember: At the foundation of all issues is the right to life, without which no others are possible. If a politician can't respect the life of a tiny baby, who will be deemed worthy of protection? **You are needed to get the message out to your candidates concerning life issues.**

Let them know where you stand. Please call the office 902-861-1982 for information on how you can help!



WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT "The Golden Compass"

Interview With Pete Vere and Sandra Miesel INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, NOV. 14, 2007

(Zenit.org).- The film "The Golden Compass" isn't simply about using fairy-tale magic to tell a good story, it corrupts the imagery of Lewis and Tolkien to undermine children's faith in God and the Church, says Catholic author Pete Vere.

Many Catholics, including William Donohue of the Catholic League, are speaking out against the movie.

What should parents know before they let their children watch this film?

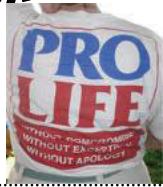
Vere: "I don't recommend any parent allow their children to view the film. While the movie has reportedly been sanitized of its more anti-Christian and anti-religious elements, it will do nothing but pique children's curiosity about the books.

It's not OK for children -- impressionable as they are -- to read stories in which the plot revolves around the supreme blasphemy, namely, that God is a liar and a mortal. It is not appropriate for children to read books in which the heroine is the product of adultery and murder; priests act as professional hit men, torturers and authorize occult experimentation on young children"

Miesel: "Furthermore, there's a great deal of cruelty and gore in the books, not just battles but deliberate murder, sadism, mutilation, suicide, euthanasia and even cannibalism. There are also passages of disturbing sensuality and homosexual angels who are 'platonic lovers'.

I agree with Pete. Avoid both the movie and the books. It would be best if people didn't picket or make a public fuss because that's just free publicity. If the movie fails at the box office, the second and third books won't be filmed."

ABORTION



Something to think about

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THE INTERIM

Canada's pro-life, pro-family newspaper online

One of my favorite pro-life shirts is the one that says, "100% Pro-life, Without Exception, Without Compromise, Without Apology."

That's exactly the stand each of us is called to take; in fact, it is the only pro-life stance. Abortion is an intrinsic evil. It is evil by its very nature, and that evil is not altered by circumstances. To put it another way, if one lived for a million years -- or forever -- and did nothing but try to imagine circumstances that could justify a single abortion, one could never imagine one. It simply does not exist.

Taken in part from Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life newsletter

The Interim has been Canada's life and family newspaper for 25 years. It has operated on a shoe-string budget, while churning out quality reporting and insightful commentary on life issues from abortion to stem cell research, from marriage to euthanasia. You can help the paper to grow and to improve by taking out a subscription (special rate of only \$25 for new subscriptions), or supporting it through advertising, or sponsoring the Friends of Life for Life page. The Interim has an outreach program with schools through a curriculum supplement and it co-sponsors the Father Ted Colleton Scholarship for high school students. Become a sustainer of life, become an informed reader of The Interim. For more information or to subscribe or to advertise call Dan Di Rocco (416) 204-1687 or email dirocco@lifesite.net.

The MISSION STATEMENT of Campaign Life Coalition Nova Scotia states:

CLC NS is a pro-life organization working to foster, encourage and assist in the development and passage of legislation that protects and supports human life.

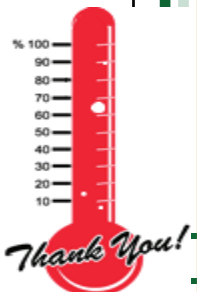


CLC has been working hard to meet its mandate: however, it is crucial that the hearts and minds of society be changed before legislation that protects human life can ever be a reality. To that end it is imperative that the pro-life message be presented visually. Time and time again the power of visual presentations has proven successful in communicating issues on abortion and euthanasia. People must be reached at various venues such as high schools, churches, and meeting places to accomplish this task.

At our annual board meeting Saturday, November 10th, it was unanimously voted that there was a need for the purchase of a lap top and projector, which is estimated at a cost of \$2,000 to bring about this endeavour. Unfortunately our meager budget does not allow for this expenditure.

We are looking for donations from those of you who can make this mission a success.

Thank you.



LIFE CHAIN 2007



This year's Life Chain was a great success with over 200 attending in the Halifax area. Life Chains were also held in Yarmouth, New Glasgow and Antigonish.

A great **THANK YOU** to all the organizers.



CLC Nova Scotia is pleased to announce four new members of our Board of Directors. We feel it is about time they were introduced to you. We will be profiling each one in upcoming newsletters.

Please remember to keep us in your prayers.



IN MEMORIAM

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



May the celebration of the birth of the Infant Christ remind us of the dignity and value of each human life. To you and your loved ones, a Blessed and Holy Christmas .

HERM & ROSE WILLS



With Rose, his wife of 46 years, by his side, Herm Wills, president of Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) Nova Scotia, has been active in life and family struggles for well over 35 years. In 1969, when Parliament removed abortion from the criminal code, Herm and Rose devoted themselves to the pro-life cause and in 1989, when Campaign Life Coalition, Nova Scotia was formed, Herm became one of the 1st members. He served as president of CLC NS for the past 18 years and holds this post to this day. When one thinks pro-life, Herm's name undoubtedly comes to mind. Herm has worked over the years to create a greater sense of unity among pro-lifers, encouraging closer co-operation between the educational, service and political organizations.

A convert to the Roman Catholic faith, Herm became involved in many church activities and in particular organizing activities for youth. He headed up and worked diligently for several years on Youth Conferences, mini retreat workshops for youth. Herm also introduced the Day of Enrichment program to Nova Scotia, a weekend retreat for men and women for their local parishes. Herm is also a Knights of Columbus member and served as pro-life chair.

Both Herm and Rose are long-time members of the square dancing group, the Scotia Dancers. As a fund-raising venture they began catering for the club and today are known for their famous hip of beef dinners.

In his younger years, Herm dedicated his time to bringing ringette, a team sport on ice for girls, to Nova Scotia and was their 1st President. Herm has just recently been inducted into the Sackville Sports Heritage Sports Hall of Fame. Herm is fondly known as the "Father of Ringette" in NS and founder of Ringette Nova Scotia.

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.

If you would like to donate ten, twenty, fifty dollars or any other amount to Campaign Life each month, simply fill in the form below and mail back to us.

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Signature(s) _____ Date: _____

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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