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Smithers Prolife Society Newsletter

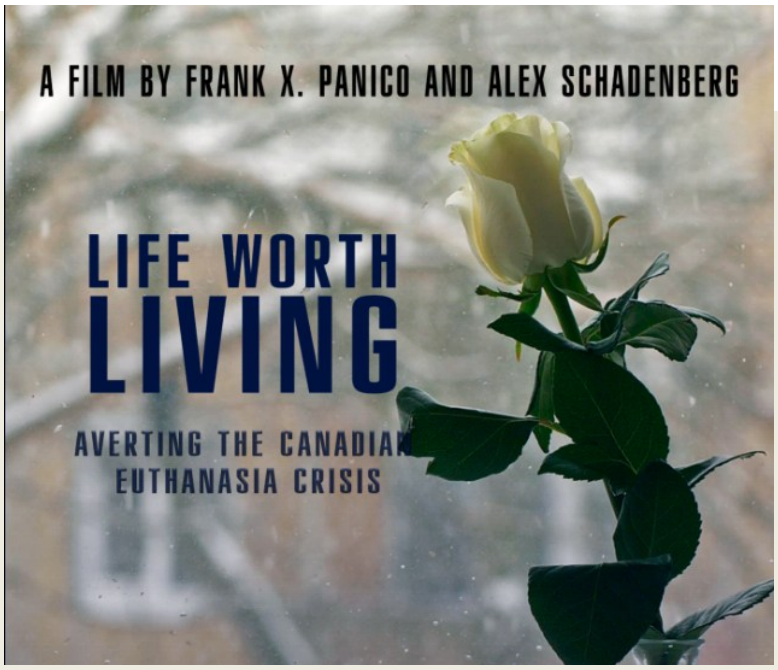
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MOVIE NIGHT & Guest Speaker

Date: Thursday, Nov 5.
Time: 7:30—9:30
Place: Smithers CRC
4035 Walnut Dr.
Cost: Free /or donation





Alex Schadenberg, whose expertise has been sought around the world, is the director of the *Euthanasia Prevention Coalition* and he has co-produced a one hour documentary that addresses Canada's Medical homicide law as it moves towards including those who only have a mental illness. He will do a brief talk after the movie and then will field a Q & A time.

Come to learn what the public media doesn't mention.

Smithers Crisis Pregnancy Care Center

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

Website: smitherspregnancycare.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

The Smithers Pro-life Board is pleased to announce that the position of **Office Manager has recently been filled by Ingrid Dykstra.** She is a life member of the Pro-life Society and very proficient in "all things office" having just retired from working for a Smithers' lawyer. Training has happened through the summer and the board is delighted to have Ingrid helping in the office.

The Personal Journey of Jason and Cassie Allen

Sometimes we call them coincidences but in hindsight we see that it was God's hand at work. That is the story of a young married couple from the St. Joseph's Parish which I am privileged to share.



A while ago I was in the Sausage Factory and was helped by a young man who caught my attention because he was so polite. Several months later I met him again when he and his wife attended the 2025 Smithers Pro-life AGM dinner. I learned that his name was Jason and his wife's name was Cassie and since they did not know anyone else, I invited them to join our table. It was then that they shared that they were expecting a baby, but the most recent ultrasound had revealed that the length of the baby's arms did not seem consistent with normal development.

When I returned to the Pregnancy Care Center, on the desk was the Spring Issue from a Catholic Nun's group in which there was an article from a Christian family whose first three babies had died shortly after birth. It was a true story of their trust in the Lord as they wrestled through their grief and disappointment. I felt the prompting of the Lord to share this article with Jason and Cassie; sometimes it helps to know from others that God does not promise perfect outcomes; he promises to be with you.

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No Law since Jan 28, 1988



CONTINUED FROM THE FRONT…. Jason said the article had greatly encouraged them; their next step was a move to Vancouver because Cassie's pregnancy was "high risk". Months passed and they were often in my prayers. Then a few weeks ago, Jason and Cassie found me in Smithers and told me

"the rest of the story".

They had moved into the Ronald McDonald house and despite the presumption that the baby would be premature, their little boy went full term. Since it was known that he had complications, doctors tried to induce the baby early but in the end a caesarian was still required.



He was born on August 10 and Jason said he was a fighter. Jason baptised him, they named him "Caius Michael", and they were able to hold him and love him for four hours even as his spirit left his little body and returned to his maker.

Then Jason shared that every doctor whom they had met in their journey strongly recommended abortion; repeatedly they had to say "No". He explained: **"We had prayed for the blessing of a baby, a new life; who were we to say to God, the giver of life, we don't want this one, he isn't perfect.**

That would be like throwing God's gift back in his face."

Together they have walked through a valley that few parents experience; first two miscarriages and now the death of their third baby, but their faith in Jesus Christ and their love for each other gently shines through when you talk with them.

It is their testimony that encourages the Pro-life Society to persevere in defending the Right to Life of the pre-born. God gives life and it is He alone who numbers our days.

Habakkuk 3:17 & 18. **Psalm 139:16** **Mark 9:36-37** By Betty Bandstra

What to do with Different Approaches?

The Sacredness of human life is promoted in the Pro-life Newsletter through summaries of various articles that come from both Christian and secular sources; its intent is to inform and educate readers about "life" issues.

We realize that there are many pro-life groups who take different approaches while striving to reach the same goal of protecting human life from conception to natural death. This runs the spectrum from Pregnancy Care Centers to abortion victim photography, from advocating for laws with gestational limits to laws that ban all abortions, from the dilemmas of reproductive technologies to the dangers of the abortion pill, from resisting medical homicide to offering palliative help that would deter its use.

We report on all these efforts because, to paraphrase the Apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:22: "We will use every means possible to win this culture war that is targeting God's image bearers so that **some might be saved."**

The board hopes that it can count on the support of the Christian community even when certain content or a prescribed approach does not line up perfectly with how the reader would have done it. *Let's keep the bigger goal in focus.*



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CALENDAR

January
-Sanctity of Human Life Day
February
-Last call for Memberships
March / April
-Movie Night
-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
-Fundraiser: Bake Sale

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