



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

## Final Edition SHERBROOKE VIGIL COMPLETED!

*From September 22 to October 31, 2021, a faithful and constant group of prayer volunteers came to the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE prayer vigil for the end of abortion and these saved lives, at least 588 lives that we know of.*



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Here is an account of one of these saves.

The second week of the vigil, the Quebec Life Coalition pregnancy resource phone rang. The caller presented himself as a friend of a couple whose wife was diagnosed as carrying a child with trisomy.

**Trisomy** – the presence of an extra chromosome in some or all of the body's cells. This results in a total of three copies of that chromosome instead of the normal two copies. For example, Down syndrome (trisomy 21) is caused by having three copies of chromosome 21 instead of the usual two copies.

He said that the couple were being pressured from the attending physicians to abort their child.

Opposed to abortion, he wanted to learn about adoption procedures in Quebec, thinking that he and his wife could save the life of the unborn child by proposing to his friends that he and his wife adopt the child.

I provided the caller with:

- Two resources re adoption procedures,
- Indicated three families prepared to give personal testimonies about the blessing it is to raise a child with trisomy, one family with two such children, and
- Suggested a counsellor prepared to support the mother about the pressures she was facing.

To the second of these suggestions, I received the following text message on October 9:

We spoke yesterday with the family. We mentioned that there were a couple of parents with children who had down syndrome would be willing to share experience. We will follow up today. They asked for time to think. From now to Wednesday. I hope they are willing to speak with other couples in the meantime.

Then on Thursday, October 14, came the disheartening text message:

Hi Brian, Just to let you know that our friends say they will proceed with the abortion. We have placed in front of them, a lot of options and even families ready to adopt if they wish, besides ours. But they say they are not feeling comfortable with placing the baby in adoption. I really don't know what else to do, except continue praying for them and the baby. Until they actually perform the abortion, there is always hoped to save that life. Thank you, Brian, for all your help. May God continue blessing your work and your family.

I responded briefly that our prayers are continuing; God's graces were forthcoming as seen in an October 18 text message:

Brian, thank you for your prayers. I want to let you know that our friends were in the hospital overnight, in preparation for the abortion a couple of days ago. However, they wrote to let us know that they decided to stop the process and continue with the pregnancy to the end. It is not clear to us yet, whether they will want to raise the child or give him/her for adoption. The father told me that they have decided "to accept the child no matter what". The mother says they might reach out to us after they take a quick break to discuss adoption. We will see what God inspires in their heart, but the important thing is that the baby is safe, and we wanted you to know. I will get back to you as required, if required. May God continue blessing what you do.

A week passed without any news. Finally, I texted message asking for an update.

Dear Brian, I am so sorry I did not get back to you yesterday. All my children are sick (especially the baby), and it has been a very intense week for my wife and me. It's just a severe cold, thank God, though. Regarding our friends, I am pleased to share that they have kept firm in their decision to keep the baby and the pregnancy is going well. Regarding giving him/her in adoption, they have not said anything. I had a long conversation with the mother this past week, when she went for a regular check-up of the baby. I did not want to bring up the subject of adoption because she speaks like she is now convinced to raise the child. Same thing I heard from the father before. They have been praying a lot and it seems they have fully embraced the will of the Lord. They will continue to need all our prayers and we will continue to offer all our help. As soon as the time looks right, we will remind them (rather than insist) that they can speak to other families with children having this condition. I thank you for your prayers and for the work you do. You have helped saved this little life, as you have saved many others. I am sure. May God continue blessing you for that. Thank you and sorry again for my late response.

Canadian law denies the right to life until the child has entirely exited the uterine passage; abortions may be done at anytime before that. We continue to pray for all these infants.

Update

**Pregnant? Worried?**

The Quebec Life Coalition pregnancy support service continues unabated, receiving calls and answering emails from pregnant women needing our assistance. Here are two examples.

A mother phoned from Terrebonne asking to meet with a physician. She has had a history of miscarriages, unable to carry her children to term multiple times. Pregnant anew, she is worried. I provided the name of a physician she could contact.

A single mother, several months pregnant, called asking for support to clean her lodgings.

I contacted a friend already known to this woman along with a husband and wife. Providentially, the couple had recently called me to express their desire to participate more actively in this outreach to women in need.

After agreeing on a time convenient to all, the volunteer work crew met. On arriving, they were overwhelmed by the work to be done as the items to be moved were quite heavy.

Again, providence intervened. Three young brawny men were seen outdoors and were quickly recruited to do the heavy lifting. These three were hesitant at first, not quite sure what they were getting themselves into. Once reassured, the work was done in no time.



In the words of the woman volunteer:

Hi Brian,

Sorry for the late reply.... When we went on Sunday, P. did not wish for me to help with the clean-up...even if there was much left to do. It was great meeting B. we know lots of people in common. I must tell you the hand of God was there and quite visible, Sunday night. The furniture to move was massive! D., my husband was very hesitant, and then someone...B. or P. just looked outside the door which I had left ajar and there were 3 young, very built teenagers, she beckoned them and within 3 seconds they were asking if they had to remove shoes to help. It was done in 20 min. Max! Looking forward to helping...R.

## To Love or to Control

(Michelyne was a regular volunteer at this year's prayer vigil. Mother of three, grandmother of five, as the following personal reflection shows she is a sensitive woman, yet ready to engage persons opposed to life.)

To Control is wanting the Other to become what you decide he will become ...

It is to steal his personality and make it an object subject to your power. He no longer has to Think or Feel, but only Obey.

What if he Resists or Rebels? He will be subject to contempt, to denigration and indifference, and finally, to rejection.

On the other hand, the more the Controlee conforms to the Controller, the more value he gains in the Controller's eyes – as though now the Controlee has the right to exist.

It's as if the Controller has the power of Life or Death over the Controlee. The former is a killer of joy, of life. He extinguishes the Inner Light and replaces it with darkness... his.

Reality is such that human beings have feelings and emotions. These are fueled by Love, Affection, and Tenderness, that we may become a balanced Being and feel Good about ourselves.

**What is to love?** It is wishing to see the other blossom. It is to allow him to be what he is. And help him become a "better person" by teaching him the difference between good and evil, between the truth and lies.

Let's make the Right Choice and choose Love. Because it is Life! Let us love one another. Let us choose Being instead of Appearing! So as not to Disappear!

## A Sherbrooke Synopsis

### 40 Days for Life

In total, 612 locations worldwide hosted a 40-day prayer vigil, of which fourteen were held in Canada. The Sherbrooke vigil was of the 12-hour version, running from 7am to 7pm. We found that a location on Belvedere road was the most propitious site as it provided a line of sight with the entrance of the abortion facility. Also, the roadway is a principal north-south artery permitting to communicate the pro-life message. We numbered between five and eight people daily. In addition to a kickoff evening, other events included a pro-life mass when close to fifty people were present and a closing potluck meal in which 12 to 15 people came.

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