



Voices4Life

“Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception”

— St. John Paul II

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Angelina Ireland, Executive Director of the Delta Hospice Society will be speaking at our Dessert Fundraiser.

The Delta Hospice Society developed out of a need to support families living with life threatening illness and those who are bereaved. Incorporated in July 1991, the non-profit organization operated in Delta till it lost access to the facility it had built, due to a dispute with the government over providing M.A.i.D. The society now works to provide palliative care free from Euthanasia. (Website: deltahospicesociety.org).

According to the Fifth annual report on Medical Assistance in dying in Canada there were over 15 thousand euthanasia deaths in 2023 (most recent stats). Between 2016, (when legalized) and December 2023 there have been over 60,000 euthanasia deaths. Now the number is likely more than 75,000 euthanasia deaths. This number continues to grow ever faster. (Website: <https://epccca>).

KAMLOOPS PRO-LIFE SOCIETY

Cherish Life Dessert Evening

& SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, April 12, 2025

OLPH Parish Centre - 635 Tranquille Road

Doors open at 6 p.m. -Desserts served at 7 p.m.



Guest Speaker:

Angelina Ireland

*Executive Director of the
Delta Hospice Society*

Topic: Resisting MAID, Our need
to build a Culture of Sanctuary

For tickets call 250-376-4054 or e-transfer to kamloopsprolife@gmail.com
or purchase them at St. Joseph Christian Bookstore
256 Nicola Street, Kamloops.

Tickets \$15.00

Invite your friends
and fill a table
of eight.



Tickets

Deadline

April 10, 2025

Get them now!

Let's call MAiD what it is: homicide

The following article by Kelsi Sheren was published on her substack on March 1, 2025

The law classifies MAiD as a form of homicide—full stop.

By Kelsi Sheren

Pro-death cult members desperately try to defend their belief that MAiD is safe, painless, and devoid of criminality—but let's call it what it is.

It's homicide.

First off, yes—homicide means the killing of a human being, whether lawful or unlawful. That's not some tricky word-play; it's the legal and factual definition. It includes murder, but it also includes justifiable killings, self-defense, and yes, even MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying). Pretending that pointing out a correct definition is some kind of intellectual deception is laughable.

The truth doesn't become a "manipulative language game" just because it makes you uncomfortable. Pro death members claim that using "homicide" is an appeal to emotion. No, it's an appeal to reality. The law classifies MAiD as a form of homicide—full stop. The only reason it isn't criminal is because of an explicit legal carve-out. If it didn't require that exception, we wouldn't be having this conversation because it would be prosecuted like any other case where one person ends another person's life. They argue that common usage equates "homicide" with murder, and therefore using it in this context is misleading. That's not how this works. Just because people have a surface-level understanding of a word doesn't mean we should dumb down the conversation to fit their assumptions.

If we followed that logic, we'd be mislabeling all sorts of things just to fit popular misconceptions. Legal, medical, and ethical discussions require precise language—something you clearly want to avoid. Then there's the laughable equivocation

argument. They suggest that we should use the term "homicide" only as the public commonly understands it, not as the law actually defines it. That's not a fallacy—it's a basic requirement of intellectual honesty. If a doctor removes life support, yes, it can legally be classified under certain forms of homicide. If a soldier shoots an enemy combatant, that's also a homicide.

That doesn't mean all homicide is murder, and acknowledging legal reality doesn't make anyone a manipulator—it makes them informed. Let's talk about their MAiD "ultimate act" analogy. It falls apart the second you compare etymology to an active, current legal definition. No one is saying "homicide" based on some obscure historical meaning; we're using it as it exists today. Their attempt to frame this as some sneaky linguistic trick is transparent and pathetic. And as for their smug little sign-off—yes, MAiD is the intentional ending of a human life. Yes, it is legally classified as homicide, with an exemption in criminal law. But let's not pretend that's an insignificant detail.

If MAiD were as morally neutral as they'd like to suggest, there wouldn't be a need for special legal permission to perform it. You can't just redefine ethical concerns out of existence because they make you uncomfortable. What's actually happening here is that they don't like the weight of the word "homicide" because it forces you to confront the gravity of what's being done. So instead, they want to sanitize the language, pretend there's no real moral dilemma, and attack anyone who refuses to play along.

Sorry, but I'm not here to make you feel better about state-sanctioned killing. I'm here to tell the truth. If MAiD is defensible, it should be defensible without hiding behind euphemisms. If you believe it's justified, own it.

But don't act like pointing out the reality of what's happening is somehow an underhanded trick. That's what weak arguments do.

New Fundraiser - Nature's Fare

Do you shop at Nature's Fare? If so, you can be assured of quality produce, and support KPLS at the same time. Just hand in your purchase slips to St. Joseph's Christian Bookstore, 256 Nicola St. and we will take it from there. We receive a 3% rebate on all purchases. If you don't yet patronize Nature's Fare, why not check it out? Senior's Days are Wednesday & Thursday with 5% discount.

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IS PRECIOUS,
NO MATTER
HOW SMALL,



NO MATTER
WHAT SIDE
OF THE
UTERINE WALL.

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We need your help to continue our bus advertising campaign (mid Sept.- mid Dec) exposing our message to a local ridership of approximately 291,000 per month (see our display ad above). If you agree that this will reach our target captive audience of high school & TRU students, please help us raise the \$3,000 necessary to have our ad inside 30 local busses for 3 months.

Report from the Chair's desk

Our Board of Directors eagerly prepare for the upcoming months as we need to remain steadfast in our mission to promote Life from Conception to Natural Death within our city!

At times, it may feel as though our efforts are not making a significant impact, particularly among those who are regular attendees of church. This begs the question: why is this the case? Do Christians perceive this as an insurmountable challenge? Perhaps our focus should be to reach out to our local churches. This will involve meetings with the pastors and leadership, our primary objective for this year.

On January 27th, we introduced "Pro-Life" to the grade 7 students at St. Ann's Academy and plan a presentation to grade 7 & 8 next year. Our long-term goal is to add a grade each year. We are also hoping to add other potential schools in Kamloops.

In 2024, we introduced advertising on 30 Kamloops buses which operate from February to April and again from September to December. Regrettably, we were unable to secure the necessary donations for the spring of 2025. We are optimistic that the funds will be available

for the fall semester which requires an additional \$3,000.

I would like to strongly encourage you to invite your friends to join us for our Dessert Fundraising Evening on April 12th. Our esteemed keynote speaker will offer insightful commentary on the intricacies of end-of-life care. Further details are available on page one of this newsletter.

At our 2025 Annual General Meeting, we were delighted to welcome three new members to our board of directors.

Our current board members include Shirley Bosman, Maureen Lefebvre, Judy Robinson, Anita Sehn, Lise-Anne Dore, Marcella Mayhew, Garry and Tonia Howell, Teresa Shayler, John Annicchiarico, Maria Esther Bayard de Oyer and Monna Manhas. Just imagine what can be accomplished in 2025!

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to John Annicchiarico, Maria Esther Bayardo de Oyer, and Monna Jeanne Manhas. The biographies of these esteemed individuals are provided below.

Shirley Bosman.

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Hi my name is **Maria Esther Bayardo de Oyer**. I'm from Colima, México. I was working as a secretary in an orphanage from our Church Grupo Amor in Colima and we as a youth group came to Canada to visit our friends from New Life Vineyard in Kelowna. There I met my future husband in the summer of 1992 and in the spring of 1995 we got married. I wanted to serve God and sister Lise-Anne told me about Pro-life and I really was moved by God to be involved in it and testify to our community of Kamloops about our beliefs in Pro-life and in Jesus Christ.

I am **John Annicchiarico**, born & raised in Kamloops, and have been a life-long Parishioner of Sacred Heart Cathedral. I attended Cariboo College & UBC, earning a Bachelor of Commerce. I taught in high school for 25 years, including 21 at SKSS (many of those years alongside fellow Board Member Garry Howell). I took early retirement, and now would like to help out. May the Good Lord Above Bless Us.

My name is **Monna Manhas**. My husband Paul and I have been married for 41 years. He is retired and I am the owner of a bookkeeping business here in Kamloops. We were blessed with two daughters and a son, plus another daughter our youngest daughter befriended in Grade 11. We have nine grandchildren. I have always deeply believed that every human being is valuable and deserving of dignity, regardless of their age or their abilities. I look forward to working on the board of the Kamloops Pro-Life Society and making a difference in this community.



The Kamloops Pro-Life Society

(Who and why we are . . .)

We are an educational charity, with formal charitable status with Revenue Canada, so we are able to issue tax receipts for donations. All of our income (from both fundraising and donations) is used towards office supplies, rent, and by far, the greatest portion, towards our projects. No salaries or wages are paid: all work is done by volunteers.

Our mandate is to address moral poverty. We educate the public on the intrinsic value of all human life from conception to natural death.

Because the nature of our work is to change minds and hearts through the presentation of facts and apologetics, the results of our labours are not nearly as readily seen as if we were a service organization such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society or The Mustard Seed. This makes what we do as seemingly less necessary than the efforts of Christian service groups. However, just as the Church attempts to persuade people towards faith with words and images as well as love-in-action, so we see the Kamloops Pro-Life Society as an integral part of pro-life persuasion.

Since our results are often invisible, we rest with Mother Teresa's motto: "God does not call us to be successful, He calls us to be faithful". We realize, that, this side of Heaven, we may not know the hearts that have been turned, and understand that we do not need to. Being within the circle of His will is blessing enough.

Men and Abortion

Although framed as the woman's choice, the majority of women face external pressure to choose abortion, primarily from the father of the baby. According to a study in the Journal of American Physicians & Surgeons, 58.3% of women reported aborting to make others happy, 73.8% disagreed that their decision to abort was entirely free from even subtle pressure from others to abort, 28.4% aborted out of fear of losing their partner if they did not abort.

Abortion is a human rights issue, since abortion is the deliberate termination of a life in the womb. Men can and should protect the life of his fellow human.

Framing abortion solely as a woman's issue is unfair to both women, babies, and men. Men are part of the conversation when it comes to abortion.



First Saturday of each month

Come and join us for the First Saturday of each month vigil in front of First Baptist Church, 454 Columbia St. 10 - 11 a.m.

Donate Your Returnables

EASY and NEW way to donate your returnables to the Kamloops Pro-Life Society.

- Bring your returnable bottles and cans, in a TRANSPARENT bag to General Grants at 963 Camosun Crescent in Sahali.
- Drive around back and go into the blue door.
 - Put the number 2508521529 into the EXPRESS RETURN-IT machine.
- It will give you a sticker to put onto your bag and you simply leave it there.

They will count the empties and credit our account. They will accept up to 6 bags a day. You can also donate at ANY Express return-it in the province. Sahali is the only General Grant's in Kamloops to have this service available.

Albert Johnston Scholarship Opportunity

\$1000 towards post-secondary tuition for students having completed Grade 12 by June 2025

Requirements (which are due April 1, 2025):

1. Essay
2. Two references
3. Volunteering (in pro-life/life-affirming activities with those who are pregnant, disabled, ill or elderly) which contestants should begin now.

Please allow 5 business days for post delivery to us by the due date.

Email kamlooprolife@gmail.com for more information or see "Scholarship" under "Events" on our website, www.voices4life.com.

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- I would like a 2025 Single Membership. Enclosed is \$10.00*
- I would like a 2025 Senior Membership (60+). Enclosed is .. \$5.00*
- I would like a 2025 Family Membership. Enclosed is \$15.00*
- Enclosed is a one-time donation in the amount of \$ _____
- Enclosed is my donation towards city bus advertising \$ _____
- Enclosed are ____ post-dated cheques in the amount of \$ _____

Please make donations by cheques payable to Kamloops Pro-Life Society.
Send e-Transfer donations to kamloopsprolife@gmail.com.

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Thank you

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