

## Chair's Message

Fall 2024

Dear pro-life friend,

I hope you had a good summer. We now move into the “normal” part of the year again. It's time to recommit to our action as members of Hamilton Right To Life. Our short **Annual General Meeting (AGM) is coming up (Wed., Sept.18<sup>th</sup>)**, with inspiring videos immediately after the meeting. Please join us!

There are many values in our current society that do not match up with our sense of values. Supposedly Canada is a land respecting diversity, yet our values are being pushed to the side, even ridiculed. Health care workers are fast losing their right to practice according to their conscience. Cities are trying to limit images we might show in mailings or on signs. One person objects to a billboard, and the company takes our billboard down. We are prohibited from praying within “bubble zones” near abortion facilities.

We honour those who resist peacefully, and act according to their conscience, or speak up despite attempts at silencing. We honour Linda Gibbons, who continues to stand prayerfully within a “bubble zone,” spending years in detention due to this unjust court injunction. We honour Bill Whatcott, who is being brought back for a retrial, after a judge acquitted him based on our Canadian right to freedom of thought and speech. We honour our friends at Delta Hospice who at great cost resisted the B.C. government's push to have them allow MAiD at their hospice, and whose facilities were taken by the government through a legal loophole.

We, like them, need just a bit of courage and determination to stand on the sidewalk prayerfully holding a sign in the **Life Chain (Sun., Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>)**. Are you up to it? Let's pray that, by the grace of God, there will be drivers who change their hearts, and women who decide not to have that abortion. Thank you for your time and for speaking up for life when opportunities present themselves.



Board Chair (Rev.) Ted Slaman



## Upcoming Events

Please REGISTER FOR EVENTS by visiting our website: [HamiltonRightToLife.org/events](https://HamiltonRightToLife.org/events)

Or Call our office: 905-528-3065

### Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

At Regina Mundi Parish Hall, 631 Mohawk Rd. W., Hamilton

Please join us as we share highlights and financial report of the past year, elect the slate of directors for the board and watch some videos (including one on the Delta Hospice in B.C.).

Light refreshments served.





## 40 Days for Life – Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

We are again joining 40 Days for Life for their daily silent prayer vigil across from McMaster Children’s Hospital, on the public sidewalk near Williams Café. Please register for a one-hour timeslot (or a few times over the weeks) by visiting their website: [40DaysForLife.com/Hamilton](http://40DaysForLife.com/Hamilton)

## Life Chain – Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Let us be a light in our community at any of the five sites:



### Hamilton:

- McMaster Children’s Hospital, corner of Main St. West & Broadway Ave. On the public sidewalk, across from the hospital.
- Upper James St. & Mohawk Rd
- Juravinski Hospital, 711 Concession St. & East 28th St.

### Stoney Creek:

- Hwy 20 & Hwy 8 (Centennial Pkwy & Queenston Rd.), Stoney Creek, park @ Eastgate Square
- Hwy 8 & Grays Rd, park @ Stoney Creek Shopping Plaza



## Respect Life Dinner – Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

Please come to our Annual Fundraising Dinner for fellowship, music, great food and a raffle draw.

**Guest Speaker:** Blaise Alleyne, Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR)

**Topic:** Euthanasia & MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying)

**Where:** Michelangelo Banquet Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa St., Hamilton

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. doors open; 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Cost:** \$55 / person; Tables of 8, 9, or 10



## Please mark your Calendar – Early 2025 Events:

- **Candlelight Prayer Vigil** – Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>
- **Life Talks Conference** – Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>
- **National March for Life, Ottawa** – Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>



## Past Events:

### National March for Life Ottawa – May 9<sup>th</sup>

We sent two buses (both almost full) this year: one for adults and families, the other for our NEW two-day Youth experience, including the March, the Rose Gala Dinner and Youth Summit, where they heard Abby Johnson, a past abortion clinic director, former pro-choicer, and now an avid pro-life supporter.

#### Participant Comments:

This will be my first time participating in the National March for Life. I feel passionately I must do it this year to stand up for the rights of the unborn and others whose right to life is threatened  
...M.M.

Thanks, HRTL, for continuing to do such a great job for life from womb to tomb and everything in between! May God continue to Bless your work! Always in our prayers! Xo  
...M.R.

### Baby Bottle Campaign – Mother’s Day to Father’s Day

In humble appreciation, we announce that all our expectations were surpassed with the generous support of our donors through our Spring Baby Bottle Campaign. **\$39,878.54** was raised, a 23% increase over 2023 results.

A heartfelt thank you to all our participants, from the following 15 church congregations: Annunciation of Our Lord, Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Most Blessed Sacrament, Dundas Calvin Christian Reformed Church, Immaculate Heart of Mary, New Hope Christian Centre, Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Regina Mundi, St. Ann (Sherman Ave.), St. Lawrence, St. Margaret Mary, St. Luke’s, Sts. Peter & Paul, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Francis Xavier.

THANK YOU!



## Further Thought

### MAiD – Medical Assistance in Dying

We learned in July in an unusual way that a man named Steve was considering MAiD. As a long-time Hamilton Ticats Football fan Steve was recognized at a home game due to his ongoing health challenges. The whole crowd stood and clapped, yet many probably did not know that he would be dying by assisted suicide. We at Hamilton Right to Life (HRTL) offered our help and that of Compassionate Community Care to Steve and his mother, through a second party, yet sadly they declined our help and consideration of palliative care. Our hearts and prayers go out to Steve and his family and others affected by assisted suicide.



**MAiD Drugs Cover the Truth:** Recently, Jordan Peterson's podcast sparked attention when he interviewed Kelsi Sheren, a distinguished Canadian veteran, author, podcaster, and mental health advocate, who passionately explained how the drugs given for MAiD cause a death like drowning. Sheren cited the research of Dr. Joel Zivot, an associate professor of anesthesiology and critical care at Emory University and an expert witness at the Senate hearings committee relating to Bill C-7 that eventually expanded eligibility for MAiD in Canada to individuals whose death is not reasonably foreseeable. Based on Zivot's study of the autopsies of criminals in the United States who were executed by lethal injection, in 85% of the cases, the lungs were twice their normal weight and full of water, the result of using Phenobarbital in the drug cocktail. Euthanasia uses similar drugs to paralyze and sedate the person, making it impossible for the person to show distress as their lungs fill with fluid. He said an assisted death "could be exceedingly painful and more like akin to drowning." The drugs can take up to 24 hours to work. Even with this evidence, some doctors disagree saying it is a "painless death." Sheren tirelessly works to make Canadians aware of the trust about assisted suicide and euthanasia. Hamilton Right to Life Board Members and Staff had the firsthand experience to hear Sheran speak at the recent Alliance for Life Conference ([AllianceForLifeOntario.ca](http://AllianceForLifeOntario.ca)). (... as quoted in the June/24 Choose Life Niagara newsletter)

#### Sad MAiD Statistics:

As cited by the Office of the Chief Coroner/Ontario, Forensic Pathology Service:

#### Total # of MAiD Deaths:

2016 to 2023 (seven years)	18,373
In 2023 (last year alone)	4,641

**Suicide – a permanent “solution” for a temporary condition.**