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Dear Pro lifers:

Occasionally, people will ask me what the ideal age is to do pro-life work.

Of course my answer is “Now”.

Our good friend and ally in the movement, Father Frank Pavone, puts it this way:

“It’s not how old or young you are or whether you are male or female. ... It’s the authority of the message and the integrity of the messenger”.

Now that we’re facing the countdown to the end of another beautiful Summer, there has been very little rest on the pro-life front, as you well know.

The Morgentaler Order of Canada outrage continues to keep us busy, along with everything else we normally do at this time of the year.

As I emerged from visitation at a funeral home recently, people stopped to comment on the shameful Canada Day announcement that the country’s highest civilian honour was being given to a man who has spent his life killing human beings.

We continue to encourage everyone to send letters, faxes and e-mails to the offices of the Governor General, the Prime Minister and Members of Parliament.

CLC has organized or participated in meetings questioning the possibility of legal action; conference calls with leaders discussing further actions; commissioned a huge poll (largely ignored by the media) showing a majority of Canadians opposed; canvassed MPs to determine their support for or rejection of giving the award to Henry; placed advertisements in publications across Canada; placed calls to Members of Provincial Legislatures – and much more.

So far, I’ve managed a few days away with my wife at a cottage for some R and R, attended a family get together with 180 relatives, enjoyed a few backyard barbecues with friends, managed to squeeze in a few weddings (but unable to attend more), took part in a couple of charity golf tournaments, attended a baseball game, read some novels, joined in a celebration of the 95th birthday of Father Ted Colleton and participated in Show The Truth.

CLC has worked very hard to address the critical financial situation which faced us in late Spring and early Summer and, due to your generosity, sacrificial donations and regular ongoing attention to our needs, the monetary elephant has been lifted from our shoulders, for the time being at least.

The assistance of one generous donor, who secured for us a \$100,000 interest free loan, the help of CLC's Business Advisory Board and the always generous members of Business for Life greatly assisted.

Then one day, just as I returned from a business lunch at a local diner, I had the enormous pleasure of meeting a humble supporter with a certified cheque for \$25,000 matching the challenge of another generous supporter, who had thrown up the challenge in late June.

So our indebtedness is once again at a manageable level and, due to your immediate response in donations and to our action items, the crucial pro-life work has not missed a beat. Please continue to remember us financially so we don't jump from crisis to crisis.

We continue to pray in our offices daily, in gratitude to God for all of you and for your intentions.

Please continue to pray for us and for our regular ongoing commitments.

Yours for Life,



Jim Hughes

P.S.

We hope you have your calendars marked for two important upcoming events; the

International Pro-life Conference to be held in Toronto on October 2-4, 2008.

We have an exciting list of speakers including pro-life experts from around the world; Father Gerard Wilberforce who will make the connection between two great social evils, abortion and slavery; MPs, activists - Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform, Show the Truth, Silent No More, journalists, doctors, and lawyers. Don't miss this event!

Life Chain will be held in most locations across Canada on October 5, 2008. Start your local preparations early.

P.P.S.

You will find enclosed a flyer advertising a golf tournament for Business for Life. They are a great supporter of CLC and sponsors of *The Interim* newspaper. If you live in southern Ontario, please tell your friends about this pro-life fundraiser.