



# CULTURE OF LIFE

April 2019  
Quebec  
Life  
Coalition

*For a Christian society that defends faith, family and life from conception to natural death.*



The National March for Life is set for next Thursday, May 9, 2019.

## Why We March

This 22<sup>nd</sup> National March for Life marks 50 years of abortion on demand in Canada. We march in memory of the 4 million + children killed before birth by abortion since 1969, the year former Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau passed an omnibus bill decriminalizing abortion.

- This year, we march in our nation's capital to urge our parliamentarians to put an end to this 50-year-long assault on human life.
- We march because we cannot look the other way and allow this injustice to continue any longer.
- We march for a law that will protect each and every human being from the time of conception until natural death.
- We march for a right to life for all.

The National March for Life this year precedes a crucial federal election in which the stakes are at an all-time high.

- We march to encourage our pro-life lawmakers,

to embolden them, and to show them that we will support them.

- We march to send a strong message to MPs seeking re-election and new candidates, that our vote matters, and on election day, we will not vote for them if they support abortion or are unwilling to change the status quo of abortion on demand.
- We will march and we will proclaim: "We vote pro-life!"



Save the date: **Thursday, May 9, 2019.**

Chartered coaches leave Montreal, Quebec City, Sherbrooke for your convenience.

A low fee (\$40/\$50) permits all to affordably come along. Call (514) 344-2686 for details.

Pregnant ? Need Help ? Call Toll-Free 1-855-871-4442

## “40 Days for Life” Prayer Vigil – A Review



**On Sunday, April 14, 2019, we ended our twenty-first 40-day prayer vigil for the end of abortion.** First begun in 2009 by QLC President Georges Buscemi, the twice annual vigil unites men and women in prayer and fasting to ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bring an end to this horror. The following are a few reflections of this past 40-day public witness.

**The Culture of Death** – On more than a few occasions, I met intelligent articulate people, genuinely interested and working for the betterment of society and their families, showing a degree of reasonableness, yet blind to the destruction of abortion. A woman in her early 50s expressed her love for her children while also justifying the abortion she had in her early years as the best decision she has ever made because she had lacked the material means she thought necessary for the proper rearing of a child.

**Abortion also affects Men** – “Healing the Shock Waves of Abortion” is a book that covers the loss of one child to abortion on everyone involved, the mother and father, the grandparents, the siblings, family and friends even the abortion clinic workers and abortionists themselves. This vigil I was approached by a young man who epitomized this tragedy. Late in life, he learned from his father that his mother had aborted a sibling 18 months after his own birth. This disclosure lifted the veil of confusion about his mom’s aloofness in her relationship with him.

**Parenting Skills Required** – I frequently meet during the vigil individuals, often young adults, lacking basic discourse skills. Typical of these was a young woman who stopped long enough to say that my presence was a form of aggression against women. In a second instance another said that she could not phantom how a man can be involved in an issue that concerned women so intimately. Neither woman remained after their criticism to permit me to reply.

Further, in several instances, I was confronted by persons venting either through curses or personal slurs and then walking away. In these, I identify with the helpless parent before a tantrummy child.

**Humility** – Since December 2016, a fifty-meter bubble zone has been legislated province-wide around abortion facilities preventing pro-life discourse about alternatives to abortion and the complications resulting therefrom to the clients entering these facilities. Yet, even from 50 meters away, I am able to see the women and men entering and leaving these facilities. This is an exercise in humility. I feel powerless at such times, reminded how small I am and how dependent I am, as all of us are, on Our Heavenly Father to work to change this travesty of justice that many think is a right but which kills one and wounds another.

**Our next prayer vigil set to begin September 25, 2019, and conclude November 3, 2019.**



## Court Challenge

### Bubble Zone Challenge

On December 6, 2019, a provincial law came into effect preventing pro-life discourse within a 50-meter radius from any abortion facility.

The Quebec Life Coalition is contesting this attack on our freedoms of peaceful assembly and of speech.

QLC's legal representative, Mr. Robert Reynolds, filed with the Quebec Superior Court, in early March, a motion contesting the legality of the legislation, Bill 92.

In his deposition, Mr. Reynolds writes: "The public square must be open to everyone, and those who share it must expect to be exposed to messages (political, religious, commercial or others) with which they do not agree; to create a 'sanitized zone' on the public square where freedom of expression cannot be exercised is contrary to the fundamental rights recognized in a free and democratic society".

We believe that the provisions of Bill 92 are unconstitutional running against both the federal and provincial charters of rights and freedoms.

Mr. Reynolds also notes in the disposition that "It is clear that the true purpose of the disputed provisions is to restrict the plaintiffs' message and minimize its impact by keeping them at a distance from the abortion clinics, thus undermining the expression of their opinion and attempting to restrict their impact."

**Expert Witness** - In preparation for this court challenge we have found an expert witness, Dr. Priscilla Coleman, supportive our position who is willing to testify on our behalf.



Dr. Coleman teaches at Bowling Green State University in Ohio and has published nearly 50 peer-reviewed journal articles in fields of psychology, family studies, education, and medicine.

Her studies note a statistical correlation or causal relationship between abortion and mental health problems such as anxiety, depression, substance abuse, and suicide.

A major concentration of Dr. Coleman's research has been on the mental health effects of abortion with recent studies addressing the impact of abortion on interpersonal relationships (parenting and intimate partners.)

Her authority has been acknowledged by many groups. She has been invited to address groups in Australia, Chile, Germany, Poland, and Portugal, has been called to be an expert witness in several state and civil court cases, has spoken at the UN, and testified before the U.S. Congress.

She is currently on the editorial boards of five international psychological and medical journals.

## Post Abortion Counselling



The above photo inspired me to introduce a new sign at this past 40-day prayer vigil for the end of abortion in order to break the silence surrounding the harm that abortion does and to offer concrete help:

**Affected by abortion?**  
**We are here for you.**

To interested persons, we suggest caring people, some locally, who have dedicated their lives to help the grieving process associated with abortion and other losses.

These include:

- **Dr. Philip Ney** and his wife **Marie Peters** have started Mount Joy College in Victoria, BC, to train persons in their unique way of post-abortion counselling;
- **Centre for Reproductive Loss**, right here in Montreal;
- **Ms. Benedetta Foa**, an Italian psychologist who visits Quebec once a year to lead a healing retreat called *Le parcours du deuil*; set to run Sept. 11-15, 2019, in Trois-Rivières;
- **Theresa and Brian Burke** at **Rachel Vineyard Ministries** give weekend retreats; these have been held in locals around Montreal – Sherbrooke, Ottawa, Saranac Lake.

## Intercessory Prayers Post Abortion Healing

**For all whose hearts ache from the sin of abortion:** that God will soothe and heal us with the balm of his mercy;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For mothers broken by the memory of a child lost to abortion:** that through the intercession of the Mother of God, the gentle and merciful love of God may heal their innermost being;  
We pray to the Lord:

**For everyone who is haunted by the memory of abortion:** that they might know repentance, mercy, and peace;  
We pray to the Lord.

(Intercessions taken from the USCCB)

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