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

## PREGNANT AT 13 MY LIFE HAS CHANGED THANKS TO HER



Dear Friends of Life,

*The following beautiful story appeared in Montreal's **Journal de Montréal**, this past Monday, August 31, 201. Reporter Marie-Christine Noe tells the story of a young woman who chose life for her unborn child despite some imposing hurdles. (Photos courtesy of Facebook)*

The life of a girl from Coaticook completely changed when she accidentally became pregnant at the age of 13 and decided to raise her child alone.

"I became pregnant at the end of my first year of high school. Everyone looked at me askance and called me a whore. They said I'll ruin the life of my daughter and that I would not go far in life," recalls Cassandra

Guimond, who is now 16 and raising her two-year old daughter Abeillya while continuing his studies.

The young mother confesses that she did not want to become pregnant so young. Yet, the condom burst during intercourse with her high school boyfriend. She realized that she was pregnant into her third month of pregnancy.

Kassandra wanted an abortion, but on hearing her daughter's heartbeat, she changed her mind.

"I said to myself: ' I'll keep it, I'll care for it,' " she recalls. My daughter is perfect, my sunshine. I am proud to say that my daughter is the greatest joy of my life even though I am still young. "

The young mother was homeschooled during her pregnancy and managed to complete her first year.

Tomorrow is an important day for Cassandra as she returns to school to complete her education.

Afterwards she wants to follow a vocational training program in animal production.

"I want to have my own farm and raise animals," says the young mother of 16.

### **Parental Support**

Kassandra can count on the presence of her parents. She lived under their roof during her pregnancy, but since July 1, she lives alone in an apartment. Kassandra is no longer in a relationship with the father of her daughter.

"At first I found it a bit hard, but when I have a question, I call my mother," she says.

Indeed, Sonia Dupont and the other members of the Kassandra's family make themselves available to the young mother.

"We help her a lot. I am very proud of my daughter. She takes good care of Abeillya," says Ms. Dupont, Kassandra's mother.

Marie-Pier Guimond, Kassandra's sister, admits to being honored to be the godmother.

"My niece is very happy, she has changed our lives. We were afraid at first, but my sister takes good care of her little one. "

### **Difficult Adolescence**

Before having her daughter, the young mother was rebellious and did not respect authority.

"I had problems with the police, but since having Abeillya, I became more mature. I have also changed friends," she says.

Following these changes, Kassandra decided last year to create a Facebook page so as to share about her

story. Since June 2014, close to 30 000 people follow her.

"I get 20-25 messages per day. People ask me lots of questions, like how I told my parents or how is it going with my daughter. Some even live in France," says Kassandra.

More than 41,000 people have even "liked" her latest Facebook entry, which summarizes her history and her return to school.

However, she warns young girls who might be tempted to imitate her.

"I would not advise them to get pregnant at that age. I love my daughter, really. I would also have liked to have her a little later, after having finished school and lived my youth," she concludes



### **OVER 200 CANADIAN LOCATIONS**

Please mark **Sunday, October 4, 2015**, on your calendars. It is on this day that the annual life chain returns to Montreal, Quebec City, and over 200 other locations across Canada.

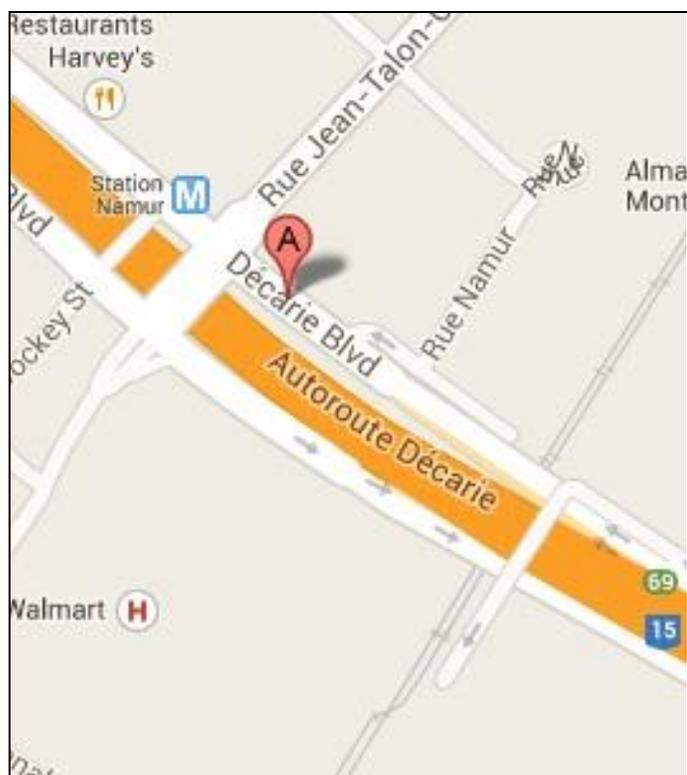
Begun 28 years ago, the Life Chain is a powerful, peaceful expression of solidarity with the unborn child threatened by abortion.

As over 30 000 children die annually in Quebec and 110 000 across Canada from abortions, the life chain is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

**How it Works** – Participants show up at the vigil location and after receiving signs take up positions twenty to thirty feet from one another along a busy thoroughfare. Then, over the next hour in silence and prayer the signs are held for the passing motorists and pedestrians to see and become aware of this grave injustice affecting our society.

Examples of some of the signs to be shown include the following;

- **L'adoption: Une Alternative à l'Avortement**
- **OUI à l'Adoption**
- **L'Avortement Tue des Enfants**



The Montreal area life chain location will be as in years past along Decarie Blvd. at the intersection of Jean-Talon Street (south side, see map on the reverse side), a short distance from the Namur Métro station. Plenty of parking is available on the western side of Decarie. It is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and run for an hour. For additional information, contact Mario Richard, (514) 344-2686.

**You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer!**

## CONFERENCE/CORN ROAST



This past **Sunday, August 30, 2015**, the pro-life group at Saint Sylvain parish in Laval sponsored a corn-roast/conference. Over seventy persons gathered in the basement of the church after the 11 am mass for fine fare and to listen to Quebec Life Coalition President, **Mr. Georges Buscemi**, present a talk on the family and the defense of life in contemporary society. After his talk, Mr. Buscemi participated in a question and comment session with the audience. The popular rape exception was asked by two attendees - "Should a woman who has been raped be permitted to abort if they become pregnant as the result of the rape?" One of these two questioners noted that in time of war, women are often brutally raped and such may lead to conception. Mr. Buscemi, the father of four young children, responded that however criminal and inhumane rape is, entailing harsh penal penalties, this does not detract from the sacredness of the life growing inside the mother's womb, a life known to god and which will contribute in a unique manner to the good of society.

## PRO-LIFE PRAYER EVENTS

It is with delight that I announce the formation of yet another pro-life prayer group. "*Les enfants trisomique de Marie*" is the initiative of two mothers each having a child with trisomy-17. As 95% of pre-born children diagnosed with this condition are aborted, these two mothers are praying to remedy a grave injustice in our society. The first gathering was held at Saint Joseph Oratory this Saturday, September 15, 2015 at 10:45 am in the basilica's crypt with subsequent ones on the first Saturdays. Participants will recite a pro-life

rosary, attend the mass, and afterwards gather for a community lunch. For further information, see below.

### English Groups

- **Saint John Fisher** (Pointe-Claire) parish hosts a “Rosary for the Unborn,” Mondays and Fridays, at 7 p.m., lasting an hour in the adoration chapel, entry via the parking lot.
- **Saint Kevin Parish** (Cote-des-Neiges). A pro-life rosary is recited along with other prayers at the conclusion of the Saturday evening mass on the first Saturday of the month.
- **Mary Queen of Peace** church. Pro-life rosary, the first Sunday of the month, prior to the 5 p.m. mass.
- **Saint John Brébeuf** church (LaSalle). A rosary for life is recited every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, mass follows at 7:30 pm.
- **Eucharist for Life**. Gathering of families who meet on the first Sunday of each month to pray for priests and the unborn and share some recreational time. Information: (514) 481-6502. Next meeting is Sunday, October 4, 2015, from 2 pm to 4 pm at Loyola High School.

### French Groups

- **Saint-Joseph’s Oratory**, a rosary for life is recited on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. The location is the left transept, near the altar, in the basilica, also known as the St. Br. André chapel.
- **Saint-Enfant Jésus church**, 5055 Saint Dominique Street, An afternoon of prayer. Every Saturday, beginning at 1 p.m. adoration, rosary, and mass.
- **Saint Cyril and Saint Methodius** church, (Iberville metro station, at 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue) the first Friday of each month rosary for life (6:45 pm.) Tridentine mass follows afterwards at 7:30 pm.
- **Saint Sylvain church** in Laval hosts a pro-life prayer evening every first Friday of the month - adoration, rosary, and mass. The evening ends with fellowship. It all begins at 7 pm.
- **Les enfants trisomiques de Marie** prayer group, meets once per month at Saint Joseph’s Oratory. Rosary, mass, and lunch/picnic. Information Myriam (514) 748-5123.
- **Saint-Georges, Beauce**. A monthly prayer group meets to recite a decade of the rosary in different locations. Information: Rosemary at (418) 230-3259.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – Our twice annual prayer vigil for the end of abortion is one once again this fall.

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



### PRAYER REQUEST

Over the past few weeks, several of our callers have inquired about where to procure an abortion. In one instance a mother whose daughter was several weeks pregnant called and expressed urgency to get the abortion done. As I spoke about the complications associated with having an abortion, I sensed I was not getting anywhere. Finally I told the lady that we do not recommend locations and at this the caller hung up. Please keep her and her daughter in your prayers.

Yours for Life,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Jenkins".

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