



## Building a Stronger Pro-Life Community

It has already been a busy and encouraging year for Pro-Life Cornwall and we have much to be grateful for.

Our annual **Spaghetti Supper** brought together about 300 people and raised just over \$1,000. As important as the money raised was the opportunity to gather with others who share our commitment to life. Sometimes we all need the reminder that we are not alone.

In May, we filled a bus to Ottawa for the **National March for Life**, joining thousands of Canadians on Parliament Hill to stand for the protection of human life.

Our **Baby Bottle Campaign** was an incredible success, **raising more than \$11,000!** We are enormously grateful to everyone who filled a bottle, made a donation or helped organize the campaign. Your generosity helps make our educational and outreach work possible throughout the year.

And we're not finished yet! **Life Chain** takes place Sunday, October 4. We hope you'll join us for this peaceful public witness for life.

Last but not least, we're introducing our new and improved membership, including plans for online speaker sessions to help

members better understand and discuss important pro-life issues.

Learn more about and sign up for the membership on the back page of this newsletter or sign up online at [prolifecornwall.ca](http://prolifecornwall.ca)

Of course, there is much work still to be done. But we thank you for standing with us and for standing for life.



## Remembering a Pro-Life Pioneer

Jim Hughes may not have been a household name, but much of Canada's pro-life movement bears his influence.

Jim, President Emeritus of Campaign Life Coalition, died on May 18 at the age of 82. He joined Campaign Life in 1978 for what was supposed to be a two-year commitment. Instead, defending life became his life's work.

For nearly five decades, Jim helped build Canada's pro-life movement, working with political and community leaders and mentoring generations of pro-life advocates.

Perhaps his most familiar legacy to us in Cornwall is the National March for Life, which he established. Every May, thousands of Canadians—including our own Cornwall contingent—continue to gather on Parliament Hill to stand for life.

Jim spent his life building a movement that would continue after him. The best tribute we can offer is to continue that work. [>>more](#)



Jim Hughes at the 2015 March for Life



**Sunday, October 4 | LIFE CHAIN 2026**  
2 pm to 3 pm at Brookdale & Ninth and at Ninth & McConnell



# Pro-Life News & Updates on Abortion and Euthanasia

## THE GOOD - A Victory for Free Speech

Campaign Life Coalition has won an important free-speech victory. The Ontario Superior Court ruled that Parliament's security service violated CLC's Charter-protected freedom of expression when it prevented the organization from displaying images of aborted babies during a 2023 press conference on Parliament Hill.

The Court found that abortion is a legitimate subject of political expression and that the images could not simply be prohibited because they were considered graphic or disturbing.

*Source: Campaign Life Coalition, CLC National News, July 2026.*

### WHY SHOW THE IMAGES?

Even committed pro-lifers may find abortion-victim images difficult to look at. That's because abortion is difficult to look at. Groups such as the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform believe that showing what abortion actually does to an unborn child can change hearts and minds. Throughout history, images have helped expose injustices that society preferred not to see.

## THE BAD - Massachusetts Removes Abortion Limits

Massachusetts has become the 11th U.S. state with no gestational limit on abortion. On August 10, the governor signed legislation removing restrictions on abortion after 24 weeks. Under the new law, an unborn baby can be aborted throughout all nine months of pregnancy, including in the final weeks before birth, based on the judgment of the physician.

*Source: EWTN News, Tessa Gervasini, August 10, 2026*

### DIDI YOU KNOW?

Canada has had no federal law restricting abortion since 1988. An unborn baby can legally be aborted at any point during pregnancy in Canada.

## THE ABSURD - Quebec Town Gives Trees a "Right to Life"

Just down the 401, Terrasse-Vaudreuil has unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing legal rights for trees—including the "right to life." The resolution says trees have rights to natural growth, integrity and regeneration.

There is nothing wrong with protecting trees. But the contrast is difficult to ignore. In Canada, an unborn child has no legal protection from abortion at any stage of pregnancy—yet a municipality has now formally declared that a tree has a "right to life."

Campaign Life Coalition responded by launching a petition calling on the federal government to introduce legislation protecting unborn children.

*Source: Campaign Life Coalition, CLC National News, August 2026.*

### TAKE ACTION

Sign CLC's petition: *Canada protects trees—Now protect preborn children* at [clife.ca/petition/id/101](https://clife.ca/petition/id/101). Yes, the petition asks for your name. Be brave. Add it.

## THE GOOD - Parliamentary Committee Says No to Physician-Assisted Suicide for Mental Illness

There is encouraging news in the fight against euthanasia. A parliamentary committee has recommended that people whose sole underlying condition is mental illness be indefinitely excluded from Physician-Assisted Suicide.

The committee heard serious concerns about determining whether mental illness is truly irremediable, distinguishing suicidality from a request to die and whether people have first received adequate mental health and social supports.

The recommendation is an important step, BUT **unless the law changes, Physician-Assisted Suicide for mental illness is scheduled to take effect in March 2027.**

*Source: Campaign Life Coalition, CLC National News, August 2026.*

### TAKE ACTION — AND GET INFORMED

Contact your MP and ask him to support legislation that will permanently exclude mental illness from eligibility for Physician-Assisted Suicide.

Learn more. Many Canadians still don't understand how far euthanasia has expanded in this country. One of the best resources is the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition's website.

## THE BAD - Could Organ Removal Become the Cause of Death?

A disturbing new paper is raising the possibility of retrieving organs from euthanasia patients before they are dead.

Currently, Canada's "dead donor rule" requires that a person be declared dead before vital organs are removed. But Canadian critical-care physicians and a Harvard bioethicist are questioning whether that rule should be reconsidered for people who have chosen Physician-Assisted Suicide.

Under the scenario being discussed, the patient would be sedated and taken to an operating room while still alive. Surgeons would then begin removing vital organs, with the organ removal itself ultimately causing the patient's death. The authors argue this could result in healthier organs for transplantation.

The proposal is not currently legal or being implemented anywhere. But the fact that it is now being seriously discussed should concern us all.

*Source: Sharon Kirkey, National Post.*

### THE SLIPPERY SLOPE

Canada already performs more organ donations following euthanasia than any other country where the practice is legal.

## THE ABSURD - A Physician-Assisted Suicide Assessment at Tim Hortons

An Ontario doctor assessed a 45-year-old man for Physician-Assisted Suicide during a single meeting outside a Tim Hortons. The man had Crohn's disease, a history of mental illness, suicidal thoughts and substance abuse. His family opposed his request and tried to raise concerns. The doctor later personally drove him to the location where his life was ended.

*Source: Sharon Kirkey, National Post.*



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Campaign Life Coalition Presents

# LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4, 2026

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



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[PROLIFECORNWALL.CA](http://PROLIFECORNWALL.CA)



## People for Life — 5 Questions with Joan Lemieux, Office Manager

**How did you first become involved with Pro-Life Cornwall?**

I first became involved in the 1980s when Joan Kuhn, who was president at the time, asked if I would clean the Pro-Life office on Pitt Street once a week. I took on the challenge and did that for quite a while. Then I was asked to attend a meeting. Before I knew it, I was helping in the office during the week and attending all the meetings. The rest is history!

**What are some of your favourite memories?**

I remember listening to discussions around the table and learning what the pro-life movement actually does. It opened my eyes to the commitment of the board and their belief in the movement.

I was very proud to attend the *March for Life* in Ottawa and see so many people who felt the same way I did.

I also attended a pro-life convention in British Columbia in the 1990s, which was a wonderful experience.

**What brought you back to the Pro-Life office?**

I stepped away when my husband suffered a serious stroke in 2015. After his death in 2025, I wasn't thinking about becoming involved again. Then I began to feel that God was urging me to return to the pro-life movement. I thought and prayed about it for several months before putting my name forward to become office manager once again. I'm very happy I did.

**What has changed over the years?**

When I first became heavily involved, our focus was primarily on abortion and helping women and girls facing unexpected pregnancies. Today, sadly, abortion is more accepted and now we are also confronting the enormous growth and acceptance of Physician-Assisted Suicide. The challenges have certainly grown.

**How can an ordinary person make a difference?**

Support your local pro-life organization. Attend the *March for Life* and local events. Talk to your friends about the issues. And when in doubt, pray for guidance. God is on our side.



# Be Part of the Fight for Life

Membership is about more than financial support.  
It's about being informed, equipped and involved.

## STAY INFORMED

Receive our quarterly newsletter and updates on important life issues.

## BE EQUIPPED

Learn through our new online speaker series and practical resources.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Help support local education and outreach, Life Chain, the March for Life and more.

## Choose Your Level of Support\*

**Member \$25 | Supporting Member \$50 | Patron \$100**

*\*Every member receives the same benefits. Higher membership levels simply provide additional support for our work.*



## Pro-Life Cornwall Annual Membership Form

Complete the form below and return it with your membership payment, or join online at [prolifecornwall.ca](http://prolifecornwall.ca).

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

*To receive newsletters, event notices and member updates.*

Address (Street) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Level** ☐ Member - \$25 ☐ Supporting Member - \$50 ☐ Patron - \$100 ☐ Additional Gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Language** ☐ English ☐ French

### Payment Method

Your cheque should be made payable to Pro-Life Cornwall and can be mailed to:

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