# JULY/AUGUST CLC NATIONAL NEWS

CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION CANADA

### Message from the **President**

Dear Pro-lifer.

Do you receive The Interim, Canada's only national propro-family newspaper? The recent issue has a special "summer reading" section. halfway through the summer, so I recommend you pick up a copy (digital or print). There are some great books listed - some highbrow and some for regular folks like me. Don't let the possible call of a federal election spoil sipping-lemonade-on-theporch relaxation, but remember to keep your party memberships up to date in the event there is a pro-life contender running for the nomination. Most nominations will be over with, but having a membership keeps you in the loop and allows further participation in the electoral process.

Thank God for the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest and most powerful evangelical denomination in the good old U.S. of A! They have boldly proclaimed that abortion be banned, with no compromises, no exceptions. Sounds like it came right out of the CLC playbook. Thank God for that news. Read the full story inside. Now, grab a book, a snooze (after you finish reading the CLC News), or a glass of lemonade and enjoy the summer breeze!

God Bless you and your family. For life,



Jeff Gunnarson. National President Campaign Life Coalition





Photo of 20 week preborn baby. Image: Lennart Nilsson, 1965

### **Largest Protestant group** opposes all abortion

The Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) adapted a strongly worded resolution last month calling for the "immediate abolition of abortion without exception or compromise." The convention also called for the continuation of the Hyde Amendment (under threat by the Biden administration) which prohibits federal funding for abortion. The SBC called the Hyde Amendment necessary "to prevent taxpayers from being complicit in the moral evil of abortion." The resolution also urged Southern Baptists to "work through all available cultural and legislative means to end the moral scourge of abortion as we also seek to love, care for, and minister to women who are victimized by the unjust abortion industry." Wouldn't it be wonderful to see Canada's spiritual leaders, especially the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, coming out with a similar unequivocal statement calling for the "immediate abolition of abortion without exception or compromise"? It is our hope that spiritual leaders in both the U.S. and Canada will be inspired by the courage and boldness of the SBC in passing this resolution and will work to pass their own resolutions calling for an "immediate" end to the killing of preborn children.

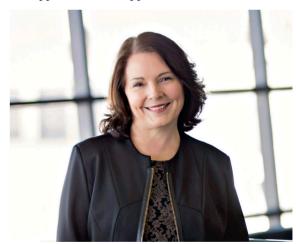
### Sex-selective abortion ban defeated

MP Cathay Wagantall's (Yorkton-Melville) private member's bill (C-233), titled the "Sex-selective Abortion Act," was defeated 248-82 early last month when sadly about one-third of the Conservative caucus joined the NDP, Green, Bloc, and Liberals who voted en masse against the bill. Independent MP Derek Sloan (Hastings-Lennox and Addington) joined 81 Conservatives to support their colleague's bill at the second reading. As a result of the defeat, the bill was not sent to the Standing Committee on Justice for further study and expert testimony. If it had passed, C-233 would have made it illegal for a doctor to knowingly kill a preborn child in an abortion if the sole reason for the abortion request was

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because of the sex of the baby. It is well established that in some ethnic communities in Canada, prenatal homicide eliminates unwanted girls. Wagantall said that the reason for the bill was to take a stand against gender-based discrimination. Wagantall's colleagues MP Tamara Jansen (CPC, Cloverdale—Langley City) and Kelly Block (CPC, Carlton Trail—Eagle Creek) spoke to the issue of sex-selective abortion, saying that any fight against sexism must include opposition to sex-selective abortion. Wagantall said, "We should not be afraid to have this conversation." But the opposition sidestepped the issue of sex-selective



MP Cathay Wagantall. Image: cathaywagantall.ca

abortion and repeatedly condemned the Conservative Party for what the opposition said was an attempt to use C-233 to open the issue of abortion (never mind the fact that CPC leader Erin O'Toole voted against the bill, proudly reiterating that he's "prochoice"). BQ MP Christine Normandin (Saint-Jean) criticized C-233 as "not a bill to combat sexism. It is anti-abortion legislation, period." NDP MP Niki Ashton (Churchill—Keewatinook Aski) lambasted Bill C-233 as "nothing more than a backdoor attempt to criminalize abortion and attack our reproductive rights." NDP MP Lindsay Mathyssen (London-Fanshawe) said she felt "deep, heartfelt dismay at this debate" because she considers the abortion issue settled. Liberal MP Anita Vandenbeld (Ottawa WestNepean) said, "I fail to see how criminalizing women who choose sex-selection abortion, perhaps because of familial pressure to do so, protects them, or other women for that matter, from discrimination." No Liberal minister spoke in Parliament on the matter. But, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau commented on Twitter: "81 members of the Conservative Party voted in favour of anti-choice legislation today. It is completely unacceptable that they will not support, protect, or defend a woman's right to choose. Our government always has - and always will." As usual, Trudeau did not complete the sentence and mention what the "choice" was - to kill their unborn baby. Trudeau utterly missed the entire purpose of the bill, which was to protect the most vulnerable of females in their most vulnerable stage of development in their mothers' wombs. In supporting a woman's "right to choose" in this matter, Trudeau also implicitly endorsed targeting babies for abortion specifically because they are female. What about the Minister for Women and Gender Equality, Maryam Monsef? She, too, took to Twitter: "Women - and women alone - control their bodies and their healthcare choices. Unacceptably, in 2021, Conservatives continue to bring forward antichoice bills. I'm calling on Erin O'Toole to show leadership by asking his caucus not to support this bill." The Liberal government did not want to talk about sex-selective abortion, callously ignoring a lethal form of discrimination. Campaign Life Coalition said in a statement following the defeat of C-233, "The vote was 248 to 82. Let that sink in; 248 members of Parliament just voted to allow the killing of babies in the womb based on their sex. We thank all those who stood up in defence of babies in the womb." Thank you to everyone who signed our petition, sent postcards, and contacted their MPs directly through CLC's Action Alert campaign.

### Conscience legislation delayed

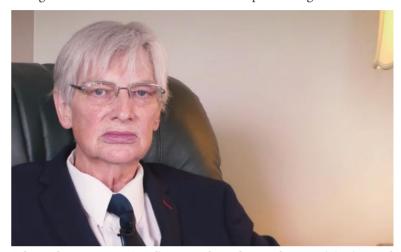
Kelly Block's (Carlton Trail - Eagle Creek) Bill C-268, An Act to amend the Criminal Code to protect the conscience rights of medical professionals who are unwilling to participate in anti-life practices such as euthanasia, has not reached second reading. "This private member's bill is a response to calls from physicians and patients to ensure conscience rights for medical professionals," Block explained. We urge you to contact your MPs and ask them to vote for C-268. Although freedom of religion and freedom of conscience are protected under the Charter, there is, unfortunately, tremendous pressure from professional associations and provincial regulations on doctors and nurses to take part in euthanasia, including through "effective referrals," which still ultimately implicate those doctors and other health care workers who do not do the deed themselves. All of us see the tremendous value of our frontline workers. Because of this, we must not idly stand by when the law does not permit them to follow their consciences. In many cases, their conscience is what led them to the healing professions in the first place.

Action Item: Please get in touch with your MP today by phone or mail, urging them to vote for C-268. You can also use our online tool to send them an email or a postcard via campaignlifecoalition.com

### Conversion therapy ban stalls in Senate

Bill C-6, the government's conversion therapy ban, was sent to the Senate Justice and Human Rights Committee for scrutiny, meaning it

was not passed before the Senate recessed on June 29. The ban passed the House of Commons a week earlier when the NDP, Green, and Bloc parties joined some Conservatives and the Liberal government to pass C-6 in a 263-63 vote. Independent MP Derek Sloan joined about one-half of his former Conservative colleagues to oppose C-6. If passed, C-6 would outlaw advertising of any counseling services that would help people resist their unwanted same-sex attractions or learn to accept their biological sex when it is at odds with their perceived gender. The bill



Robert John Wenman, a Canadian man who underwent hormone injections and surgery to live as a woman for 18 years pleaded with the country's politicians in 2020 to not ban counseling that he says saved his life by helping him to live once again according to his biological sex as a male. View his testimony at CLC's StopTheBan.ca. Image: CLC / Youtube

would also outlaw providing such services to minors or facilitating such care for minors. CLC has warned that the bill would essentially make it a criminal activity for parents to seek psychological or spiritual counseling for their children who identify as homosexual or transgender.

Once in the Senate, there were six speeches in favour of C-6 – many of which included personal references to family members who "courageously" came forward with stories of their own same-sex attractions or identification as transgender. Why is it that when Liberals base their votes on personal emotionally-driven stories, there is applause, but when conservatives vote based on their religious beliefs, they are told that their personal views and feelings are verboten? Two indigenous senators talked about how pleased they were that "two-spirited" (both male and female) and others with non-normative gender identities were being acknowledged within their native communities. We doubt that they speak for their entire community despite claims of doing so. Conservative Senator Don Plett raised questions about the failure of the bill to protect spiritual counseling and private conversations that might not affirm an individual's belief that they are homosexual or transgender. The government claimed that raising such concerns constituted fear-mongering and refused to amend the legislation.

There is a rumour on Parliament Hill that the government could play tricks with the Senate schedule to permit sittings during the summer recess before a snap election that some speculate could be called before Labour Day. If the Senate does not resume sittings this month or next, it is possible that C-6 will die if an election is called. In case neither of those things happen — it is possible that Justin Trudeau will not ask for an election until later this fall or wait until next year — we strongly encourage you to contact your senators to urge them to defeat C-6. Please sign our **Continued on page 4** 



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Johnny T., 18
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Toronto, ON
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This summer, due to the outstanding quality of 20+ applicants, we hired 12 interns. They have been busy doing street activism, receiving training through weekly seminars delivered by leaders in the movement, and completing a wide variety of office tasks: writing for *The Interim*, contributing content to CLC Youth, helping improve our website, preparing for Life Chain, drafting position papers, updating our political database, etc. Please help support our internship program by donating by mail, over the phone, on our website, or by visiting: wonderwe.com/prolifeinterns. Your investment in the next generation of pro-lifers is deeply appreciated!



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High School



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petition at StopTheBan.ca to show your opposition to this bill. Please also visit the above website, created by CLC, for more information on this legislation and to watch personal testimonial videos from people who have identified as "transgender" or "gay" and who have left the LGBT lifestyle with the help of clinical therapy or spiritual counseling.

Action Item: Get in touch with your province's senators at www.campaignlifecoalition.com/contact-canadas-senators and urge them to defeat C-6.

### **Election readiness**

Bloomberg News has reported that Justin Trudeau plans to call an election in early August with an early September election day. It remains to be seen if this is the plan. Political parties are indeed behaving like an election will be sooner rather than later. You may not receive another CLC News before the next election day. We remind you to check our website campaignlifecoalition.com for election information if one is called. Due to Justin Trudeau's draconian gag law rules, one of the worst in the developed world and enforced by Elections Canada, we are prohibited from communicating to the public about political issues or candidate ratings, once the writ is dropped. The moment the election gets called, CLC will have to block all public access to our Voter Guide web pages. No longer will we be allowed to share our Voter Guide to the general public, as we always have throughout our history. Trudeau's gag law only permits us to share these resources with our private list of members/supporters/donors.

As a security measure to ensure that only CLC supporters/donors have access to the restricted pages, we will require each CLC supporter/donor to register for restricted access by "signing" an online attestation where you attest that you are a supporter and/or donor of CLC and that you support CLC's mission and values. You will also be required to pay a \$2 fee, once again, as a security measure. We apologize for the dreadful inconvenience, but this is the anti-democratic, voter suppression we are being forced to endure under the increasingly tyrannical regime of Justin Trudeau's Liberal government.

Once you sign the attestation and pay the member access fee, you will be able to see all the Candidate Rating pages you're used to on campaignlifecoalition.com, as well as other valuable resources such as Leader Ratings and a Party Policy Comparison on our dedicated federal election website at www.voteprolife.ca. The latter is a terrific resource. We put a lot of work into each election, so we encourage you to check it out once the election is called. If you are not on the web, or did not follow the above process in time, feel free to call us closer to election day at (416) 204-9749 or 1-800-730-5358 and speak with our election team. NOTE: you cannot pre-register for this restricted, private access. You'll have to wait until the writ is dropped.

We remind you that the only pro-life party at the federal level is the Christian Heritage Party, and they desperately need volunteers and candidates. You can contact them through their website www.chp.ca/contact/or call 888-868-3247. We encourage you to support only pro-life candidates in whatever party they run. While we understand that many of you want to replace the abortion-promoting Trudeau-Liberals, we cannot encourage supporters to vote for pro-abortion Conservatives. We should vote only for pro-life candidates. At the same time, we understand that many of you are upset with the betrayals of pro-abor-

tion, pro-LGBTQ Conservative leader Erin O'Toole. However, it would be a mistake to punish pro-life Conservative candidates, especially those who supported pro-life and pro-family legislation and opposed anti-life and anti-family bills, by not voting for them on account of their leader. In the meantime, before an election is called, we encourage you to check out how your MP voted on the various bills mentioned earlier in this CLC News, as well as the government's expansion of euthanasia earlier this year.



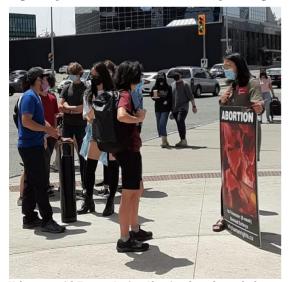
### Bill C-10 held up in the Senate

The extremely worrisome internet censorship Bill C-10 was sent to committee and not passed after the Senate recessed for the summer on June 29. Assuming that Justin Trudeau does not pull some trick to have the senate hold summer sessions, this bill would die on the order paper if an election is called. If an election has not been called before the Senate is scheduled to return in mid-September, C-10 still faces further study. A number of senators have spoken against the bill's potential to stifle online speech and have pointed out the position it puts the federal

government in of essentially dictating what will be permissible and what will be banned speech online. Bill C-10, known as "An Act to Amend the Broadcasting Act," would give the federal government immense power to regulate the internet, which could be used to target user-generated content on social media platforms. The bill would force websites, including YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook, to remove content deemed "harmful" within 24 hours. It is more than imaginable that content that questions the LGBTQ agenda will be deemed harmful. It is equally imaginable that the same would apply to pro-life content as well, such as is put out by CLC and other pro-life and profamily organizations, such as LifeSiteNews.

# Ontario bill against abortion victim photography

Ontario NDP MPP Terence Kernaghan (London North Centre) introduced Bill 259, the Viewer Discretion Act (Images of Fetuses) in March. It has yet to be voted on. Bill 259 targets pro-life groups such as the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) which uses abortion victim photography in pamphlets that the group distributes in residential mailboxes. Kernaghan said, "This Bill provides that no one shall send a graphic image of a fetus by mail or otherwise distribute such an image unless the image is contained in an opaque envelope, the exterior of the envelope includes a description of the contents and the exterior of the envelope clearly identifies the sender. The penalty for violating this prohibition is a fine of \$100 per image."



Volunteers with Toronto Against Abortion show the truth about abortion in the North York district, June, 2021. Facebook / CCBR

He introduced the bill in response to complaints from constituents upset with seeing such images show up in their mailboxes. He denies that his bill limits freedom of expression. He argues that people should have a choice regarding whether or not to see such images. Katie Dean, the founder of a group called the Viewers Discretion Legislation Coalition that opposes abortion victim photography, said that "these images are disturbing and extremely traumatizing to the community." Of course, if she thinks these images are disturbing, it is because abortion always involves the brutal killing of a preborn child. Ultimately, her objection is to the truth about abortion, not these images. Of course, this bill does violate the free expression rights of those who want to use these images to prick the consciences of their fellow Canadians. And, there is no reason to believe that these restrictions will stop at the mailbox. Once the principle is established that such images should be prohibited under certain conditions, they will be outlawed in other places, making it ever-more-difficult to get the public to care about the injustices inflicted on preborn children every day in Canada. Seeing images of preborn children who are aborted should make people want to end the violence, not work to remove the images of this horrific injustice from the public's eye. CLC has always worked diligently to call to people's attention the photographic evidence of the brutality of abortion so that in seeing this evil, people will want to end it. Historically, images of man's inhumanity to man - whether it be images of starving children in the developing world to show the urgency of the help they need or an image of a drowned Syrian boy to show the tragic plight of refugees — have been used to rouse people to get involved and help make the world a better place.

## Manitoba, Saskatchewan bubble zones

Last month we reported that the NDP in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba had introduced private members' bills to create anti-free speech bubble zones around locations that commit abortions or distribute the abortion pill. We are happy to report that neither bill progressed in their respective legislatures. Thus far, Scott Moe's Saskatchewan Party government in that province and Brian Pallister's Progressive Conservative government in Manitoba do not seem interested in trampling the free-speech rights of pro-lifers. Although there have been no incidences of violence (except the killing of preborn babies inside the abortion mills), the abortion lobby and their political allies in the NDP are aggressively pushing bubble zones because they consider any attempt to persuade women not to abort their children or to educate the public on the truth about abortion to be harassment and intimidation. In Manitoba, MLA

### **Announcements**

### Join our email list

With political events moving so fast, make sure you're on our email list so you can be among the first to find out about urgent action items, whether it's calling MPs, attending nomination meetings, or getting involved in a pro-life or pro-family rally. If you're not yet on our list and want to be, please send a request to: clc@campaignlifecoalition to be added.

### 12th Annual Rose Golf-Tournament

Business for Life & Derrydale Golf Course are once again proud to present the annual Rose Golf Tournament which will take place on Thursday, September 9, 2021. The \$75 entry fee includes 12 holes with power cart and a packed lunch. Includes great prizes and all proceeds go to Campaign Life Coalition. To register please call CLC Head Office at 416-204-9749 or toll free at 1-800-730-5358.

### Stamps and coins?

Did you know that your stamp collection can help CLC nominate and elect a pro-life candidate? If you or someone you know has a dusty old (or new!) stamp and/or coin collection they wish to donate to CLC, please let us know! One of our longtime supporters is a stamp expert and has been selling and trading donated collections for top dollars and giving all the proceeds to our pro-life efforts. Please call us at 416-204- 9749 or toll free at 1-800-730-5358.

Nahanni Fontaine (NDP, St. John's) has repeatedly introduced a private member's bill designed to silence pro-life speech. Fontaine's No. 207, The Abortion Protest Buffer Zone Act, would if passed, ban in abortion "access zones" any attempt to "advise or attempt to advise or persuade a person to refrain from accessing abortion services, [...]inform or attempt to inform a person concerning issues related to abortion services," or express any "disapproval" of abortion. A first offense could bring a maximum fine of \$5,000 or a jail term of up to six months or both. Fines and imprisonment for second and subsequent offenses would be \$10,000 and one year in jail, respectively. In Saskatchewan, NDP MLA Jennifer Bowes (Saskatoon University) introduced Bill 605(1), An Act to Provide Safe Access to Abortion Services, which has similar provisions. Bill 605 would apply a bubble zone of up to 150 metres from the edge of the property where children are killed before birth.

Six provinces already have anti-free speech bubble zones in place, and in Ontario, pro-life champion Fr. Tony Van Hee is currently engaged in a protracted legal battle following his 2018 arrest. As you may recall, Fr. Van Hee was not protesting abortion and considering that the sign he was wearing did not mention abortion, there were no grounds for his arrest; he was protesting the existence of the bubble zone and calling it out as tyranny. Campaign Life Coalition has set up an online fundraising campaign to support Fr. Van Hee's battle for free speech at wonderwe.com/helpfrvanhee. If you live in one of the Prairie provinces where bubble zones are on the legislative agenda, please contact your MLA and urge him or her to vote against these infringements on free speech.

Action Item: If you live in Saskatchewan or Manitoba, please contact your MLA urging them to vote against bubble zone legislation

## **Curtailing the aborting of Down syndrome** children

Ontario MPP Sara Singh (NDP, Brampton Centre) has introduced a private member's bill, Bill 225 (Harvey and Gurvir's Law) that would make information about Down syndrome available to expectant parents of children prenatally diagnosed with Down syndrome. "Persons with Down syndrome and their families have historically faced discrimination and have been victims of eugenics," the preamble to the bill states. Bill 225 would amend the Regulated Health Professions Act of 1991 to require public medically accurate information concerning Down syndrome to be publicly available, especially to expectant parents. Such information would include the facts about life expectancy, developmental issues (physical and mental), educational and social outcomes, as well as resources available to families with members who have Down syndrome. Bill 225 would also require a 48-hour waiting period between the presentation of such information to expectant parents of prenatal children diagnosed with Down syndrome and the recommendation of any further "testing or treatment", unless it is deemed necessary or explicitly requested. "Treatment" of Down syndrome in this context is simply a euphemism for abortion. The 48-hour waiting period before

deciding on such "treatment" is not a pro-life position. That's why we can't support this bill as it reads. We also condemn in-utero testing when it is specifically used to search for preborn babies with Down Syndrome, or other medical conditions, for the purpose of helping to decide whether to abort that baby. We know that many doctors immediately counsel parents to abort their Down syndrome children. It is estimated that 90% of preborn babies diagnosed with Down syndrome are killed by abortion.

### Rabbi Bulka, RIP

Rabbi Reuven Bulka passed away on June 27 at the age of 77. The long-time rabbi of the Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa, Rabbi Bulka has been dubbed "Canada's rabbi." We were fortunate to have him address the National March for Life several times in Ottawa. In 1999, he told the March, "Could our great grandfathers have ever fathomed that down the road the civilization that they were creating would develop to the point that unborn children would need protection and rallies so that people become aware of their cause?" He added, "It does not make a difference whether you are from any religious faith or whether you are from no religious faith. It doesn't make a difference which political party you belong to, the Canadian way is to be concerned and compassionate towards everyone, born or unborn." He



Rabbi Reuven Bulka in his Alta Vista area home in 2013. Ottawa Citizen/Youtube screen grab

addressed several more Marches for Life, including the Candlelight Vigil in 2004. In 2006, Rabbi Bulka's honorary doctorate from Carleton University resulted in protests from "gay rights" activists who were upset with his past association with the National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality, a group that provided resources for people struggling to overcome unwanted same-sex attraction. Unfortunately, Rabbi Bulka's pro-life principles were compromised. In 2002, he wrote in the Ottawa Citizen in favour of embryonic stem cell research, stating that "There is nothing wrong, and everything right, with using embryos that would otherwise be discarded." We do not understand how this man, who did scream 'murder' when they were discarded by abortion, would not see the same violence being done to children at the embryonic stage. We were thankful when we had him on our team and were blessed by the wisdom he shared. We pray for the repose of his soul.

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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