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Happy and Blessed Easter!

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Dear Pro-Lifers,

With the prospect of a break in the weather and the promise that always accompanies Spring, we hope you've managed to get through another winter unscathed.

Thank you to those of you who managed to hold up our notorious abortionist Henry Morgentaler in prayer during the period leading up to his birthday on March 19. We ask that you add him and the other abortionists to your regular prayer list, that the Holy Spirit may touch their hearts and turn them from their grisly killing of children before birth.

Some of our supporters believe that my letters to you have become too laced with religious images and prayers.

Over the last 25 years, I've changed personally, due to the nature of the struggle in which we find ourselves. Many of us believed that once the public became aware that abortion was the killing of a human being, the issue would be over and done with.

The reality, I and others in the movement have had to conclude, is that the dramatic decline in genuine religious belief and practice has caused a blindness to truth that no amount of reason or facts can overcome. It seems to be that most people have become so wrapped up in themselves, they simply don't care.

Others, although well intentioned and knowledgeable about the issues, merely wring their hands and claim there is nothing they can do to change things. In the past many Canadians would not have tolerated even a little of what is going on now and would have fought valiantly to defend life and family regardless of the cost to themselves.

The public, with notable exceptions, hears nothing in their churches and places of worship about the issues of abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide and attacks on the family and consequently seem riveted to their pews. Our late friend and CLC leader Earl Amyotte often referred to them as the "frozen chosen".

Thankfully, there are still a number of individual pastors and clergy who work tirelessly to provide a spiritual focus or backdrop to what's playing out in front of us on a daily basis.

Make no mistake the stakes are high – we're locked in a great, historical struggle between good and evil.

The main responsibility of CLC in the pro-life movement is to attempt to make a difference in the political realm. Despite having no laws to protect the unborn, we're in much better shape here in Canada than in most of the western nations, where pro-life political involvement is 'sparse' or non-existent.

So, we rely more than ever upon Almighty God in these daily skirmishes; we support, praise and thank the clergy who have the courage to speak out, who educate their members and provide the spiritual dimension to the effort, as we work tirelessly in the political arena.

We may sound more 'churchy', but that spiritual dimension is a very real and crucial part of the struggle. Our's must be an intense, faith filled and trusting response – or we will achieve nothing.

May the spirit of the Risen Christ renew in society an indisputable respect for life and give each one the insight to know how best to help restore in Canada a genuine Culture of Life that respects the sacredness and dignity of every human life.

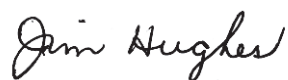
May He inspire all of us on the 'front lines' to never, never, never give up hope, by trusting in Him rather than ourselves.

As you know, the National March for Life will take place in May in Ottawa. Please come and bring as many others as you can. We need you, your family, your friends, your church community, your school – to come to the National March for Life to give witness to the need to restore protection for the lives of the unborn. Pastors, bishops – please bring people from your church communities and dioceses under your leadership. This happens very much in Washington. Let us also begin that here in Canada at our National March for Life.

The special speakers at this year's Rose Dinner will be Eduardo Versátegui, the star, and Leo Severino, the producer, of the film *Bella*, which won the Toronto Film Festival's 2006 Peoples' Choice Award. The film is due for distribution in theatres this August, so you won't want to miss this exciting family film and the opportunity to hear and meet Eduardo and Leo.

Hope to see you there!

Yours for Life,



Jim Hughes
National President

P.S. We know that many of you have set aside sacrificial donations for us during the Lenten season. CLC could not survive without your ongoing commitment and generosity. May God bless you and we thank you.