

THE RIGHT TO LIFE
Association of Thunder Bay & Area



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FILMS INFORM AND DRAW ATTENTION TO THE TRUTH

The first Thunder Bay public screening of the pro-life film **UNPLANNED** was held in February at Urban Abbey. The event was co-sponsored by The Right to Life Association of Thunder Bay and UCB Radio 95.1FM. Backlash from the pro-abortion community targeted Urban Abbey for providing a venue for the event. Right to Life and UCB Radio worked cooperatively with Urban Abbey leadership to ensure the safety and success of the event. Approximately 200 people attended the film. There were about 50 protesters outside, numbers dwindling as the evening progressed.



Right to Life Board Member Cindy Harasen, and Rob Freeman from UCB Radio, introduced the film. Marla Dunn from Urban Abbey was given the opportunity to read a brief prepared statement on behalf of Urban Abbey and the pro-abortion protesters. Mary Jo-McDermott from Rachel's Vineyard spoke at the conclusion of the evening. Right to Life was exceptionally pleased with both the turnout for the event and the community connections made. We have DVD copies of this film available. You can also rent or stream the film online. Visit **unplannedfilm.com** for more info.

THE MISSING PROJECT explores the devastating consequences of 50 years of legalized abortion in Canada, through the engaging and insightful stories of Canadians whose lives have been touched and influenced by it. This documentary was screened in January, graciously hosted by First Christian Reformed Church. Approximately 70 members and guests attended, enjoying a dynamic exchange of ideas afterwards along with the opportunity to network with others equally passionate about pro-life and eager to learn about the history and current state of pro-life laws in our nation. We have DVD copies of this film available. The film can also be viewed on-line here: https://youtu.be/8RP-HpEAleg





Tune in to UCB Radio 95.1FM and hear our latest pro-life radio ad running daily!



We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to departing Board Members **Amy Breukelman** and **Tiemon Schelhaas** as they move on to other endeavours. Their many years of dedication to our pro-life work has been an inspiration and will continue to be an encouragement to us. We would also like say thank-you to **Trudy Bolt** and to **Trudy Muller** for providing us with auditing services. We greatly appreciate your time and expertise. Thank you also **to Wilco Contractors Superior Inc.** and to **Amy & Fred Breukelman** for your continued sponsorship of our billboards on HWY 130. Thank you also to the gentlemen who so kindly assisted with security at our <u>Unplanned</u> film screening.

CELEBRATING LIVES SAVED!

Billboards are effective for promoting the sanctity of life and providing contact information for women facing an unplanned pregnancy. At least two babies were spared from death by abortion in part due to our billboards along HWY 61 south of Thunder Bay. Pro-life organization CHOICE42 spoke with women considering abortion who saw the signs and chose LIFE.





We are grateful to our supporting members and organizations whose contributions make it possible for us to continue to keep current billboards in place and in good repair, and to continue to explore new messages and locations. If you are interested in sponsoring a billboard please contact us for more information.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE





As an educational organization we provide information and resources aimed at increasing an understanding of abortion and euthanasia along with efforts to inspire and support individuals and groups in their personal pro-life position. We are greatly encouraged and excited always to see good fruit emerge within our community. As an example, during the Lenten season, long-time Right to Life member Cathy Galle organized a weekly prayer vigil, an initiative which Board member Danae Turgeon now works to continue! For those interested in learning more or to commit to a weekly hour of prayer, please visit their private Facebook group Thunder Bay Against Abortion, or use the following link to sign up https://signup.com/login/entry/3269972817514820123.

Watch for updates in the weeks ahead by email or through social media on a number of local initiatives including projects by the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, continued efforts to support a pro-life presence at Lakehead University, and potential projects with National Campus Life Network promoting pro-life clubs in our local high-schools.

IT TAKES A TEAM

If you are passionate about pro-life and would like to get more involved in the work we do, as a Board Member or volunteer, we look forward to hearing from you. Having a dedicated and diverse team of decision makers at the table helps keep our organization strong. If you would like to represent our work within your church or other organization we would love to partner with you!

BE THE PRO-LIFE VILLAGE

We encourage you to reach out to mothers and families in need in your community and do what you can to help. Seniors are also especially vulnerable at this time and at increased risk for depression and euthanasia. Consider what you might do to provide a meaningful human connection with seniors in your neighbourhood and community by telephone, mail etc. to alleviate loneliness, anxiety or despair.

During the Covid-19 health crisis with increased time at home for some, consider doing some pro-life reading!

We have a selection of pro-life books available for borrowing or purchase.

If you are interested please email Cindy Harasen at info@thunderbay.life for details.