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Dear Pro-lifers,

For so many of our supporters, the Lenten Season offers a special time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

It also provides us with a special window of opportunity to reflect on who we are and how we're doing with God's plan for us.

Personally, I find myself having to be reminded over and over that this pro-life work is primarily God's battle and those of us receiving this letter and others have been called to help and have answered a resounding yes!

Whenever I find the sledding rough, I'm reminded that all we have to do is follow God's blueprint for living positive and fruitful lives, bearing our crosses with joy and peace and following in His footprints.

The March *CLC News* (enclosed) talks about National Marches for Life in Washington D.C. and Ottawa and updates on national and international news.

It also refers to the deaths of two courageous pro-lifers: Earl Amyotte of Windsor and Denis Culver of Kitchener.

Upon Earl's death, I was able to travel to Windsor with a number of his pro-life colleagues for his wake and funeral, as well as eulogize him and act as pallbearer and reader at his service on February 2nd.

Dr. Denis Culver was in our Toronto office before Christmas requesting our prayers, as he went for medical tests at a downtown hospital. He praised the work of CLC and its determination to hold the line against the many evils facing life and family today. His funeral was held in Walkerton, ON. on February 16th.

We were also able to attend the wakes for MP Tom Wappel's mom Margaret and lawyer Terry Kelly's mom Mary.

All of this within a week. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace.

Enclosed, in this March mailing is also a flyer announcing the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 10, and for those in Ontario, a flyer advertising the Lift Jesus Higher Rally on April 14th. We encourage you to attend both events.

Hopefully, many of the eight thousand who will attend the Rally in Toronto will also travel to Ottawa to expand the 6,000 who attended last year's march.

On the weekend of February 16 – 18th CLC Ontario held its annual Provincial Strategy session. The weekend was prayer filled. There was a lively, very useful exchange of ideas and development of plans on numerous issues throughout the two and one-half days. Excellent presentations by special guests and media presentations also contributed to making the time well spent for the cause of life.

Before he entered the priesthood Fr. Louis Di Rocco was our UN expert, cake sale organizer, direct action coordinator, and Lifechain organizer. In the absence of Rev. Filamon Philpott, Fr. Louis led us in a talk focusing on the spirituality of humour.

So in the spirit of leaving you with a lighter tone, I offer the following recently found in church bulletins:

- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say "Hell" to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- At the service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement this afternoon.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

As always we encourage all of you, our faithful companions in this daily battle, to focus on prayer first and then do whatever you can to deal with what God has put at your feet today.

In addition to our spiritual needs, please remember that we rely upon your sacrificial donations to finance our regular work. Without them, we could not battle against the killing of unborn children, the ominous push for euthanasia and assisted suicide and the destruction of the handicapped and elderly at risk.

May Almighty God continue to bless you, your families and those you care for.

Yours for Life,



Jim Hughes

National President

PS: Please mark your calendar with the dates of the 10th annual March for Life in Ottawa and the related events – May 9-11 – and make your plans to attend and participate as a witness to life. We want this to be the largest March yet.