

# THE RIGHT TO LIFE

*Association of Thunder Bay and Area*



SPRING 2016

## JUMP IN!

Do you want to do something to protect the unborn, women hurt by abortion, the infirm, the disabled and the aged, but struggle to know how? The Right to Life Association has some volunteer openings for Directors.

Our mission is to inform and encourage dialogue among the people of the Thunder Bay area about current pro-life issues such as abortion and euthanasia.

Since members are always welcome at our board meetings, you may wish to just check us out first by sitting in at our next meeting. The board normally meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm except July and August.

For more information, such as the meeting location, please contact Rob at 768-7600.

### YOUR BOARD:

President: Rev. Rob Freeman  
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## Why Protect Life?

What makes people valuable? Why are our lives worth protecting?

Christianity asserts that we have value because we are created by God in the image of God with a will and tremendous ability to love, have angels who stand before God daily, and will one day have great responsibility even over the angels.

But secular humanism has violently taken over our land, declaring itself to be the unifying religion to end all war. This religion believes that people have value only in their ability to contribute to the advance of humanity. But this circular reasoning is empty, and the results are devastating. Hundreds of millions of people have been slaughtered in atrocities all over the globe in the quest of advancing humanity without God.

And the atrocities are happening here as well. The weakest non-contributors are being murdered in silence and obscurity – children conceived to parents who feel they have no choice, especially if the unborn child is disabled.

Twenty classrooms of children are exterminated every year in Thunder Bay, with a bias toward the disabled. It's sad that Down's Syndrome groups can't even protest this openly for fear of rousing the anger of society, and must simply plead quietly that they can make a contribution to a meaningful life.

But we can take a stand. We can declare the worth and value of every person – the unborn, the young, the disabled, the elderly, and the average person who wrestles with their own brokenness daily – even those we disagree with. Stop and talk to someone who is pushed toward the edges and told they are no good. Smile at a child. Listen to a disabled person. And be patient with someone who has been indoctrinated by secular humanism and is quietly wondering if they really contribute enough to earn their own value.

We can change the world – because we are made in the image of God.

*Rob Freeman*

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## Right To Life Annual General Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7th, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Airline Travelodge. The guest speaker will be Dan Zeleny. Dan was born and raised in Thunder Bay. He attended St. Patrick High School and was instrumental in starting and leading the pro-life club there. He has since moved to southern Ontario where he has been engaged in the cutting edge of the pro-life movement. Dan was one of the workshop presenters at the Youth Conference at the National March for Life in Ottawa in 2015. Most recently, he has been breaking new ground with Windsor Right to Life. He will be returning home for this year's AGM to inspire us with stories of their incredible successes.

## Help Guide the Course of Our History and Protect Human Life

The Supreme Court decided Canada's laws on physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia need changing. Within weeks a special committee in Parliament will have wrapped up its assignment and made recommendations for a law which will allow euthanasia and assisted suicide. **Now is the time to make our voices heard.** There are some fairly straightforward on-line opportunities to help us. A petition can be found at Euthanasia Prevention Coalition: [www.epcc.ca/petition/online-petition](http://www.epcc.ca/petition/online-petition) And, there are four EasyMail letters at [www.ARPACanada.ca](http://www.ARPACanada.ca) (scroll about half way down the page - the letters are under the Stop Euthanasia heading). If you prefer to not use the EasyMail letters, here is the contact information for the Members of Parliament in our area:

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## Life Chain – a peaceful demonstration:

Approximately 85 adults and children came out and participated in our local Life Chain peaceful demonstration on October 3 & 4, 2015. Posters were held as we spent time in prayer for the unborn, for those who are hurting from past abortions, and for change of hearts in our country.

It was encouraging to have positive honks from passing motorists during the short hour on Memorial Ave @ Central Ave.

This is an annual event and we would love to see YOU join us next year. Watch for dates on our website!



Winner of the pro-life media contest 2015/16 is Kristen Hoekstra from Churchill high school.



## Join the March!

It is a life-changing and thrilling experience as you stand with thousands of Canadians on Parliament Hill and march around Ottawa as the voices for the 100,000 Canadians who die without a voice every year. Join the March on May 12, 2016! And if you have a student in high school or college that would like to go, we have a number of sponsorships available for students and chaperones. Please contact us at 768-7600 to reserve your sponsorships. Either way, we highly encourage you to mark in on your calendar and book your flight and accommodations now. More information on the March can be found at:

[www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com).

## Help Inspire the Next Generation!

On Friday, April 8, 6pm St. Patrick High School Students for Life will be hosting a fundraiser as they prepare to participate in the March for Life in Ottawa! Let's inspire the next generation by supporting their efforts - and enjoying a delicious spaghetti and meatball supper. Dan Zeleny will be sharing how he was inspired to make a difference with his life by people who believed in him.

Tickets are \$25 per person or you can reserve a table for eight for \$175. Donations for the silent auction are also gratefully received. The Respect for Life Dinner and Speaker fundraising event will take place at Knights of Columbus Hall on May Street. For tickets and more information, contact Debbie DeBruyne at 625-8377 or [ddebruyne@tbcdsb.on.ca](mailto:ddebruyne@tbcdsb.on.ca).

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*Please pray for your Right to Life boardmembers We are volunteers with good intentions, and your prayers and support help the intentions become actions.*

