

How many have you adopted?



One of the most common “arguments” used by abortion advocates on our facebook page of late goes something like this, “if you aren’t willing to adopt the unwanted babies that would be born if abortion was illegal, you have no right to oppose abortion.” How to respond?

To start with, the statement is a complete ruse. It is an ad-hominem, strawman, and red herring all wrapped in one. It’s an attack on our character as it implies we don’t care about what happens to babies after they are born, and it sets us up as judgmental, uncaring individuals who can easily be brushed aside as not worthy of an opinion. It’s a red herring because it does absolutely nothing to refute our central argument that abortion unjustly ends the life of an innocent, defenseless human being. Aside from all that, the suggestion that pro-lifers don’t adopt babies is blatantly false.

I know a number of pro-life people who have adopted babies, and there are numerous pro-life organizations that facilitate adoptions, among myriad other services to care for women and children after they are born. To suggest pro-lifers don’t care about born children is simply not true.

More importantly, even if pro-lifers aren’t willing to adopt and don’t do anything at all for born children, the fact remains that it’s wrong to kill unborn babies. One person’s unwillingness to adopt a baby in no way gives another person the right to kill that baby before

it’s born, nor does it do anything to prove the unborn child is not a human person.

What abortion advocates are really doing when they resort to this tactic is trying to avoid the impossible task of proving the unborn are not human persons. They’d rather take the lazy route by disparaging our character and dismissing us as unworthy of holding an opinion on the matter.

Moreover, they really don’t care if we are willing to adopt or not. We could tell them we have adopted 10 babies and they would still say we have no right to oppose abortion. No matter how many children we adopt, they will not change their mind on the issue.

It isn’t hard to imagine supporters of legalized slavery making the claim, “if you aren’t willing to take in and care for all the slaves who would be set free if we abolished slavery you have no right to speak out against slavery.” That is exactly what abortion advocates are arguing when they use the adoption ruse on us, and we need to call them out on it.

Next time you hear someone claim you have no right to be pro-life unless you adopt and care for all the unwanted children, ask them, “why does that matter? How does my record on adoption make killing the pre-born morally acceptable?” Then ask them if it would be okay to kill a born child because no one is willing to adopt her; 99% will say of course not.

You can now move past the subject of your adoption record and discuss the crux of the issue: is the unborn child a “person” like that born child they wouldn’t kill because no one is willing to adopt her?

Marlon Bartram, BSW
Executive Director



Membership Update 2018



Thank you to everyone who has kept their membership current, and thank you to all our new members for choosing to be a part of the Kelowna Right to Life Society in 2018. We currently boast 481 memberships and donors, 231 of whom are current with their memberships dues. An impressive number to be sure, and very much appreciated, but still a far cry from the more than 1200 active members we had in the 1980's.

With a KRTL membership, you will be kept informed on pro-life activities and news in the Central Okanagan and beyond. You will also enable us to continue our steadfast opposition to abortion and other violations against innocent human life. Please join us and encourage others to do so as well! Memberships are \$10 per year for an individual, \$15 for a family, and \$25 for a corporation or group.

Membership fees and any extra tax-deductible donations you make allow us to continue our important work of speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Thank you and God bless!

Fetal Monitor Campaign

Thanks to the many people who donated to our campaign, we were able to raise \$7,000 to purchase a wireless fetal monitor for the perinatal unit at KGH, and we achieved this before our set deadline of March 25th! This piece of equipment will be of great assistance

to both mother and baby during premature and other difficult births by delivering vital medical information to doctors and nurses throughout the birthing process.



A very special thank you and note of gratitude to St. Charles Garnier Catholic Parish in Kelowna who matched all other donations with a generous gift of \$3,500! Thank you to Father Bart, St. Charles staff, and all the parishioners! The Kelowna Right to Life Society is very happy to see pro-lifers give to the larger community in this way.

Pro-Life Truck

It's finally here. After weeks of planning and hard work, our pro-life truck is rolling around the streets of Kelowna, and what an impact it is having already!

Consider this, in less than a week, just 2 posts on our facebook page regarding the truck have attracted over 2,000 comments, 100 emails to our office, and several phone calls. In total, the truck posts have appeared on the feeds of people's facebook pages just under 200,000 times!

Far from "preaching to the choir," a big majority of those commenting on the truck are of the pro-abortion mindset. This is a blessing, as it gives us occasion to plant seeds of truth exactly where they are needed the most. Many people who express anger and guilt have

admitted to being post-abortive, allowing us further opportunity to present messages of hope and healing to a badly hurting culture.



Add to the viral facebook posts the coverage our truck got from castanet.net and infonews.ca, and our amazing little “pro-life-truck-that-could” has, and continues to, spread the pro-life message like wildfire with its attractive and thought-provoking messages.

The Society wishes to acknowledge our Pro-Life Truck Project Manager Pat Guerra for all his hard work and commitment in acquiring, outfitting, and getting the pro-life truck on the road. We also want to send out a special thank you to all those who have contributed financially to the project. If you have not yet done so and wish to contribute, please mail your gift to our office address on the last page of this newsletter, or call **250 870-4103** to safely and securely give over the phone.

Campus Outreach

In March, members of Kelowna Right to Life and other concerned citizens came together to form the ad-hoc group “Expose the Reality.” The group displayed pictures of abortion victims on the campuses of UBCO and Okanagan College in Kelowna. While the UBCO demos were relatively quiet and non-eventful, pro-abortion students and faculty turned the Okanagan College campus into a scene of disgraceful censorship.

On both March 26th and 27th, abortion advocates used large signs to block the

images from being seen by students and others on campus. They also used high-volume audio tactics to disrupt any conversations the pro-life activists were having with interested students.

Despite assurances from college administrators that the space we booked in advance through Facilities Management and our right to expression would be respected, the pro-abortion mob swarmed the area, greatly reducing our ability to reach students with our message. The counter-protesters, numbering 20-30, lined up to block the images as best they could.

Some also lied to reporters from the Kelowna Capital News and Global Okanagan TV who were there covering the demos, claiming students were being “harassed and intimidated” by the pro-lifers. In fact, it was they who engaged in intimidation and harassment techniques in an attempt to censor us. It is not surprising that those who disregard the truths that life begins at conception and that abortion ends the life of an innocent human being would resort to lying about our behavior to paint themselves as the victims.

Kelowna Right to Life has written to OK College administration expressing an expectation of civility and respect for our freedom of expression when we return to campus during the 2018 Fall Semester.



Pro-abortion students line up to block images of abortion victims, censoring pro-life expression on the campus of Okanagan College in Kelowna.

Upcoming Events

RED ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN 2018



May 14, 2018 marks 49 years of de-criminalized abortion in Canada. This year, let PM Justin Trudeau and your local MP know you oppose the practice of abortion.

SEND YOUR EMPTY RED ENVELOPE TO:

P.M. Justin Trudeau
Parliament of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

NO POSTAGE REQUIRED

SEND BEFORE MAY 12TH, 2018



MESSAGE ON BACK:

THIS RED ENVELOPE REPRESENTS 1 CHILD KILLED BY ABORTION. IT IS EMPTY BECAUSE THAT CHILD WAS NOT PERMITTED TO OFFER ANYTHING TO THIS NATION.

For more information: 250 862-8202 / prolifekelowna.com/redenvelope.html

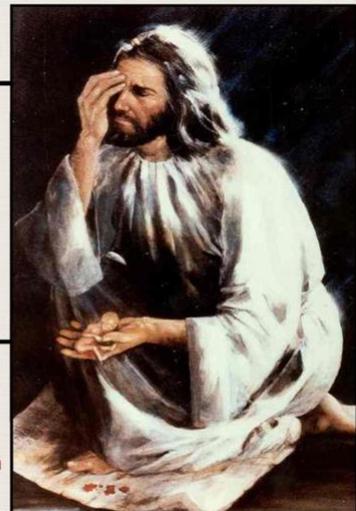
Victoria, BC
MARCH
for LIFE 

Thursday May 10th, 1:30 pm in beautiful Victoria, BC
For more information visit: m4lvictoria.ca

Mass for the Unborn

Celebrant:
Bishop Gregory Bittman

*He was so small, this baby doomed to die.
His mother's rights, the only reason why.
From somewhere safe and warm, they tore this child.
Lord Jesus, could you rock him for a while?*



Elizabeth Sutcliffe
Regional Coordinator, BC
Silent no More Awareness

to present at 8:15 pm
in the Parish Hall

Immaculate Conception Church

Monday, May 14th 2018

Rosary: 6:15 pm Mass: 7:00 pm

Refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass

The Kelowna Right to Life Society's
Mother's Day Flowers

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May 13 at participating Catholic parishes



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MOTHER'S
DAY!

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