



CULTURE OF LIFE

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Building a Christian society that defends faith, family, and the human person, from conception to natural death

(Diocese of Montreal website) This year's National March for Life, held annually in Ottawa since 1998, took place on Thursday, May 10, beginning with a rally on Parliament Hill. Marie-Christine, a participant from the Archdiocese of Montreal, shares her experience.



There were thousands of us, people of all ages, from all faiths and from all walks of life, on Thursday, May 10, in Ottawa, united by our desire to protect and lend a voice to the most vulnerable and mute of human beings: unborn babies.

The day began with several masses celebrated in honour of this cause in various churches throughout the capital. At the Ottawa cathedral, which was filled to the hilt, I was enchanted to discover the number of young people there to support the cause of life, in deep prayer. In his homily, Bishop Thomas Dowd, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, reminded those present about the importance of every human life. Archbishop Christian Lépine also present, greeted many at the conclusion of the Mass.

Despite the intermittent rain, Parliament Hill was

soon filled with enthusiastic people bearing signs whose messages were echoed in the speeches of the numerous speakers about affirming the primacy of life, “from conception to natural death.” Archbishop of Toronto, Cardinal Collins noted that as the faithful contribute to society, they have a right to express themselves publicly.

According to Harold Albrecht, conservative MP, “Governments are judged by the way they treat the most vulnerable. There is no doubt in my mind that the most vulnerable among us are the ones who are living their first nine months as unborn infants. They have no way of defending themselves, and no voice with which to cry out in pain or protest.”

At 1:30 p.m., the participants set off on the March for Life, a walk through the streets of downtown Ottawa. Once again, I was filled with wonder at the diversity of faces and backgrounds; Anglicans, Protestants, Roman and Eastern Catholics, priests, bishops, religious men and women, monks fathers, mothers with their children, young people (so many young people!). Among them, a young girl with a rainbow-colored tuque proudly held up her sign that read “I am queer and I am pro-life!”

There were older people as well, Anglophones, Francophones, people who prayed, sang, took pictures, others who were talking, smiling, all happy to share the same faith in life.

National March for Life

We came to a halt when a pro-choice counter-demonstration blocked our path for a good twenty minutes. I couldn't help but notice the contrast between the calm and dignity that reigned in our ranks, the respectful messages on the signs we were holding, and the rage and cries of these few and noisy activists, the hateful messages on their signs. So, we ended up turning around to pursue the march and returning to the hill by 2:30 p.m.

Finally, the part of the day that touched me the most were the testimonies of the mothers and fathers who had chosen to abort their child and then afterwards experiencing great remorse. These shared that with the aid of others and with God's grace, they came to understand that God forgives them, coming to terms with the death of their child and found peace. Such trying experience!

These mothers and fathers all mentioned their regret at not having known beforehand what abortion truly involved, as opposed to what they were led to believe. Many if not all are members in the movement "Silent No More Awareness Campaign" and many have undergone a healing retreat with Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion ministry.

I did not attend the closing prayer service, led by the eastern Catholic Chaplaincy of Ottawa, because our bus (chared by the Quebec Life Coalition) had to leave, but I promise to be there again next year. I hope to see you there!

Vicki Gunn,, Executive Director, Christian Heritage Party Canada



This past Thursday, many of us had the pleasure of marching for life to protect Canada's most vulnerable.

With the new bubble zones mandated around abortuaries in Ontario, our route was changed to avoid unnecessary entanglements. It is interesting to note that it was the perceived "threat" posed by pro-lifers that the Wynne government (Ontario) used as an excuse to create additional bubble zones around abortuaries, drug stores that request it, and abortionists' homes. So, how necessary was the change? ...

Again, how necessary are these bubble zones and how necessary was it to have our route changed?

Over the past many years, as many as 25,000 pro-lifers have protested at Ottawa's March for Life. This year, an estimated 15,000 people—men, women, and children—were present.

A short way along Elgin St., as we began to march last Thursday, we were faced with about 200 counter protesters and an incredible police presence. We stood there for about half an hour, waiting for the way ahead to be cleared. I enjoyed the time to visit the War Memorial where I saw the changing of the guard. Others also took the time to sit in the sun and enjoy the day, while we waited.

Upcoming Events

Looking around, I suddenly became aware that the March for Life was moving back the way we had come. Rather than face the ramifications of challenging the 200 counter protesters, 15,000 people were turned around and marched the route backwards. It's easily seen what a threat pro-lifers are by that simple picture - 15,000 people turned around because 200 people blocked the way forward!

Other provinces are looking at adopting Ontario's bubble zone law . . . I assume, because of the imaginary danger presented by pro-lifers using their God-given right to Freedom of Speech. Remember, our crowd was so peaceful and amenable that the police were able to easily turn around 15,000 people.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has declared "open season" on pro-lifers by refusing to allow them to participate as candidates in his party, by refusing to allow them representation for their viewpoint. He claims it's because he's a feminist and—in his world—feminists represent only those women who support the killing of pre-born children. Add to this his efforts to legalize "recreational" marijuana, subjecting our children to readily-available mind-damaging drugs, and it becomes a tragic testimony to the short-sightedness of the Canadians who elected him to office.

We will again go to the polls in 2019. Canada will be a changed nation from four years ago but, perhaps worst of those changes is the violence done to our God-given rights.



The abortion industry has spent a lot of time (and money) attacking freedom of speech – and England is going along with it.

There is a huge push in the UK to pass "buffer zones" ... areas in which free speech is limited – but *only* for those with pro-life views.

The BBC just did a feature on 40 Days for Life and – unlike most of the "fake news" coverage we get in Britain – we had a chance to fairly present the truth about 40 Days for Life.

The report showed how the British abortion industry is determined to do whatever is necessary to shut down peaceful pro-life public witness.

In a number of locations, abortion facilities are asking for buffer zones outside their doors. Their spokesmen are telling tales of intimidation – assertions that 40 Days for Life leaders categorically deny.

John Edwards, the courageous leader of the Nottingham 40 Days for Life campaign, was prominently featured in the story.

At one point, an injunction was slapped on John, forbidding him from praying outside the Nottingham hospital where abortions take place. That injunction was eventually overturned by a judge who found no legal basis for that order.

Shawn Carney concludes by suggesting the following website to get more information on this story - [40 Days for Life podcast](#), as well as how to use our freedom of speech.

Brave Mothers

In this our **Brave Mothers** feature we profile the children along with the mothers who braved harsh conditions to permit them to see the light of day, nurturing and carrying them to term.

Nathan is the son of Manuela who gave birth to him this past April 10.

Mom studies at UQAM and was commuting between her sister's home in Gatineau to Montreal twice weekly. As the pregnancy progressed the commuting became onerous until she requested residential privileges at our pregnancy centre. As the centre closed at the end of February, a host family welcomed Manuela into their home during the balance of the pregnancy and over a month after the delivery. Since she has returned to her sister's place.

Nathan is progressing well, adding weight.

Else, your help is needed. As the delivery charges were beyond mom's private insurer, totalling close to \$14500, mom has asked our help. On the reply stub of the cover letter, you will find a spot where your special gift may be noted. Thanks.



Prayer Intention – Lord, Come to the aid of your daughter **Paula**. You have supported her in the past by changing her habits of death and destruction to that of life . Return, once again, we implore, that the fathers of her children see the blessings that she has taken to bear life and become more supportive of her and their parenting vocation.

Upcoming events: 1. Pancake Breakfast. Sunday, June 3, 2018, Sainte-Bernadette church, 6950, 16th Avenue Montreal. \$8 adults, \$4 children. Proceeds go to help the Quebec Life Coalition. RSVP, (514) 344-2686. Knights of Columbus event... **2.**

Pilgrimage in the City. Details to follow.

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