

Voices4Life



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“From conception to our final breath on this earth, all life is a sacred gift from Almighty God. It must be cherished in our hearts and protected through our actions, both in our capacity as individuals and also through our laws and policies as a nation.”—Dr. James Dobson



Kamloops Pro-Life Society
invites you to attend our



2024

**Dessert Evening and
Silent Auction**



on **Saturday, April 13th, 2024**

Doors open at **6pm**, dessert served at **7pm**

OLPH Parish Centre
635 Tranquille Rd

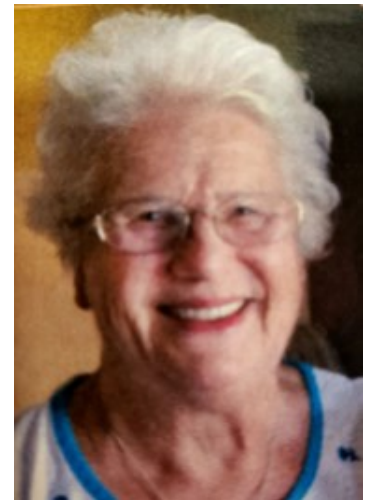
Guest Presenter: **Dr. Ryan Wilson**,
Physicians for Life
speaking on support for the pro-life medical
community and on MAiD

Tickets are \$10
per person



A Tribute to Maybelle

Maybelle passed away two weeks before Christmas and left us with multiple memories of her selfless generosity, her practical wisdom and her expertise as dinner planner/ coordinator for almost forty years. We cannot estimate the magnitude of her legacy to pro-life in terms of fundraising, her faithful attendance at vigils, her many years of serving as a director, and much more.



We would like to honor her in a meaningful way. Do any of you have a suggestion for how to do this? Please share your thoughts with us via phone or email.

KPLS Membership Drive 2024 Please join the Kamloops Pro Life Society this year! Taking out a membership does not require you to become active in the cause (although you certainly can, if you wish). It amplifies our voice in support of the most vulnerable members of our society. You can find our membership form on the back of this newsletter. Thank you for your support!

President's Report

2023 was a constantly busy year for our Board, with a blend of tried and true activities interspersed with new ones as we fulfilled our mandate to educate on life issues. All positions on-and-off the Board are entirely volunteer.

Our main on-going projects were:

- our TV ads on both CFJC-TV and Global
- our radio ads, which expanded from B-100 to other stations
- our Facebook and Instagram pages
- our one-hour First Saturday (of each month) Vigils which remain on Columbia St. in front of the First Baptist Church
- our promotion of an online pro-life prayer opportunity, "Justice Wall"

Once-a-year events included:

- our AGM meeting
- Life-Chain—over 100 people attended, the largest turnout in over 4 years!
- September to November 40-Day Choose Life Prayer Vigil
- Scholarship—we had three scholarship winners and recently re-named this student support the "Albert Johnson Memorial Fund"
- assisting the CWL's in their Day of Prayer for Palliative Care Presentation

Other Activities:

- responded to various enquiries, including those supporting abortion and euthanasia plus those seeking help
- reached out to Merritt, Valemount, Logan Lake, Sorrento, and Chase—communities that do not have formal pro-life groups
- distributed "Little Feet" pins, 3-month fetal models, brochures, etc. via St. Joseph's Book Store
- promoted 'Take Action' online support via petitions and mail-in postcards, especially against expanding euthanasia for mental illness.
- began developing plans to present to church youth groups and to students at St. Ann's and Kamloops Christian School; one presentation has been made and was well-received
- provided support by attending funerals of pro-lifers and wearing our sashes
- visited all four Knights councils
- promoted pro-life apologetics via CCBR online and in-person training
- successfully handled complaints against our organization
- had a new banner made with the slogan "Cherish Human Life from Conception to Natural Death"

First time initiatives were:

- cooperating with Knights and CWL's in planning and participating in a well-attended end-of-life care symposium
- receiving a donation of yellow signs from our beloved Maybelle—her choice of wording and her legacy to us
- planning our first Dessert and Silent Auction Fundraiser
- forming a BC Pro-Life Society in May 2024 in conjunction with all local pro-life groups
- purchasing our first-ever interior bus ad, thanks to generous donations from Sacred Heart Knights and others

In Conclusion:

Thank you for your faith in us, for your tremendous support in every way—financially, attending events, prayers, and more. Our commitment to you, always, is to honor your commitment to us. I also extend my appreciation to the Board who so freely give of their time and their many-and-varied talents, making it easier for us to accomplish all that we do.

Finally, we praise God for entrusting the pro-life ministry to us and for His many blessings equipping us to carry it out.

Blessings,
Garry Howell, President

**EACH PERSON
IS PRECIOUS,
NO MATTER
HOW SMALL,**



**NO MATTER
WHAT SIDE
OF THE
UTERINE WALL.**

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* Credit: Allied Attorney Mary Browning

The graphic above will be showing in 30 city buses for 3 months. We are very pleased that the bus company accepted the pro-life theme of the ad without question. Our hope is that the truth of the poetic message and the beauty of the unborn child will touch the hearts of all who view it. For a three-month period, the ridership total is approximately 875,000 people, including many high school and university students—those we need to reach most. We are very grateful to all who helped finance this project. The plan is to further display this ad in months to come.

Would you be willing to assist with a donation towards this goal?



A photo of our Board members taken at our 2023 Christmas party.

From left to right: Tonia Howell, Shauna Desmarais, Anita Sehn (Secretary), Shirley Bosman, Lise-Anne Dore (Vice President), Teresa Shayler, Marcella Mayhew, Miguel Romero, and Garry Howell (President)

Missing: Judy Robinson (Treasurer) and Maureen Lefevbre

Pro-Life Apologetics

Pro-abortion claim: Abortion is essential.

Pro-life response: Abortion is the direct and intentional killing of the preborn human child living within his or her mother's womb. It is the murder of a human being in his or her earliest stage of development. It is evil in each and every case to deliberately kill an innocent and defenceless human being, no matter where their location or what their stage of development. Spelled out this way, could the killing of the smallest members of the human family be somehow fundamental, or central, or absolutely necessary to anyone? What's really essential is cherishing each and every human life.



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Government assault on St. Paul's Hospital

There has been an assault on religious freedom and conscience rights in Canada. Last November the BC Minister of Health expropriated property from St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver to build a euthanasia killing centre next door, since the hospital refused to perform euthanasia on it's premises.

This discriminatory practice follows the action of our provincial government after confiscating the beautiful facility from the Delta Hospice Society and cancelling their lease due to Delta's refusal to commit euthanasia. Now Delta is providing training programs for patient advocates to educate them in protection against MAiD teams who take advantage of the vulnerable in hospital settings.

We recommend that you are vigilant if you have a loved one in the hospital, making sure that he or she is protected from "the team."

We Have Moved!

Our office, so comfortably set in Maybelle's house for around fifteen years, has had to be vacated as her home is up for sale. We will now set up our new office in available space in the St. Nicholas Orthodox Church at 308 Royal Ave. For our use there is a kitchenette and bathroom, our meeting area, and ample storage elsewhere. Our gratitude goes to the Board of St. Nicholas for their willingness to work with us to generously meet our needs.

However, our mailing address remains the same as before (as shown on the front page of the newsletter) as there is no mailbox set up for us there.



Cans For Cash

Take your empty bottles/cans to General Grants to either of these depots...



- 963 Camosun Crescent, across from TRU
- 611 Fortune Dr

...and inform them that you wish to donate the proceeds to Kamloops Pro-life Society. We are registered at these two locations.

...It's just that Simple!



Website Revamped!

Check out our fresh, newly updated website created by Graphics Designer Fred Bosman. You will find it very user friendly with a nice layout and flow, displaying colourful, informative material with numerous educational links.

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Notable Quotes...

"The opposite for courage is not cowardice, it is conformity. Even a dead fish can go with the flow."

"Character is doing the right thing when no one is looking."

E-Transfers: If you wish to make a donation, in lieu of mailing a cheque, you may e-transfer the funds. Add Kamloops Pro-Life Society to your list of payees and enter our email address as follows: kamloopsprolife@gmail.com. In the memo area, add your address.

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Yes!

I WANT TO HELP. You can count on me to support and protect the sanctity of life!

- I would like a Single Membership. Enclosed is\$10.00
- I would like a Senior Membership. Enclosed is\$ 5.00
- I would like a Family Membership. Enclosed is\$15.00
- I want to support the Advertizing Campaign. Enclosed is my gift of\$
- Enclosed find a one-time donation in the amount of\$
- Enclosed are _____ post-dated cheques in the amount of\$
- E-transfers accepted at kamloopsprolife@gmail.com

Please make all cheques payable to Kamloops Pro-Life Society.

- Please send a tax deductible receipt to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____



Please note: a Senior Membership is for those aged 60 and above