

The Creeping Evil of Euthanasia



According to a recent CBC article, over 3,700 Canadians have died by “MAiD”, or “Medical Aid in Dying” (a palatable euphemism for euthanasia) since the Federal Government legalized assisted suicide in June of 2017. Over 1,500 of those deaths occurred in just the last six months, a 30% increase over the six months prior. The slippery slope is apparently much slicker than even the pro-life community warned.

The death toll is sure to grow, for several reasons. For one, the law is vague on just who is “eligible” to have their life ended by a doctor, and many people have been pushing for fewer restrictions on who has the “right to die.” Even long-time abortionist and now enthusiastic killer of the suffering, Dr. Ellen Wiebe (Vancouver), is unclear on who she is legally permitted to put down. She told MacLean’s Magazine in June that both federal and provincial legislation are so vague she simply relies on her own personal judgement to determine whether someone is eligible.

Dr. Wiebe, as you may know, ratcheted up her notoriety when she snuck into a Vancouver nursing home late at night and administered a lethal injection to an elderly resident. The home had a policy of not permitting assisted suicide within their walls, but Wiebe argues the patient had a right to it no matter where she happened to live. There was no criminal investigation.

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Another reason the number of people succumbing to “MAiD” is sure to grow is that leftist governments, such as BC’s GreenNDP coalition, will insist facilities provide the “service,” and will pressure or outright require doctors to commit or refer for the procedure.

As well, our aging population and the rising costs of medical care are sure to act as accelerators of euthanasia. In Oregon and other places where assisted suicide is legal, there have been reports of patients being approved for the cost of suicide but not for treatment of their conditions. How long before similar cases come to light in Canada?

Finally, we can look to the Netherlands to see how two decades of legalized euthanasia have changed the way a generation views death and dying. There is a growing acceptance of the practice as a morally legitimate, even preferred way to die, not only among the general population but among doctors and health care workers as well. People come to accept euthanasia as a valid way to avoid a long and painful death. It’s easier, it’s less expensive, it’s not as scary, family can be present at the moment of death. It’s all so neat and tidy, not to mention convenient for caregivers and in many cases survivors.

However, what is lost when we normalize euthanasia is too great a price to pay: reverence for the sanctity of human life, meaning in suffering and death, and truly selfless compassion. All are casualties of the creeping evil of euthanasia.



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Executive Director*

Society membership growing



This Summer, the Kelowna Right to Life Society is looking to increase its

membership base. If your membership is current, thank you. If you are not a member, please consider adding your name to the growing chorus of voices speaking out in defense of the voiceless in Okanagan.

Memberships are due August 31st each year and are \$10 for an individual, \$15 for a family, and \$25 for a corporation or group. As a summer incentive, we are offering a gift for anyone who contributes \$100 or more. You can choose from the informative and educational Trent Horn book, *Persuasive Pro-Life*, or a dvd copy of the pro-life film *bella*. Just specify with your payment which gift you would like and we'll send it out to you free of charge!

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

Local midwife, pro-life advocate

You might be surprised to learn *The Canadian Midwives Association* is not a pro-life group. On the contrary, their official position on the matter is "A pregnant woman is the primary decision-maker throughout her pregnancy, and that includes the decision to abort." That misguided policy puts pro-life midwives in a tough spot.

In fact, pro-life midwives are currently being pressured by the CMA to refer for and possibly even commit abortions. Enter Canadian Midwives for Life (CML) and their Secretary of the Board, local pro-lifer Rebecca Mlikotic.

CML is a not-for-profit organization which acts as a united voice for pro-life midwives and

midwifery students. They work to create a supportive community that provides strategies, educational resources, and emotional support. They also communicate with various associations and regulatory bodies regarding members' views and rights as pro-life care providers.



Rebecca Mlikotic

Mlikotic reports that, "Our most recent project involves hiring constitutional lawyer

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Polizogopoulos, a well-

known lawyer within the pro-life community, to analyze the regulations and policies for midwifery in each province and advise us what our obligations are. We have received his legal opinion but are only halfway in raising \$5,000 to cover the legal fees that are due in August. We ask that you please consider joining us in creating an environment that is #safeforallmidwives and donate toward this important project today at www.midwivesforlife.ca/donate."

Red Envelopes in 2018



A huge "thank you!" to all who participated in the Red Envelope Campaign for 2018. We estimate that over 1,000 red envelopes were sent to the offices of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other MPs.

This year was especially important to send in envelopes as Mr. Trudeau and his government have been exceedingly hostile to pro-life Canadians since winning the election in 2016.

To name but a few examples, he first made it clear that no pro-life MP was welcome in his party. He then designated hundreds of millions of your tax dollars for abortion in foreign countries. Of course, he also disqualified any organization that refused to, in writing, support

legal abortion from receiving grants to hire summer students. Trudeau will still be in power in May of 2019, and we'll be encouraging pro-life people to send even more red envelopes to him at that time.

Could it really happen?



On Monday, U.S. President Donald J. Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court. Pro-lifers are cautiously optimistic. They are hoping that *Roe v Wade*, the 1973 decision that prohibited all 50 states from protecting the unborn, will finally be overturned, and soon. Realistically, the end of *Roe* is far from guaranteed.

We've been here before. In 1992, the court had an opportunity to overturn *Roe* in *Planned Parenthood v Casey*. On the court sat eight Republican-appointed justices and only one Democrat (who voted against *Roe*). It looked like *Roe's* demise was a foregone conclusion.

Despite a seemingly huge advantage, the Court decided 5-4 in favor of *Planned Parenthood*, keeping *Roe* alive another 26 years and counting. Justice Anthony Kennedy was the swing vote in that case, arguing that, *"People have organized intimate relationships and made choices that define their views of themselves and their places in society, in reliance on the availability of abortion in the event that contraception should fail."* In other words, abortion has become so ingrained that society has become dependent on it, too dependent to abolish it.

Justice Kennedy announced his retirement from the court last week, sparking renewed hope for a pro-life majority on the court.

Whether our enthusiasm is warranted or not, the other side is shaking in their boots. Dawn Laguens, Executive Vice President of *Planned Parenthood Federation* released a statement on Kennedy's retirement saying bluntly, *"The significance of today's news cannot be overstated: The right to access abortion in this country is on the line."* *NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio Executive Director Nellie Copeland* wrote, *"With this new Supreme Court vacancy, Roe and the constitutional right to access abortion hangs in the balance."* They are sounding the alarms, and that's a good sign.

So, what if *Roe* does fall? The popular opinion is that the decision to ban or permit abortion will fall to each individual state. However, at least one observer, Harvard Law School graduate Josh Craddock posits that if the court finds the unborn are persons from the moment of conception, no state will be permitted to deny them their constitutional rights, of which the right to life is most important.

I hope he's right. I hope to live to see the day the monstrous *Roe v Wade* decision is overturned, quashed, totally destroyed and discarded to the trash heap of history. The blood of 60 million unborn children demands it.

We may well be living in an historic time. The end to the greatest injustice in the history of the U.S. may be unfolding before our eyes. Certainly, the devil will be doing all he can to keep the horrific slaughter of unborn children. He is powerful, but he is no match for the almighty God.

Maybe God's hand is in this. From the Democrats (unwisely for them) changing the Senate rules in 2013 to permit a Supreme Court confirmation with a simple majority, to the seemingly miraculous Trump victory in 2016, to his two subsequent Supreme Court picks, maybe God is orchestrating an unorthodox scenario leading up to a great moment in history. In Him, all things are possible. Let's pray like never before for the over-turning of *Roe v Wade* in our lifetime.

Upcoming Events

The Kelowna Right to Life Society
Presents

FATAL FLAWS
LEGALIZING ASSISTED DEATH

A Film by Kevin Dunn

Special guest speaker Dr. Will Johnston

Is assisted suicide really just about "choice"?

Friday August 10th, 6:30 pm
Evangel Church - 3261 Gordon Drive
Kelowna, BC

Admission by donation
Call 250 870-4103 for more information.

Walk for Life



2018

Proceeds to help build a culture of life in the Central Okanagan.

**Free BBQ Lunch *Entertainment*

**Bouncy Castle *Cotton Candy *Prizes*

**Walk along Greenway *Game Stations*

Kelowna Right to Life Society

Saturday, September 22nd, 2018 Noon – 3:00 pm
Mission Creek Regional Park

Mark your calendar!
visit prolifekelowna.com to start collecting pledges today!

LIFE CHAIN
2018



Begins @ 1:45 pm
Sunday, Sept. 30
Harvey & Gordon

Thousands killed



18th annual
Memorial Service for the Unborn

Outside Kelowna General Hospital
Thursday, August 23rd
7 pm - 8 pm

none forgotten

All are welcome to attend
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