

## President's Message



Christ has Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia! On Easter Sunday we celebrate the risen Lord and remember that He has conquered death. Easter Sunday is the ultimate celebration of Life. May we be strengthened in our efforts to protect life at all its stages.


I would like to thank all those who attended our Annual Dinner this past February where all were inspired by the insightful words of

Emily Albrecht. I ask that you please take a look at the enclosed insert that lists our generous business sponsors and support them if you can.

We are entering a time of change here at Choose Life Niagara. Three board members are stepping down from the board after many years of dedication and service. Though we will miss the wisdom and experience of William Mathie, Katherine James and Chris Hiebert, they have promised to remain active members in other supportive roles within the association. We give a warm welcome to Catherine Mathie, Kaleb Bakker and Jackie Sinke, our new board members.

It is also with a heavy heart that we begin our search for a new Executive Director to replace Marlene Tersigni who retires later this year. She will be difficult to replace, after having worked so tirelessly in defence of those who have no voice.

We humbly ask for your continued prayers as we move forward promoting the value and dignity of every human life, God leading us.

Jen Nohara 

*Our humanity makes us EQUAL.  
The unborn are HUMAN.  
All humans should have a right to LIFE.*

*Emily Albrecht, ERI*



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## Annual Dinner and Youth Events

Over 400 people gathered together for food, fellowship and an inspirational talk from Equal Rights Institute speaker Emily Albrecht at the Choose Life Niagara Annual Dinner held February 25. Her message included a description of her own story helping to change the culture on her university campus from discriminating against pro-life students to welcoming the pro-life club, as well as tips for dialoguing respectfully and persuasively to make the case for life.



Emily also did a phenomenal job speaking to youth that same weekend. Emily is a young and dynamic speaker, so Choose Life staff and the Youth Committee worked hard to have her reach as many youth as possible!

On Saturday afternoon, Emily led 22 students in an interactive seminar about how to respond to pro-choice arguments on bodily autonomy and hard circumstances. On Sunday afternoon, she met with 13 university students at St. Julia's Catholic Church, teaching about bodily autonomy and personhood. That evening, Emily spoke about ineffective pro-life arguments to over 70 young people at Vineland Free Reformed Church.

We are so grateful for Emily's incredible teaching skills, all the youth who attended, our volunteers, and above all to God who makes all things possible.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**  
OTTAWA

**MAY 11 - 12, 2023**

Once again Choose Life Niagara is sending a busload of students and chaperones to participate in the March for Life, Youth Banquet and the National Pro-life Youth Conference!

**Space is limited. First come, first serve.**

please visit us at [ChooseLife.ca/events](https://ChooseLife.ca/events) to register

For those of you who had planned to drive on your own, visit [marchforlife.ca](https://marchforlife.ca) for more information.

## Life Talks



Choose Life Niagara representatives were among the 170 people who attended the Halton Alive *Life Talks* conference in Burlington Saturday, March 25, 2023. Five speakers covered topics ranging from how to advocate for life on the abortion issue, a persuasive approach to speaking against assisted suicide, finding meaning in suffering, and the realities of sex-trafficking and its connection to abortion.

The event provided ample opportunity to network with like-minded citizens and gave each of us ideas we can use to make a difference for life. To view this year's sessions, visit [Haltonalive.ca](http://Haltonalive.ca)

## Bill C-311 To Protect Pregnant Women

The Violence Against Pregnant Women Act was introduced in Parliament by MP Cathay Wagantall after more than eighty cases in recent Canadian history of women who have been killed by men who knew they were pregnant. "Women are at a greater risk of intimate partner violence when pregnant, but the consequences their attackers currently face do not reflect the crimes committed," said Wagantall. "Sentences issued by our courts should match the crime."

Invite family and friends to join you and sign the enclosed [petition](#), then mail it postage-free to MP Wagantall's House of Commons address, to show your support.

## Trudeau budget committed to abortion

The Trudeau government continues to demonstrate its commitment to expand abortion in Canada. This year's federal budget designates 36 million dollars that will increase access to abortion. In addition, the government's website states it "is committed to ensuring that no Canadian pays out of pocket to receive an abortion and it will continue to withhold Canada Health Transfer payments to provinces and territories that allow any patient charges for abortion."

## Biggest Risk Factor for Abortion

The number one defining factor of having an abortion is not a woman's lack of wealth, not age, not socioeconomic and not race. The biggest risk factor is being unmarried. "86% of women who undergo abortions are unmarried," according to Roland Warren, CEO of *Care Net*, a pregnancy resource centre network that has saved nearly 1 million lives. In conversation with Lila Rose of *Live Action*, Roland explained that pregnant women generally embrace their babies' lives when they are in a stable and life-long committed relationship with their baby's father.

## Mother's Day Diaper Drive

Your gift of baby essentials especially diapers and wipes for women and babies in need would be greatly appreciated. Monetary donations welcome. For more information visit [chooselife.ca](http://chooselife.ca) **Special need for Size 4 diapers**

## MAiD for Mental Illness Delayed

### Support Bill C-314 to stop it altogether

After thousands of Canadians, including many psychiatrists, spoke out, the government has delayed implementation of assisted suicide (MAiD) for those with mental illness for one year until March 17, 2024. Abbotsford MP Ed Fast has introduced Bill C-314, to stop this expansion altogether, stating these inspiring words:

*"Life is precious and is a beautiful gift. With that in mind, I stand here in support of Canada's most vulnerable. The Prime Minister has engineered an unprecedented expansion of Canada's assisted suicide regime by including mentally ill persons and signalling he wants to include children as well. There is absolutely no consensus among Canadians that we should do this.*

*My bill, the mental health protection act, would repeal the government's decision to extend assisted death to mentally ill persons. Instead of inexorably moving toward a culture of death, let us celebrate and nurture a culture of life. Let us provide these vulnerable Canadians with the social and mental health supports they need to enjoy meaningful and joy-filled lives."*

