



## SUMMER FARE STIRS DEBATE

The Quebec Life Coalition held its annual corn roast this past Sunday, August 19, 2018, on the grounds of St-Émile church, property bordering QLC's offices.

Bright sunshine and comfortable temperatures could not have made the day any more pleasant, from its noon start to its end, at around 3 p.m.

Upwards of fifty people had gathered for the summer fare and fellowship.

In keeping with previous editions of this end-of-summer gathering, an allocution was given at 1 p.m., on subjects related to QLC's goal of defending faith, family, and the human person. This year we welcomed Mr. Jean-Léon Laffitte, President of the Quebec Catholic Parents Assoc.



Mr. Laffitte spoke on the social and cultural changes undergone by Quebec society since the Quiet Revolution in the 1960s and which are continuing today. These are impacting the clergy, families, and the education of our

children. The talk focused upon the provincial government's efforts to secularize society via the education of children.



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Mr. Laffitte drew on the personal experience as his brother is a Roman Catholic priest and he, a father of two young children.

The allocution was appreciated as a question and answer period followed.

Particularly provoking among Mr. Laffitte's comments was his suggestion of the importance of forming a united front with persons of other faith denominations, including non-Christians, to address the government's imposition of educational programs.

The idea of collaborating with persons of the Muslim faith stirred many present. Some argued that incompatibility in faith traditions precluded collaboration. Others thought differently, stating that unity at the United Nations between the Vatican and several Muslim states has been possible and beneficial to our common beliefs.

## Canadian conservative policy convention follows leader, ...

The following is drawn from a LifeSiteNews article written by Lianne Laurence, this past Monday, August 27, 2018, regarding the Conservative Party of Canada biannual national convention, held in Halifax, Aug 23-25.



Pro-Life advocates won big at the Conservative Party of Canada policy convention, but Tory leader Andrew Scheer's "meddling" cost them their top prize, says Campaign Life Coalition.

That was a resolution to delete Article 65, which states "a Conservative Government will not support any legislation to regulate abortion," from the party's policy handbook.

Canada's national prolife political lobbying group, CLC reported Sunday that some 2000 delegates passed eight pro-life, pro-family, and pro-free speech policy resolutions at the Halifax convention last weekend.

"Overall, the pro-life-and-family movement had a hugely successful convention," said CLC vice-president Jeff Gunnarson.

"We're very pleased. We've got a lot more pro-life policies in the Conservative policy book than we started," he told LifeSiteNews.

Those include supporting a born-alive protection law; excluding abortion funding from foreign aid programs; opposing the extension of euthanasia to minors or for psychological illness only; and supporting a national palliative care strategy that excludes euthanasia.

Moreover, a general policy condemning compelled speech, such as that imposed by Liberal government's gender ideology bill C-16, and another condemning "values tests," such as the Liberal summer jobs abortion attestation, also passed unanimously.

But in Saturday's plenary, delegates narrowly defeated a resolution to nix Article 65 by 53 to 47 %



Earlier in the day, Scheer told several media outlets that regardless of the vote's outcome, his government would keep abortion and other social divisive issues off limits.

"I've made it very clear that, as prime minister, I will not reopen that debate. I will not introduce legislation to reopen divisive issues or to reopen issues that have already been settled by previous governments," he told Canadian Press.

"A leader's job is to find common ground," he added. "I'm not going to bring in legislation, bring in proposals that would divide our own caucus, divide our own party and divide Canadians."

## ... votes to not “reopen” abortion debate.

According to one delegate, MPs were emailed two “talking points” on the resolution to delete Article 65: “Conservatives are focused on the many issues that unite us,” and “Andrew Scheer has made it clear that a future Conservative government will not re-open the abortion debate.”

But it Article 65 “is so decisive, why don’t you just get rid of it, so it doesn’t divide it any more (sic)?” Gunnarson countered.

He believes the resolution would have passed had Scheer “not interfered in and manipulated the policy process by telling the Canadian Press hours before the vote, and sending a memo to MPs mere minutes before the plenary started that he would not re-open the abortion debate even if delegates voted to delete (Article) 65.”

Scheer’s “meddling intimidated enough delegates and MPs to cause the resolution’s defeat,” Gunnarson said.

The battle over Article 65 also underscored differences between Campaign Life Coalition’s approach to policy and that of other pro-life groups and even some pro-life MPs.

Of the two resolutions to nix Article 65, one went further, replacing it with a policy recognizing that “it is a perfectly valid legislative objective to protect the life of the unborn child.”

However, this pro-life motion didn’t pass Friday’s breakout session because “some pro-life organizations and pro-life MPs decided to defeat it, and said as much,” Gunnarson told LifeSiteNews.

That included Saskatchewan MP Cathy Wagantall and Alberta MP Garnett Genius, who supported the weaker motion to delete Article 65, but advised delegates to vote against the pro-life policy, as they did themselves, he said.

“Think about that for a moment,” said Gunnarson. “Basically, we had 2 resolutions to defeat Article 65. One was to delete it and that’s the end of it, another was to delete it and add a pro-life policy. If you’re pro-life, you vote for the pro-life policy,” he said. “It’s disheartening.”



On the positive side, CLC “made fantastic connections, people were really pleased with our organised efforts, and our voters’ guide went over well,” said Gunnarson.

Moreover, “there’s massive support in the party’s base for the pro-life position,” pointed out Jack Fonseca, CLC’s senior political strategist.

“Come next convention – wherever that is – we’re confident Article 65 will finally be removed, and we’ll accumulate even more policy wins on life, family, faith and freedom,” he said.

“In the meantime, we’ll be working to nominate and elect many more pro-life, Conservative MPs for 2019

## Pro-Life Rosary Pilgrimage

We are pleased to announce our second pilgrimage for life, set for Saturday, September 15, 2018, with the theme A Call to Prayer.

Last year, the day-long event introduced 24 pilgrims to 14 key battle sites in the clash between the culture of life and of death – 7 abortion mills and 7 shrines.

This year, we will “visit” three hospitals that perform abortions, offering prayers at each in reparation for the lives lost and for the protection of the unborn life.

### Five holy sites will also be on our itinerary.

Eight and not 14 stops are on our agenda as 4 of the eight are off-island, necessitating the chartering of a bus. A \$10 offering will be asked to cover our costs.

The day begins with a 7: 30 a.m. mass at Mary Queen of the World cathedral, a fitting location to honour the Mother of Our Redeemer and of us all and also on a day designated as Our Lady of Sorrows

At the three hospitals -Charles-LeMoyne (Greenfield Park), Maisonneuve-Rosemont, and Cité-de-la-Santé (Laval) **and** at the five shrines - the cathedral, St-Mary’s church (Greenfield Park), a Franciscan monastery (Rosemont), St-Sylvain church (Laval), and St-Joseph’s Oratory, prayers to be recited include a full rosary, adoration, a prolife litany, and a consecration prayer. Regarding the latter, particular forms exist for priests, religious & laity, and youths.

Confession will be made available.

Pack a lunch. We’ll meet at the Cathedral and head out after the mass celebrated by Fr. Vaillancourt. For information or to register, call: (514) 344-2686.

**Prayer Intention** – Heavenly Father, we are ever grateful for the faithful pastors you send us. We pray that the temptations of this world not distract them from heeding your call and living exemplary lives which will inspire the faithful to mimic and so grow ever closer to you and avoid the trappings that have plagued mankind throughout history.

**Upcoming events:** **1. 40 Days for Life** prayer vigil for the end of abortion, Sep 26 – Nov 04, 2018. 505 St-Catherine Street East, corner Berri Street, daily 8h to 17h. **2. Life Chain.** Sunday, Sept. 29, 2018. Namur metro station, 14h to 15h. **3. “The Euthanasia Deception,”** dvd screening, fall, 2018

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