





The candlelight vigil at the Human Rights Monument remembering the 3 million children killed by abortion since 1969, is always a moving event.



There were all kinds of messages to send to our fellow Canadians including the fact that many women regret their abortions and that there are ministries to help them.



The Silent No More Awareness Campaign to let the public know that many women (and men) have regretted their abortions because of the physical, emotional and spiritual damage it has done to them.



The Knights of Columbus are always a big part of the March for Life. As they do each year, they led the March through the streets of our nation's capital.



The theme of this year's March for Life was 'Abortion is Killing Canada's Future.' Each year, more than 100,000 unborn children are killed in the womb.



Life is the Only Choice  
Abortion

At least half of those in attendance were young people. Some came with their parents, others with church groups or their classes.



Pat O'Brien (left) was presented with the Joseph P. Borowski award by CLC National President Jim Hughes for the former MP's principled stand on behalf of life and family. In 2005, he left the Liberal Party because Prime Minister Paul Martin rammed through the government's same-sex 'marriage' bill.



Fr. Frank Pavone of Priests for Life addresses more than 900 attendees at the Rose Dinner with an inspirational message that victory will ultimately come to the pro-life movement because of the truthfulness and faithfulness of the cause.



Samantha Singson, CLC's U.N. representative addresses 500 participants at the youth conference, stressing the importance of students getting involved in the cause of defending life.



15 MPs from both the Liberal and Conservative parties addressed the pro-life rally on Parliament Hill.



Jack Clancey, Ontario State Deputy, of the Knights of Columbus, presents CLC National President Jim Hughes with a cheque on behalf of the Knights, during the Rose Dinner.

dous and growing success. The organizers were faced with many challenges, notably the strike at the National Congress Centre which forced a last minute move, and the fact that long-time organizer Frank Mountain of CLC Ottawa was ill. But everything worked out in the end. Of course we want to thank you, the pro-life community, for making all that hard work worthwhile. Without you – the local pro-life groups, church groups, youth organizations, campus pro-life clubs, teachers who brought their classes, the Knights of Columbus, families who brought their children, and you, our supporters – this March would not have been the great public witness that it has become.

It is hard to believe, but plans are already underway for next year's March for Life. We are compiling lists of potential speakers, scouting out suitably sized venues and enlisting financial sponsors. You, too, should make plans now, to join us on May 9-11. Together we will send out a powerful pro-life message to our nation that abortion is killing our future and we must put an end to this terrible scourge that has cost Canada more than 3 million people since 1969.

Next year will be our 10th March for Life. Let's hope and pray that 10,000 people – or more! – participate for year 10.

### CLC trains candidates/staff

On April 29, CLC held a day-long "Nut 'n' Bolts Political Training Session" at the Wyndham Bristol Place Hotel near the Toronto airport for various people from across Ontario who are interested in running for elected office or working on a political campaign. We brought in experienced politicians and other speakers to give the participants a practical street-level look at politics – the do's and don'ts of winning nominations and running campaigns. Not only did the speakers inform them of what is necessary to become a candidate or work on a campaign, but they are themselves examples of the kind of people whom we are looking for in the public arena. With speakers such as Mike Del Grande (a former school board trustee and current Toronto city coun-



**Liberal MP Paul Szabo addresses the CLC 'Nuts 'n' Bolts Political Training Session' during which potential candidates and others interested in politics learned how they could positively impact elections.**

cillor), Joanne Matters (a Halton school board trustee), John Oostrom (a former PC MP) and Paul Szabo (a Liberal MP), we provided information about both non-partisan local campaigns and provincial and federal elections. Several CLC activists, who are veterans of political campaigns at all levels, informed the audience about how to support pro-life candidates at both the nomination level and when an election campaign has begun. Overall, the lesson learned is that, while running for elected office or helping someone do so is a lot of work, it is possible for men and women of good character and strong values to have a major impact on the political process. As one appreciative participant wrote afterward, it demonstrated how "we can play a very important and positive role in getting our country back to a firmer ground to things that really matter whether it be pro-life or upholding the values and tenets of our faith."

### Weigel pitches positive message to CLC clergy luncheon

On May 9, CLC held a clergy luncheon for Toronto-area priests and deacons and presented papal biographer George Weigel as speaker. Weigel, author of *Witness to Hope* (among numerous other books), told the 70 clergy in attendance that the pro-life cause is scoring victories as the pro-abortion side has been forced to go on the defensive in their support of such barbaric practices as partial-birth abortion and their opposition to parental notification of their minor aged children seeking abortions. He noted that the partial-birth abortion debate, as well as scientific advances, have forced many to recognize the child in the womb. He also said that there is a growing philosophical realization that unborn children deserve legal protection. Even though these trends are going our way, he called upon the pro-life movement to change the narrative in public discourse about abortion by highlighting the life-affirming work of outreach to women facing crisis pregnancies, to further chip away at the edges of abortion through incremental pieces of legislation and to highlight that the pro-life movement is part of the liberal tradition of extending human rights to new classes of people (in this case the unborn). Weigel concluded that with current trends and this new approach, the pro-life cause will gain new converts and become a critical mass sufficient to end the injustice of abortion.



**George Weigel**

Yours for life and family  
Jim Hughes

CLC National President

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