



LIFE CHAIN 2020

Brought to you by The Right to Life Association of Thunder Bay & Area

Saturday October 3rd and Sunday October 4th
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm each day Memorial Avenue (near Central)
(Meet in the Best Buy Parking Lot between 1:30 – 1:45)

THE KILLING MUST END

Approximately 300 abortions happen in Canada every day – over 100,000 every year. It is legal in Canada for a woman to end the life of her unborn child at any stage of her pregnancy, for any reason. Sadly, during the current health crisis abortion was deemed to be an essential service. With the growing popularity of the abortion pill we anticipate a rise in abortion numbers, and increased risks to babies and mothers.

TAKE A STAND WITH US

We believe that human life is intrinsically valuable in all circumstances and at all stages. Every human being, regardless of age or ability, deserves human rights, the most fundamental of which is the right to life. When a woman faces a difficult pregnancy, the solution is to address the difficulty – not to kill the innocent child. Women facing an unplanned pregnancy deserve better care and solutions that don't involve ending the life of their child. We as a society can and must do better.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

Life Chain is an annual event by Campaign Life Coalition, organized in Thunder Bay by The Right to Life Association of Thunder Bay & Area. It is a silent prayer vigil and public witness for the unborn. Participants stand along-side the public roadway holding a sign (provided) in silent prayer for one hour, in unison with other local pro-life individuals and families, and thousands more across the country. Join us and help us show our community that the conversation and debate over abortion is far from over. Give those who are on the fence something to think about. Show those that are pro-life that they are not alone. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Will you stand for one hour to save a life?

Given the current Covid-19 health crisis a number of procedures and protocols have been put in place for this event.

PLEASE REVIEW THE SAFETY PROTOCOL AND RULES OF CONDUCT

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Protocol and Rules of Conduct

1. If you feel unwell and have symptoms of Covid-19 or if you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or who has symptoms and is awaiting test results, or if you have travelled outside of Canada in the past 14 days, please stay home. If you are worried about the risk to your own health or the health of someone in your social circle, please stay home. We encourage you to pray from home while Life Chain is in progress.

2. We recommend wearing of masks at the event by all those who are able as physical distancing may not be possible at all times. Hand sanitizer will be available upon arrival but it is recommended that you bring your own for your personal use if you so wish.

3. Approved signs will be provided. Please do not display other signs or distribute material. Take care of your signs and return them at the end of the hour. Signs will be cleaned with an approved disinfectant prior to the event and at the end of each day.

4. Participants will be required to sign-in upon arrival, providing a name and contact phone number, and also to indicate acceptance of the rules of conduct for our event. **Please arrive promptly**, accounting for the time required for parking etc. and to allow adequate time for briefing. **We plan to meet and park adjacent to Best Buy in the parking spots directly facing Memorial Ave.**

5. Participants are required to maintain a minimum of 2 meters from other participants and pedestrians. Families with children may stand together. Please ensure that children are supervised at all times. Stand on the sidewalk facing traffic with your sign, ensuring you do not block pedestrians, driveways or driver's sightlines.

6. A designated coordinator and volunteers at the event will ensure that rules are being followed with respect to distancing etc. Thunder Bay Police will be informed of the event and will likely be present. We will anticipate the presence of counter-protesters and respect their right to be there. Notify the coordinator of any misconduct from counter-protesters or passers-by so that they can handle it appropriately and ensure it is recorded. Refer media, police, or business owners who want information to the coordinator or organizers of the event.

7. Pray silently during the hour and refrain from conversation with each other or passers-by. If you are approached or asked a question we suggest simply explaining that we are committed to an hour of silent prayer and that you would be happy to speak at the conclusion of the event, or direct them to one of the coordinators.

8. Commit to being peaceful. Do not physically interfere with counter-protesters or passers-by and do not jostle for position if they block your Life Chain signs. Simply move on to another location. Additional recommended safety and security protocol will be included in the briefing on-site when you pick up your signs and sign-in.

9. Where possible please inform us in advance of your plans to attend by emailing us at info@thunderbay.life. This will help us anticipate the size of our gathering. Please feel free to email us if you have any questions or concerns.