

CULTURE OF LIFE

Defending the Human Person, From Conception to Natural Death

Pregnancy Centre Inaugurated

On Saturday, October 22, 2016, we inaugurated the opening of our pregnancy resource centre.

Activities began at 9 am and ran until about 5pm. After a morning mass and over bagels and coffee, **Quebec Life Coalition** president Mr. Georges Buscemi unveiled to the 55 persons or so gathered the name of the centre – **Centre Saint-Enfant-Jésus**.



After touring the three-bedroom facility began a series of reflections and personal testimonies from speakers having travelled from Quebec City, Trois-Rivières, and locally on the theme of how to support women living a difficult pregnancy.

Sylvie B shared about becoming



pregnant at 15 and the hurdles she faced, particularly being forced out of the family home.

Noella shared her story of infertility leading to an adoption only to learn shortly thereafter of becoming pregnant. She also spoke of her sorrow concerning the women whom she meets in her professional life who confide about their forced abortions.

In the afternoon, after a potluck lunch, persons reconvened to a plenary session led by two women – Lise and Josée, who shared their reflections about of their abortion experiences and how God has intervened, and continues to do so, in their lives. These two also facilitated the discussion that was marked by many comments and questions.

Several persons had expressed an interest in volunteering at the new centre and so an information session for volunteering was scheduled for 7 pm,

Needs – Pregnancy Centre

Your support in the continuation of this project would be appreciated.

Two particular needs may interest you.

First, bathroom renovations are set to begin at month's end. The week-long work will be done by one of our volunteers along with her husband's nephew. The cost is estimated at \$1500. To those who wish to help us defray this expense, we are fortunately able to issue you **income-tax receipts**. These would be issued by the church of Saint-Enfant-Jesus, a non-profit organization, legally capable of giving such receipts, something the centre is yet able to do but are working on. Please contact me at (438) 930-8643 for details.

Else, **a driver is needed** to bring infant articles to a single pregnant mom living in Lachine. The donor lives in Brossard. Items can easily fit into a standard size car having collapsible rear seats. Please call me for details.

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Centre Saint-Enfant-Jésus

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The centre is located in the rectory of Saint-Enfant-Jésus du Mile-End church.

It is the fruit of several years of prayer and sacrifice, as the property is adjacent to the site of the 40 Days for Life prayer vigils for the end of abortion, first begun in the spring of 2009 and held twice yearly ever since.

The focus of the centre is to aid women experiencing a difficulty in their pregnancy, offering them counselling, resources, and if needed lodging. Three bedrooms are available for now for this latter end.

To date similar centres are being discussed in the Trois-Rivières, Beauce and Québec city areas.



40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

16th vigil has many firsts

Despite have held fifteen other vigils for the end of abortion, our 16th surprised in that of the novelty of some of the events.

From Wednesday, September 28, 2016, through to Sunday November 6, 2016, we brought the message of life to the Plateau sector of Montreal with our continuous vigil from 7 am to 7 pm daily.



The **40 Days for Life** prayer vigil brought peoples from the region of Montreal and beyond – Granby and Quebec City, for pray for an end to abortion.

This vigil had several firsts. On two occasions we moved off campus. On one occasion the media reported that late term abortions were being performed at Sainte

Late-Term Abortions:

This past October, Marc Thibodeau, journalist at the French daily LaPresse, wrote two articles dealing with late-term

Justine Hospital and without missing a beat three of us moved the vigil to the doorsteps of the institutions for several hours.

Another first was moving the vigil indoors. On a Saturday, fifty five or so persons gathered inside the rectory of the neighbouring church in order to inaugurate out pregnancy care centre. The bedroom centre will provide lodging and support to pregnant women experiencing a difficulty in their pregnancy.

What is the Pro-Life Message

In its most basic level, the pro-life message is this:

An unborn child is a human person whose life has value and deserves to be protected by our society.

But we also have an important message to share about how abortion harms women –and men – and about how committed the pro-life movement is to helping women face untimely pregnancies and choose life for their babies.

abortions in Quebec.

(For reasons that remain unclear to me, in Québec only, the qualifier “late-term” refers to abortions after 21 weeks whereas in most other regions, it means after 26

weeks.)

The first report concerned the fate of children born alive after an abortion. Elsewhere, many, if not all, are left to die unattended. Is it doubtful that a dissimilar fate awaits them here?

The second presented the outcome of two children whose mothers either had or did not have the Zika virus. (The Zika virus is transmitted via mosquito and believed to cause encephaly.) If you haven't read his articles these may be viewed as indicated as follows:

« Avortements tardifs : Le collège des médecins 'préoccupé,'
<http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/sante/2016/10/13/01-5030307-avortements-tardifs-le-college-des-medecins-preoccupe.php>

« Le virus Zika au Canada - le dilemme déchirant des femmes enceintes infectées,»
<http://www.lapresse.ca/actualites/2016/10/14/01-5030717-zika-une-canadienne-se-fait-avorter-sans-savoir-si-le-foetus-etait-infecte.php>

Quebec Life Coalition supporter, Ms. Solange Viau boldly took several media personalities to task for not having developed these important stories. The following letter, to Mr. Benoit Dutrizac, is typical of her challenge and defense of the unborn:

Hello Mr. Benoit Dutrizac!

Thank you for your news programs but last week, I WAS WAITING FOR MORE!

Two shocking stories appeared in La Presse this past 14 and 15 (October), regarding late (term) abortions in Quebec, and I did not hear anything during your broadcasts on the subject. To be certain, I checked the contents of your broadcasts of last week and I have not seen anything in connection with this matter of great importance, presented by journalist Marc Thibodeau. If you have not read these articles, here are the titles and (web) addresses (...)

The media have extensively covered the story of that woman, a Jehovah Witness, who sadly died after childbirth. It was quickly blamed on religion.

However, NOT A WORD about the hundreds of children who have painfully survived an abortion because of that atheism, the thought system that looks like a "religion," and that from its obscure principles and based on medieval knowledge deprives unborn children, the youngest of human society, of all their rights. Nobody wishes to die by undergoing the tortures that we inflict upon the unborn!

Wouldn't all unborn children wish one day to be able to "die with dignity".

If the unborn could make their voices heard while they are in the death row, this is what you hear:

They cry out: "I want to be born and grow", "I do not want to die" and sobs in his voice, they sing: "Do not kill the beauty of the world!"

Like other Western countries, our society should have more compassion for these little ones.

A report on the subject would be much appreciated, and I thank you in advance.

- Solange Viau, Montreal