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Smithers Prolife Society Newsletter

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Smithers Crisis
Pregnancy Care Center

🕒 Wednesday 11-2 or
by appt. 250-847-2475
🌐 Website:
smitherspregnancy.com
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Free, non-judgmental support:

Pregnancy Tests
Pregnancy Choices Lay Counselling
Maternity Care Closet
Post Abortion Lay Counselling
Sexual Education
Community Referrals

you don't have to go
through this **alone**



The secret things
belong to the Lord
our God, but the
things revealed
belong to us and
to our children
forever, that we
may follow all the
words of his law.

Deuteronomy 29: 29

LOCAL

The Smithers
Prolife Society
blessed the
Pastors in the
Valley with the
gift of a book
this Christmas.

The book, "Be a
Pro-Life Kid" by
Bethany and
Ryan Bomberg-
er, is built on
the foundation
that every



human life has a God-given purpose. Ryan's own life was in the cross-hairs of the ideology that says a child conceived in rape should be aborted. His biological mother was raped but she chose to place him into a loving adoptive family. This husband-and-wife team forthrightly state their intentions to illuminate the truth that every human being has worth.

We hope that the pastors will find many uses for this book; may it be an easy way to encourage the younger ones in the church of their intrinsic value as a child created by God.

We Need a Law : <https://weneedalaw.ca/> Canadian Center for Bio-Ethical Reform: <https://www.endthekilling.ca/>

"Heritage Keepers" training and Life Canada Educational Story Board



The board sent Marge Layfield, our counsellor, and Kim Keegstra, a CCBR grad, to The Heritage Keepers Sexual Risk Avoidance training Program so that they are equipped to teach teens to develop a strong sense of personal identity and worth, set protective boundaries, resist negative peer pressure, determine and protect personal values and goals, and set high standards for themselves.

LIFE CANADA also produced an excellent graphic novel that can follow up on the lessons by exploring the three options that face someone who is pregnant.



John Stonestreet Shane Morris

Christians who work in politics to end legalized abortion do so because innocent lives are at stake. That would be enough cause in and of itself. However, abortion isn't just one of the many issues that we should care about. In many ways, abortion, perhaps more than any other single issue, symbolizes our society's core beliefs. Simply put, Christian societies do not kill their smallest, most vulnerable members. Pagan societies, on the other hand, do.

In a fascinating recent essay published at *First Things*, Louise Perry argued that the fight over abortion is really about whether we will remain, in any real sense, a Christian society, or we will repaganize to the beliefs and values of pre-Christian times. Perry, author of the recent book *The Case Against the Sexual Revolution*, isn't a Christian, but her spiritual journey has led to a recognition that many of her secular and humanist values are, in fact, remnants of a Christian morality that remade the world.

Perry opened her article by citing Scottish poet Hollie McNish, who wrote that archaeologists know they've found a Greek or Roman brothel when they unearth "a pit of newborn babies' bones." Hearing this poem gave Perry the same "painful, squeezing, swooping sensation" she first felt when hearing a graphic description of abortion. She realized something pro-lifers have long argued: Abortion is really a form of legalized infanticide and not so different from the baby-killing of the ancient world.

Though Perry is still pro-choice in certain cases, she's clearly uneasy about it. This is in part because she's a mom, and because she sees how abortion and infanticide exist on a "continuum" that includes other ancient practices like slavery, the sexual exploitation of women and children, and general disregard for the weak and poor. Historically, only one group of people

objected to these things. As Perry wrote: *The supremely strange thing about Christianity in anthropological terms is that it takes a topsy-turvy attitude toward weakness and strength. To put it crudely, most cultures look at the powerful and the wealthy and assume that they must be doing something right to have attained such might.*

Into this predatory, power-centric pagan world stepped Christ, who defeated the powerful through submission to death "even death on a cross." After Christ's resurrection, His followers began insisting on the innate and equal value of all human beings and began condemning practices like infanticide.

Western progressives owe their moral instincts to protect the weak and vulnerable to the Christian revolution, even if they scoff at the idea of the Christian God.

And therein lies Perry's problem. There is no group weaker or more vulnerable than unborn babies. Yet these are precisely the victims that feminists and secular progressives insist we must ignore to advance sexual freedom.

This is why, Perry concludes, **"The legal status of abortion ... represents the bleeding edge of dechristianization."**

Stepping decisively away from the influence of Christianity will bring back an "older, darker" set of values in which the strong exploit the weak and no one objects. Such a world would truly be, once again, pagan. At least some non-Christian writers seem to realize that in this world, women, the poor, and other vulnerable classes would not fare well. As the values of our pagan past grow more influential and pervasive, progressives should take note. **A society built on babies' bones won't long respect the rights of anyone except the powerful. For that, you need Christ.**

This *Breakpoint* was co-authored by Shane Morris. breakpoint.org.

Membership Drive:

The Annual membership drive has begun; letters have been sent out with an update about the year, an appeal for support, and info about one's status. Their return by the end of December would be a great help.

The Pro-Life Bakesale

A huge thank-you to everyone who contributed to its success. It raised \$2,710.10

CALENDAR

January

-Sanctity of Human Life Day

February

-Movie night

March / April

-March 8: Women's Day

-AGM/dessert fundraiser

-March For Life (Ottawa)

-Mother's Day

June

-Euthanasia legal 2016

-Garage Sale

-Planning for next year

July/August

-Fall Fair Parade float?

September

-Walk for Life

October

-Breast Cancer awareness

-Oct 15 Infant Loss Day

November

-Educational movie night

➔ Membership drive

December

CHURCH REPS

St. Joseph's Catholic church seeks a rep/liason

Smithers Can Ref

Jessica Vandergaag

Smithers Christian Ref

Betty Bandstra

E-Free **Kathy Dobrenski**

Bethel URC **Brenda Ewald**

Telkwa Faith URC

Jenny Vandenberg

Telkwa Community

Karen Fokkens

Baptist **Ed Schneider**

MVA **Brigitte Kloosterman**

Legacy Gifts

After you have remembered your loved ones, please consider including Smithers Pro-Life in your will. You can make a bequest in your will by designating Smithers Pro-Life, Box 3252 Smithers, V0J 2N0 as a recipient of a specific amount or a percentage of the estate.



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