

## President's Message



As we begin a new year, we at Choose Life Niagara are filled with hope as we face the challenges of 2023. We are truly humbled at the generosity of our supporters who stand with us and have once again made our Christmas Appeal so successful, ensuring we have the resources needed for our

mission. With gratitude, we move forward, relying on God's guidance to use these donations in the best way possible to reach hearts, change minds and save lives.

I am happy to announce that tickets are now on sale for our annual dinner on Saturday, February 25th, at Club Italia in Niagara Falls, a time to celebrate life and hear pro-life speaker Emily Albrecht. Her message will leave us empowered to confidently and compassionately stand up for the unborn and their mothers. Please help us make this the largest pro-life gathering in Niagara yet - invite someone new this year to join you!

We are also pleased to offer a Youth Seminar with Emily prior to the dinner where they will explore the tough questions about abortion.

Again, thank you all for standing alongside Choose Life Niagara and for helping us broadcast our message of truth. We must never stop defending LIFE!

Jen Nohara 🍍





#### **Plus Youth Event!**

Join Emily, our dinner speaker, for a special free youth event at Club Italia from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, February 25. Afterward you are invited to stay for our dinner at a discounted rate. Space is limited so register early, through chooselife.ca/events

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves."

Proverbs 31:8

#### Youth Retreat Fall 2022

69 high school students gathered at Circle Square Ranch in Brantford November 4 & 5 to take part in the Choose Life Niagara 2022 Youth Retreat. It was a great opportunity for the youth to learn about euthanasia, abortion and what they can do to take part in the pro-life movement. In between education sessions led by excellent speakers, they enjoyed horseback riding, archery, tree-top trekking and an obstacle course, not to mention delicious food and being in the presence of like-minded peers. The warm, sunny weather made the experience even better. Choose Life Niagara is so thankful to our awesome youth team and chaperones, the outstanding Ranch staff, and above all to God for an amazing weekend together!



### Coffeehouse: Assisted Suicide

At our Fall Coffeehouse, held on Oct.18 at St. Alfred's Church in St. Catharines, speaker Blaise Alleyne of the Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform, presented what he has found to be the most effective way to make the case for life when discussing euthanasia. For starters, he suggests we don't use the words "euthanasia and



MAiD", which mask what it actually is. Instead, use the word suicide (assisted death by lethal injection or pills) which makes people uncomfortable but tells the truth.

Alleyne explained how we can move people from a proassisted death view to the pro-life view by asking questions and showing how Canada's present approach discriminates against the elderly, the disabled and those with mental illness. "Always ask the question, "who gets suicide assistance, and who gets suicide prevention?" suggests Alleyne. From there, lead people to the understanding that we always have a duty to prevent suicide and never to assist it.

Blaise Alleyne's book, "A Guide to Discussing Assisted Suicide" outlines effective apologetics and pastoral solutions to this pressing issue and is available in our office.

#### The Risks of Abortion Pills

The rate of chemical abortion-related emergency room visits increased over 500% between 2002-2015. As many as one out of five women will suffer a complication after using abortion pills. *Lozier Institute Fact Sheet* 



This Christmas billboard was seen in 8 locations throughout Niagara in December.



## **MAiD for Mental Health Delayed**

The liberal government is delaying plans that would allow assisted suicide for people with mental illness. The deadline for implementing the euthanasia expansion was March 17, 2023, but after hearing criticism from psychiatrists, researchers, opposition MPs and citizens across Canada, the government announced they would extend the deadline. For how long is not yet known. Canada's medical assistance in dying (MAiD) law is already the most permissive euthanasia and assisted-suicide legislation in the world, as stated by Dr. Ramona Coelho of London, Ontario, whose practice includes caring for marginalized patients and those living with mental illness and disabilities.

# **Euthanasia Prevention Helpline**

For advice, help & support regarding euthanasia & assisted suicide prevention and/or end-of-life treatment issues, contact Compassionate Community Care at **1-855-675-8749**. Confidential and free.

Check ChooseLife.ca/Events for upcoming pro-life events

