

In Defence of Life

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The Times They Are A-Changin'

For some time now Edmonton Prolife has been slowly focusing our work on public education through advertising. We are proud to say that the work we do, supported by you, has brought much attention to the life issues. Our ads have prompted many people to call or write and tell us the as made them think about the issue. That is a very positive move for the prolife movement. Some people automatically shut down any thought when it comes to the prolife message simply because they feel our message has been too "preachy" it told them how to think, rather than give them a different perspective to get them to think for themselves. We will continue with our ads and we are adding a new twist, please see page 3 for details.

For over 5 years I have been working for Edmonton Prolife, recently our family has taken on operating the Sears store in Leduc. My role with Edmonton Prolife is changing and we are looking for some others to join us in continuing our work. If you are interested in working for Edmonton Prolife please see page 3 for some exciting employment opportunities. You may apply by sending a resume to Edmonton prolife. We have hired a part time person to work in our office; Holy Trudgeon is in on Fridays. Please don't hesitate to call her if she can be of assistance with some of our office dealings. With the change in ways that news is delivered, Edmonton Prolife has decided to reduce our newsletter to 4 pages. This will allow us to stay in contact with our supporters and to direct them to others sources for interesting news, information. Hope you enjoy!

Merry Christmas to everyone and A Blessed New Year. - Karen

*Come
gather
'round
people
Wherever
you roam
And admit
that the
waters
Around
you have
grown*

*...
For the
times they
are a-
changin'...*

*...
Bob Dylan*

without ethical principles — to provide high-quality, up-to-date information — to facilitate the participation of health professionals in policy debates

Ultimately, our goal is to promote human dignity as a foundation for bioethics. There's little doubt that technology is changing the way that we human beings look at each other other -- and it's not always for the best. The mainstream media doesn't have enough time or patience to dig behind significant stories and identify trends. That's where we come in. You can sign up to receive the weekly newsletter at <http://www.bioedge.org/index.php/site/>



The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research

Research and Scholarship for an Informed

Social Response to Human Life Questions

The deVeber Institute for Bioethics and Social Research conducts and disseminates research on topics connected to human life in its biological, social and ethical dimensions. These topics are selected for study depending on emerging medical, technological and social developments. In undertaking this work the Institute believes that a sense of the inherent value and dignity of human life and of the human person as an end and not a means is a foundational perspective to bring to bear on its work.

The Institute's research may be original or may consist of reviews of existing literature. In each case the Institute's work is to be of the highest academic quality, though accessible to the general public.

Recently Edmonton Prolife purchased a copy of the DVD, Women's Health After Abortion. This excellent DVD produce by the deVeber institute is one example of their research and ability to help the general public understand the issue. More information on this subject can be found at <http://deveber.org/drupal/womens-health-after-abortion>. If you would like to borrow the DVD please call Holly at the Prolife office 78-435-1637.

BioEdge bioethics news from
around the world

BioEdge is a weekly newsletter about cutting-edge bioethical issues. Our aims are:

- To promote evidence-based ethics in medicine
- to show that medical excellence is not possible

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!



- **December 22 to 23 2009 – WE ARE MOVING!!** Edmonton Prolife will be moving one suite down from our present location. If you like to organize and are not afraid of a little hard work, meet us at the office 212 11125 107 Avenue between 10 am and 4 pm. Have any questions? Call Karen, evenings, at 780-980-9686. Thanks!
- **January 28, 2009 Law Courts Demonstration**, marking the 22 anniversary of the Morgantaler 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 17 – April 3 - 40 Days for Life campaign.** If you are interested in working together to ensure a 24/7 prayer vigil at the Women’s Health Options clinic (Morgantaler clinic) for 40 days, please contact Karen at 780-425-1637. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting, Constant vigil, Community outreach. 40 Days for Life 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 in Canada .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.40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion in Canada .The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God’s favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion in Canada .
- **North Central Teachers' Convention Association (NCTCA).** Thursday, February 4 and Friday, February 5, at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton. Edmonton Prolife will have an educational booth at the convention. Please stop by to see the new educational curriculum based “life is precious” materials. We have some French materials now available. If you would like specific materials brought to the convention please contact us at 780-980-9686
- **The Greater Edmonton Teachers Convention Association (GETCA)** Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th, 2010 Edmonton Prolife will have an educational booth at the convention. Please stop by to see the new educational curriculum based “life is precious” materials. We have some French materials now available. If you would like specific materials brought to the convention please contact us at 780-980-9686
- **Join *others* in an hour of peaceful, prayerful activism against the daily slaughter of innocent babies.**
Morgantaler Abortion Clinic: 12490, 109 A Ave.

The fourth Sunday of every month. Candle light Rosary at 7:30 pm. Contact Maryellen at 476-4026

For information on any of the above events, call the Edmonton Prolife office at **425-1637** or email us at

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New board members welcomed. Meetings held bimonthly, call to confirm date and time, at EPL office. All EPL members welcome to attend.

Office Assistant

Skills and Disposition Required:

- You are personable and have excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- You are a competent computer user.
- You are self-motivated and good at self-management.
- You are keenly aware of privacy issues, both online and in the physical realm.
- You are well-versed with office productivity software (e.g., Word, Excel, Access, and Acrobat).
- You have a professional phone manner.
- You manage multiple outstanding tasks and can prioritize and re-prioritize as needed, while keeping methodical documentation (such as a to-do list or agenda).

Job Description: The Office Assistant handles many of Edmonton Prolife's ongoing, day-to-day tasks. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Receives and handles e-mails
- Communicates with donors and supporters as needed
- Processes new contacts into database; updates database with revised contact info.
- Composes and types routine correspondence and memoranda.

Delivers outgoing mail and packages to mailbox or post office.

- Acts as first point of contact for general office communications
- Greets visitors to office and directs them
- Does filing as needed and maintains Edmonton Prolife general filing cabinet.
- Maintains and updates general electronic files on the Edmonton Prolife network

*General office cleaning

Edmonton Prolife Events Coordinator

Skills and Disposition Required:

You are personable and have excellent written and verbal communication skills.

You are outgoing and creative.

- You are self-motivated and good at self-management.
- You manage multiple outstanding tasks and can prioritize and re-prioritize as needed, while keeping methodical documentation (such as a to-do list or agenda).

Job Description: The Events Coordinator handles many of Edmonton Prolife's ongoing, special events and new initiatives.

This position requires a flexible work schedule, the ability to attend events on weekdays, weekends and evenings. You must have transportation and will be required to set up and take down displays.

Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

Coordinating volunteers

Collaborating with board, office assistant and office director regarding ongoing and new initiatives.

Responding to inquiries regarding availability of materials, speakers and presentations from Edmonton Prolife to various groups.

Promote Edmonton Prolife events through distribution of posters, newsletters and direct mail.

Preparing events, such as Life Chain, Walkathon, January 28 vigil, etc.

The events coordinator will work approximately 20 hours per month, you will work closely with office director, through direct contact, email and phone.

Arrested Canadian Pro-Life Activist Linda Gibbons

Please consider sending a Christmas card to Linda Gibbons. She was arrested on Jan. 20, 09 for attempting to speak with women entering the Scott abortion facility in Toronto. Linda wants the freedom to be able to speak freely to any woman considering having an abortion. A panel of three judges will hear Linda's appeal on Jan. 20, 2010 and she will be in prison at least until then. Linda will not be home for Christmas. She likes to get Christmas cards when in prison. Thank you.

Linda Gibbons Vanier Centre for Women 655 Martin St., Box 1040 Milton, ON L9T 5E6

Our new ad campaign

Edmonton Prolife will launch its new ad campaign in the New Year! We have focused on becoming

interactive with the public and with these new ads; individuals will be directed to text a message to receive information on various life issues.

We thank our sponsors who have made the monthly public LRT ads available. If you would like to help please contact Edmonton Prolife at 780-425-1637. All donations are tax

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deductible.

