



Good Year—Bad Year!

Pro-vie Cornwall Pro-Life has been very busy this year promoting life from conception to natural death.

In March, we brought back our annual Spaghetti Supper. With the generous help of *Country Catering*, we served several hundred people Caesar salad, spaghetti, rolls, dessert and fellowship. P.S. Thanks to all the bakers who provided dessert.

In May, we took a full bus to Ottawa for the annual March for Life. This year's theme was Protection at Conception. It was a beautiful day with thousands coming out to show support for life. As an added bonus, just before the March began, we learned that Cardinal Robert Prevost had been chosen the 267th pope.

Throughout this year, we have been helping to support the Truth Truck, which you may have seen around the

city. For those who do not know the *Truth Truck Project* consists of larger box-bodied vehicles with abortion victim imagery on the sides and rear panels being driven at peak traffic times. While the images are definitely shocking, they are the reality of abortion.



On Saturday, **September 27th**, we are sponsoring a **workshop by Compassionate Community Care**. During the workshop participants will learn how to gain the confidence to journey and visit with those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick or dying, to renew their hope and purpose in life.

The following week, on Sunday, **October 5th** we once again invite you to participate in the annual **Life Chain**.

There are more details about all these events inside the newsletter.

While these activities are very much good news, we can never lose sight of **the bad news**, which spurs us to act. This year alone there will



be almost **100,000 babies who will be aborted** in this country.

At the other end of the spectrum, the number of Canadians being euthanized continues to escalate at an alarming rate. From 2022 to 2023 there was an almost **16% increase in the number of people receiving physician assisted suicide!** In Ontario alone, there were 4,958 people killed in this manner in 2024.

While you may feel helpless, you can join us for the Life Chain and/or participate in our day long workshop on September 27th.

Finally, to quote Mother Teresa, "We must give hope, always hope."

SAVE THE DATES

Visitor's Workshop | Saturday, September 27th | 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Life Chain | Sunday, October 5th | 2 pm to 3 pm

The Truth Truck: Bringing Hidden Realities to Light

The Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR) (endthekilling.ca) exists for a bold purpose: to end abortion in Canada. Every day, nearly 300 pre-born babies lose their lives through abortion — making it the leading cause of death in our country. CCBR's mission is clear: save lives by exposing injustice and changing hearts and minds.

History shows us that successful social reform movements — from the abolition of slavery to the fight against child labour — relied on powerful visuals to awaken consciences. In the same way, CCBR uses **abortion victim photography (AVP)** combined with **human rights apologetics** to make abortion unthinkable. Their approach isn't about popularity; it's about truth. Independent polling confirms that after seeing AVP, 67% of people feel more negatively toward abortion. Many lives have been saved because someone saw these images and chose life.

One of CCBR's most visible projects is the **Truth Truck**. These large box-body vehicles travel through busy streets during peak traffic hours, displaying images that reveal the reality of abortion. Each truck includes a phone number so passersby can reach out with questions or share their stories. Time and again, people have told CCBR staff that encountering the **Truth Truck** opened their eyes, changed their perspective, or even convinced a loved one to choose life.

The **Truth Truck** is a moving testimony — literally — that truth, courage, and compassion can confront a culture of death and save lives, one person at a time.



The Board of Pro-Vie Cornwall Pro-Life along with the Cornwall Truth Truck

Reflections from the Pro-Life Road

by Sébastien Bourdeau

On the way. We're all on the way to somewhere when we're on the road. Some of us to work, some to school, some to the doctor, others back home. Along the way we pass all sorts of things — beggars, deer, even raccoons lying by the roadside. You never quite know what you'll see when you're traveling.

What most people don't expect to see is the grim reality of aborted babies displayed along the road. And yet, abortion is so frequent in our country that its victims are treated like roadside trash — hidden away, discarded, sanitized under the labels of "women's rights" and "healthcare."

With CCBR's Truth Truck, we're doing the opposite. We bring the reality of abortion into the light, showing Canadians what those words truly mean.

Some people react with shock, others with disbelief or anger. Some are confused, and others respond with encouragement and approval. I thank God for every reaction, because each one is a sign that hearts are being stirred, that people are wrestling with the truth of what abortion really is.

God willing, I'll continue to share more stories from the road — stories of encounters, reactions, and the small ways He works through this mission to defend life.

We Have a New Website!

Pro-Vie Cornwall Pro-Life is excited to share our **new and improved website!** The address remains the same — www.prolifecornwall.ca — but the look is cleaner, fresher, and easier to navigate.

On our site, you'll find the latest newsletters, articles, and information about upcoming events. You can also register online for Pro-Life activities happening in our community.

It's a work in progress, but we invite you to take a look and see what's new. Visit today and stay connected with the pro-life mission here in Cornwall!





LIFE CHAIN

◆ SUNDAY · OCT · 5 · 2025 ◆

Join thousands across Canada standing against abortion in a peaceful, prayerful demonstration!



Annual Day of Public Witness for Children Killed by Abortion

A small pro-life group called *Please Let Me Live* in Yuba City, California held the first Life Chain in 1987, and the United States has had a National Life Chain every year since. Almost 35 years ago, in 1990, Campaign Life Coalition brought Life Chain into Canada from the U.S., igniting a powerful public witness in our country that has endured the test of years, saved lives, and changed hearts.

How does it Work?

Life Chain is held at 350 locations across Canada each year, including here in Cornwall.

Life Chain is an easy way to get involved in pro-life activism. Just find out where and when your local Life Chain will be held, and then show up for one hour to stand on the sidewalk with others who are not ashamed to publicly witness to their pro-life beliefs.



Your local Life Chain organizer will provide you with a non-graphic Life Chain sign to hold, and you may pray silently for an end to abortion and for those affected by it.



Please mark your calendar—the next Life Chain will be on Sunday, October 5th from 2 pm to 3 pm.

Where's a Life Chain near Me?

Here in Cornwall we have two locations for the Life Chain.

- ⇒ The first is at the corner of Brookdale and Ninth.
- ⇒ The second location is at the corner of McConnell and Ninth.

Building a Culture of Compassion in a Time of Crisis

Canada is facing a growing crisis. Rates of euthanasia are skyrocketing, and many vulnerable people—especially the elderly, the sick, and the lonely—are left feeling that their lives have lost value. At the very moment when they most need compassion and support, too many face isolation and pressure.

Compassionate Community Care (CCC) is responding to this crisis with a simple but powerful mission: to walk alongside those who are vulnerable, ensuring they are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion. CCC brings together health care professionals and trained volunteers who provide non-medical support to individuals and families during times of illness and crisis. Their “circle of care” recognizes the full humanity of every person—physical, social, psychological, and spiritual.

At the heart of CCC's work is the conviction that every human life has equal worth. By visiting the sick, supporting the lonely,

and offering education and resources to families, volunteers can make a profound difference. Visiting may seem small, but it is one of the simplest and most effective ways to combat the despair that can drive people toward considering euthanasia.

CCC also trains volunteers and educates the public on end-of-life issues, equipping ordinary people with the tools they need to offer hope and real support.

On Saturday, September 27th, Pro-Vie Cornwall Pro-Life is hosting a workshop led by Compassionate Community Care at the Agora Catholic Centre. This workshop will provide practical guidance and encouragement for anyone who wishes to reach out to those who are suffering (see the poster on the back.)

Together, we can create a culture where no one feels alone.

REGISTER AT PROLIFECORNWALL.CA OR BY CALLING 613-933-1138

**ONLY 50 SPOTS
REGISTER TODAY!**

CALLED TO COMPASSION **WORKSHOP**

Training for Visiting and Caring

Join Kathy Matusiak Costa, executive director of Compassionate Community Care, who will teach us how to gain the confidence to journey and visit with those who are suffering, socially isolated, sick or dying, to renew their hope and purpose in life.

There are only 50 spots available. The \$10 cost is to help cover the cost of the workbook. Lunch will be provided.



SEPTEMBER 27TH



9:30 AM - 2:30 PM



THE AGORA



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GUEST SPEAKER:
Kathy Matusiak Costa

