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Smithers Prolife Society Newsletter

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Smithers Crisis
Pregnancy Care Center

🕒 Tuesday 10 -1:00 or
by appt. 250-847-2475

🌐 Website:
smitherspregnancycares.com

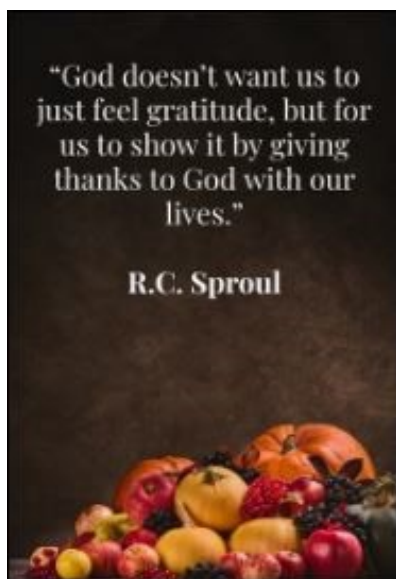
☎ 24hr Helpline:
1-877-88-WOMAN

🌐 Crisis Website:
www.onlinecare.ca

Free, non-judgmental support:

Pregnancy Tests
Pregnancy Choices Lay Counselling
Post Abortion Lay Counselling
Sexual Education
Community Referrals

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



Wishing the *Pro-Life Community* a very
blessed **THANKSGIVING DAY**

We are grateful to the Lord for his blessing of a beautiful fall day for the annual Walk for Life last Saturday. We are thankful that several church leaders participated; it lets the flock in their care know that this peaceful walk is a legitimate Christian activity. We give praise to the Lord for those people who set aside 2 hours of their day to bear witness that abortion does not help women and never ends well for the baby. All the children who walked along with their bright balloons were also a visible witness that their moms chose life for them. And finally we are glad that there are men who willingly serve as Marshalls to ensure the safety of the walkers.



Photo Memories

Movie Night

"Cabrini"

Nov. 14



WILL GENETIC SCREENING FOR PERFECT BABIES BE THE NEW NORMAL?

By John Stonestreet and Timothy D. Padgett

<https://breakpoint.org/gattaca-wasnt-supposed-to-be-the-plan/>

On a recent visit to the *Interesting Times* podcast, [Noor Siddiqui](#), head of the IVF screening company [Orchid](#), told Ross Douthat that baby-making needs to change. Not only will the genetic screening of embryos be available, she predicted; it will be the new normal of procreation.

The vast majority of parents in the future are not going to want to roll the dice with their child's health. They're going to see it as taking the maximum amount of care, the maximum amount of love. In the same way that they plan their nursery, plan their home, plan their preschool. ... I think it then becomes about stewardship. It becomes about how do I make a responsible choice for my family.

[Siddiqui](#) is probably correct. When children are seen as accessories to adult life, eugenics makes the most sense. Why wouldn't we take every step possible to optimize the health of the child we take home, even if that involves the creation and discarding of other tiny humans in the process? And why wouldn't we use the best available technology to do so? IVF is pitched as a [therapeutic technology](#), enabling those unable to have kids to become parents. Increasingly, it is also sold by appealing to certain lifestyle choices. Those who wish to [postpone pregnancy](#) or hand off the task to willing incubators can still have the children they want.

To be clear, the IVF process has always separated procreation from sex, and it has always involved the screening and selection of embryos. Siddiqui is simply promising more of the same. There is a market, she believes, in *more thorough* testing and *better* screening. She's probably right.

If Orchid's services are ever perfected and normalized, parents who choose to have babies the old-fashioned way will be accused of being "reckless" and "irresponsible." Those who don't genetically screen out "imperfect" children

will be labelled abusive and heartless. As Dr. Kristin Collier [put it after](#) a visit to Orchid's website, "This is not 'healthcare.'" Rather, it is a way of normalizing the next descent on an already very slippery slope.

In [The Wall Street Journal](#), Zusha Elinson described "Silicon Valley's Obsession With Having Smarter Babies."

The fascination with what some call "genetic optimization" reflects deeper Silicon Valley beliefs about merit and success. "I think they have a perception that they have 'good genes,'" said Sasha Gusev, a statistical geneticist at Harvard Medical School. "Now they have a tool where they think that they can do the same thing in their kids as well, right?"

In a recent post on X, Princeton professor [Robert P. George](#) described perfectly what's at stake as modern technology makes this more possible:

*Eugenics is now a permanent temptation. Every new generation will face it. Resisting it will be as difficult as it is important. It is critical that we understand children as *persons*, not products. We must not make them objects of manufacture, subject to "quality controls."*

Indeed, but the ethical genie has been let out of the bottle for some time now. We must oppose eugenics in all forms, and we must train our children about God's design and the God-given intrinsic good of children.

Stanley Hauerwas famously said, "In 100 years, if Christians are people identified as those who do not kill their children or their elderly, we will have been doing something right." If so, that will likely mean that we are also known for the way we make babies.

October: breast cancer awareness month.

Medical sites warn that alcohol increases the risk of breast cancer because it increases levels of estrogen.

They refuse to warn about the same obvious connection between the extra surge of estrogen that happens when a woman becomes pregnant but then remains in the body if the baby is aborted.

An inconvenient truth that the pro-abortion media buries.

CALENDAR

January

-Sanctity of Human Life Day

February

-Movie night

March / April

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

May

-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
Elisabeth Vanderhorst
Smithers Canadian 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**

Pregnancy and infant LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

1 IN 6 KNOWN PREGNANCIES END IN MISCARRIAGE
HEALTHLINKBC.CA
6 OUT OF 1000 BABIES ARE STILLBORN IN CANADA
PUBLICATIONS.GC.CA
FOR EVERY 5 PREGNANCIES*, ONE ENDS IN ABORTION
2021: CANADA: 87,405 ABORTIONS AND 367,684 BIRTHS (TOTAL: 455,169)
*EXCLUDING MISCARRIAGES CIBC.CA AND STATCAN.GC.CA
1,700 INFANTS DIE OF SIDS PER YEAR IN CANADA
STATCAN.GC.CA



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