



Spring 2025

Who We Are

Renfrew County Right to Life is a non-profit organization formed in the 1970s. The present membership of more than 300 began in response to the Liberal Government of the day and its refusal to draft any legislation regarding abortion in Canada. Our country has absolutely no restrictions on the abortion industry.

After many years of battling the culture of death in Canada, pro-lifers have expanded their mandate to protecting all human life from conception to natural death.

Renfrew County Right to Life provides information, support and a platform for any individual or group concerned about abortion, IVF, embryonic research, and euthanasia, and the harm these practices inflict on our most vulnerable citizens.

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Upcoming: March for Life

Thursday May 8, 2025

The National March for Life is the biggest annual demonstration of any kind on Parliament Hill. Before COVID, there were crowds of 25,000 - and we would love to see that again.

Getting there

Our air-conditioned coach with washroom leaves at **7:45 AM sharp** from the Pembroke Metro parking lot, and stops at Cobden Pentecostal Church at **8:15 AM** and the Renfrew Visitors' Centre at **8:40 AM**.

Please email rcrtlifemail@gmail.com as soon as possible, with a list of all riders, to reserve your seats. Or you may call (613) 401-6482.

Note that each seat costs us \$40, so we collect donations on the bus.

Schedule

You can attend a mass at **10 AM** at St Patrick's Basilica (Catholic), or a prayer service at a downtown evangelical church (location TBA).

We meet on Parliament Hill at **12:30 PM** for music and pro-life speeches from senators, MPs, activists, and religious leaders.

The peaceful march through downtown Ottawa begins at **1:30 PM**, and is well patrolled by the local police, to keep us safe from protesters. Signs are provided, or be creative and bring your own.

After the march, you can listen to moving post-abortion testimonies by the Silent No More Awareness Campaign. We leave at **3:30 PM**.

Practical suggestions

A backpack for your lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, umbrella, and extra layers (depending on the weather) is recommended. Comfortable shoes are a must, as you will be on your feet for several hours, walking several kilometres. The only public washrooms for the Hill are across the street at the visitors' centre, and the lines are extremely long, so you may have to walk several blocks to other public buildings.

For more information:

For details on these events, or to make reservations for extra events such as the Rose Dinner or the Leaders' or Youth Summit (if you plan to drive), please check the March website: marchforlife.ca

Even if you can't attend this year:

Please consider sponsoring our coach. As of this writing we do not have enough in the bank to cover the cost.

See you on the bus!

Get Involved Locally

RCRTL meets three times a year to discuss business and current pro-life issues, and how we can make a change in our community and society. We announce meetings on our Facebook page and to our email list.

RCRTL has 3 annual **events**. We charter a coach to the **March for Life** in Ottawa on the 2nd Thursday in May; we hold a local **Life Chain** prayer vigil on the first Sunday in October, and we host a **Celebrate Life Banquet** in mid-fall.

For more details:

[facebook.com/RCRTL](https://www.facebook.com/RCRTL)

Anyone who shares our pro-life views and goals is welcome to attend our meetings and participate in our events.

We depend entirely on the donations of our local members. In addition to financing our events and our billboard, we award an **annual bursary** to a student involved in pro-life work at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College.

We are still looking for a spot **on Highway 17** for another billboard. If you own property or know someone pro-life who does, please contact Barb at 613-735-6265 or email rcrtlif@gmail.com.

Pro-Life Profile

Canadian Physicians for Life

from their website:



CPL's principles are based on the life-affirming Hippocratic Oath. CPL is open to all doctors and students who share the following:

Reverence for every human life, regardless of age or infirmity, lies at the root of all medical tradition

Recognition that the long and honourable ethical tradition of medical sciences through the ages has been expressed and protected by the oath of Hippocrates

Conviction that human life begins at fertilization and a recognition that to cause the death of a human being directly, at any stage in life, because of physical or mental disabilities, or for social, economic, ecological or eugenic reasons, is a gross injustice to the person, degrading to humanity, and contradictory to the role of the physician

Understanding that there are two patients in every pregnancy. The physician bears the medical responsibility for the lives of both the mother and her developing child

Belief that it must be the goal of medical science and its practitioners to preserve and protect human life, to relieve suffering and to promote healing

Through annual conferences, thematic symposia, and mentoring programs, they provide formative opportunities for **students** to grow in professional excellence and personal responsibility.

They provide support and resources to **practicing physicians** who seek to uphold the Hippocratic tradition of medical ethics.

They present a strong **public voice** in advocating for greater respect for all human life. They respond in attractive and compelling ways to the ethical dilemmas arising from any technologies or societal pressures that threaten human life, especially on the basis of age, disability, or any other vulnerability.

Also check out their Facebook page for high-quality content:

<https://www.facebook.com/CanadianPhysiciansforLife>

Local Pro-Life News

Life Chain 2024 was held on Sunday October 6. Our faithful participants braved a stormy forecast and kept dry under umbrellas for most of the hour, until lightning strikes drove us back to our cars.

Our signs got plenty of thumbs-ups and encouraging honks; wouldn't it be great to see some of those like-minded people join us next year? We need to invite more friends!

If we had everyone on our mailing list show up, we'd have to order more signs - and that would be a very welcome problem!

Local Pro-Life News (continued)

Our reflective “same little human” **billboard** on Drive-In Road has not yet been subject to attacks or online protests. If you would like to help defray the rental cost of the space, please send your cheque to the address on the first page.



Our annual **Celebrate Life Banquet** took place at Our Lady of Lourdes hall on October 26, with Deacon Adrien Chaput as MC. After a delicious buffet catered by Ulrich's on Main, we enjoyed a couple of beautiful choral selections by



students from Our Lady Seat of Wisdom College.

The speaker was local pastor Gary Engler who has extensive experience with dying patients, and he shared a Biblical perspective on MAiD (Canada's euphemism for assisted suicide, Medical Assistance in Dying).



Our president, Susan Dagenais, had copies of her memoir for sale, and she presented Donalee Loback, Executive Director of First Step Options, with \$5 from each book sold that evening.



Support local charities that do life-affirming work

Pro-lifers are often falsely accused of not caring about babies once they are born. We encourage our members to **donate directly and generously** to area charitable organizations that receive little or no government funding and focus on practical support, such as:

[First Step Options Pregnancy Resource Centre](#)

[The Grind Community Kitchen](#)

[Renfrew County Food Banks](#)

[St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen at St. Columbkille Cathedral](#)

“The problem begins when society permits doctors, or others, to kill people. If euthanasia by organ donation becomes an accepted way to kill, then sadly, euthanasia will be promoted as a benefit to society, creating another pressure to die.”

- Alex Schadenberg,
“Euthanasia by Organ
Donation - Doctors debate the
dead donor rule”, May 22, 2019

Get Involved Nationally

A semi-annual newsletter can't keep you up to date. We regularly post news and analysis on abortion and euthanasia, as well as petitions, on our Facebook page, which anyone can see, just like a website:

[facebook.com/RCRTL](https://www.facebook.com/RCRTL)

We mainly focus on right to life issues in Canada.

Please visit the page often, and respond to the calls to action, such as petitions or sending messages to your MP.

If you are a Facebook member, please Follow the page and Share the posts. This makes our posts more visible.

Recommended Canadian pro-life websites:

[Campaign Life Coalition](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.ca)

[Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform](http://www.canadiancentreforbioethicalreform.ca)

[Euthanasia Prevention Coalition](http://www.euthanasia-prevention.ca)

[National Campus Life Network](http://www.nationalcampuslifenetwork.ca)

[Priests for Life Canada](http://www.priestsförlife.ca)

[ProWomanProLife](http://www.prowomanprolife.ca)

[RightNow](http://www.rightnow.ca)

Life Line is published in April and September to inform our members of upcoming events.

If you received this by snail mail but would like to save us a stamp and receive a digital copy that you can easily share, please email RCRTLlife@gmail.com

President's Message

Apparently eating live baby octopus is a thing. Seriously?

In a video I came across, a woman was begging viewers not to eat baby octopus as they can feel pain. I watched as a man seated in a restaurant, smiling, was trying his hardest to keep a tiny octopus in his mouth as he chewed away. The octopus was clearly trying to save its life.



Some may perhaps find this intriguing. I find man's inhumanity to man and animals disgusting, gruesome, cruel, macabre, and horrifying.

If you're anywhere near my age, you'll remember the clubbing of baby seals. What is this attraction to killing the most vulnerable? And it doesn't stop with animals, does it? Today in Canada, abortion is legal right up till birth!

It's imperative that we stand together to show we care, that we disagree with the killing of our most vulnerable, and that we are brave and not afraid to be seen as defenders of life from conception to natural death.

"The plans the Lord has for each tiny human being are grander than we can imagine - magnificent beyond our comprehension. This human being must just be allowed time to grow." (marchforlife.ca)

In Matthew 18:6 Jesus said, "If anyone causes one of these little ones —those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

Therefore we must also stand to pray for the perpetrators of these killings, that they soon have a change of heart.

The best place for Canadians to stand together is the 28th March for Life in Ottawa. As Canadians, we know the beauty of one snowflake and the impact of many snowflakes, so please help us to fill all the seats on our coach on Thursday, May 8.

Susan Dagenais, President

