



## THE RIGHT TO LIFE

*Association of Thunder Bay & Area*

**Life - Precious at all Stages**

**Protecting Life - From  
Conception to Natural Death**

**FALL/WINTER 2023**

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# 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER FEATURES KEYNOTE JAKKI JEFFS, AFLO EXEC DIRECTOR

On Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, approximately 125 people gathered at the Columbus Centre to celebrate RTL's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a spaghetti dinner and to hear keynote speaker Jakki Jeffs, Executive Director of Alliance for Life Ontario (AFLO). This event closed the 1-year celebration of 50 years of Thunder Bay and Area Right to Life which officially began as an organization in December 1973. In her keynote address, Jakki spoke about euthanasia and abortion

**JAKKI JEFFS, AFLO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CALLING ON PRO-LIFERS TO SPEAK UP - MAiD TO BE AVAILABLE SOLELY FOR MENTAL ILLNESS IN MARCH 2024**



being like 2 sides of a coin. She cited a recent study that showed that 70% of abortions are unwanted abortions, such as when women are coerced or even forced to choose to terminate a pregnancy. She challenged the audience to stay the course in defending all life, from conception and to resist the temptation to give in to the gestational approach to abortion restrictions. The complete keynote address can be viewed at [www.thunderbay.life](http://www.thunderbay.life).



*Left - Dr. Jaro Kotalik  
Right - Jakki Jeffs*

In recent email communications from Jakki through AFLO, she is calling on pro-life-and-family people to contact their MP to thank them if they voted in favor of Bill C-314 and to strongly express dissatisfaction if they didn't. With the recent defeat of Bill C-314, which Jakki felt would have saved many lives, MAiD will

be available solely for mental illness beginning in March of 2024. (Locally MP Powlowski voted in favor of the Bill and MP Hajdu voted against.)

Watch for information about a TownHall meeting coming to Thunder Bay in February on the topic of MAiD as well as a presentation by Dr. Kotalik based on his recently published book *Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) In Canada*. See Details on Page 4.

## CCBR INTERNSHIP

The Right to Life (RTL) Association of Thunder Bay helped to fund Faustina Sawchuk's internship with Canadian Center for Bioethical Reform (CCBR) in Calgary, from May to August of 2023. "This summer, I received pro-life apologetics training and engaged in public pro-life outreach in the downtown of several cities and in neighborhoods", Faustina explained.



*Right - Faustina Sawchuk*

CCBR's approach is to reveal the reality of abortion through graphic images. "I want to thank all the members of RTL for supporting me in dedicating a summer to make less and less people support abortion by showing them what an abortion does for the pre-born."

Faustina Sawchuk was the most recent young person sponsored by RTL to participate in the CCBR internship program.

## 2023 LIFE CHAIN WELL-ATTENDED



Thunder Bay and Area Right to Life (RTL) organized participation in Life Chain, Campaign Life Coalition's (CLC) annual event which took place in over 300 locations across the country, between 2 and 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. This year approxi-

mately 60 adults, plus many children, lined up along Balmoral Ave. for the silent prayerful witness for life. With CLC's permission, Euthanasia signs were included this year. As a tribute to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniver-



sary year of Thunder Bay RTL, a reception for coffee and fellowship followed the Life Chain, where pro-life materials and resources, provided by RTL, were made available.

## BILLBOARD UPDATE



Work has been done on new billboard designs for replacing existing ones that have faded. We are also in the process of applying for a permit for one new location. We know that billboards are effective at reaching people and saving lives. Your support enables us to reach people through this important messaging.





## EMO VOLUNTEERS HOST RIGHT TO LIFE BOOTH AT EMO FAIR

Right to Life of Thunder Bay and area provided materials and supplies for local volunteers to set up a booth at the August 17-19 EMO Fair, to educate the public on pro-life issues.



The booth drew many people, who especially loved to hold the “babies”, the life-sized and life-weighted baby models on display (left side of the table in the picture). The children loved the balloons which had “Choose Life” or “Life is Precious” written on them. The recently acquired Pro-Life Flag on display, available from Campaign Life Coalition, received positive comments.

Many people expressed appreciation at seeing a pro-life booth at the fair.

## ARE YOU CALLED TO DO MORE?

Do you have a passion for defending life from womb to tomb and a desire to work with others to support pro-life events and activities in your community? We need volunteers to help with the work of Right to Life. No experience necessary but you can learn as you go!

Contact us today: [info@thunderbay.life](mailto:info@thunderbay.life)

### PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

National Pregnancy Hotline: 1-800-395- (HELP)4357  
National Family Support Centre: 1-800-665-0570  
Pregnancy Care Canada: 1-866-845-2151  
Birthright International: 1-800-550-4900  
Abortion Pill Reversal: 1-888-612-3960


## CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION (CLC) CELEBRATING “HUGE PRO-LIFE-AND-FAMILY GAINS AT CPC CONVENTION”

In their October 2023 national newsletter, CLC is celebrating the successful passing of many pro-life-and-family policy resolutions at the Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) Convention that took place September 7-9 in Quebec City.

Some topics included gender ideology, child protection, informed consent, bodily autonomy, drug and substance abuse, palliative care and euthanasia. All 13 resolutions promoted by CLC were among the total of 29 from across the country that passed and of those *3 were from Thunder Bay!*



Thunder Bay Rainy River's proposal on Vaccines (including addressing mandates) and a National Senior Strategy were well-supported by delegates. Thunder Bay Superior North's Euthanasia resolution also passed with support not only from delegates, but also from many MPs through a letter of support. The CLC October 2023 newsletter can be viewed online at: <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/shared/media/monthlynewsletter/357/newsletter.pdf>



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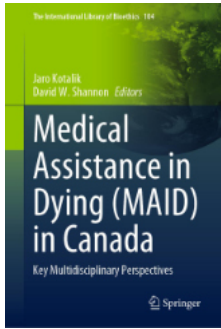
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## WORKSHOP: WHAT IS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW - MAID IN CANADA



A workshop by the editors of the recently released book MAID in Canada.

Watch your email and check our website for a workshop opportunity to take place very early in February. Registration will be required and space limited.

## NEWSLETTER OPTIONS

When you renew your Membership for 2024 you will have the option to have your newsletter emailed to you, if you prefer. Memberships can also be renewed through our website using the <JOIN-RENEW> button. In addition to distribution to our Members, the newsletter is also made available in churches and church groups.

There are also other resources we provide online. We are on YouTube, the web and Facebook:

<https://www.youtube.com/@righttolifethunderbay>  
<https://www.facebook.com/thunderbay.life>

We have a separate MEMBERS ONLY Facebook group for open dialogue and posts. Please send an email to [info@thunderbay.life](mailto:info@thunderbay.life) to receive an invitation. Your full Facebook Name will be required to join this private group.

## RIGHT TO LIFE PRESENTATION AT PRAYERS FOR THE UNBORN

On June 12th, Board Member Stewart Rathje represented Right to Life at the annual Prayers for the Unborn, an annual event organized by the Knights of Columbus. He gave some highlights from the AGM keynote addresses by Lia Mills and Alex Schadenberg.

Lia Mills spoke about abortion and the connection between abortion and euthanasia, highlighting that killing a human being is never a solution to anything. The most obvious and most terrifying connection is that some are proposing Euthanasia be allowed for babies who are too difficult to care for. With abortion not being illegal, up to 9 months in the womb, it is not a far stretch to allow parents to euth-

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anize a child that was defective or ill for up to a year after birth.

Alex's presentation contained many examples of how Canada's current Euthanasia law is not protecting the vulnerable, and has made MAiD an option for consideration by people experiencing poverty, homelessness, loneliness, and for non-life-threatening illnesses or whose death is not imminent.

Stewart also explained, "100,000 Canadians are lost to abortion every year - almost the entire population of Thunder Bay EVERY YEAR." "One in four do not make it out of the womb" which should be the safest place on earth. He challenged those present, "A belief in the sacredness and dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death, is an underlying belief of our Christian faith, so one could argue churches play a critical role and their voices should be the loudest."

## A SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all of the groups, organizations, churches and each of you who support us. We cannot do the work we do without your financial and prayer support.

It hurts.  
We get it.

Healing your heart from abortion

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