

## To Stop Euthanasia

"No man has authority to restrain the wind with the wind, or authority over the day of death." (Ecclesiastes 8:8)

"In whose hand is the life of every living thing, And the breath of all mankind?" (Job 12:10)

Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special respect. Sick or handicapped persons should be helped to lead lives as normal as possible. (CCC, 2276). Direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick or dying persons. Such an act constitutes a murder, gravely contrary to the dignity of the human person and to the respect due to the living God, his Creator. It must always be forbidden and excluded (CCC, 2277).

Everyone is responsible for his life before God Who has given it to him. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for His honour and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of (CCC, 2280).

### Did you know that...

- In the first year since legalization (June 2016-June 2017), 1,982 assisted deaths have been reported in Canada: 1,977 euthanasia deaths and 5 assisted-suicide deaths. There were 167 reported euthanasia deaths in Quebec prior to federal legalization.
- Canadian law does not protect conscience rights for medical professionals.
- Only about 20% of Canada's population has access to palliative care. 90% of doctors working in palliative care in Canada oppose euthanasia.
- According to a recent survey, paediatricians are increasingly being asked by parents to euthanize disabled or dying children and infants.
- In Belgium, nearly 1 in 20 deaths is due to euthanasia. According to three recent studies: 32% of all euthanasia deaths were done without explicit request; 47% of all euthanasia deaths were not reported as euthanasia. Nurses are euthanizing their patients, even though the Belgium law limits the act of euthanasia to doctors only.

Dr. Leo Alexander, an American psychiatrist, who was a medical advisor at the Nuremberg trials, stated in an article in the New England Journal of Medicine (July 1949):

"Whatever proportions these crimes finally assumed, it became evident to all who investigated them that they

had started from small beginnings. The beginnings at first were merely a subtle shift in emphasis in basic attitude, basic in the euthanasia movement, that there is such a thing as a life not worthy to be lived."

## To Restore a Culture of Life

Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, Who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstances claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being (CCC, 2258).

"Abortion and euthanasia are crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection. In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or vote for it" (Pope Saint John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae]*, no. 73).

### Contact Your MLA

Write a letter or make an appointment to meet with your MLA before the March for Life. *Stay informed.* In upcoming elections, whether provincial or federal, find out which candidates are pro-life. Cast your ballot in favour of life!

### Pray for Life

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and Lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer" (Pope Saint John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life [Evangelium Vitae]*, no. 100).

### Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life

God, we thank You for Your love which has given us life, a sacred gift from the moment of conception to our natural last breath. Guide us in our journey of life so that all people here and throughout the world will become instruments of Your eternal love to reverence the sanctity of all human life. Amen. — *Composed by Peter Kruczko, Love Life Ribbon Foundation*



### Support the Alberta March for Life

The Alberta March for Life Association is an independent pro-life group whose mission is to promulgate the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death and the dignity of disabled people.

Our main objective is to conduct an annual peaceful outdoor march where invited speakers would speak about pro-life issues, to share information and raise public awareness.

We welcome all persons who support pro-life ideals and are open to partnering and cooperating with organizations which promote and advance our mission.

#### Code of Conduct:

The Alberta March for Life Association does not allow any abortion imagery within, at, or surrounding our event in order to avoid disturbing the attendees. Representatives for the association will request that anyone displaying such images remove them from the event immediately, which includes the areas at which the event occurs (Alberta Legislature).

#### For more information:

[www.albertamarchforlife.com](http://www.albertamarchforlife.com)

#### Donations are gratefully accepted:

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If you are bringing a busload of marchers, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can reserve a bus parking spot for you downtown.

11th Annual

# Alberta March for Life

AMBER ALERT:  
Missing Generations!



Thursday, May 10, 2018

Starting at the Alberta Legislature  
10800-97th Avenue, Edmonton

12:30 PM

# Alberta March for Life

## Events

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**

5:30 pm **Fundraising Dinner/Silent Auction**  
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Basilica  
10044-113th Street N.W., Edmonton  
Tickets: \$15 / Call: 780-807-8972

**Monday, May 7, 2018**

7:00 pm **Prayer for the Sanctity of Human Life**  
St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral  
10825 97th Street N.W., Edmonton

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

10:00 am **Pro-Life Mass**  
St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Basilica  
10044-113th Street N.W., Edmonton

10:30 am **Interdenominational Pro-Life Service**  
New Destiny Church  
10605-96th Street N.W., Edmonton

## Rally and March

**Thursday, May 10, 2018**

12 noon Gathering at the Alberta Legislature

**12:30 pm Opening Prayer and Speeches**

1:10 pm National Anthem — "O Canada"

**1:15 pm March for Life** - Led by the Knights of Columbus, accompanied by police escort

2:00 pm Closing Speeches & Prayer

*We invite everyone to participate in next year's March for Life, which will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2019. Mark your calendars. Invite family and friends to join the 2019 March for Life!*



## Speakers

**Pastor David Mackenzie** — *Master of Ceremonies*  
Regency Christian Church,  
Devon, Alberta

**Archbishop Gerard Pettipas**  
Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan,  
McLennan, Alberta

**Stephanie Fennelly**  
Executive Director, The Wilberforce Project,  
Edmonton, Alberta

**Amberlee Nicol**  
Campus Coordinator — BC, AB, and SASK,  
National Campus Life Network, Edmonton, AB

**Ron Schuster**  
State Deputy (Provincial President)  
Knights of Columbus, Alberta-NWT State,  
Edmonton, Alberta

**Hank Round**  
Calgary, Alberta



## Join the March for Life!

If you are pro-life, then you recognize that a terrible injustice is taking place daily in our own cities. Certain members of the human family have been classified as having no rights under the law and can be discarded because of their vulnerability and inability to object. Women and girls are being fed misinformation about the harmful effects of abortion by manipulative language and messaging designed to inculcate a sense of nonchalance where there should be grave concern. Words and phrases like *termination*, *choice*, *women's rights*, and *dying with dignity* are gently leading us deeper into a culture of death. This will not change unless people of goodwill stand up and share their voices for those who are at risk. It's not enough to be casually pro-life and stand on the sidelines. **Justice compels us to act.**

**Joining the March for Life is a great start...**

The rest of the world will not listen to our concerns unless we make enough of a presence that they cannot ignore us. Participating in the march is a powerful way to witness to the world that this debate **is not over**, and that many, many people are willing to stand up and be counted for their conviction. Adding yourself to our numbers strengthens our message, strengthens our movement, and strengthens our witness. Be deliberate about this. **Don't sit by casually while others are dying. Take action and plan to join us for this year's march!**

## To End Abortion

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I consecrated you." (Jeremiah 1:5)*

*"For You formed my inward parts, You knitted me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139[138]:13)*

Human life must be respected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2270).

Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable (*CCC*, 2271). "You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish" (*Didache*, 2.2).

**Did you know that...**

- Over 100,000 abortions take place in Canada every year; over 13,000 in Alberta.
- Prior to 1969, all abortions were illegal in Canada.
- Canada is one of the few countries in the world that has no legal restrictions on abortion. A preborn child can be aborted at any stage of pregnancy.
- The heart begins to beat at 22 days after conception. All major organs are present and developing in the embryo at eight weeks.
- Up to 49 days of pregnancy, poison, such as methotrexate or mifepristone, is injected to induce an abortion. The poison causes the uterus to contract and expel the embryo or fetus.
- Between 6-8 weeks of pregnancy, most abortions are performed by suction aspiration. A suction machine is used to tear the baby into small pieces, which are sucked through a tube into a collection bottle.
- After 12 weeks of pregnancy, the Dilation and Evacuation (D & E) method is used. A pincer-like instrument is used to seize a leg, arm, or other part of the baby, and with a twisting motion, tears it from the body. The skull is crushed and pulled out.
- After 20 weeks, a preborn baby in the womb feels the pain of being torn apart or injected with poison.
- Almost 600 preborn children are aborted every year at 21+ weeks of pregnancy (after the 7th month).
- Abortions in Canada are provided on request and funded by Medicare, at the expense of taxpayers.
- Canadians will pay for campaigns to legalize abortion in dozens of countries under our federal Liberal government's \$650 million, three-year commitment to implement "sexual and reproductive health and rights" worldwide.