

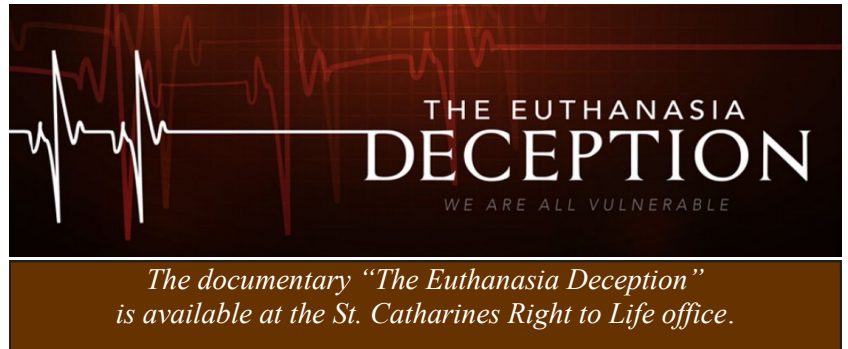
# ST. CATHARINES RIGHT TO LIFE NEWSLETTER



September 2016

## Bill C-14 – Assisted Suicide Now Legal in Canada

Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide, the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) has stepped up its efforts to protect those most vulnerable after Bill C-14's passage. EPC has released a new documentary "The Euthanasia Deception" which features powerful testimonies from Belgium and Canada. EPC also operates the *Compassionate Community Care Service* with a Helpline 1-855-675-8749 for people at risk of euthanasia and assisted suicide.



A recent CBC news report indicates that there have been more than 120 Canadians who have died an assisted death since Bill C-14 passed in June 2016. But according to CBC news, they could not determine *exactly* how many euthanasia deaths have actually occurred: "The actual number of deaths is probably significantly higher because several provinces could not, or would not, provide complete data. Quebec, which was the first province to adopt a law on doctor-assisted death, provided no data whatsoever."

In Ontario, the College of Physicians and Surgeons is demanding that physicians who conscientiously object to assisted suicide refer patients who request it to other physicians who will provide the procedure. Three physicians groups are working together to legally challenge the CPSO policy. No other foreign jurisdiction requires doctors to perform or refer for the procedure.



Every day, people stop in front of our office window to look at the unborn baby models we have in the window sill. Sometimes they take pictures, sometimes they show their young children, often they read the descriptions of what the child in utero is doing at each stage. What a great way to educate that life in the womb is amazing!

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### You are Invited

#### St. Catharines Right to Life Benefit Concert

Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Heritage Reformed Church  
4171 15<sup>th</sup> St., Jordan

#### Pro-Life Speakers Workshop

Oct. 22, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
St. Alfred's Parish Hall  
272 Vine St., St. Catharines

## President's Message



In 1988, Canada's Supreme Court struck down Canada's abortion law and our Parliament was unable to pass a new abortion law. Canada became unique: a country with no legal restrictions on abortion. In that legal vacuum, we at St. Catharines Right to Life have done all we can to persuade young women and their families, and their babies' fathers, to recognize the sanctity of unborn human life. By speaking wherever we can, teaching others to defend life, advertising on billboards and in bus

shelters, bringing young people to the annual March for Life, we aim to promote a public opinion that will protect human life from the moment of conception. Your support makes this work possible. We are very thankful for members who have recently joined our Fundraising Committee, and for the generous support we have received since our last newsletter that has, among other things, enabled us to continue our major billboard campaign.

In this newsletter you will learn of a Disc Golf fundraiser organized by one of our young Board members and a concert on October 1 featuring a 60 member choir from Holland. In addition, on October 22 we will host our fourth Speakers' Workshop at St. Alfred's Church.

Since our last Newsletter, Parliament has passed Bill C-14 to regulate what the Bill calls "Assisted Dying," but is actually assisted suicide. C-14 was the result of the 2015 decision of our Supreme Court. C-14 is a better law than we feared, but it still allows what is very wrong in that it encourages the vulnerable and their families to consider "assisted death," and turns those who should be caregivers into killers.

Our Association faces a new challenge: to uphold the sanctity of human life for those made vulnerable by our new law; to promote the alternative of palliative care; and to uphold the conscience rights of doctors and other caregivers who object to assisted suicide. In this new challenge we again need your help and your prayers.

*William Mathie*



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## March for Life 2016

St. Catharines Right to Life youth and chaperones at the March for Life on Parliament Hill May 12, joining a crowd of what organizers say was over 20,000 people, standing in defence of life. Later the Niagara group attended the Youth Banquet and Conference where they were further educated on pro-life issues and encouraged to always be prepared to lovingly offer the pro-life position in conversations with friends and strangers.



**“I’m Glad I Helped Her Choose Life”**

This new billboard is being seen every day by hundreds of motorists and pedestrians in downtown St. Catharines this month. Watch for more life-affirming billboard messages throughout the Region over the next three months as St. Catharines Right to Life embarks on its second 20 Billboard Fall Campaign.



Working together with Dunnville Right to Life, St. Catharines Right to Life posted this new sign on the east side of busy Highway 20, just south of Smithville. It draws attention to the fact that an unborn baby’s heart begins to beat just three weeks after conception, when many women aren’t even aware they are pregnant. A little one’s heart will beat approximately 54 million times before birth.



**Disc Golf Tournament**

Over 30 participants at the first ever St. Catharines Right to Life Disc Golf Tournament at Centennial Gardens in downtown St. Catharines September 17 helped raise over \$1,000 for pro-life education in Niagara. Many thanks to organizers/sponsors Jon and Bill Brouwer, the volunteers, *Zap Zone Niagara Laser Tag* for contributing prizes, Jackie Sinke of *Ja! Poffertjes* for providing the delicious Dutch treat (see picture below) and a special thanks to Shane and his team from the St. Catharines Disc Golf Club for all their assistance.

**Join Life Chain**  
 Sunday, Oct. 2

**1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**  
**Main & Christie Sts., Grimsby**

**3:00 to 4:00 p.m.**  
**Lundy’s Lane, Niagara Falls**

For more information, visit [ChooseLife.ca](http://ChooseLife.ca).



## Coffee House: See the Beauty in Every Human Life

Samuel DeKorte put an adorable little face to the words ‘Down Syndrome’ for 80 people who attended St. Catharines Right to Life Pro-Life Coffeehouse held May 26 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Catharines. Looking into his eyes, it was hard to believe the harsh reality for most babies who receive such a diagnosis in the womb. God placed Sammy in the home of parents Rich and Amy who are convicted that God has a purpose for each life. Many Down Syndrome babies are not so blessed; in fact only 1 in 10 are given life in Canada.

Why? Because from the time of diagnosis to birth, the doctors give only negative information, and the pressure to abort is intense.

Doctors say children with Down Syndrome suffer, and are at higher risk for heart problems, leukemia and dementia. They say the costs and amount of care required will be intense and lifelong. They tell parents, “Start over, and try again.”

Though Amy did not consider abortion an option, she admitted that all these distressing facts left her fearful. She had



been content with the three children she had, and now this surprise pregnancy threatened to change everything. She was overwhelmed at the prospect of caring for a special needs child every day for the rest of her life, and afraid of the effects it might have on her family. She wondered if this baby would ever have a good life. Throughout the pregnancy she struggled to trust God, not realizing this child was His answer to her prayer for a deeper faith in Him. God graciously used various people and Scripture passages to encourage her along the way.

Then Samuel was born. From the moment Amy held him in her arms, she fully submitted to God’s plan. She saw no disability, but only a beautiful baby boy. Rich and Amy’s desire is that a complete picture be given to parents at the time of diagnosis. Parents need to know that children with Down Syndrome can attend normal schools, get jobs and lead active lives. They need to hear about their smiles, their laughs, their giggles. They need to know the lessons these special children teach in compassion, in never taking the little things for granted, and in always staying dependent upon God.

Rich and Amy encouraged us, also, to take the time to make a difference in the lives of people with Down Syndrome. Not only will we be a blessing to them, but they will be a blessing to us.

*Mandy Overbeeke*

## Poll Confirms Canadians Support Cassie & Molly’s Law

A national poll clearly shows that the majority of Canadians support legislation that will create a separate offence when a violent criminal knowingly injures or causes the death of a preborn child while committing a crime against a pregnant woman.

According to the Nanos poll results, 70% of Canadians are in favour of Bill C-225, known as Cassie and Molly’s Law, which was introduced in February 2016 by MP Cathay Wagantall. Support among women is even higher at nearly 75%.

The bill was tabled in response to the 2014 murder of Cassie Kaake, who was only weeks away from giving birth to her daughter, Molly. When releasing the poll results in July, MP Wagantall commented, “According to Statistics Canada, 63,000 pregnant women were victims of domestic violence between 2004 and 2009. Cassie and Molly’s law will send a clear message to criminals who use violence as a means to disrupt or end a woman’s pregnancy.” Bill C-225 will be debated in the House of Commons for the second time October 5th and voted on shortly after that.

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