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“He has Risen, He has truly Risen”

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Dear Pro-Lifer,

May the true meaning of the Easter season remain strongly in our thoughts as we persevere through the many challenges that face us daily.

With that in mind, we remind ourselves to shoulder our own crosses, a sliver of the original one, with true joy and a sense of peace. Those crosses naturally come with the territory, so to speak, of this work to defend the sacredness of human life so greatly under attack in our time.

Much is happening throughout the world related to the issues we address, over which we have absolutely no control.

Yesterday, I participated in a conference call with pro-life leaders of the International Right to Life Federation representing groups from the U.S., U.K., Poland, Holland, India, Philippines, Honduras etc.

In my role as Vice President with John Smeaton of Great Britain assisting IRTL President John C. Willke, we try to keep a pulse on the great battles being waged world-wide for life and family. We then devise and implement tactics, both through our NGOs (non-governmental organizations) at the U.N., and domestically.

Despite the myriad challenges facing people of faith around the globe, the leaders are especially appreciative of the role of LifeSiteNews.com, without which their work would be much more difficult.

So, dear supporters, please take a bow for your support of our many projects and your foresight in encouraging us to become active on the Internet over 10 years ago. It is paying great dividends at home and abroad. Thank you.

To those without access to the Internet, *The Interim* newspaper continues to be a great source for news on the culture wars from a life and family perspective. In fact, many of those who log onto LifeSiteNews.com each day also find *The Interim* to be an indispensable source of critical, in-depth analysis.

As well, CLC is in the process of hugely improving its own website from the relatively primitive gold rush era to the present thanks to the great efforts of CLC's Jack Fonseca. You will hear much more about this impressive project in the days ahead. We are excited about what it will do to increase our reach and effectiveness.

Jack commutes daily to our office from Kitchener, Ontario (about a 4-hour daily commute). Several other Toronto office staff also endure lengthy daily commutes for this cause; at least 6 of them travel 3 hours daily round-trip.

For many years, longtime pro-life veteran Margaret Purcell used to travel daily from her Welland, Ontario home by car to Hamilton and then by bus and subway to our Toronto office. Such is the commitment of those on the front-lines.

There are many pro-life activities for which to give thanks.

The efforts of students on university campuses across the country have been a true inspiration as they work unceasingly to wake up an uninspired society with the use of graphic images.

40 Days for Life has enlivened interest in witnessing and sidewalk counseling outside abortuaries. The thousands of people who fasted and prayed in support have been inspired to make a deeper commitment.

Show the Truth has done a great job in bringing the graphic images to the public. LifeChain continues to grow each year as pro-lifers line the roads of busy intersections reminding the public that abortion kills children.

The Silent No More Awareness Campaign consisting of women and men who have experienced first-hand the horrific reality of abortion are making a powerful impact.

The Provincial Marches for Life and the annual National March for Life in our Nation's capital are motivating more Canadians, especially youth, to take a stand for life and become more directly involved in efforts to restore legal protection for life.

Please plan to attend the March if you can – it will be well worth the sacrifice if you are able to be there. The committee has been working for almost a year to make this year's March and Marches the best yet.

Special thanks to the Bishops who have been supporting this event and plan to directly participate, and to the Knights of Columbus for their continued support and leadership.

On a personal note – thank you to Mary Ellen Douglas, our National Organizer who travelled weekly from her home in Kingston, Ontario to Toronto while I took a much-needed break.

We need your prayers, your action and your generous (sometimes sacrificial) financial support to continue our front line efforts to stop the killing of the babies and prevent the killing of the handicapped and the elderly.

May God continue to bless these humble efforts.

Yours for Life,



Jim Hughes
National President

P.S. Outside a T.O. abortuary in response to approximately 150 praying pro-lifers, a dozen pro-aborts chanted "Pray you need it, your cause has been defeated". Please pray for them too – this was all won on Calvary 2000 years ago.