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Message from the President

Dear pro-lifer,

We look forward to the day the CLC National News is chock full of good and inspiring stories. Articles boasting of the great gains made by the pro-life movement in the grave battles of the culture war!

Actually, when you view it from another angle, that ideal may not be too far off. We believe every time a prayer is said, a letter written, or any action taken with the intention of building up a culture of life, dignity and freedom, great things are being accomplished! Imagine if we weren't engaged? What if we weren't watching? The nefarious and insidious acts of our local, national and global power-brokers would go unchecked. We would be in a very bad place right now. As you read through the contents of this issue, remember that we do win in the end.

Christ is born! And we have good reason to have hope, faith and love. You deserve a break this Christmas. Take time with your family, friends and neighbours. Help spread the peace and joy that Jesus brings to the world.

For life,

Jeff Gunnarson,
CLC National President



Pro-lifers blamed for Scheer loss

Andrew Scheer's Conservative Party failed to win enough seats in the October 21 federal election to form the governing party, despite narrowly winning the popular vote. The Conservatives' biggest failure was in the province of Ontario where they picked up just three more seats. Predictably, the media and Red Tories shamelessly blamed Scheer's past pro-life and pro-family record for the loss, regardless of the fact that he constantly denied that he would do anything about these "divisive issues" and would not even permit his caucus members to bring them up. Scheer's betrayal of his social conservative and Christian base did absolutely nothing for him and his party. In fact, it made him appear to be a very weak, indecisive leader who stood only for what the polls and his useless advisers told him from one day to the next.

Many journalists and conservative strategists believe those in cities and the suburbs (they ignore the "rubes" from rural Canada) share their worldview. Indeed many do. But also, many don't, especially among new immigrant Canadians who tend to be socially conservative and pro-family. We hypothesized in our analysis (available on our website) that many pro-life and pro-family Canadians became so disgusted that they stayed home or voted on other issues and for other parties, because of Andrew Scheer's flip flopping and his avowal to not reopen the abortion issue, and, in fact, continue with many Trudeau policies (like funding overseas abortions to the tune of 7 billion of your tax dollars over the next 10 years). This is a pro-life politician!! The fact is, pinpointing why the Conservatives did not make a breakthrough in Ontario, especially in the vote-rich areas of the Greater Toronto Area and the province's cities, is a mystery. There are any number of reasons why Trudeau won re-election, albeit with a minority. The narrative that Scheer's disavowed past pro-life and pro-family positions cost the Conservatives the election is fanciful, at best, but probably something more sinister: an opportunistic chance to replace the leader and install a socially liberal Red Tory, and

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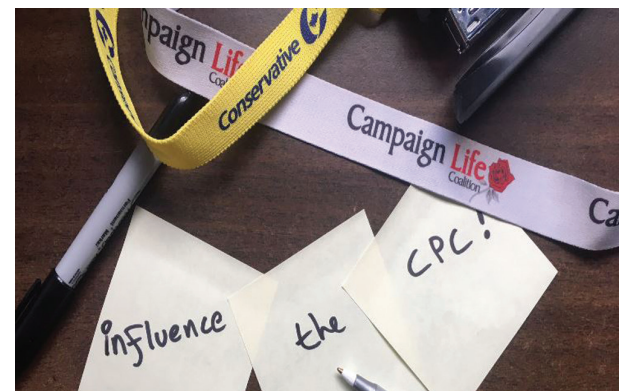
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to further silence any hint of life and family policies within the party.

Conservative leadership review

From April 16-18, 2020, the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) will hold its biennial policy convention in Toronto. In addition to voting on policies to guide the party— including socially conservative policies - grassroots delegates will also vote on the question of whether or not the Party should hold a new Leadership Contest to replace Andrew Scheer. CLC supports a YES vote on the question of a new leadership contest because Scheer abandoned his pro-life and pro-family values, and by extension, the base of his party. CLC is quite confident that at least one pro-life/family advocate will eventually step forward to run for the Leadership after a majority of grassroots delegates vote YES to holding a new Leadership Contest in April. Therefore, we need you to (a) join or renew your membership in the CPC; and (b) attend the Convention as a grassroots "delegate".

Delegate Selection Meetings (DSMs) for the Conservative Party will begin very soon in every riding of the country. The party must set out rules for DSMs, but that could happen any day now. The point is, pro-lifers have to be ready. If you are inclined to support the Conservative Party, please purchase or renew your membership, take part in your local delegate selection meeting, and go to



Policy conventions decide party policies. It is vital that pro-lifers get involved.

Toronto for the April convention for both the Leadership Review decision and the Policy Votes. At the last convention (Halifax 2018), pro-lifers passed several good policies, but we also lost some key policy resolutions by a narrow margin. These conventions are a numbers game and all we need is more numbers, i.e. more bodies as delegates.

Don't forget that CLC is very good at this Convention work! We were instrumental in forming Tories for Life and Liberals for Life over thirty years ago to influence Party Conventions and direction. Unfortunately, we are no longer allowed to encourage pro-lifers to run for the Liberal Party which, in 2015, banned pro-life candidates, in the same fashion the NDP did in the 1970's. This too can change, once the leaders of those two parties change.

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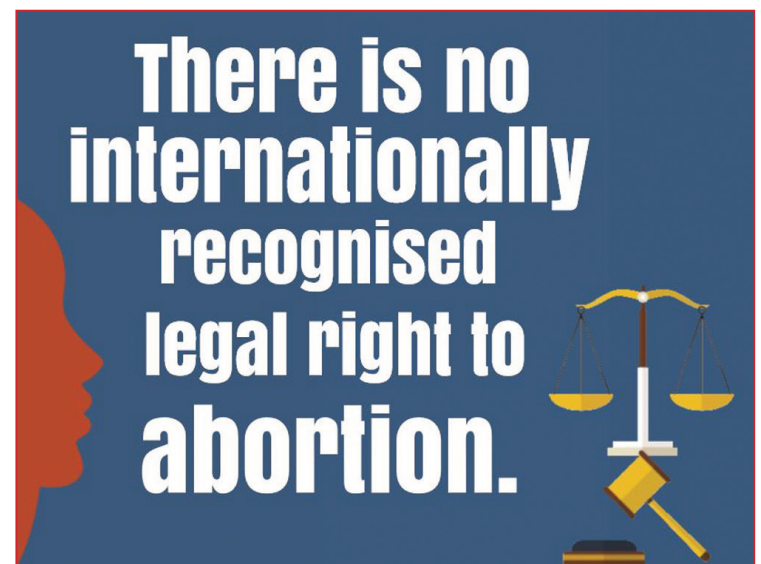
The U.S. and 10 other nations stop UNFPA from legitimizing abortion as a 'human right'

From November 12-14, thousands of abortion activists stormed into Kenya's capital to attend the Nairobi Summit, a conference that was organized by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the government of Denmark, in partnership with a few member states and organizations, to promote abortion as a solution to world poverty.

Over the years, these same activists have been hijacking the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, an annual conference that monitors, reviews and assesses the implementation of the Cairo Programme of Action through intergovernmental negotiations and consensus building by members of the General Assembly. For 25 years, their goal has been to institutionalize an international 'right to abortion'. Year after year, they have failed in large part due to the strong pushback from the majority of nations and pro-life non-government organizations.

With no success within the UN framework, these activists organized their own conference in Nairobi, Kenya, deceitfully labeling it as a 25th anniversary of the Cairo Commission on Population and Development. They created their own declaration document called the 'Nairobi Statement', which outlines all their goals and promises to promote so called sexual rights, abortion rights, LGBT rights, and radical sex-ed under the umbrella term of Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR), and they urged nations and organizations to make financial commitments to help realize their goals. This conference was not representative of the General Assembly as only a few member states participated, and pro-life and pro-family NGOs were strategically denied access.

Leading up to the summit, Bishops from Kenya, together with dozens of religious and faith based organizations and NGO's, condemned this conference for forcing SRHR on the developing world, and for targeting the African continent. The chair of the Kenyan bishops' family life office, Bishop Alfred Rotich, told Africa's Catholic News Agency that "We find such a conference not good for us, (and) destroying the agenda for life."



In a news conference prior to the summit, the chairman of the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Philip Anyolo, said that the bishops "view this agenda as an intent to corrupt our youth and enslave them to foreign ideologies." He was referring to the harmful LGBT ideology that has been imposed upon Africans for decades by the UN and western organizations.

As CLC has reported in the past, the imposition of these ideologies by wealthy nations and organizations on countries dependent on foreign aid is a form of ideological colonialism. But of course, this did not stop summit organizers from carrying on with their agenda.

On the final day of the summit, as organizers celebrated victory, gloating about the billions of dollars they were able to raise in pledges from governments and private donors, the United States, together with 10 other nations (Brazil, Belarus, Egypt, Haiti, Hungary, Libya, Poland, Senegal, St. Lucia, and Uganda), released a strong statement highlighting the illegitimacy of the summit and its declaration. They questioned the validity of the summit's priorities, and refuted the notion that abortion is a human right by doubling down on their previous statement from September's General Assembly, stating that "There is no international right to abortion; in fact, international law clearly states that '[e]veryone has the right to life' (e.g. Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)."

In addition to this clear and firm language on abortion, the statement also criticized the summit for lacking transparency and inclusivity: "While the Cairo ICPD Program of Action was negotiated and implemented with and by the entire UN General Assembly membership, only a small handful of governments were consulted on the planning and modalities of the 2019 Nairobi Summit."

The statement pointed out that summit organizers did not follow proper UN procedures stating, "Therefore, outcomes from this summit are not intergovernmentally negotiated, nor are they the result of a consensus process. As a result, they should not be considered normative, nor should they appear in future documents as intergovernmentally-agreed language."

By delivering this strong and accurate declaration, the United States along with the 10 other countries have derailed years and years of abortion activism led by UN agencies and NGO's. The

importance of this message cannot be overstated. It will help carry the efforts of the international pro-life movement for years to come.

Conscience Rights bill introduced in Alberta

On November 7th, the Alberta legislature began looking at Bill 207, the “Conscience Rights (Health Care Providers) Protection Act”. This Bill affirms that doctors, nurses, and all health care workers share the same constitutional rights enjoyed by every Canadian, namely freedom of conscience and religion (secured under section 2a of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms). Medical professionals have been under increasing pressure to participate in “medical murder” – acts such as abortion and euthanasia that kill human beings. Bill 207 was introduced by Mr. Dan Williams, United Conservative MLA for Peace River. This Bill parallels similar legislation passed in Manitoba in 2017. CLC has launched a petition of support to all Alberta MLAs to encourage them to adopt this critical protection for conscientious health care workers wishing to uphold the medical maxim “do no harm”. Go to campaignlifecoalition.com to sign the petition, and if you live in Alberta, contact your local MLA and urge them to support this Bill.

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TCDSB caves on gender identity with acceptance from Toronto Archdiocese

The Toronto Catholic District School Board voted on November 7 to add “gender identity” and “gender expression” to its code of conduct for students and employees. Four trustees – Garry Tanuan, Michael Del Grande, Nancy Crawford and Teresa Lubinski – voted against the policy amendment following a marathon seven-hour debate that ended at 2 AM. The inclusion of gender identity and gender expression (transgenderism), as well as “marital status and family status” to the code of conduct was mandated by the provincial government to all Ontario school boards. The Toronto board was the last one to consent. Parental rights groups, and others wanting to maintain the Catholicity of the separate schools, opposed the amendments because LGBT ideology is contrary to

the moral teaching of most faiths (that males can transition into females or females into males, and that “gender” is fluid and unrelated to a person’s biology). For those of you who have been paying attention to this worldwide issue, even Pope Francis has described this as demonic (of the devil). Of course, this was the position of previous popes as well. The code of conduct, now states “all members of the school community must: respect and treat others fairly, regardless of, for example, race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, marital status, family status or disability.” As the largest Catholic board in the country, with 90,000 students, it was hoped that the TCDSB would be a beacon of authentic Christian principles and resist the transgender ideology that the province was foisting upon the province’s schools. In fact, we’ve been told by representatives from various faith communities that they have been closely monitoring this situation, knowing very well that what happens at the TCDSB has serious implication on all faith-based schools. And whatever happened to Ontario Premier Doug Ford who claimed that he opposes this sort of dangerous nonsense? This whole mess was created by the former Liberal provincial governments of Dalton McGuinty and Kathleen Wynne and the convicted child pornographer Ben Levin and their radical sex-ed curriculum. The debate on these changes began earlier this year, but came to a head in late



On October 30, CLC's Josie Luetke gave a presentation to the school board on behalf of Campaign Life Coalition, urging trustees do reject the inclusion of gender identity and expression in the code of conduct.

Announcements

CLC HQ is moving

After almost two decades at 104 Bond Street, CLC's Toronto office has got to move! By early summer 2020, we need a new home. If you have any leads on a property solution in Toronto, please let us know. The logistical requirements are at least 2500 square feet, and that it be near public transit (GOtransit and TTC).

Pro-Life Cheques

Campaign Life Coalition will not be selling pro-life cheques because the supplier is no longer printing them. Thank you to all of you who supported the pro-life message over the years through your cheques.

Last call for Christmas Cakes

Next year we will no longer be selling Christmas cakes as a fundraiser. We are selling off the last of the inventory we have in cold storage this year. If you would like to buy one (or more) for yourself or as a gift for this upcoming Christmas season, contact our CLC office at 1-800-730-5358.


October and early November, as the province imposed deadlines of November 4, to amend the code of conduct.

CLC Youth's Josie Luetke made a presentation on October 30 encouraging the board to not amend the code of conduct as it violated church teaching. When school trustee Maria Rizzo badgered opponents of the LGBT agenda at that meeting, CLC launched a petition calling for her resignation. Thousands of people signed it and the petition was delivered to the school board on November 4.

CLC also launched a petition calling on Roman Catholic Cardinal Thomas Collins to vigorously oppose amending the code of conduct. 2,753 people signed that petition in less than a week and it was delivered to the Archdiocese on November 6. When a TCDSB report on the issue was submitted just prior to the November 6 meeting, the Archdiocese of Toronto smashed the months of efforts of thousands of faithful Catholic laity to stop "gender identity" and "gender expression" being added to the school board's code of conduct. The archdiocese officially accepted to add the terms with the useless proviso that these be "interpreted through the lens of the Catholic faith." Once that was received, advocates of the new measure only had to refer to the support of the Toronto Cardinal to quash all opposition to the policy from any trustees, board staff and others. The betrayal of the faithful parents, trustees and other Christians on this matter by the Cardinal was devastating. No one could understand how a Catholic cardinal could in any way support such an obviously evil, anti-Christian policy that has been prov-

ing to have detrimental consequences on individuals and society at this time.

Repeatedly we have seen bishops and Catholic organizations conned into acquiescence with evil if done through this meaningless, contrived "Catholic lens." But as Jack Fonseca, director of political operations for Campaign Life Coalition, noted, "there's no such thing as 'a Catholic lens,' through which people can be taught to respect sin and embrace sin." Gender identity theory directly attacks the image of God in creation. Rizzo claimed that including the terms does not mean the board is condoning gender theory or homosexuality, but as delegate Chris Elliott, a youth minister from St. Timothy's Parish in Toronto, noted in his presentation, the language is a "Trojan horse" that will fundamentally undercut Catholic beliefs. Following the acceptance of this toxic ideology into the code of conduct, CLC organized a pray-in outside the office of the Toronto Archdiocese. More than a dozen people prayed in silence for the Cardinal to reverse the Archdiocesan decision. We must continue to pray. Our efforts now turn to defending the 4 trustees who voted in line with Christian teaching and who are now being slandered and targeted by the other trustees, the teacher's union, and the media. Some have called for them to resign, while others will be working extra hard to ensure that they do not get re-elected. It is our duty to work hard to make sure that the 8 trustees who voted against Christian principles get replaced by trustees who will uphold Christian moral teaching, defend parental rights, and most importantly, protect children.



Remembering the Holy Innocents this Christmas

Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. Pro-lifers, appreciate the season in a special way. We meditate on the angel's announcement and the conception of the Lord, Mary and Elizabeth, where two unborn babies meet and John the Baptist leaps in the womb in the presence of his unborn Saviour, the trek to Bethlehem, the birth of Our Lord, and the escape to Egypt.

In Kingston Ontario, for more than 20 years CLC has commemorated the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28 by holding a candlelight vigil at Kingston General Hospital to remember the 40 thousand little innocents here who died by the sin of abortion. One year we had a special Blessing. We were walking with our lit candles and a young woman passed on the street and she turned around and stopped the last woman in the line to ask what we are doing. They drifted to the side and spoke intensely for five minutes or more. The woman began to cry and the pro-lifer held her in her arms. When she left we were told that the young woman had had an abortion recently and was so grateful to talk to someone about her grief. God works through pro-lifers to accomplish His will. This year the vigil will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral in Kingston on Friday, December 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us if you can. Have you considered organizing a candlelight vigil in your community?

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.

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