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A Blessed New Year to you and your loved ones.

A sincere thank you to all who made donations in 2007 and to all members of our PAC plan who give on a monthly basis.

There were many special events during the past year: the LifeChain across Canada, National March for Life on Parliament Hill, other public witnesses, picketing, sidewalk counselling and conferences. Some pro-lifers ran for public office or assisted, in some way, those who did. Some wrote to parliamentarians or the media or in some way lobbied on behalf of unborn children.

There are also those who bought or sold subscriptions, music tapes, DVDs and Christmas cakes. Above all, there was the army of people across the country that prays regularly for our efforts.

May almighty God bless each and every one of you for your efforts and contributions.

2007 also saw the passage to the next life of many dedicated pro-life, pro-family leaders and supporters such as the following, who will be dearly missed:

When doing research on pro-life subjects, Catherine Bolger was the person you called. Long before the widespread use of computers and the advent of the internet, Catherine was the expert, always ready to help.

Alf DeManche was managing editor of the Catholic Register and Messenger of the Sacred Heart. A staunch supporter, he was ever willing to help in any way and always gave useful advice.

Dr. Dennis Culver, anesthetist – refused to administer anesthetic when he discovered that the patient was not undergoing the gynecological procedure described, but instead, was being prepped for an abortion. He suffered greatly because of his battles over the issue with colleagues at various hospitals.

Earl Amyotte - (Earl the Pearl) - one of Campaign Life Coalition's founders, a picketer, leader of the Pro-Life Party of Canada, participant in Show the Truth. His many thought provoking quotes, such as "I'm here to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable", engaged the media and inspired his colleagues.

"Cella" MacLellan (with her husband, Joe) were inspirational leaders of CLC in the Maritimes. The Antigonish N.S. resident was so full of hope and love that it rubbed off on everyone she met.

Mary Devlin (with her husband, John) was the complete pro-life leader and organizer. Her entire family seemed to be involved in leadership positions in many pro-life groups. Even after the most intense of debates at pro-life strategy weekends, Mary would relax in the evening playing bridge with other leaders, participating in story telling or singing with others around a piano.

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They and so many more grassroots supporters from right across the country, including Mary Van Hee, Jack Selman, Edward Culliton, Mary Dobell, Gail Devlin, Father Norb Gignac, Bishop Robert Clune, will be greatly missed.

Other supporters moved into retirement or nursing homes and some became less visibly active in the pro-life movement, but most are able to continue their prayers for the movement.

Since September 1989, whenever Parliament has been in session, Fr. Tony Van Hee (son of Mary Van Hee) has been praying and fasting each day on Parliament Hill for pro-life legislation and for parliamentarians. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.

Young people continue to come to the forefront. At the recent annual pro-life conference in Moncton, New Brunswick, five of the plenary speakers were in their 20's and 30's. Over 60% of those who attended the National March for Life on Parliament Hill were under 25 years of age. The future is now!

Then there are those of our supporters who write special notes and letters of encouragement. They are all personally read and most appreciated. Unfortunately, time does not always permit a personal response - something I deeply regret.

We continue to pray for all of you and your intentions each day at noon in our Toronto offices and are joined by thousands of others from their homes and offices and farms across the country.

Our work for 2008 is well underway. Plans for the National March for Life in Ottawa in May and a national pro-life conference in Toronto in October, are in high gear and we're still working with politicians and political hopefuls for upcoming elections.

Donations always decrease for several months after Christmas as people pay off their Christmas bills and income taxes. Please remember that despite all of our fund raising efforts, we cannot survive without your donations, some sacrificial, from you, our generous benefactors.

Please send us a donation now, if you are able to help us get the New Year off to a great leap ahead.

Yours for Life,



Jim Hughes
National President