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Not All Human Beings Are Persons?....

scientifically, there is no doubt that individual human life begins at conception and ends at natural death.

In the year 2018 it seems implausible that human life in the womb is not legally protected. The idea that abortion is a settled issue is the greatest lie that many choose to believe. How anyone can begin to think that the ethical questions surrounding abortion will not impact the illogical foundation that "legal" abortion is founded on, is ignorance at best. As society becomes more aware of the human in the womb the challenge to continue to believe in the abortion rights charade continues to grow.

Believing in the "right" to abortion means you believe in at least one of three things;

- the unborn are not human.
- the unborn become human at some point
- the unborn are human but women have the right kill that human

To refute each of these "beliefs" one needs only to turn to scientific fact and rational thinking.

- the unborn are human they are each their own individual human life, an undisputed scientific fact
-the unborn transform into a human being at some unknown moment is lacking in fact and common sense. If we cannot say when life begins how can we say when the right to abortion begins.

- Simply wanting to retain your own autonomy should never mean granting another the right to take

another life antonym rights can never supersede another's right to life.

The scientific truth about the humanity unborn is widely acknowledged, so who will continue to

defend the notion that control over one's body takes precedent over the intentional inflicting of death on another? Only people that would choose to deny personhood to others groups of human beings. When other human beings begin to choose what criteria should constitute personhood, serious problems develop and one can point to multiple instances in history where this has occurred.

Meeting our personhood rights to select groups of human beings never results in any good.

The very reason people are opposed to abortion is because abortion is the taking of innocent human life. Society will not continue to accept legal abortion merely because it is shrouded in "historical rights". When measuring the right to life against the right to take life, the fundamental question of "what abortion is" must be answered. It is our job to make sure society knows, what abortion is – the taking of innocent human life and who the unborn are – members of our human family deserving of human rights no exceptions!

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UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!



- **January 25 to 27, 2019 Breakforth** - Edmonton ProLife will have an educational booth at Breakforth. We are looking for volunteers to help with hosting our booth, if you are able to help please contact us at 780-425-1637
- **January 28, 2019 Law Courts Demonstration**, marking the anniversary of the Morgentaler decision. We will meet on the East side – note new location - of the Law Courts Building at 103 A Avenue and 99 Street. Parking is available at meters or in parking lots, payment is required. We will gather at 11:30 and end at 12:30. If you have any questions please call the prolife office at 425-1637. Hope to see many of you there.
- **February 22 to 24, 2019 Mission Fest** - Edmonton ProLife will have an educational booth at Mission Fest We are looking for volunteers to help with hosting our booth, if you are able to help please contact us at 780-425-1637
- **March 6 – April 14, 2019 - 40 Days for Life** –The Beginning of The End of Abortion. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting, constant vigil and Community outreach. The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities ... and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge. Watch your church bulletin for more info or send us an email and we will add you to our email updates.
- Join others in peaceful, prayerful activism against the daily slaughter of innocent babies. Where: 50 meters from the Abortion Clinic, on the northwest corner of 109 A Ave. and 125 St. in Edmonton. When: The fourth Sunday of every month (*subject to change - please call Mary-Ellen (780-474-8011) in advance to confirm. Candlelight Rosary at 7:30 pm.
- Prayers for the unborn every Wednesday at 7:00 pm Holy Family Parish (Chapel), 75 Poirier Ave St Albert.
- Respect for Life parish group Meets on the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 or 7:30 pm (2nd Monday if statutory holiday) alternating between St. Theresa's and Corpus Christi Parishes. Next meeting: December 3 at 7:00 pm at Theresa's Parish Nicole - 780.717.6784
- St. Thomas Moore P:rolife group meeting January 14 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Youth Room at St. Thomas Moore Parish 210 Haddow Close Edmonton.

More events at righttolifealliance.ca

For information on any of the above events, call the Edmonton ProLife office at 780-425 1637 or email us at info@edmontonprolife.org

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Highs and Lows – A 2018 Pro-life News Recap

Sometimes those who work in the pro-life organizations assume that other persons concerned about the life issues are in the loop regarding some important news stories affecting the life issues. Just in case you have missed some we are recapping a few to get you caught up for 2019!

Good news – December 2 - Bill to ban protests near Manitoba abortion facilities won't go forward. A private member's bill to ban protestors around Manitoba abortion clinics and hospitals is not moving forward. The proposed legislation did not make it past second reading and was not supported by the PC government which has a large majority. NDP MLA Nahanni Fontaine tabled the law because she said women and girls seeking abortions are at times subjected to bullying and intimidation by anti-abortion picketers.

Bad News October 10 - Toronto's Sick Kids hospital preparing policy for euthanasia for youth over 18 that could one day apply to minors. Canada's largest children's hospital is drafting a policy in preparation for the day when children could decide for themselves to be euthanized. A team at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children has developed a draft policy on doctor-assisted dying that applies to youth aged 18 and older — the legal age restriction for “medical-aid in dying” or MAID, in Canada. However, the policy was also developed “with an eye to a future when MAID may well become accessible to capable minors,” the team of bioethicists, palliative care doctors and others report in the Journal of Medical Ethics. The Sick Kids' working group says the hospital has willing doctors who could “safely and effectively” perform euthanasia for terminally ill youth 18 and older who meet the criteria as set out in federal law, and that it would be “antithetical” to its philosophy of care to have to transfer these patients to a strange and unfamiliar adult hospital. But it is a suggestion that euthanasia might one day take place without the involvement of parents that has provoked fresh controversy in the assisted-death debate.

The Netherlands and Belgium are the only two jurisdictions in the world where assisted suicide for minors is permitted. The law in Belgium allows terminally ill children of any age to request euthanasia, with their parents' consent.

A survey published last year by the Canadian Pediatric Society found that 45 pediatricians reported receiving requests for

MAID by parents. More than half involved newborns or infants under a year old.

Good News – August 24 - **Conservative** Party of Canada Policy Convention. The great results - There is no question that the Conservative Party of Canada is far more pro-life after the policy convention than beforehand, the following pro-life policies passed:

B-3 Born Alive - We support legislation to ensure that any child born alive shall receive the full benefits of life-saving care, and neo-natal intensive care to give every opportunity possible for the child to sustain life.

B-9 Canada Summer Jobs Grant - The Conservative Party believes that it is unethical and wrong to require applicants for government-funded programs to sign a values test attestation endorsing government ideology in order to be eligible to receive government funding.

B-13 Disallowance of the expansion of euthanasia - The Conservative Party of Canada opposes the extension of euthanasia and assisted suicide (MAID) to minors, to people who are not competent and people who live with psychological suffering.

B-22 Palliative care - The government should work with provinces and territories and professional medical groups to develop a National Palliative Care Strategy and adopt appropriate legislation to provide timely and equitable access across Canada to palliative care which affirms life, regards dying as a normal process and excludes euthanasia and assisted suicide (MAID).

B-25 Maternal health - Abortion should be explicitly excluded from Canada's maternal and child health program in countries where Canadian aid is delivered, since it is extremely divisive – and often illegal.

Bad News –May 30 - Bill 9, the Protecting Choice for Women Accessing Health Care Act. Bill 9 prohibits prayers from coming within a 50-metre radius of standalone abortion clinics in Edmonton and Calgary. Prayers who repeatedly violate a "safe zone" proposed for Alberta's two stand-alone abortion clinics could face a maximum penalty for a first offence \$5,000 and/or six months in jail. Corporations would face a maximum fine of \$25,000. A corporation that repeatedly violates the law could face a \$100,000 fine.

Our Aims and Objectives

To promote respect for all human life from conception to natural death.

To uphold and defend the right to life, the basic human right on which all other rights depend.

To contribute to the understanding of the people of Edmonton and the surrounding areas, by education, that society has a duty to protect this right.

We are committed to peaceful actions to fulfill our mission.



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24 Hour Crisis Pregnancy Line - 1-800-665-0570

Are You Suffering from a Past Abortion Experience? There is HELP! Call 1-866-482-5433 or visit www.afterabortion.org

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