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“Abortion does not kill a potential human person,
it kills a human person with great potential.”

— Author Unknown

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~ 2-3pm Sunday, October 6, 2024 ~

Life Chain is a peaceful witness of pro-Life Canadians standing for one hour PRAYING for our country, for an end to abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide. It is a visual statement of solidarity in support of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. Kamloops has been participating in Life Chain for more than 25 years!

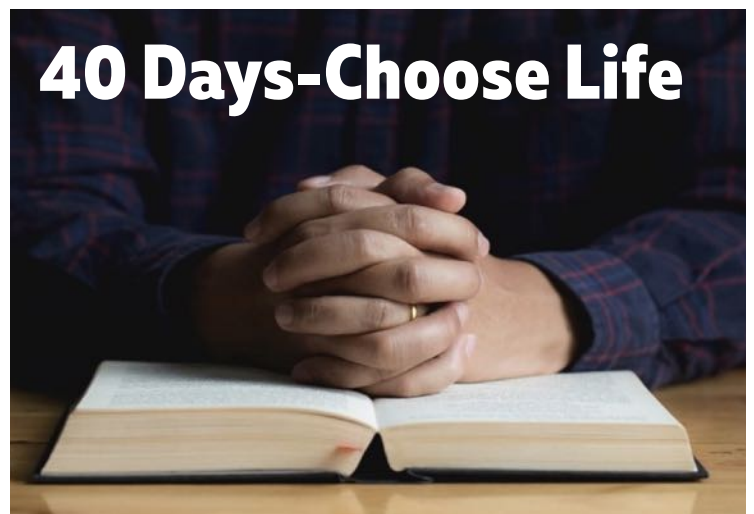
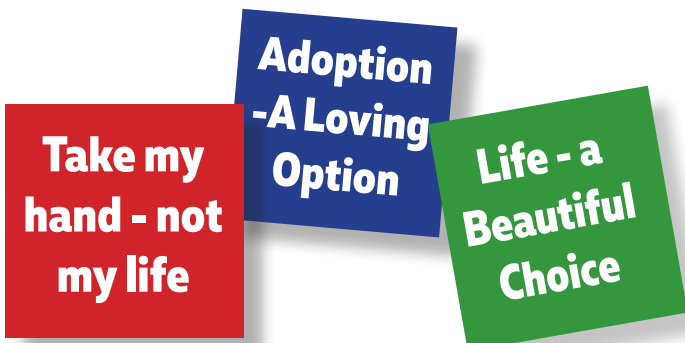
This year we would like to emphasize our commitment to PRAYER to demonstrate our sincerity before God.

We can make a difference TOGETHER!

- Stand in PRAYER with thousands of pro-lifers throughout North America
- Bring your family and friends—rain or shine
 - Hold your choice of sign
 - For best impact, stand 10 feet apart (except for family units); face sign toward oncoming traffic

Depots: Sacred Heart Cathedral 255 Nicola St.
First Baptist Church 454 Columbia St.

Venue: both sides of Columbia St., between 3rd & 5th Ave.



40 Days-Choose Life

40 DAYS—Choose Life is a quiet, prayerful vigil for the healing of our land.

Daily Vigils from Sept 25-Nov 3 from 10:00-11:00 am.

Pre-Vigil Evening on Sept 4, 7:15 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 3rd and Nicola.

Mission: To gather together the Christian community in prayer, to ask God for the healing of our land from the culture of death, and to witness to all that we need to return to a culture of life.

Biblical Foundation: Deuteronomy 30:19: “Now choose life so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God.” God uses 40-day periods to transform His people - from Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ’s Resurrection.

Available: Signs to hold as well as prayer and meditation sheets to guide.

Directions: There will be opportunities for supporting other pro-life charities throughout the 40 days.

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

Presidents message:

I have a question! What size of shoe does Garry Howell wear? His feet are gigantic and after 15 plus years as president they are rightfully tired!

I am humbled and honoured to be given the task of trying to walk the next few kilometers in his shoes. Great news . . . Garry will remain on the board as a director and I am counting on his patience and wisdom as we move forward.

As we move into the fall and winter season Life Chain comes to mind. Will you help us by inviting your friends and family to join you this year? A special notice will be sent inviting all clergy & church members to attend. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you on Sunday October 6th.

Also, I would like to thank the Columbo Hall for awarding us a grant towards our fall bus advertising campaign (mid Sept.- mid Dec) exposing our message to a local ridership of approx. 291,000 per month (see our display ad above).

We are presently making plans to increase awareness in our city for LIFE! Please feel free to call or email me if you have any suggestions, speakers, or topics for our annual fundraising event in the spring of 2025 or just to chat! I can be personally reached by email: Shirleybosman@shaw.ca, or kamloopsprolife@gmail.com, attention: Shirley.

I am looking forward to meeting and seeing you at Life Chain. Please check out our improved website at www.voices4Life.com

Blessings

Shirley Bosman, President

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.

Lakshmi Silva, 2024 Scholarship Winner

Following are excerpts from her essay which very adequately met the criteria set out by our board:

Growing up in a Sinhala, Catholic household, my family, especially my mother, instilled in me a deep respect for the value of life. My mother, a strong and devoted woman, played a central role in shaping my beliefs, alongside the teachings of our Catholic church and my schooling in a Catholic background.

When I was a young adult, my mother shared an emotional memory of hers with me. When my mother became pregnant with me at the age of 38, she faced criticism from a neighbour who suggested she consider abortion due to the challenges of raising four children while my dad, a Warrant Officer in the Air Force, was often away. This made my mother feel utterly sad. At that moment, my father's reassurance of their ability to nurture us as parents underscored the value my parents placed on every life, no matter the circumstances. This memory, shared with me by my mother, not only illuminated the strength of their bond but also reinforced the importance of cherishing and protecting every life.

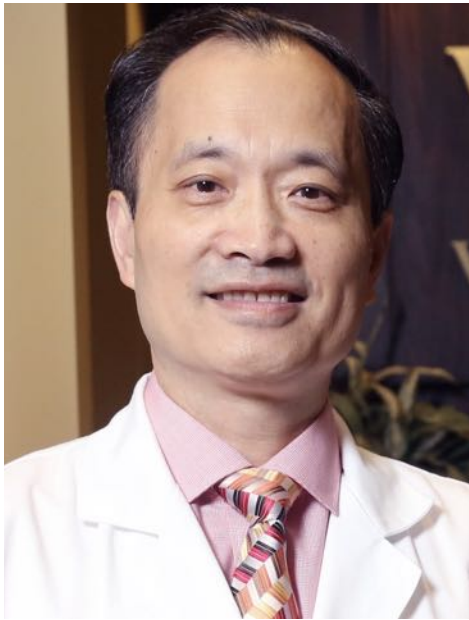
Unfortunately, my father passed away when I was just ten, leaving my mother to single-handedly care for us. Despite the hardships, her strength and unwavering commitment to us left a lasting impression on me. My mother, with her sacrificial love, became my ultimate role model. It was her teachings, her unwavering belief in the value of every life, that guided me towards embracing a pro-life stance.

In conclusion, I remain steadfast in my commitment to positively impacting the lives of those around me. I am eager to continue volunteering at the Pro-Life Society and contributing to meaningful causes, as I firmly believe that through acts of service and compassion, we can spread God's love and mercy to all.



The 2024 Winner of the \$1,000 Albert Johnson Memorial Scholarship is Lakshmi Silva with Shirley Bosman presenting the prize cheque.

Dr. Ming Wang, World Renowned and Pro-life



His beginnings were in Communist China, in hunger, poverty and despair, but his parents set an amazing example of hope in the middle of darkness. After surmounting impossible odds, his immigration to the US led him to graduate from Harvard Medical School with honours, to attain a further medical degree elsewhere and to become a laser eye surgeon.

Dr. Wang allowed his atheistic beliefs to be challenged by his friendship with

a professor who posed to him valid questions about the evidence for 'intelligent design' (that is, a universe created by God, not by chance). He came to see that science, which often opposes planned creation in favour of random evolution, and faith, can co-exist as they offer a compatible whole. For him, this meant that science provided the 'tools' to concretely develop ideas, but that faith in God provided the purpose for doing so.

Focusing upon this balance, he has used his outstanding skills to discover and patent bio-technological inventions to restore sight, including creating an amniotic membrane contact lens which heals the surface of the eye free of scarring. His research, along with others, led to investigating the manner in which preborn babies naturally heal without scarring. Because of his pro-life stance, he would not experiment on aborted fetal tissue, eventually discovering that the placenta and amniotic membrane held the answer. This operation alone has helped millions of patients.

He saw the triumph of his firm adherence to the sanctity of life as proof that

science and faith can complement one another.

Part way through one of his most difficult surgeries, in which the young patient had no vision in her one eye and only one percent in the other, he lost hope in his ability to proceed; instead, he chose to put his faith in God and felt a calmness which allowed him to regain his confidence. The dramatic answer to his prayer came when the girl indicated correctly how many fingers the Dr. was holding up -- her 'good' eye had improved to 20% vision!

His Wang Foundation for Sight Restoration performs surgeries pro bono in many countries around the world.

Newly-released, the biographical film 'Sight' details the true account of his assistance to a young orphan and the resultant transformation of the Dr.'s life, releasing him from the pain of his past into the freedom of fully giving to others.

This is a synopsis of an article published in the May 9 - 15, 2024 edition of The Epoch Times.

Tonia Howell

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.



People are made in God's Image, so to properly honor God, we must take a special view of all people no matter who they are or where they are. We are right to fight to protect the unborn because they are made in God's Image, but we are no less obligated to battle to protect and care for the already-born.

The ultimate value of human life can be found in the gospel. God the Son became a man and fulfilled the work of redemption, and the price that was paid in Jesus establishes the proper worth of people. We treasure each other not so much because of our inherent merit but because of the unfathomable worth of Jesus.

Excerpt from the Lifeline Children Services' website (www.lifelinechild.org).

Gift Ideas—Birdhouses and More!

These are carpenter-created, eco-friendly, wooden birdhouses, birdfeeders, bug boxes, games, and charcuterie boards, ready for painting or staining, donated by longtime pro-life supporters. Payment is by donation (suggested \$25). Use the painting time as a family-friendly teaching opportunity on bird life/ feeding/care.



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.

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

"Respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of man and his integral development. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life."

St. John Paul II (Evangelium Vitae)

In order for receipts to be issued for the 2024 year, donations must be received in our mailbox on or before Friday, Dec. 29th, 2024. Therefore, your donations should be posted no later than December 21st to allow 5 business days for postal delivery. You can use our e-transfer option. Just add Kamloops Pro-life Society to your list of payees as kamloopsprolife@gmail.com. This will auto-deposit your donation and provide a notification of the transfer to both KPLS and you. In the memo portion, be sure to include your mailing address for income tax receipt purposes.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed are ____ post-dated cheques in the amount of \$ _____ | Phone _____ |
| | E-mail _____ |

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