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# CLC NATIONAL NEWS

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## Message from the President

Dear Pro-lifer,

As you will notice by the contents of CLC National News, the year 2015 brings forth many opportunities for pro-lifers to get involved. Whether its defending the right to life in the Maritimes, helping nominate future candidates for this year's federal election, or standing up for parental rights, we all have a very challenging year ahead. Many important decisions will be made and it is our civic and moral duty to be fully engaged in this decision making process. As always, lives and families are at stake. In the spirit of new beginnings, let's recommit ourselves to the cause of life in the year 2015, so that next year we can look back and say, in the words of the late Fr. Ted Colleton "Yes, I'd do it again".

Happy New Year to you and those you love and care for.

Yours for life,



Jim Hughes,  
CLC National President



**The countdown to the National March for Life begins. More on page 4.**

## Senators introduce Euthanasia bill

Senators Nancy Ruth (Conservative) and Larry Campbell (Liberal) have introduced S-225, a private member's bill that would amend the Criminal Code to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide by lethal prescription. If S-225 passes, it would allow physicians to administer death to a wide-array of patients requesting it: anyone over the age of 18 who has an "illness, a disease or disability ... that causes the person physical or psychological suffering that is intolerable to that person and that cannot be alleviated by any medical treatment acceptable to that person." The language of the bill is similar to a pair of private members bill put forward by Conservative MP Stephen Fletcher earlier in 2014 that had almost no chance of reaching a vote in the House before this year's federal election. Fletcher, who was left a quadriplegic from a car accident in 1996, said he wants the ability to have a doctor help kill him when he chooses to die. In 2010, Parliament debated another private member's bill on euthanasia, C-384, and defeated it 228-59.

Alex Schadenberg, executive director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, said the bill is "intentionally permissive" and that its "subjective" language shows "just how bad euthanasia and assisted-suicide bills can be." If passed, Canadians with disabilities or suffering depression would be susceptible to death by euthanasia. Schadenberg also said the bill aims to protect doctors who kill their patients, it is not about protecting patients; "There is nothing in this bill that would protect a vulnerable person," Schadenberg said.

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**Action item: Please write to your senator, respectfully urging them to defeat S-225. Mail may be sent postage-free to Name of senator, The Senate of Canada, Ottawa, ON. K1A 0A4 For more information call CLC at 1-800-730-5358**

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## Report on abortion access pushes for RU-486

In late November, the *Canadian Medical Association Journal* published an article by Lauren Vogel criticizing the lack of surgical abortion access in Canada, claiming that the presence of "underserved" parts of Canada require Health Canada to permit the importation and sale of the chemical abortion drug RU-486 (which goes by its medical name mifepristone). According to the Society of Family Planning 2012 survey of abortion services in Canada, 46 of Canada's 94 dedicated abortion facilities are located in Quebec and that 96% of abortions are surgical and committed in a clinical setting. Both the Society of Family Planning and Vogel call for increasing the availability of chemical abortions which they claim saves women from travelling, saves women from undergoing surgical procedures, and can be made available across the country. This information is not true. The reality is that women have died from taking this deadly drug. A 2011 report from the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) states that there have been 14 deaths associated with this drug. The same report identifies 2000 cases of adverse side effects including hospitalization, significant blood loss, severe infections, and blood transfusions. In Canada, drug trials were halted in 2001 after protests and the death of one woman from septic shock. A similar FDA report from 2007 revealed that 7.9% of patients needed surgery to complete the abortion and/or to control bleeding. So much for safety and the elimination of surgical abortion.

Survey co-author Dr. Wendy Norman, Chair in applied public health research at the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) is a pro-abortion apologist who is



actively involved in promoting RU-486 for the Canadian market. She said, “top-notch” abortion access can only be achieved by making chemical abortion methods more easily available. CLC National Organizer Mary Ellen Douglas said both the Society’s survey and the CMAJ article were “strictly pro-abortion pieces of propaganda,” and that “the pro-abortion battle cry for the last 25 years has been ‘we need more access’.” While RU-486 is touted as safe, Douglas notes that there are often complications and women in remote areas would put their lives in jeopardy if they took the abortion pill but did not live near hospitals that could be life-saving when botched abortions or other serious side-effects occur. RU-486 has been under review by Health Canada for several months, and due to their lack of transparency, Health Canada is refusing to provide any details on the process, keeping taxpayers and those concerned with this deadly abortion drug, in the dark.

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**Action Item: Contact Minister of Health, Rona Ambrose and urge her to do everything she can to keep RU-486 out of Canada. You can email her at [rona.ambrose@parl.gc.ca](mailto:rona.ambrose@parl.gc.ca), call her at (613) 996-9778 or send a letter to Room 163 East Block, Ottawa, ON. K1A 0A6.**

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## Ongoing federal nominations

We continue to identify pro-life candidates at the local nomination level and help them get elected as Conservative Party candidates. We have worked with candidates in all parties but the NDP has long been officially pro-abortion and last May, Justin Trudeau announced that pro-lifers could no longer be candidates for the Liberal Party unless they agree to the party line. This makes getting pro-lifers nominated wherever we can for the Conservatives vitally important. We have worked with candidates all across the country, focusing on new candidates, although we certainly are also helping incumbents. Often we call supporters in a riding asking them to buy a party membership. To prevent the party from shutting down pro-life nominations, we do not publicize supportable candidates until after the nominations have closed (which is usually after the deadline for buying a membership). We encourage everyone to remain active in the political parties of their choosing to help select not just pro-life candidates, but pro-life executive members at the Electoral District Association level and to get pro-life policies debated within the party. We can only get pro-life people nominated if you get active in the political process.

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**Action Item: CLC needs to be in contact with men and women in every Canadian riding to be our eyes, ears and legs in the local areas during the election. Please contact CLC National Organizer Mary Ellen Douglas by email at [mdouglas@campaignlifecoalition.com](mailto:mdouglas@campaignlifecoalition.com) or by calling CLC at 1-800-730-5358 Ext 262 if you are able to help.**

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## March for Life 2015

The National March for Life will be held May 13-15. We hope you will join us for this important pro-life witness in the nation’s capital. The Candlelight Vigil is May 13, the National March for Life, Rose Dinner, and Youth Banquet are on the anniversary of the passing of the Omnibus bill on May 14, 1969 and the Youth Conference is on May 15. We are currently in the process of finalizing keynote speakers for the above mentioned events and more details will be released in the upcoming months. For now, please make arrangements to attend the march, and more if you can. Students should be raising money to help defer their travel and accommodation costs. The regional marches for life are held on the same day or (in some cases) the same week as the National March for Life. Every provincial capital hosts a regional march except for Toronto and Quebec City which focus on the National March in Ottawa. Please plan to attend the march closest to you. We will provide specific dates and locations for the regional marches for life in a forthcoming CLC National News.

Together, across the country, we can be the voice of the voiceless, and demand justice for the unborn.



**More than 30,000 Canadians marched for life in Ottawa and in several provincial capitals in May 2014.**

## New Brunswick expands abortion access

On November 26, New Brunswick Liberal Premier Brian Gallant announced that he was eliminating the province’s abortion restrictions, thus paving the way for full taxpayer funding of abortion-on-demand in the province beginning on January 1, 2015. For the past two decades, abortions were only funded in New Brunswick when they were okayed by a second doctor, thus effectively shutting abortions committed at the Morgentaler abortuary in Fredericton from receiving taxpayer dollars to kill unborn babies. But Gallant eliminated that requirement, as well as a regulation requiring a specialist to commit abortions. “We have identified the barriers and are proceeding to eliminate them in order to respect our legal obligations under the Supreme Court of Canada ruling and the Canada Health Act regarding a woman’s right to choose,” Gallant said in the statement. Now abortions will be paid for whether they are carried out in a hospital, doctor’s office, or abortion mill. The Morgentaler abortuary closed in July after putting pressure on the provincial government to fund all abortions. There is no



indication that the Morgentaler abortuary will reopen following Gallant's announcement, but with the restrictions lifted, it is likely that abortion rates will increase in the province. In a CLC press release, Jim Hughes, national president of Campaign Life Coalition, said "Brian Gallant and the Liberal party of New Brunswick has caved in to the demands of a very loud minority of pro-abortion activists who unlike the majority of Canadians, support tax-payer funded killing of defenseless pre-born human beings."

## Newfoundland abortion access

Newfoundland and Labrador Health Minister Steve Kent told the CBC he is looking at expanding abortion access across the province. With nearly 1000 surgical abortions committed each year in the province, pro-lifers say there is no shortage of killing preborn babies, but abortion advocates remain unhappy. They complain that women in the province must travel to St. John's to procure an abortion -- at either the Health Sciences Centre (hospital) or the private Athena Health Centre abortion mill, which used to be the Morgentaler Clinic. According to the CBC story, unnamed abortion advocates call this a "barrier to access" and therefore an intolerable obstacle. Kent said he will consider requests to increase access, but admitted that so far there have been none. Abortion in Newfoundland is fully covered under the province's Medical Care Plan (MCP). Taxpayers also subsidize the travel costs for abortion-minded women via the Medical Transportation Assistance Program. If you are able to get involved with CLC Newfoundland & Labrador to help push back against this abortion agenda, please contact the provincial president Margaret Hynes by phone at 709 279-3580 or by email at mhynes@eastlink.ca.

## Sex-ed Curriculum in Ontario

The Ontario government is committed to changing the sex-ed curriculum in the province -- we just do not know what those changes are. On December 12th a press conference was held in Toronto by a grassroots network of citizens demanding true and transparent consultation on the Sex-Ed component of Ontario's revised Health & Physical Education curriculum.

The network of parental rights advocates, multicultural groups, pro-family and faith-based organizations including Campaign Life Coalition criticized the Wynne government for hiding the Sex-Ed curriculum from parents and



**The press conference included statements from various organizations including the Chinese Canadian Civic Alliance, Real Women of Canada, the Jubilee Centre for Social Christian Action, the Catholic Civil Rights League and Campaign Life Coalition.**

conducting a "smoke and mirrors consultation process which pretends to find parental consent where none exists". The organizers accused the Wynne Liberals of lying about conducting a transparent and comprehensive consultation process. CLC obtained a copy of the survey questions which were used in the "consultation process" and it was a joke. The questions were vague, and provided no direction for the type of age-appropriate lessons teachers might provide students when it comes to sex-ed.

Although we do not know what the curriculum looks like due to the current government's secrecy, we can only assume that it will likely contain the same graphic and age-inappropriate sex-ed changes Dalton McGuinty's government tried to bring in four years ago, but was forced to abandon after parental and religious leader opposition. Those changes included promoting masturbation (Grade 6) and anal play (Grade 7) for elementary school children. Wynne was the education minister at the time. It's also very important to point out that Benjamin Levin, who was a **key player in the formation of the last sex-ed curriculum** when Wynne was the education minister, **has been charged with seven counts of child exploitation, including charges of possessing and accessing child pornography.** He is currently awaiting trial.

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**ACTION ITEM: Contact your local MPP, school board trustee, and your children's teachers and educate them on the issue. Other provinces, please be alert to similar anti-life/anti-family initiatives in your area.**

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## Announcements

### March for Life program

If you are interested in sponsoring a business advertisement (tax receipts will be provided) or placing an in memoriam ad for a loved one into the official March for Life program, please contact Leeda Crawford at 416-204-9749 or toll free at 1-800-730-5358. Every year the programs are sold at the March for Life in Ottawa and at the Rose and Youth Dinners. They are a great keepsake and souvenir from your March for Life experience.

### Coins for Life

Thank you to all who participated in the Coins for Life fundraising campaign in 2014. If you would like to get involved as a church contact and help promote the campaign in your church community in 2015, please contact Maria for national inquiries at 416-204-9740 ext 258 or toll free at 1-800-730-5358 or by email at mdalgarno@campaignlifecoalition.com. If you live in the Ottawa area, contact the Ottawa Bureau at 613-729-0379.

## PC leadership race in Ontario

There are five declared candidates for the Ontario Progressive Conservative leadership. We are not yet ready to declare support for any candidate or candidates. We are trying to meet with all five leadership candidates and thus far, we have met with two candidates and have sent out questionnaires. Even if a candidate is not pro-life, there is still tremendous value in talking to them to share our concerns about pro-life issues (defunding abortion, conscience rights, euthanasia) and family issues (most notably education and parental rights) to see if there are areas in which we can work together. Patrick Brown, a federal MP from Barrie, has a perfect voting record on life and family issues. Monte McNaughton, an MPP from Lambton-Kent-Middlesex, has taken a leadership role in challenging the Liberal government on its sex-ed curriculum. The leadership vote is early May, so there is still plenty of time to evaluate the candidates, to get clarification from them, and to endorse or disqualify candidates based on their answers and actions over the next few months. But time is running out to buy a membership. The deadline is February 28, 2015. If you are an Ontario resident with any inclination to support the PCs, please sign up now. Memberships are \$10 or \$15, depending on if you submit an email address, and are available online at [www.OntarioPC.com](http://www.OntarioPC.com) or through your local PC riding association.

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**Action Item: Contact the PC leadership candidates personally and ask them where they stand on life and family issues and if they plan on addressing these issues as leader of the party. Please inform CLC's political team of any discussions.**

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## Bank of Montreal's Christian discrimination



In October 2014, in an email to its legal suppliers, leaked by the Institute for Canadian Values, the Bank of Montreal wrote that it will no longer

do business with law firms whose diversity standards are “not compatible” with the bank's. These standards include creating a more inclusive profession for LGBT lawyers and staff while at the same time discriminating against legal suppliers who uphold traditional family values. As a way to push forward their anti-christian agenda, BMO established a group called Legal Leaders for Diversity (LLD) which exists for “promoting diversity in the workplace”. The group's mission, according to its website, is to “support vendors and suppliers whose ownership or employee base reflects a commitment to

diversity and inclusion.” In other words, if you don't support the bank's socio-political agenda, you will be discriminated against, and according to them, that is perfectly fine. This will not only affect how the bank deals with vendors but it will also have a lasting effect on their hiring practices. Before opening a new bank account, we suggest you shop around and eliminate the Bank of Montreal from your consideration.

## New CHP leader

In November, the Christian Heritage Party selected Rod Taylor as their new leader. More than 150 attended the biennial convention in Hamilton, Ont., and more than 400 people attended their banquet. The CHP is the only federal party committed to legal protection of the unborn from the time of conception (fertilization) until natural death. We are very pleased to hear that Taylor wants the CHP to focus on ridings where there are not (in his words) “pro-life heroes” already sitting as MPs. It does not make sense for the CHP to challenge sitting MPs who have demonstrated a will to bring legal protection to the unborn. We look forward to working with Taylor and CHP candidates as they bring a principled, pro-life option to voters across the country



**Newly elected Christian Heritage Party Leader Rod Taylor (right) met with CLC President Jim Hughes (left) and CLC staff to share ideas and discuss how the CHP can work together with the pro-life movement in the upcoming federal election.**

## CLC Forums in 2015

Are you interested in bringing a CLC Forum to your community? CLC local forums are an important, inexpensive, effective way to bring pro-life information and inspiration to new audiences who cannot attend provincial or national conferences. If you would like to invite a CLC representative to speak to your church, group, etc, please let us know. We have experts on staff who can update you on various issues including “Provincial/Federal Elections,” “Youth initiatives,” “School curriculum,” and “International Affairs,” among other topics.

**As you can see from this newsletter, there are many issues that Campaign Life Coalition must address and on so many fronts. Please use the response card and envelope enclosed in this package to financially support your local CLC organization.**

**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

**If you do not wish to be on our mailing list, please contact us at the address below.**



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# National March for Life 2015



January 2015

Dear Pro Life Friend,

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National March for Life events will be held in Ottawa from Wednesday, May 13 to Friday May 15, 2015. Each year, thousands of Canadians gather in Ottawa to challenge our government to protect its most vulnerable citizens, the children in the womb. The Candlelight Vigil is the official start to this three-day event.

Once again, Campaign Life Coalition is providing an opportunity for those **unable** to attend the National March for Life, to **symbolically** be part of this Candlelight Vigil.

The vigil allows pro-lifers across Canada to witness to the pro-life effort in this country and to demand from our federal government that it **protect** the lives of Canada's children who are threatened by abortion.

We are again inviting you to send your pledge and encourage your family, friends, co-workers and your faith communities to also join us in spirit. The candles will be placed at the Canadian Tribute to Human Rights Monument and lit on Wednesday May 13 at 8:45pm.

We **urge** you to make as many copies of this form as you need and encourage others to pledge candles. **Please participate** so that soon a new day will dawn when Canada will be free of the scourge of abortion. The National Organizing Committee is requesting all pro-life people in Canada to join us in prayer at 8:45 pm, Ottawa time (EST), on May 13 and again at 12:00 noon on May 14.

Candles can be pledged for a minimum offering of \$2.00. Please fill in this pledge form and join us in spirit during this major pro-life event. Your pledges also help cover the substantial costs of organizing and promoting this public manifestation of resolve and solidarity with the innocent and voiceless.

Please see the reverse side for complete details.



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**Dear Jim,**

**Enclosed is my contribution towards the absolutely necessary work that CLC does everyday to defend lives and promote a Culture of Life.**

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**Note: ANY amount is appreciated**

- I will write to my senator, respectfully urging them to defeat S-225 and to keep Canada euthanasia free.
- I will contact Minister of Health, Rona Ambrose and urge her to do everything she can to keep the deadly abortion drug RU-486 out of Canada.
- I would like to become a CLC riding contact for the upcoming federal election and will try to provide useful information on candidates in my riding.
- I wish to allocate, annually, \$20 of my donation to a subscription for *The Interim*. (\*See over)
- I would like to receive an acknowledgement of my contribution

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