



# CULTURE OF LIFE

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



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Thousands of Pro-Lifer's participated in the **National March for Life**, in Ottawa, Ontario, on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Prior to the march through the streets of downtown Ottawa, the crowd had gathered on Parliament Hill to listen to several speakers, including former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson, portrayed in a recently released film, "Unplanned," which described her journey from abortion facility volunteer and manager to pro-life defender.



Also, Members of Parliament stood at front together

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with religious leaders. Among the former were Brad Trost, Pierre Lemieux, Harold Albrecht, David Anderson.

At least 10 Catholic bishops were present on the Hill, including Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto, Ottawa archbishop Terrence Prendergast, Montreal Archbishop Christian Lépine.

Abortion became legal in Canada on May 14, 1969; thus it has been 50 years.



QLC coordinated the transportation of three bus coaches from Quebec for persons wishing to attend the day-long activities which began with a mass and concluded with testimonies of persons regretting their abortion and a closing prayer service.

In addition from Montreal and Quebec City, coaches brought persons from Drummondville, Saint-Jerome, and Sherbrooke.

## 2019 National March for Life

### A March of Duty

by Josie Luetke



When abortion was decriminalized in Canada in 1969 thanks to Pierre Elliott Trudeau's omnibus bill, it had already been well-established that human life begins at fertilization.

However, the debate about liberalizing abortion coincided with the debate about permitting contraception. Perhaps those less apprised on these issues could have confused abortion as no different than contraception, especially as the use of ultrasounds was not yet widespread.

Perhaps, also, supporters of the omnibus bill, Bill C-150, could have claimed that they naively believed that abortion would only be permitted when a woman's health, strictly defined, was actually endangered – that abortion wouldn't become the free-for-all it is today. These are weak excuses, but they are nonetheless excuses.

No excuse exists today.

Technology has provided us an even clearer window into the womb than ever before. The science of embryology – in whatever level of detail you desire – is just a click away.

By your reading this, you know of both the humanity of the preborn and the humanity of abortion, and that knowledge obliges you to act.

We march because it's one way for us to carry out this duty that is imposed on each and every one of us to protest against injustice whenever and wherever it occurs, to speak out for those whose voices have been stripped from them. We march because rallying on Parliament Hill and walking shoulder to shoulder with others who love life through the streets of our nation's capital rejuvenates us so we can continue to carry out our duty to the preborn when we return to our local communities. We march because we have no excuses. The second greatest commandment – to love your neighbour as yourself – demands us to care about the children who someone deemed unworthy of life, about the parents left fractured, about a society rendered cold. It demands that his care envelop us totally.

None of us are exempt from this obligation. We are ALL called to the pro-life movement.

So join us as we march.

The author is associated with Campaign Life Coalition Youth and the text appeared on the eve of the march.



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Private Screening

Unplanned



The QLC is pleased to offer private viewings of a yet to be released in Canada pro-life film.

**Unplanned** chronicles the story of Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director and Employee of the Year recipient turned pro-life advocate.

The film walks the viewer through her rise in the number one abortion provider in the U.S., her epiphany, and the people who helped her transition.

When released in the U.S. the film both exceeded marketing projections and moved untold numbers to participate in the ending abortion movement.

The impact of the American release of the film had another important effect. A not insignificant number of abortion facility workers quit their jobs.

Today, Abby is a busy speaker in the movement to end abortion and promotes an organization aimed at helping former abortion facility workers to transition out of their former way of life, the Society of Centurions.

QLC is coordinating private screenings of the film to community leaders. For information call 514 344-2686.

## Brave Mothers

In our **Brave Mothers** feature we profile the children along with the mothers who braved harsh conditions to permit them to see the light of day, nurturing and carrying them to term.

We last reported on **Nathan**, a little over a year ago, a month after his birth. Today the child of Manuela is a healthy and stocky 13-month old bundle of energy.



QLC volunteers Colette and Vaclav met mother and son this past week, describing young Nathan as shy initially but then becoming rollicking.

Manuela was one of three women who benefitted by QLC's residential program until it was forced to close at the end of February 2018. Colette and Vaclav welcomed her into their home for the balance of the pregnancy and for several weeks after the birth. Since she has found lodging with her sister.

Hurdles continue for mother. The hospital delivery charges were quite burdensome and this past summer, twisters forced the family to leave their damaged apartment. Some stability has returned to the family.

## Spaghetti Fundraiser

**All are welcomed** to attend a spaghetti fundraiser, Saturday, June 15, 2019 at Saint Ambroise church, 1215, Beaubien Street East, Montreal. Mass begins at 4 p.m. with dinner following downstairs in the church hall. Menu includes complimentary wine, spaghetti, and a variety of salads. Cost \$20.



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