



# QUEBEC LIFE COALITION

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*Defending the human person,  
from conception until natural death*

National March for Life 2015 - Ottawa

## 25 000 Gather on Parliament Hill



*Gathering on Parliament Hill prior to the march through the streets of Ottawa*

Dear friends of Life,

This past Thursday, May 14, 2015, I had the pleasure to attend my 4<sup>th</sup> National March for Life in our nation's capital.

This day began meeting other travelers at one of the 7 designated locations where 5 chartered buses would pick up about 180 Quebecers for the daytrip to Ottawa.

The march is organized yearly by Canada's national pro-life lobby group Campaign Life Coalition, of which we at the Quebec Life Coalition are an affiliate member and fellow organizer. This year we marked the 18<sup>th</sup> march and was a resounding success drawing nearly 25 000 under sunny skies to profess to our

elected officials, and many others, this year's theme "When Faced with Hard Choices, **Let Life Win.**"

The three-day event began on the eve with a candle light vigil and opening mass and would conclude on the following day after with an all-day youth conference.

After a two-hour ride, our bus arrived in Ottawa where we had the choice of attending any one of six different religious services. The majority of us went to the celebration at the cathedral, Our Lady of Ottawa.

After mass and a picnic in Major's Hill Park, our group made its way to the main event site, Parliament Hill, to listen to political and religious dignitaries until the beginning of the walk.



*Members of our grouping picnicking in Major's Hill Park*

After the march and having returned to the hill, we listened to both women and men share their experiences of abortion and how it has harmed them. They had travelled from across the country to be in Ottawa and are members of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign fellowship that works at helping men and women grieve and heal from having had an abortion. This is a yearly part of the National March and about fifteen persons spoke.



*Participants of the Silent No More Awareness group*

Further, the day had a very poignant significance as it was 36 years ago to the day that Canada had legally permitted abortion in legislation sponsored by then Liberal Justice Minister, Pierre Elliott Trudeau in an Omnibus bill – the above photo is from Salt and Light Television.



*Participants of the National March on Parliament Hill*

## **COURT INJUNCTIONS**

Preparations continue for our forthcoming court date. The plaintiffs, three abortion centers along with other concerned parties, are petitioning the Quebec Superior Court for a permanent injunction against our peaceful prayerful presence outside the abortion facilities.

As these legal tasks are onerous financially, we have taken some steps to cover our expenses and you can help us.

Consider attending a fundraising dinner-dance.

## Dinner Dance

**Agape**, a community organization with offices in Laval, is organizing for us a fundraising evening on **Saturday, June 13, 2015**.

Well established in the Laval area for over forty years, Agape provides assistance to both individuals and families, including post-abortive women.

Regular attendee at the 40-day prayer vigils for the end of abortion, Agape General Manager Mrs. Elizabeth (Betty) McLeod leads a one-evening per week support group for abused women, many of whom having experienced the complications associated with having had an abortion.

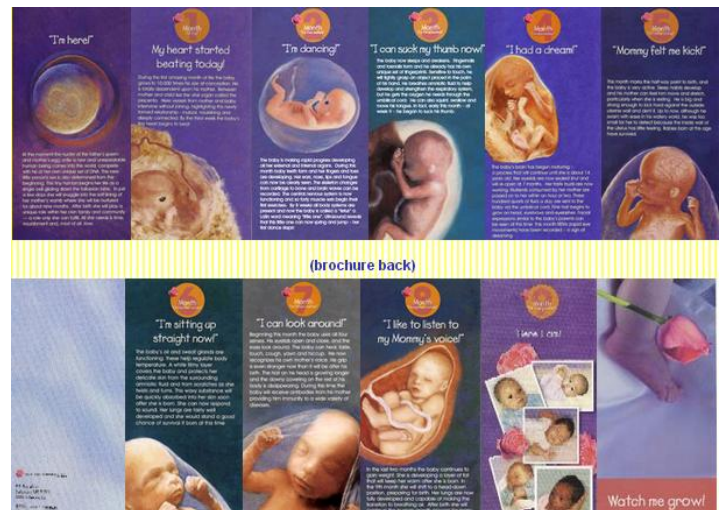
The fundraiser will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Curé-Labelle Blvd. in Chomedey, Laval.

Tickets for this evening of recreation are \$15 apiece and this includes a four-course meal. Music will provide a festive mood and gift prizes will be raffled off during the evening.

Bring your friend as space is limited to approximately 105 people.

For information call Betty or Mr. Ian Williams at Agape, (450) 686-4333.

## WATCH ME GROW! Pamphlet



We have recently received a stock of the pro-life brochure “**Watch Me Grow !**”

Distributed by Little One Publishing, the pamphlet graphically presents in one month increments the growth of human life from conception through until the arrival of the child.

In addition to the graphic, each of these is accompanied by a text describing the salient developmental features of the child for the given period. For example, the text for the one-month period reads:

*During this first amazing month of life the baby grows to 10,000 times his size at conception. He is totally dependent upon his mother. Between mother and child lies the vital organ called the placenta. Here vessels from mother and baby intertwine without joining, highlighting this newly formed relationship – mutual, nourishing and deeply connected. By the third week the baby's tiny heart begins to beat.*

The pamphlets are wonderful for instructional purposes and with a donation, we will gladly mail you a complimentary one, **in either French or English**.

### Pro-Life Apologetics

#### 10 REASONS NOT TO HAVE AN ABORTION

- It compounds the tragedy.
- It takes innocent lives.
- It violates civil rights.
- It punishes innocent people.
- It can harm women.
- It is damaging to relationships and families.
- It never goes away.
- It creates new problems.
- It avoids responsibility.
- It's not empowering or liberating for women.

(Condensed from an article by Kristi Burton Brown at **LifeNews**)

## SUMMER EVENTS



Having had a taste of some warm weather, we know that summer is close at hand which means our regular programming is forthcoming.

### **Let's Gather in the Name of Jesus. June 20.**

- For the past several years, an ecumenical group of Christians have come together to celebrate our foundation in Christ Jesus and the values stemming therefrom. This year is no different as we plan to meet in Montreal to socialize with food and music. This year, the event is planned for Ahuntsic Park, located next to the Henri-Bourassa metro station. Several speakers are invited to address those gathered including Montreal archbishop Christian Lépine. The day runs from 10 am through to 2 pm.

### **Crossroads Walkers**

- Since 2011, we have welcomed yearly a sturdy group of college age youth who have spent their summer walking across Canada for the cause of life. Beginning in British Columbia in May, they trek eastward stopping in municipalities along the way meeting church groups and praying outside abortion mills. Last year ten made their way to Montreal. This year their stop-over in Montreal before heading off to Ottawa is scheduled for the weekend of August 7-8-9-10.

### **Summer Corn Roast**

- On either **Sunday, August 16 or 23, 2015**, we will transform our offices into a meal shack serving Quebec's finest corn on the cob. Also, as in previous years we will have a guest speaker; this year the Reverend Fr. Joseph Blais has accepted our invitation. Come and enjoy some fine fare and visit our offices.

**PREGNANT? NEED HELP?**  
**Call Toll Free – 1 (855) 871-4442**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Over the past few weeks, several mothers and one father have contacted us via our help line or by email requesting support during their pregnancies. We commend to your prayer these persons living in such places as Montréal, Bois-des-Fillions, Boucherville and Québec.

### **PRO-LIFE PRAYER EVENTS**

- Both English and French prayer meetings promoting a culture of life are held on a monthly if not weekly basis throughout the greater Montreal area, including Laval and Longueuil. Until then contact us for further information on this matter.

Yours for Life

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