

## **2023 Speaker Highlights – All Rally Speakers**

**We are grateful to each speaker who inspired and challenged us. These selections of quotes from their speeches do not capture all the passion and colourful details but they capture the essence of their speech.**

### **Bishop Gary Franken / Diocese of St. Paul / Sermon at the Basilica**

How is it that we stay with that joy in the face of opposition? As we get ready to witness to life and follow God's commandments, let's continue to turn to God for the gifts of God's Spirit. Let us witness by being the right person with the gifts of the Holy Spirit including self-control. May the Spirit keep us in that joy!

### **Mark Smith / MLA Drayton Valley – Devon**

Life begins at conception and it is worth the full protection of the law.

### **Alisa Ketchum Walker - President AMLA & Brittany Cavanagh - Wilberforce**

The future is pro-life because God is pro-life. Life is God's promise.  
The future is pro-love because God is pro-love. Love is God's plan.  
The future is pro-grace because God is pro-grace. Grace is God's presence.  
We listened to Brittany's preborn daughter's heartbeat and now we welcome Joanna Jane into this world and pray for her upcoming heart surgery!!!

### **Patrice Roussel / Alberta NWT Knights of Columbus Council**

We are not an anti-abortion group. We believe in the sanctity of life for every living person. We are here to offer a viable choice for all. We care for the women and serve them with all our hearts. The Knights of Columbus' new initiative is ASAP, Aid and Support After Pregnancy. Join us with your gifts of support.

### **Father Dean Dowle / Archdiocese Edmonton – MC for the Rally**

Who are we? We are the women who care for one another. We are the men who commit with strength and great courage. We are the wholesome people who give for families, communities, our province and our country. We never demand for the rights of ourselves. We ask for others and we kneel to serve. We do what is right for all so that is why we stand and we walk for people. We are Pro-Life.

### **Stephanie Fennelly / Wilberforce / President**

The Future is Pro-Life! And that means that we are here because we want more support, we want more resources, and we want more information and more protection for girls, women, and the preborn. Vote Pro-Life. Vote with your values!

**Cam Cote / Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform / Western Director**

We must be a better neighbour for all those around us – the weak, the vulnerable, the preborn. We must change hearts and minds not only making abortion unnecessary and eventually, Lord willing, illegal, but most importantly unthinkable. We want to help you have compassionate and compelling conversations. With the right tools experience and mentorship, we can change hearts and minds.

**Mary Hunt / Catholic Women's League Alberta Mackenzie / President**

Across Canada, our organization has over 60,000 members. Our position on the sanctity of life is based on our belief in a God who we believe has the final say in everything. We understand that as a woman one of our most precious gifts is to be the home for an unborn child. Nature has made a woman more than a person unto herself. Pregnant women have a responsibility way beyond themselves. We know that we are on this earth for a short period of time as death comes to every human being, but life for us does not end here. However, as long as we are here we will be good stewards of life – the earth and especially for the preborn and the marginalized. Albert Einstein said, “The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything.”

**Vera Fischer / Gianna Centre / Director**

Gianna Center's motto is to honour the sanctity of life through service, education and authentic care of the family. When we discuss the essential truths about our faith or check on an isolated mother to make sure she remains connected, we are spreading love and hope. When we train our market moms to learn retail and business skills through the Market at Gianna, we are building confidence and creating new jobs. The most important prerequisite we are looking for in an amazing volunteer is your Pro-Life heart. Join us as a volunteer, a prayer partner or a donor.

**Steve Kim / Apologetics Canada / Director**

I am here with the conviction that it is wrong to shed innocent blood. First, why do we worship? We worship because it is good and right to praise the Lord. Sometimes, we want to give up? We ask what difference do our efforts make to the outcome? We do it because it is the right thing to do. As an act of sheer will let us choose to persist in doing right. It is the right thing to stand against the shedding of innocent blood.

**Alex Schadenberg / Euthanasia Prevention Coalition Canada / Director**

See the keynote speaker document for highlights.