



Defending the Human Person, From Conception to Natural Death



ANDREW SCHEER

Newly Elected
Pro-Life
Conservative Party Leader

It took 13 rounds of balloting on Saturday, May 27, 2017, before delegates at the Conservative Party of Canada national convention in Toronto elected a 38 year-old father of five to be its new leader.

Social conservative Andrew Scheer, seven years younger than Prime Minister Trudeau, won the leadership race, receiving 50.95% of the votes over rival Maxime Bernier who got 49.05%.

*His election was well received by pro-life groups. The pro-family women's movement **Real Women of Canada** noted "His (Scheer's) views are more compatible with grassroots Canadians. Sensible, politically experienced, and caring about the ordinary Canadian. This is unlike Justin Trudeau, who lives in a world of the wealthy and the political elites, while promoting outdated policies of another era, such as feminism and unrestricted abortion."*

***Campaign Life Coalition**, a national organization*

and principle organizer of the annual National March for Life in Ottawa every May, congratulated Mr. Scheer on becoming Leader of the Conservative Party and is looking forward to working with him in fighting for policies such as opposing "gendercide abortions and protection for preborn victims of crime."

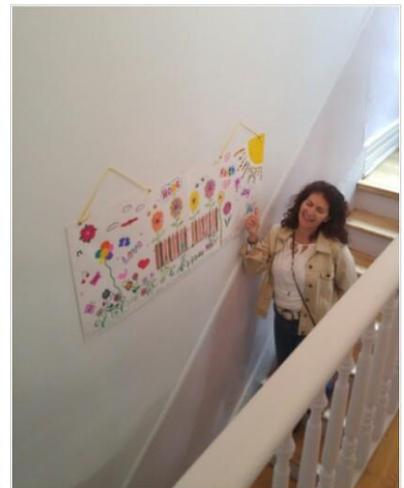
Among his campaign promises are the following:

- Ceasing federal funding to universities that do not respect freedom of speech
- Allowing private members bills dealing with abortion and other moral issues
- Enshrining conscience rights protections for health care workers who oppose euthanasia
- Supporting the rights of parents as first educators of their children.
- Making maternity benefits tax-free.

We pray that Our Lord blesses Mr. Scheer and his family in his new role as opposition leader in the House of Commons and that he may defend the lives of the most vulnerable in our society.

A Divine Sign!

PREGNANCY CENTRE UPDATE



Kids Helping Mothers

The *Centre Saint Enfant Jésus* pregnancy centre welcomed two visitors this past Monday, May 22.

Esperanza Donavan and Mary Prillo had travelled from the west island to deliver some very special gifts – hand-made crafts.

These artworks – two posters and a slew of greeting cards, were specially done for the guests of the centre compliments of a group of catechetical students.

These artists-for-a-day were encouraged by their catechist to perform corporal works of mercy that would convey an affirming message.

They succeeded. These crafts resonate with colour, shiny doo-hickeys, butterflies, and much more.

They also express life affirming messages. One reads: “Remember, You are Loved!”, while the other scattered around motifs are the words “Faith,” “Hope,” “Joy,” and “Love.”

It would not come as a surprise that it did not take long before these found spots on the walls of the centre, the two ladies ingenuously using string and tack to do the work.

These gifts, along with other donations, may be seen in the montage found on the adjacent page. From left to right, top to bottom, we see:

- One of the two banners
- The mass of delivered items;
- A different angle shot of the previous items;
- One of the three bedrooms in the centre;
- The kitchen area;

- The two banners;
- Silhouette view of another bedroom; and
- One of the two banners mounted in a stairwell greeting visitors to the centre.

I wish to thank the children for their beautiful artwork and the adults who encouraged them.

Thanks to Esperanza for the photos and to both ladies for having made the trek into town.

Prayer Request

This second week of June, I learned that one of the mothers whom we have helped during her pregnancy is experiencing some serious tribulation!

The Youth Protection Agency (*La DPJ*) has intervened to have one of her four children be placed into protective custody.

As of Tuesday, May 30, 2017, her eight-year-old son was placed under foster care.

The matter is particularly poignant as the mother had fought hard to regain custody for the same child after an earlier DPJ removal.

The current incident occurred close to a year after the boy had returned to his home.

The distraught mother called me late one night with the news at wit’s end.

Heavenly Father, we ask that you to watch over mother and son separated by difficult circumstances.

Help mother in her grief and grant her the strength to care for the other children in her home.

Watch over the young lad uprooted from his home and family so that he be treated with safety and respect.

We make this prayer in union with your son Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Corn Roast and Conference

Please reserve Sunday, August 20, 2017.

On this day we will host our annual corn roast / conference, a fun and edifying afternoon.

Over the years, we have been blessed with fine fare (and fine weather). Last year, volunteers prepared tasty platters of sandwiches and sweets to accompany the corn bought from growers just a few days before the event.

Further, the afternoon promises to be an edifying one as Mr. Aubert Martin, Executive Director, Living with Dignity, will be our guest speaker.

The mission of **Living With Dignity** is to protect the life and the inherent and inalienable dignity of people who have become vulnerable through illness, old age, or disability, by ensuring they receive compassionate support.

The exact theme of Mr. Martin's talk remains to be determined.

In his last newsletter, Mr. Martin wrote of the reasons behind euthanasia cases. "The primary reason given by patients concerned the loss of autonomy – and not the unbearable pain that was conveniently sold to us from the beginning."

To learn more or to reserve, call (514) 344-2686.

Hope to see many of you.

Corn Roast and Conference Details

- Sunday, August 20, 2017, Noon to 3 p.m.
- Grounds of the **Quebec Life Coalition**, 3330 Rivier Street, Montreal
- On the grounds of St. Émile Church (corner Sherbrooke and Davidson streets)
- Métro Joliette, bus # 67north, at 2nd stop
- Cost: \$10

Fall events:

- **September Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**
- **40 Days for Life** Prayer vigil for the end of abortion, end of September
- **Life Chain**, October 1, 2017, and
- **Apologetics Course**, October, 2017.

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