



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



Can you look this baby in the eyes and say she should have been aborted?

(Steven Ertelt, LifeNews Jan7, 2019) I was captivated by a baby girl I saw recently in church. Her eyes were filled with wonder, taking in everything within her environment.

This chance encounter made me reflect upon the development of an unborn child. At just 19 days after conception, the eyes begin to develop. Imagine that. Less than three weeks after egg and sperm have united, the birth of sight begins. It is truly incredible.

By the 9th week after conception, the preborn child will be able to squint—a quite human response.

If we could look her in the eyes at that point, would any of us say that abortion is a rational option?

The fact is, the humanity of an unborn child is established from the start. A cycle of growth and development has begun which, if uninterrupted, will lead to birth.

Think of the other milestones within a preborn child's life cycle: the heart beats at 24 days after conception...arms and legs are forming at 28 days...the skeleton is complete at 42 days.

If we could look into that child's eyes...at any point in her mother's womb...would we say she is undeserving of life?

It is true that much of the development of the unborn child is hidden from us most of the time. But technological breakthroughs such as 4D Ultrasound have given us a window to the womb, allowing us to see the unborn child as never before. We know so much more now than the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court did in 1973, when they issued their tragic ruling *Roe v. Wade*.

Let us look at all preborn children with the eyes of love, knowing that they are as deserving of protection as each one of us.



Editor: QLC would gladly see you wear the Precious Feet lapel pin. This gold- or silver-glinted pin is the exact size and shape of a 10-week unborn baby's feet. The pin is accompanied with a fold-out colour guide noting important moments of the child's development. We would be gladly mail you one. It represents a beautiful way to show your support for unborn life.

Media attack on pro-life centers in Quebec

The Quebec Life Coalition received an unexpected New Year's greeting from a local media outlet. Within the first couple of days of 2019, LaPresse attacked pro-life pregnancy centers including that operated by the Quebec Life Coalition in a series of articles on the internet. In response, QLC President Georges Buscemi wrote the following:

"We do not understand why there are more and more [pro-life centers for pregnant women]. The only thing we can see is that there is an ever more affirming anti-abortion voice." - Cindy Pétrieux, Co-coordinator, Fédération du Québec pour la planification des naissances.

"Quebec Life Coalition, an influential pro-life group" - Marissa Groguhé, journalist, La Presse

These quotes are drawn from a series of articles published on January 3 in La Presse +. Obviously, their goal is to denounce the rise both rapid and, for them, worrisome, of the number of pro-life crisis pregnancy centers in Quebec. You see, much to the dismay of pro-abortion organizations, such as the Fédération du Québec pour le planning des naissances (FQPN), these last three years have seen an increase of almost 100% in the number of pro-life centers in Quebec, having gone from 15 in 2015 to 27 in 2018.

Researchers at the University of Quebec at Montreal (UQAM) have undertaken a large study on the extent of the phenomenon as well as on the methods used by pro-life groups, including by our service *Enceinte et inquiète*. Conclusion: We would be guilty of lying and manipulating vulnerable women. We are guilty of "humanizing" the unborn child and saying that

abortion has serious consequences for the child (death) and for the mother. These organizations which advocate abortion are therefore trying to silence us at all costs. The FQPN even thinks of bringing a collective action against pro-life centers in Quebec, and is looking for women ready to testify against us.



There are several lessons to be learned from this series of articles. **First observation: we seek to withdraw our freedom of action and association as Christians.** We want to tolerate our right to speak, as long as it does not translate into concrete actions, for example by founding a center for pregnant women in difficulty. We are allowed to think against the current, and even to speak a little, but never to act in accordance with our stated convictions! According to these pro-abortion organizations and their accomplices, our religious and moral beliefs - based on reason - become "misleading" and "deceptive" when they are lived and embodied in a work like our *Enceinte et inquiète* Service.

Second, we can see an onset of panic among our opponents. This is a good sign. The wind is turning, everywhere on the planet, and even in our little corner of the country. More and more nations, more and more societies, are contesting wall-to-wall liberalism set up after the Second World War. This liberalism, which affirms the absolute autonomy of the individual ("the ideology of choice") at the expense of a coherent Christian morality, has acted, through abortion, contraception, "gay" marriage, euthanasia, etc., as a solvent on families and communities all over

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the planet. Many nations, by survival reflex, contest today this liberalism which ignores truths as fundamental as the 10 commandments of God. In Poland, Hungary, Austria, Italy, Brazil, people are waking up and agree that there are truths that limit the will of the individual, that "You will not kill" is not a law among others, but an essential condition for the survival of families, nations, states and civilizations. The Quebec Life Coalition wishes to be here in Quebec at the forefront of this rebirth of nations, by the return of peoples to the recognition of God and his laws. We find that our "uninhibited voice", including social media, is paying off.



An encouraging finding can be drawn from this series of articles: **we see the extent to which the pro-abortion lobby is marginal compared to our pro-life movement.** Surprising as it may seem, ordinary people do not advocate for abortion. Apart from the well-endowed foundations, it is the government that funds these movements that are hostile to us. For example, the FQPN, in fiscal year 2017-2018, was 96% funded by the Quebec government. In comparison, CQV, with a budget far superior to that of the FQPN, receives 0% in governmental funding and 100% by you our reader. And we are extremely proud of it! We give thanks to God. For its part, the newspaper La Presse, which serves as a mouthpiece for these pro-abortion groups, had to restructure itself for lack of income, turning itself into an NPO (and soon, a charity), making it, in all likelihood, the

imminent recipient of the largesse of Justin Trudeau and his \$ 595 million fund, created one year before the 2019 federal election to fund the Canadian media "trustworthy." In short, a state-dependent media spokesman for a pro-abortion agency fully subsidized by the government, to discredit aid centers and organizations that are 100% funded by the people - and then complains of the anti-elite and anti-government populism that is taking shape everywhere on the planet!

At the Quebec Life Coalition we are certainly not against the idea of a government. We only want it to respect faith, family and life, from conception to natural death. Instead of financing abortion, why not do something beneficial for the nation by encouraging the family?



Prolife prayer you can pray and meditate on with your family

by Saint John Paul II

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life
Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Evangelium Vitae, The Gospel of Life, 105. Source: Vatican.va

A Decision that was difficult to make

The following letter appeared in a Montreal daily (see reference information below) and shows how ingrained the culture of death is in the thoughts of Quebec society. Thankfully the outcome was otherwise.

In January 2018, my partner and I found ourselves in a tight situation. With already two children on our family counter and crazy schedules to manage, I learned that I was pregnant again. A surprise baby! Being 40 years old and my husband 43, we did not really want to go back to changing diapers and preparing baby bottles.

As we had not talked to anyone, not even children, recourse to having an abortion seemed the solution. But, on the morning of the final rendezvous, a signal came from where I do not know sounded in our heads. It was necessary to give a chance to this child. Since September, we are the happy parents of a little pearl who made her nights very quickly and who is the joy of her brother of 15 years and her sister of 12. PHEW! We had a narrow escape!

- Taken and translated from Louise Deschâtelet's column, p. 37, in **Journal de Montréal**, Thursday, January 3, 2019.

Upcoming events: 1 – First Friday Devotion for Life, St Sylvain church, 7 p.m. (adoration, rosary, mass). 750 St Sylvain Blvd., Laval, Friday, Feb. 01, 2019. **2 – Second Monday Devotion for Life**. A rosary for life is recited every second Monday of the month at Saint Joseph's Oratory, beginning at 1 p.m. in St. Br. André's chapel. **3 - 40 Days for Life**, Wed., March 6, 2019. Details to follow. **4 – "The Euthanasia Deception,"** dvd screening, date tba.

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References

Mr. Buschemi's original response may be viewed here https://www.cqv.qc.ca/attaque_mediatique_contre_les_centres_pro_vie_du_quebec

while the LaPresse story can be found here:

<https://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/sante/201901/03/01-5209807-centres-antiavortement-tromperie-et-manipulation.php>

Finally, our pregnancy support service *Enceinte et inquiète* site may be viewed at:

https://www.cqv.qc.ca/enceinte_et_inqui_te

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