



Spring 2025

Life - Sacred and Precious



Our 50th Anniversary Dinner promises to be an evening of inspiration, connection and meaningful impact. **Join us for a walk down memory lane with a delicious meal and an engaging guest speaker.** And to round out the fun, **you'll want to purchase a Golden Egg and take part in our Blind Auction!**

Our guest speaker is Teresa Hartnett, whose excellent interpersonal and communication skills have allowed her to work effectively with a number of groups and people to promote the values of faith, respect for life and dignity for all. Teresa believes her most important role, however, is in her family as a wife of Joe, mother to her four children and grandmother to eight beautiful grandchildren!

With such a wealth of experience, Teresa undertakes numerous speaking engagements across Ontario and Canada each year, and so, we are both thrilled and honoured to be able to have her speak at our 50th Anniversary Dinner. **We look forward to her presentation, "Life - Sacred and Precious".**

Your attendance and generous support will **help make this a successful fundraising event** and empower Oxford County Right to Life into the next season of pro-life education with financial confidence. **Together, we can help build a future where every life is respected and protected from conception to natural death.**

**EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 31ST.
THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS IS APRIL 10TH.**

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50th Anniversary Dinner

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 **TERESA HARTNETT**
Director of Family Ministry, Hamilton Diocese
Executive Director, Birthright Hamilton
Executive Director, Project Rachel, Hamilton
Professor, St. Peter's Seminary

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025
6PM SOCIAL 6:30 DINNER 8PM SPEAKER

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the competition!

Bus Trip to the National March for Life

\$75

per person



Boarding time - 12:15 am, May 8th
Return time - 10:30 pm May 8th

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We will be joining 4LifeLondon again this year on their bus to Ottawa. This is a fantastic opportunity to stand up for the pre-born as a community and send a message on Parliament Hill that LIFE matters.

Seating is limited. Reserve your seat early to avoid disappointment!

For tickets, call James at 519-659-3334, email info@4lifelondon.ca or buy [online](#).

Protection at Conception



The theme of this year's National March for Life in Ottawa is "Protection at Conception".

We are inspired by Matthew 13:31-32:

"...The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants..."

As the mustard seed may be overlooked, so might the zygote or embryo. A pre-born human, however, is not a "potential life," but a "life with potential." This human being must just be allowed time to grow.

There is a scientific consensus on this matter. [A survey done](#) of over 5000 biologists found that 96% agreed that life begins at *fertilization* (which is another word for *conception*).

Similarly, the pro-life movement and our efforts may also be overlooked or discounted, but we know it is not our size or influence that matters as much as our faithfulness. For according to Matthew 17:20: *"...if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."*

Human rights begin when human life begins, and human life begins at conception. Unfortunately, Canada has instead arbitrarily and unscientifically chosen to provide human beings protection only after birth. For the sake of the least of our brothers and sisters, and trusting in the will of the Lord for His Kingdom, we remain faithful to our pledge: From conception to natural death. No compromises. No exceptions. No excuses.

~ [National March for Life](#)

Did You Know?

In its [2023-2024 Annual Report](#), **Action Canada** described how it **helped a 19-year-old mom kill her 24-week preborn child in a late-term abortion**.

At 24 weeks, a preborn baby is fully developed with working organs; the mother can feel the baby's kicks and punches; the baby can hear the mother's voice and react to light; the baby has fingernails and can grasp objects, including his or her ears and umbilical cord.

Preborn babies are viable at 24 weeks, and there are numerous instances of them surviving outside the womb at this stage and even earlier with medical intervention.

Action Canada is an organization which defends and promotes the killing of preborn children in Canada. The organization also has another name: Planned Parenthood Canada.



Planned Parenthood Canada received over \$8.4M in domestic and global federal grants in its last fiscal year to promote killing preborn humans.

~ Campaign Life Coalition, February 2025

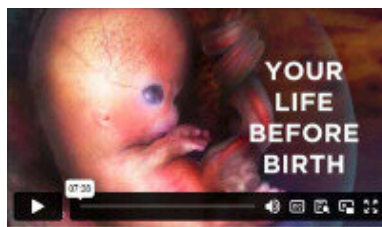
Embryology and Fetal Development

Here are some valuable resources worth exploring and sharing!

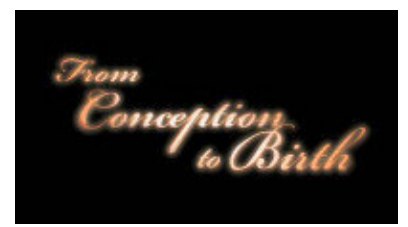
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2023 Euthanasia Death Statistics

The Fifth Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada 2023 indicated that **there were 15,343 reported euthanasia deaths in 2023 representing 4.7% of all deaths**. There have been 60,301 Canadian euthanasia deaths since legislation in June 2016 to December 31, 2023. The report also revealed that **MAiD was responsible for about one in 20 deaths in Canada in 2023**. CTV National news reported on December 15, 2024 that at least 622 of the reported euthanasia deaths, in 2023, may have been non-compliant with the law.

~ Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, December 2024

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Abortion - Suicide Link



One-third of abortion patients report having attempted suicide, with 94% reporting that their abortion experiences contributed to that attempt, according to a [new peer reviewed study](#) of a random sample of American women, 41-45 years of age.

By the age of 45, fully 35% of women who had a history of abortion reported having attempted suicide, compared to only 17% of never pregnant women and 13% of women who had only successful deliveries. But 30% of those who had natural pregnancy losses also reported attempted suicides, suggesting psychological similarities between both induced and natural pregnancy losses.

The risk of suicidal thoughts and risk-taking behaviors was especially high among the 70% of aborting women who said their abortions were not consistent with their own values or preferences.

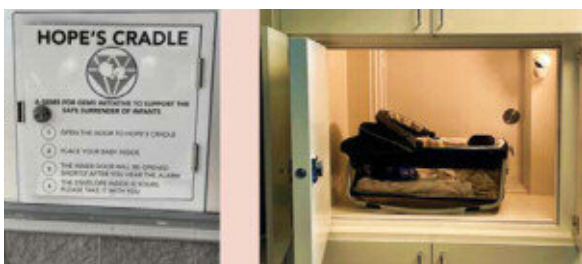
Previous studies have consistently shown a link between abortion and suicide. But abortion providers have argued that the type of women most likely to seek abortion are simply predisposed to more mental health problems, including suicide. **"This study disproves that argument that women who have abortions are simply more prone to suicide,"** said the author, [David Reardon](#), who has published over fifty peer reviewed medical studies on abortion and women's health.

"These findings are especially important in that they represent the first study that has invited self-aware women to explain how much, if at all, their pregnancy outcomes have contributed to mental health issues," said Reardon, director of the [Elliot Institute](#). "According to women themselves, both abortions and miscarriages directly contribute to their suicidal thoughts and behaviors. Moreover, **the risk is especially high among those women who report feeling pressured into unwanted abortions.**"

Notably, this study also confirmed the findings of a previous study revealing that [only about one in three abortions is freely wanted](#) and consistent with the patient's own values and preferences.

~ [Elliot Institute, January 2025](#)

Hope's Cradle



Hope's Cradle is an infant safe surrender site to support mothers in need and save infants from unsafe abandonment. Currently, there are four Hope's Cradles in Canada. Ontario's first opened at the Bowmanville Fire Station in Clarington in May 2024 in partnership with Calgary-based registered charity Gems for Gems.

A parent wishing to use this service will find a bassinet inside a small door in which to place the surrendered baby. Inside the bassinet is an information package with information about local support, how the process works, parent rights should they change their mind, and a medical form to provide and mail the baby's history in a pre-addressed, prepaid envelope. Once they leave the child and close the door, firefighters will get an alert that a baby has been placed in the cradle and will retrieve the infant. Paramedics will do a health evaluation of the child and take the baby to the hospital. Children's Aid Society will be contacted and will consult with Child and Family Services as needed regarding the future care of the infant. Provided the baby is healthy, there will be no repercussions for the person who chose this safe option.

~ [Durham Post, May 2024](#)

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