

Right to Life Association of Mississauga and Area

(Mississauga-Brampton)



All human beings, from the moment of conception, have the right to life, the basic right on which all others depend

President’s Message

Dear Friends of Life:

We hope you are all staying well and safe throughout these unsettling times. Our Board has continued to meet monthly via video conference calling. While we regrettably had to cancel Spring events, we are proceeding with our regular Fall prayer and Witness activities since these can be carried out safely (using masks, hand sanitizer and employing social distancing).

Abortions continued right through the pandemic, even though medically necessary treatments were suspended! Euthanasia rates continue to rise. The isolation of patients in hospitals and nursing homes was compounded by COVID. It’s easy to see how some elderly are more vulnerable to MAID as despair and feelings of being a burden set in. I know my dear mom-in-law lost the will to live when she had to undergo 5 room/facility changes and all the quarantining without being able to have loved ones around her when she needed us most. This is why, my friends, we need to be vigilant in our efforts to Defend Life. We must pray more and be bold in standing up for the Truth.

On a personal note, my family has moved out of Mississauga to Erin. I will continue to serve on the Board as an Education and Youth Ministry Liaison, but my friend Jolanta Galazka is stepping in as Interim President. Jolanta is a front-line home care nurse in the community and a tireless Advocate for Life. She has organized 40 Days for Life in Mississauga for a decade now. Please continue to pray for and support Right to Life Mississauga and Area. Working together, we can build a Culture of Life. Read on to learn more about the key issues and our upcoming events as well as news stories and stories which inspire us.

Soldier on For Life, Genevieve Carson 

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Abortion Facts and Studies...

- In 2017, 94,030 abortions were reported in Canada (estimated - represents approximately 90% of all abortions performed in Canada involving Canadian residents)
- Since its legalization in 1969, over 4 million Canadians have died from surgical, elective abortion
- Nearly 1 in 4 pregnancies today result in abortion
- Countless more chemical abortions occur annually with drugs like RU-486 (now an over the counter prescription in most provinces) and the “morning-after pill”.
- Today, abortion is used as a “back-up” birth control method in more than 96% of the instances
- Less than 1% of abortions are for the so-called “hard cases” of rape and incest
- Only 3% of all abortions are committed for the alleged hard case of “health risk to the mother” (therefore today, abortion is used primarily as birth control)
- About half of women with an unplanned pregnancy choose abortion; less than 1% offers the baby for adoption

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Mississauga and Area Right to Life seeks to inspire and grow its membership across all ages and backgrounds. In doing so, we seek to educate members and the public at large, to expose injustices and reveal the truth surrounding the practice of abortion and euthanasia, and its victims.

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Membership Update

This year could easily be termed “*annus horribilis*,” a Latin phrase meaning horrible year. Almost all of our events, with the exception of those held in early January had to be postponed or cancelled, including the March for Life in Ottawa. We are now setting our sites on 2021 where we can hold our events, and breakfasts, listen to great speakers and work together to reach our communities.

Right to Life Mississauga & Area will once again focus on funding for the 2021 March for Life in Ottawa. Our March for Life objective is to use funds from 2020, plus fees from 2021 memberships and renewals, to send *more* youth, by subsidizing transportation costs for local Catholic high school students. We will be updating our signs for both 40 Days for Life and Life Chain prayer vigils this year. We also hope to deliver our Youth Symposium in 2021, specifically directed towards our high school-agers; *the future of the pro-life movement*.

We will continue to support worthy groups embodying the pro-life cause such as Alliance for Life, Sisters of Life, Euthanasia prevention coalition and National Campus Life Network. Without these groups, we cannot deliver the educational programs and support the services essential to the pro-life movement.

If you have not already done so, please send in your 2020 renewal as soon as possible to ensure that we can budget for initiatives for the balance of the fiscal year. For your contribution by December 31, 2020, you will receive a tax receipt for 2020 tax year. You can mail your check to the address listed on the Membership form or contact righttolife@gmail.com to arrange for payment.

Please see page 10 (back page of newsletter) for the Membership Renewal/New Membership form along with completion and payment instructions.

Abortions Facts and Studies (*cont'd*)

- There is a shortage of newborn babies available for adoption in Canada; couples suffering infertility can wait up to 10 years for a newborn to become available
- The most common abortion procedure method is the “dilation and curettage” abortion, performed in the first trimester up to 13 weeks, making up 73.7% of all surgical methods of abortion (see <https://binged.it/2YG7SMn> for overview of abortion procedures)
- A study conducted by the British Journal of Psychiatry (2011), found women who have had an abortion have an 81 percent higher risk of subsequent mental health problems compared to women that have not
- Women who have had an abortion experience higher rates of anxiety by 34%
- Women who have had an abortion have an increase of 37% in feelings of depression
- Women who have had an abortion have an increase of 110% in alcohol abuse
- Women who have had an abortion an increase of 155% for suicidal behavior

For more information refer to <https://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/abortion/>

Pastor’s Corner



In each Newsletter, our Parish Priests and other religious are invited to share their thoughts on Right to Life issues. In this 13th Edition, Pastor Richard Grift, Senior Pastor CrossPoint Christian Reformed Church offers his insights.

From the Desk of Pastor Richard Grift, CrossPoint Christian Reformed Church

As the great Creator, God’s will for all humankind is life. And as the Redeemer, Christ died and rose “that we might have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). This is the culture of life and of joy and of fullness God wants for all humankind even in our suffering and less than perfect world. And while there is some mystery regarding why some get to enjoy more abundant life on this earth than others, and mystery regarding God’s sovereign role and grace in determining this, what is clear from God’s Word is that he gives us the opportunity to choose abundant life. In Deuteronomy 30, God sets before his people, and before all people, the option of life or death, and of blessings and curses. This option of life and blessings is connected to loving and obeying God and his commands, including his command to value life. If we choose to turn away from God’s way of life, God warns that we “will certainly be destroyed” (Deut. 30:18).

Many in the culture of Canada are choosing the way of death, and doing so with full legal permission. This includes abortion and assisted suicide (euphemistically called “Medical Assisted Dying”), but the way of death includes other legally permissible but immoral behaviour. Many in Canada are choosing the way of death. As I write this article, a husband and wife, in Nova Scotia, are fighting each other in court about whether the husband should be allowed to end his own life. Claiming he’s not competent to make that decision, his wife of 50 years is trying to stop him from taking his own life. Whatever empathy we feel about the anguish of this man’s pain, and even if we are tempted to grant him the freedom to choose, one thing seems clear from God’s Word: he asks us, and encourages us, and even commands us to choose his way of life and of love (Deut. 30:15-16).

I agree with laws that prevent us from taking our own or other’s lives. But we can’t force people to choose what they want in their hearts. The paradox of choosing life is that only God can make us choose life. So what if, with empathy and love, we pled more with people and with God that they would hear his life-giving voice of love, and choose his way of life. Love for God requires it (Deut. 30:16), and love for our neighbours.

Life-giving peace to all, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Important Dates to Remember 2019

Event	Date	Location	Time
40 Days for Life Vigil Opening Mass	Sunday, Sept. 20 th	Sts. Peter and Paul Church 4070 Central Pkwy E, Mississauga, ON (will also be streamed thru parish website)	11:00am Mass
40 Days for Life Vigil Starts	Wed. Sept. 23 rd	Southwest corner of Confederation Parkway and Queensway (just west of the hospital & east of the 170 Queensway parking lot on the south side of the street)	Each day 7:00am to 7:00pm
Life Chain	Sunday, Oct. 4 th	See Life Chain times and locations on the following page	Varies by Parish (see Page 4)
Mid-point Holy Hour	Friday, Oct 16 th	St. Mary’s Church Brampton (First Come First Serve)	6:00pm followed by 7:00pm Mass
40 Days for Life Vigil ends & Closing Mass	Sunday, Nov. 1 st	St Catherine is a go Closing Mass (will also be streamed thru parish website)	1:00pm



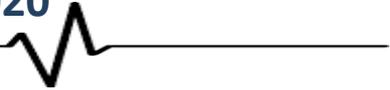
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Life Chain 2020



On Sunday, October 4th, Respect Life Sunday, join with thousands of people across North America for Life Chain. During the pandemic, when medically necessary treatments were suspended, abortion and euthanasia deaths continued. More than ever, we must storm heaven and show that every life is precious and needs to be defended.

Bring your friends and family out and stand in prayer and silent witness on behalf of the millions of babies who have lost their lives to abortion. Let’s pray for them, their moms, for the doctors and our nation, that we will end this atrocity. (*- check with your parish or righttolifemb@gmail.com to confirm vigil times).

City	Parish Life Chain Sites	Location	Time
Mississauga	St. Ignatius Loyola Church	2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd.	1:00-2:00 pm*
Mississauga	St. Maximillian Kolbe Church	4160 Cawthra Rd.	2:00-3:00 pm*
Mississauga	Sts. Peter and St. Paul Church	Central Pkwy and Burnhamthorpe Rd.	1:00-2:00 pm*
Mississauga	Cristo Rei Church	Confederation and Central Pkwy	11:00-12:00 pm*
Mississauga	Near St. Joseph Church	Creditview Rd. at Bristol Rd. W.	2:00-3:00 pm
Mississauga	Near St. Martin of Tours Church	Dundas St. W. and Erindale Station Rd.	2:00-3:00 pm*
Mississauga	Near St. Francis of Assisi Church	Dundas St. W. and Glen Erin Dr.	1:30-2:30 pm
Mississauga	Croatian Martyrs Church	Eglinton Ave. W. at Mississauga Rd.	1:30-2:30 pm*
Mississauga	St. John of the Cross Church	Glen Erin Dr., South of Derry Rd. W.	1:00-2:00 pm*
Mississauga	Merciful Redeemer Church	Glen Erin Dr. and Erin Centre Blvd.	1:00-2:00 pm
Mississauga	Saviour of the World	Hurontario St. & Bristol Rd.	1:30-2:30pm*
Mississauga	St. Catherine of Siena Church	Hurontario St. and The Queensway	2:00-3:00 pm
Mississauga	Near St. Christopher Church	Lakeshore Rd. W. and Clarkson Rd. N.	1:30-2:30 pm
Mississauga	St. Mary Star of the Sea	Lakeshore Rd. W. and Peter St. S.	12:00-1:00 pm*
Mississauga	St. Francis Xavier Church	Mavis Rd. at Matheson Blvd. W.	2:30-3:30 pm*
Mississauga	St. Patrick’s Church	Tomken Rd. and Dundas St.	2:00-3:00pm
Mississauga	St. Martha & Mary	Southwest corner of Dixie Rd. & Dundas St.	2:00-3:00pm
Mississauga	Near St. Josephine Bakhita Church	Winston Churchill Blvd. and Thomas St.	1:30-2:30pm
Brampton	St. Jerome’s Church	8530 Chinguacousy Rd.	1:30-2:30pm
Brampton	Near St. Leonard’s Church	Sandalwood Pkwy E and Conestoga Dr.	1:30-2:30pm
Brampton	St. Marguerite d’Youville Church	Sandalwood Pkwy E and Torbram Rd.	2:00-3:00pm
Brampton	Guardian Angels Church	Sandalwood Pkwy W. and Creditview Rd.	1:15 – 2:15pm*
Brampton	From St. Eugene de Mazenod Church	Steeles Ave. to Chinguacousy Rd.	1:30 – 2:30pm
Brampton	St. Mary’s Church	From the Church to Gage Park	3:00-4:00pm
Brampton	CrossPoint Christian Reformed Church	444 Steeles Ave West	12:00-1:00pm
Brampton	St. Elias the Prophet	10193 Heritage Rd.	12:30-1:30pm
Mississauga	St. Cyril & Methodius	Hurontario & Nahani Way	12:30-1:30pm

In the News



Leading coronavirus vaccine development using cells of aborted babies

...from Life Site News

CLEARWATER, Florida, March 26, 2020 (Children of God for Life) — In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, pharmaceutical companies are racing to provide a vaccine to prevent further spread of the disease. Unfortunately, Moderna, the company that has been recently touted in news headlines for its developing mRNA-1273 vaccine to fight the virus, uses aborted fetal cell lines.

Debi Vinnedge, Executive Director of Children of God for Life, a prolife organization whose mission is to end the use of aborted fetal material in vaccines and medicines, said her suspicions were raised after checking Moderna’s patents and in particular, the use of the Spike (S) protein. The idea behind using this Spike protein in a vaccine with messenger RNA (mRNA) is to teach the patient’s immune system to produce its own protein antibodies to block and destroy the virus so the person will not become infected. Unfortunately, Vinnedge said her heart sank when she discovered that Spike protein was produced using HEK 293 aborted fetal cells.

“It was detailed in several science publications”, she said. “And in light of the public fear and panic, I did not want to be the bearer of bad news.” Vinnedge said the heavy burden of revealing that knowledge made her dig further into others’ research. That’s when she found another well- known pharmaceutical company had a better solution. Enter, Sanofi Pasteur which is using its own recombinant DNA platform to produce a Covid-19 vaccine. According to the Department of HHS Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) reports, Sanofi is using the DNA of the baculovirus expression platform, which is also used in their licensed Flublok Quadrivalent vaccine.

As in most seasonal flu vaccines, the need to produce large quantities of vaccine quickly has been a problem for many years as pharmaceutical companies used chicken eggs to cultivate their viruses. It takes several months and millions of eggs to produce the vaccines and so many companies began to turn to other cell lines for faster production.

One such company was Protein Sciences whose recombinant DNA platform is based on insect cells. Their Sf9 cell line comes from the fall armyworm and is highly effective as a rapid growth medium. It has been used for several years in producing influenza vaccines. In 2017, Sanofi Pasteur bought Protein Sciences and is using this same platform for their newly developing Covid-19 vaccine which will allow them the flexibility to make millions of doses of vaccine quickly.

“This is great news for millions of people world-wide who are concerned with the use of aborted fetal material in life-saving treatments or vaccines”, stated Ms. Vinnedge. “There is a multitude of moral options that are safer and quite frankly, utilize a more modern technology.” Vinnedge said she was particularly annoyed to see a recent article in the Washington Post trying to assert that President Trump’s ban on the use of aborted fetal tissue was blocking important research and treatments for Covid-19 virus.

“That accusation is laughable at best and nothing more than a political maneuver,” stated Vinnedge. “In fact, we have morally produced treatments for patients who are already infected, notably Hydroxychloroquine or Plaquenil. And there are more promising treatments on the way to prevent infection entirely. President Trump has done a great job of promoting morally responsible research ensuring that all Americans can have the protection they need.”

“It is deplorable that anyone would want to exploit the remains of aborted babies for financial profit especially when so many people will refuse to use those products because of their deeply held religious, moral and pro-life convictions?” she added. “We applaud the efforts of companies such as Sanofi Pasteur who are providing morally acceptable options!”

Schedule of Pro-Life Masses 2019

Year	Church	Date	Time
2020	<i>Please ask your Pastor to schedule a Pro-life mass at some point in September – October</i>	TBD	TBD

Stories That Inspire Us

**Why I'm Pro-Life. A Letter from a new Mom...****Contribution by Anna McGuckin, Board Member Right to Life Mississauga & Area**

Why I'm Pro-Life. A Letter from a new Mom...

Growing up in a devout Roman Catholic home, I identified as “pro-life” from the moment I understood what that meant. However, my understanding on this issue had always been high-level. I knew that abortion was the direct and intentional killing of an unborn child.

I knew that killing another human being was ALWAYS wrong, no matter what the circumstance. But I never knew how to defend the most popular arguments for abortion; “What about in the case of rape?” “What about when it threatens the life of the mother?” I remember having a debate with a classmate when I was in high school, and she was throwing all of these arguments at me, and I didn't know how to respond. I just knew in the depths of my heart that abortion can never be justified.

Years later, my stance on abortion remained steadfast. However, after getting married, there was one moment where I'm ashamed to admit I had the thought: “I understand why some women think abortion is their only option”. I had been recently married, and found out I was pregnant. My husband and I were always open to life, but we did not expect to become pregnant so quickly. Around the same time, I had found out that I was going to be given more responsibilities at work that could really advance my career. Finding out I was pregnant left me feeling so afraid.

Suddenly, I had all these thoughts running through my head: “How will I ever tell my boss that I'm going to be going on maternity leave in 8 months when they just entrusted me with this great responsibility?” “I'm not ready to be a mother. I want more time to figure out how to be a wife first.” “God, I was doing everything right, why now?” Then, I thought about all the mothers who do not have faith, who are single, who were raped, whose lives are in danger, and I understood, at that moment, how scary it is to find out that you will be responsible to take care of the life growing within you, whether you are ready for it or not. It was at this moment that I realized how fear can motivate some women to have an abortion. But abortion is not the easy way out. It is not free-dom. You will forever live with the burden of knowing you took away your child's life.

My pregnancy ended in miscarriage at 12 weeks. I never imagined that this would ever happen to me, and it broke me. As I felt my baby leave my body, I felt like I would never be able to move on with my life. I never had a chance to hold her, to tell her how much I love her, until she was gone. She was not just a clump of cells; she was my baby. Her name was Grace. Even though there was nothing I could have done to prevent my miscarriage, I was shown how precious the gift of life is.

After suffering a miscarriage, my husband and I grew closer than ever to our faith. Through the direction and guidance of the associate pastor at our parish, we became involved in Young Adult Ministry. I had no idea how many other young adults there were that were on fire for Christ. The friends I've made have taught me so much, and I learned how little I actually knew about my own Catholic faith.

That was also the first time I heard the term “apologetics”, and the vast amount of resources available on how to defend the Catholic faith. I found a great number of podcasts on the topic of abortion. While there are so many aspects of our faith that fascinate me, the Lord kept calling me to learn more about what it meant to be pro-life, and why Catholics are and need to be pro-life. I started to learn pro-life apologetics, and I had conviction to spread this truth to others, especially my peers.

There was no greater person that entered my life who fueled my conviction to fight for those without a voice than my baby girl, Claire. The moment she was placed on my chest changed my life forever. She is the most precious gift the Lord ever could have blessed me with, and seeing how helpless she was, how much she needed me outside of the womb, made me realize that those children still in the womb need to be protected. A newborn baby is just as dependent on their mother outside of the womb as they are inside of the womb, and their lives matter. Protecting the unborn is my “fiat”, and I will be their voice. *Always.*

Stories That Inspire Us



Why I'm Pro-Life. A Letter from a new Dad...

Contribution by Jeremy Hooghiem, Board Member Right to Life Mississauga & Area

Abortion was hardly important to me. Though raised in a Christian home, I was not taught the horror of abortion in my country. I attended a few local protests, and knew abortion was not good, but I hardly remember thinking of it before university. Even in that Christian institution, I volunteered in other social issues, but never even thought about the Pro-life Club. Though I first saw abortion images in my final year of studies, I soon mostly forgot. It didn't seem a priority.

My heart wasn't significantly moved until the next year, when I stood praying with 40 Days for Life volunteers outside of a Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Colorado, USA. For the first time it hit me that women were going in with a child living inside them, and exiting without the child – now killed inside. I realized what a real battle this was, yet felt helpless to act. I committed abortion to my prayer life, and it was now on my mind regularly.

It's one thing to pray about abortion as part of a list, yet another to be convinced that I must act to stop the emergency. This finally became personal in March 2015, at age 25, after hearing a pro-life presentation and seeing a video of abortion's victims. I felt burdened that someone ought to act, and so joined an internship with the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR) that summer.

Through many hours of street outreach, I found that a difference could be made, and minds & hearts could be turned against abortion by sharing the truth in love. I also was convicted by two realities that summer: First, with a great number of humans being killed every day in a prosperous country, isn't there someone out there who will do something to stop it? But second...how could I hope that someone else, somewhere else would do something – when I had done nothing?

This is what compelled me to join the pro-life movement full-time in 2016. I could pretend to wait for someone else to act, but this battle was placed before me. It's not on everyone's heart, but it's heavy on mine. Hundreds of boys & girls killed daily by abortion have no one to stand for them – yet God has commanded we rescue them. Yes, there are other ministries & issues in which to serve – yet so few stand regularly against abortion. Therefore, whether with CCBR, Mississauga Right to Life, or other groups, I will continue to stand for their precious lives.

Your newsletter, Right to Life and educational web-sites, special events, and guest speakers will continue to provide you with education on the issues.

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The Interim
www.theinterim.com



Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
www.epcc.ca



Coalition for HealthCARE and Conscience
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40 Days for Life

Come Pray With Us!! September 23rd to November 1st

By: Jolanta Galazka, Interim President Right to Life Mississauga & Area/
Director 40 Days for Life



Preparing our Hearts...for 40 Days!

Our 2020 fall, 40 Days for Life campaign begins on September 23rd and runs until November 1st. We have been busy preparing all the practical aspects of this, our 9th campaign, to make it the best campaign despite the setback of COVID 19. As we hold virtual meetings, print signs, send out dozens of emails, and plan, plan, and plan more, I realized we must also prepare our HEARTS for these forty days. We invite YOU to begin to do the same.

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek my holy face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chron 7:14

Many of us who have stood in silent prayer at an abortion clinic know well about what a humbling experience that is.

Our Lord asks us to “pray and seek His face”. Prayer is a fundamental part of 40 Days for Life when we unite globally with others this year with 588 participating cities (go to <http://40daysforlife.com>), click “Find a 40 days for life vigil”. Register to fill a time slot to come out and pray.

Fasting is another component of the campaign. Our Lord said that some demons are only driven out through prayer and fasting. I encourage you to give up something during the forty days (e.g., (sweets, alcohol, etc.), in a manner similar to a Lenten sacrifice. We urge you to commit yourself to deepening your prayer life and to praying and fasting for the end of abortion in Canada and the triumph of the Culture of Life.

During this pandemic many are willing to go to extraordinary lengths to protect the “vulnerable”. We should also do everything in our power to protect the vulnerable children in the womb who have no voice in our country. Imagine the thousands of Canadians we could save! If fear is still holding you back from coming to spend one hour in prayer, then please commit to God to pray at home or in a church. Share this with us by dropping us a note at mississauga40days@gmail.com or righttolifemb@gmail.com

So, let’s begin now to prepare our hearts for this up-coming 40 Days for Life. Let’s dig up the hard-packed soil of our hearts so the Holy Spirit can do His work in us.

I am hoping for miracles to happen...



Feeling uneasy about praying at the vigil site? The vigil is a legal exercise of our rights in cooperation with local authorities. Please note that the “new” location of the vigil site (where we stand) has been changed to conform with “bubble zone” regulations (out-side the 50-metre radius of the abortion clinic). We are fully compliant with Covid-19 requirements.

Vigil Site: South side of Queensway Blvd. (about 50 paces west of Confederation Pkwy) immediately west of the hospital and east of the 170 Queensway Medical Center walk-in clinic. Stand near the candy cane shaped vent stack or the railing at the back of the sidewalk. For complete instructions, go to www.righttolifemb.com/40daysforlife/

Parking: Park your car at nearby at St. Catherine of Siena parish and walk a short distance to the vigil site. Go to the side door leading to the church hall. Sign in, gather your sign to read more about the vigil site location. Hand sanitizer, masks and gloves will be available. Please try to bring your own supplies.

The more the truth about abortion is understood, the more one realizes it is anti-life, anti-human and anti-woman. Abortion is different from any other modern social issue debated today. It is promoted through lies and deceptions and many people end up suffering because of it. Prayerfully, for the sake of women and their babies, let us go after the hearts and minds of those who still are “in the dark” and help bring them to God’s Holy Truth. Will you be the one to step out in faith in Mississauga?

In the News

**82-year-old wife goes to court to stop Canadian husband being lethally injected****By Lianne Laurence Life Site News**

August 17, 2020 (LifeSiteNews) — An 82-year-old Canadian woman is going to court to stop her husband of 48 years from being euthanized, arguing that he is not eligible to be lethally injected under the country's current law. The Ontario-based Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC), which is financing the unprecedented case, sent out an urgent appeal for funds August 14 after a judge rejected the wife's request for an injunction to stop her husband's euthanasia death, originally scheduled for August 3rd.

Her lawyer, Hugh Scher, immediately requested a stay of the decision to seek leave to appeal. The request to appeal will be heard August 26, and until that time, the man's killing cannot legally go ahead, EPC executive director Alex Schadenberg told LifeSiteNews. Schadenberg reported the case on his blog but is not giving details at this time to protect the family's privacy. He said the woman called him a few weeks ago for help. She had gone along with her husband's application for euthanasia because she was certain he would be turned down, Schadenberg said.

Her husband, an 83-year-old retired university professor, has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and a few other health concerns typical for a man his age, but he is not seriously ill or dying. Moreover, according to the affidavit of a doctor filed in court on behalf of the wife, the husband has suffered from hypochondria for years and has "delusional" beliefs that he has medical conditions and health issues he does not have, Schadenberg said.

To the woman's shock and dismay, her husband was approved for euthanasia on first assessment, rejected on a second, and then approved on a third assessment. Under Canada's Bill C-14, individuals age 18 and over who are capable of consent and make a voluntary request are eligible for lethal injection if two doctors diagnose them as having a "grievous and irremediable medical condition." Bill C-14 defines a "grievous and irremediable medical condition" as a serious and incurable illness or disability that results in an advanced state of irreversible decline in capability and causes intolerable physical or psychological suffering, and that natural death is "reasonably foreseeable."

The wife told the nurse in charge of the provincial health authority that processes Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) requests, and arranges for the euthanasia, that she will sue the ministry and those involved if her husband is lethally injected. She then contacted EPC, which arranged for Scher to represent her in court, Schadenberg said. Scher filed for an injunction July 31 and based the request on a recent assessment by a local doctor, an affidavit from another doctor who had known her husband for many years, and the wife's affidavit, Schadenberg told LifeSiteNews.

These affidavits agreed that her husband is not seriously ill and that his claims of having many medical conditions and health issues are not based in fact.

The case, which was heard August 7, is the first of its kind, Schadenberg said. "No one has tried to get an injunction challenging a euthanasia, or MAiD, assessment. Canada's current law provides no mechanism for challenging errors in assessments or euthanasia approvals," he said. The nurse who processes provincial euthanasia requests has also advised the husband to contact Dying with Dignity, he said.

The tragic case comes as Parliament is scheduled to debate in September the Liberal government's new euthanasia law, Bill C-7, which critics warn will give Canada the most permissive "euthanasia regime" in the world. The Justin Trudeau Liberals tabled Bill C-7 after Quebec Superior Court justice Christine Baudouin struck down the current "natural death" eligibility criterion as unconstitutional in her September 2019 *Truchon v. Canada* decision and gave the federal and Quebec governments six months to amend their legislation.

Neither the federal nor the Quebec government challenged Baudouin's decision, although she has since extended her deadline to December 18 because of the coronavirus crisis. Bill C-7 dispenses with the terminal illness requirement and, among other things, "permits a doctor or nurse practitioner to lethally inject a person who is incapable of consenting, if that person was previously approved for assisted death," Schadenberg said.

Those wishing to help cover EPC's costs for the wife's court challenge to stop her husband's euthanasia death can donate here, or call the EPC office at 1-877-439-3348.

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