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## **NEWS: In Ottawa**

### Smithers Prolife Society Newsletter

# HAPPY MOTHER'S PAY

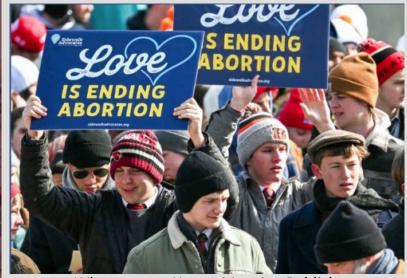
Our physical LIFE comes from God, who alone is our creator. We pray for all mothers, those with born children, those expecting the birth of a child, those who long to be a mother, those whose child died too early, and those who have tried to reverse their motherhood. May Jesus give us his Grace, Mercy and Love.



GARAGE SALE Saturday, June 7, 8:00 - 12:00 at St Joe's gym







Why so many Young Men Are Publicly Supporting the Pro-Life Movement. (cont. on the back.

By: T.J. Muscaro, originally published <u>February 9, 2025, The Epoch Times</u>

Men are raising awareness that they can, and should, have a voice on abortion.

WASHINGTON—Thousands of young men from elementary schools, high schools, colleges, and seminaries across the USA and Canada gathered in the nation's capital to make their voices heard.

Those young men were joined by little boys walking hand-in-hand with their fathers and mothers and older men bearing signs that said things such as, "Abortion is Failed Manhood" and "Men Regret Lost Fatherhood."

Ryder Wittman, 20, a senior at Colorado Christian University, attended the march. "I think a lot of guys aren't even aware that they can be part of this," he said.

He said his friends and peers have told him, "'Oh, I didn't know I could have an opinion about that. I didn't know there was anything I could do. I thought that was a female thing."

Wittman said that while volunteering at a pregnancy center in Denver, he comes face to face with young men who feel voiceless over an unplanned pregnancy, even when their girlfriends want them to speak up.

"A lot of guys come in and they're my age, you know, they're 19, 20, 21, and, you know, the mentality they're told is 'I can't have an opinion on this," he told The Epoch Times.

"And their girlfriends, they'll be looking at them saying, 'Hey, lead me in this. Tell me what we should do.' So, the big thing for me is how do we combat the idea that men don't have a say here?"

On the other side are the young men Wittman has encountered in his volunteer work: young men who don't want to be ignored and want to stop their girlfriends from aborting their children. Over and over again, he said, he sees dads who say, "Hey, I don't really want to go this way, but I don't feel like I can have an opinion here." "It's really heartbreaking and tragic to witness," he said.

Several pro-life groups have recognized that push to silence men on the issue and have even seen it arise in the pro-life movement. "Sometimes the pro-life movement risks falling into this mistake, that it's just a women's movement," Priests for Life National Director Frank Pavone told The Epoch Times. Men need to resume the role of protector, he said, praising the number of young men they see becoming active in the pro-life movement.

"It's strong men ... and boys growing up who will defend their women and really celebrate mother-hood."

"As St. John Paul II constantly proclaimed, culture is more important than politics and economics when it comes to true and lasting change in our society," said Lamoutte, another student whose parents are both obstetriciangynecologists. He has seen his dad's volunteer work for an abortion reversal hotline; it was formative as he heard of crisis pregnancies and women wanting to reverse first-trimester abortions.

Lamoutte prays "for all women who are scared, confused, and alone," and for all of the babies who don't have someone to stand up for them. They also pray for men faced with a crisis pregnancy, who may not know how to support their girlfriends, wives, sisters, or daughters at that difficult time and that the pro-life movement will continue to build a culture of life.

PLEASE NOTE

The Care Center will now be open:

Tuesday 10 - 1:00

Visitors are
welcome to drop in
and browse /
borrow (even take)
some of the many
resources.

View the library:

libib.com/u/ smithersprolife

### **CALENDAR**

January

-Sanctity of Human Life Day

February

-Movie night

March / April

-March 8: Women's Day -AGM/dessert fundraiser

Ma

-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

-Fundraiser: Bake Sale

#### **CHURCH REPS**

St. Joseph's Catholic Elizabeth Vanderhorst Smithers Can Ref Jessica Vandergaag Smithers Christian Ref

Betty Bandstra

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> Jenny Vandenberg Telkwa Community

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