

Pro-Life Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- DEC** PURDY'S ORDER PICKUP @ OFFICE
Week of December 5
- DEC** PANCAKE BREAKFAST @ MAIN ST CHURCH
Saturday, December 17 @ 9 a.m.
- JAN** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, January 19 @ 7 p.m.
- MAR** FUNDRAISING GALA
Friday, March 3, 2023

Save the date!

In-person event with Kevin Dunn as our guest speaker!

Kevin Dunn is an award-winning filmmaker, international speaker and entertainer whose productions and talks on the dignity of the human person have touched the hearts and minds of thousands around the world.

What I love about working with seniors in our community

For the past year, I have been so blessed to work with our Chilliwack Compassionate Care Program. This is one of the programs we offer to bring hope and help to people who may be vulnerable to assisted suicide. Over the last 12 months, we have handed out over 2,250 loaves of bread to seniors in Chilliwack! Most often, the fresh baking is donated by the local Cobbs Bread outlet. Volunteers deliver the bread to our office where I package it. Then every Tuesday morning I, or Gillian (our fabulous volunteer), deliver the bread to seniors who

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are always delighted to receive it. Many of these individuals are isolated and have very little social interaction. I am so thankful to be able to chat with them weekly, hear about their different needs, and get to know some of them.

It was around Thanksgiving when I asked one client how she was doing. Her response was, "Struggling to get by this month, but so thankful that I can read my Bible and pray to God!" Her attitude inspired me! And although I haven't

heard all our client's stories yet, I know that they ALL have something valuable to share.

What many of them need is simply a listening ear, someone to let them know that they are valued. That's why we have our Phone Pal program, where we match isolated seniors with volunteers who will simply talk with them on the phone! And although this service is offered to meet the needs of vulnerable people in our community, our volunteers can also be

blessed by becoming a community to these seniors. If you would be interested in serving in our Phone Pal program, or in volunteering with another aspect of our Compassionate Care Program, contact our office by phone or email.

Janita ter Haar

*Office Manager and Compassionate Care
Program Co-ordinator*

The Guardian is Wrong

October 21, 2022 | *Catholic News Agency*



9 week pregnancy. Photograph: MYA Network

9 week pregnancy as portrayed by My Abortion Network

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/oct/18/pregnancy-weeks-abortion-tissue>



Actual photo of 9 week pregnancy

An article published by The Guardian that purports to show that an unborn child "is not visible" until after 10 weeks of pregnancy is "intentionally misleading," says Dr. Christina Francis, a board-certified OB-GYN. The photos accompanying the article, she says, have been manipulated — because the embryo would be clearly visible at this stage of development.

The photos included in the article do not appear to include the embryo at all. Instead, they depict white pieces of the gestational sac and surrounding decidual tissue.

Francis debunked MYA Network's claims, saying that a fetus at that stage would be clearly visible.

"In fact, between 6 and 10 weeks' gestation, the embryo grows into a fetus, from the size of a baked bean to the size of a prune. In many cases, they are, in fact, visible to the naked eye. Many women who have experienced a miscarriage or medication abortion can attest to this," she said.

abridged from <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/252619/the-guardian-is-wrong-this-is-what-a-9-week-old-unborn-baby-looks-like>

Merry Christmas

from the Board and Staff

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (meaning "God with us"). Matthew 1:23

This season, I can feel the cold more than other years, the days are shorter and the light gives way to darkness much earlier. Our world so desperately needs the light and peace of our Saviour.

As the season of Christmas sneaks up on us, I find great comfort and peace knowing that so many years ago, our Saviour came for us, *to be with us*, to cover our sin and bring light into darkness. Despite the poor choices of our society, the way we hurt and devalue one another, He has never turned away from us, and is always working to guide us back to Him.

Our hearts are so grateful for the birth of our Saviour, for coming to *be with us*, and trust that He is working in ways we can and cannot see.

Walk for Life Recap



September 24 was a beautiful day! Bright skies, warm sun, and a crowd humming with enthusiasm. We so appreciate the MANY volunteers who pulled together to make our annual Walk for Life happen, all of the walkers who put themselves out there by door knocking and then walked 3.5 km to raise awareness, and our many donors and sponsors. New this year was the DUNK TANK - this fundraiser caused a lot of laughs! To all of you: THANK YOU for doing your part in raising funds for our pregnancy care centre and seniors' programs. Over \$62,000 was raised this year!

Congratulations to the 2022 Walk for Life Winners!

Youngest Walker

Aaron S

Oldest Walker

Carol G

Honourable Mention for huge effort in raising over \$20,000 as a class:

Grade 9 class of Mount Cheam Christian School

Individual Challenge Winners

Raised over:

\$500 Charmain DH
 \$1000 Edwin dV
 \$2000 Sheila B
 \$3000 Marcus N

Business Sponsors | Walk for Life 2022

AD Farms

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INVITATION

Winter Pancake Breakfast at Main Street Church



Enjoy a warm breakfast prepared and served by the Chilliwack Pro-Life board and staff, and help us spoil our seniors! All proceeds for gifts for our senior clients.

Saturday, Dec 17

9:00 am

Pancakes Coffee
 Eggs Tea
 Bacon Orange Juice
 Sausage

Sign up at chilliwackprolife.com or call 604-795-3043

In the News

October 25, 2022 | Canada: *Canadian fashion company advocates for euthanasia in ad*

- » The video titled *All Is Beauty* starts with the statement, "Dying in a hospital is not what's natural, it is not soft, in these type of moments you need softness." Many people agree that dying in a hospital is not natural or soft but killing is also not natural or soft. Simons has created a concept commercial that sells their products as part of a "complete life" and dying by euthanasia (MAiD) as the fulfillment of a "complete life." See this website to sign the petition to boycott Simons. ><https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2022/10/canadian-fashion-company-advertises.html>

Justin Bieber's mom tells why she chose not to abort at 17

- » In an incredibly frank interview with TODAY's Kathie Lee Gifford, Justin Bieber's mother, Pattie Mallette, opens up about some of the difficult circumstances and decisions she was forced to make as a teenage girl. By the age of 17, Mallette became pregnant with Justin, and at the time, she was encouraged to abort the baby. Of course, Mallette said that was an option she couldn't consider. "I just knew I couldn't. I just knew I couldn't. I just knew I had to keep him," she told Gifford.

<https://www.today.com/news/justin-biebers-mom-tells-why-she-chose-not-to-abort-17-999256>



November 9, 2022 | USA: *Election 2022: Abortion enshrined as constitutional 'right' in three states*

- » Vermont, California, and Michigan each enshrined abortion as a state constitutional right on Tuesday as voters turned out largely in support of abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy for any reason. Meanwhile, Kentucky's pro-life Amendment 2, which would have protected preborn children in the state constitution, failed to pass. > <https://www.liveaction.org/news/election-abortion-right-states/>

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NOT KILL

You can make a difference!

What can you do about it?



Run a Show Ad



Email your MP



Write a letter to the editor



Sign a petition

Mental health supports should never include assisted suicide.

In March 2023, the government will open up assisted suicide to Canadians with mental illness. Please help us to stop this!

Visit carenotkill.ca to learn more

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Meet our Executive Director!



Angela (A.J.) Rooke

I joined the staff at Chilliwack Pro-Life this fall. I am a mother (of three beautiful children), a wife, a Lactation Consultant, a former Registered Midwife and a passionate supporter of the Pro-Life movement. I have worked for, volunteered with, and served as a board member with various Canadian charities that serve women and children, including Youth for Christ, Save the Mothers, and the Life Room. I'm delighted to bring my passion for life to Chilliwack Pro-Life and the Cherish Project.