



News & Views

Serving the Community for 39 years

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With Little Stir

The distinguished scientist/philosopher, Alfred North Whitehead, makes an unexpected yet important comment in his book, *Science and the Modern World*. Concerning “a babe born in a manger,” he doubts whether “so great a thing has [ever] happened with so little stir”. The media, of course, was not present at the first Christmas.

By contrast, it cannot be said that the April 29, 2011 wedding of Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, to Catherine Middleton, happened without a stir. Over 5,000 street parties were held to celebrate the Royal Wedding throughout the United Kingdom and one million on-lookers lined the route between Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace. Thirty six million seven hundred thousand citizens in the United Kingdom viewed the television coverage along with tens of millions more around the world. Seventy two million people tuned in to the wedding on the YouTube Royal Channel.

Something else transpired within the Royal family a few years back that, to some, has considerable spiritual and historical significance, though it happened, like the babe in the manger, with little stir. In a private ceremony in August 2001, Nicholas Charles Edward Jonathan Windsor, the youngest child of the Duke and Duchess of Kent, and the great-grandson of King George V, was received into the Catholic Church. By virtue of his conversion, Lord Nicholas forfeited his right to succession to the British throne. He becomes the first male blood member of the Royal Family to become a Catholic since Charles II on his deathbed in 1685.

Five years after his conversion, Lord Nicholas Windsor married Paola Doimi de Lupis Frankopan on November 4 in the Church of Santo Stefano degli Abissini in the Vatican. It was the first time a member of the Royal Family married within the rites of the Roman Catholic Church since 1554 with the union of Queen Mary I and Philip II of Spain. Nonetheless, their wedding did not cause much of a stir.

However, like Christ and his disciples, who continually do cause a stir, Lord Nicholas is following in the footsteps of his Master, by stirring things up on the pro-life front. He is patron of the Right to Life Charitable Trust and the Catholic National Library. He is exceptionally intelligent, writes beautifully, and is a fearless defender of all human life, including the unborn child in the womb.

In an essay appropriately titled, “Caesar’s Thumb” (First Things, December 2010), he compares the arbitrary aborting of the unwanted child with Caesar’s arbitrary “thumbs down” that sent an untold number of gladiators to their premature demise. “Choice” whether Caesar’s or the aborting woman’s, fails to take into consideration the rights and reality of the one who perishes. It is an act of raw power.

Lord Nicholas is not timid about describing the enormity of abortion: “This is a historically unprecedented cascade of destruction wrought on individuals: on sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, future spouses and friends, mothers and fathers – destroyed in the form of those to whom we owe, quite simply and certainly, the greatest solidarity and duty of care because they are the weakest and most dependent of our fellow humans.”

It was been a “cruel deceit,” he writes, for Europeans to think that they would never again kill on an “industrial scale”. He therefore calls for a “New Abolitionism” for Europe. Just as late-nineteenth-century America abolished slavery, courageous and imaginative members of the new millennium must work together to abolish abortion. Yet, as he is quick to point out, we must do more than abolish abortion: “We must also creatively envisage new and compelling answers to the problems that give rise to this practice, when the easiest solutions may be destructive or distorting ones. And the goal is that human life, without any exception, may be as treasured and respected as the highest moral thought has perennially called for it to be, and as our conscience surely sound the echo.”

Lord Nicholas is certainly causing a stir, despite the absence of accompanying media fanfare. This stir, however, is not of

a spectacular nature, but one that is aimed at the heart. Paradoxically, Lord Nicholas Windsor has chosen to forfeit any right to be King of England, so that he can serve a wider constituency in a larger kingdom. God save the ex-potential king and let his enthusiasm for life stir souls and re-enliven our love for and defense of all human life.

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Community Events

Candle-light Prayer Vigil

January 28, 2012

In front of City Hall Kit. at 7:00pm. Proceed to Our Lady of Sorrows Church at 7:30 for Benediction and speaker. Remember 24 years of abortion on demand.

40 Days for Life

March 9—April 17, 2012

At the Freeport Hospital 3570 King St at Schneider’s Park (parking) Please call the office to sign up at that time if you do not have access to the internet 519.746.5433

KW RTL 2012

40th Anniversary

It is the 40th year of operation for our non-profit charity, KW and Area Right to Life. It will be exciting to look at past people and events that have made the organization what it is today. How we have changed the course of many lives and were instrumental in changing public opinion in this area.

International Plowing Match

KW RTL Display

September 18-22, 2012

In Roseville near Kitchener. If you wish to participate in this major event by sitting at our booth or planning the event please call 519.746.5433 Expected attendance at next year’s IPM is 150,000.

KW Right to Life Serves the Community for 40 year

Jane Richard President

During the year 2012 we will present various events looking over the past years of the movement in this area. Several past board members, presidents and volunteers will be highlighted along with speakers at special events. Our past is an important part of our future that takes us ever forward toward our goal of protecting the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

Please call the office if you are one of these from the past who have contributed to KW RTL in some way. Perhaps you have a story or an event to share from the past. Some of you are still participating in the movement since the beginning, an amazing dedication. We would love to hear from you and include you in our celebration of 40 years of service in the KW Area. 519.746.5433

Thanks to all who support our Christmas Card Campaign and for very generous donations toward our future display at the International Plowing Match in Roseville September 2012.

Royal Thank you

A letter from Mrs. Claudia Holloway St James Place from the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge who have asked me to thank you for letting them know of the donations so generously sent to Right to Life to mark the occasion of their wedding. Their royal Highnesses very much appreciated the incredibly kind thought, and were so touched that those listed took the trouble to make a donation.

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge regret that they are unable to respond personally to the many letters and gifts which they have received. They would, however, have me send you and the donors their warmest thanks and very best wishes. Yours sincerely, Claudia Holloway.



Jane Richard Receives Award from Maryhill Knights of Columbus 6024

In appreciation of her untiring efforts for the Right to Life movement in the Kitchener Waterloo area. Jane is presented the certificate by a Maryhill Knight, Gerry Goetz. The certificate is signed by Michael Runstedler Grand Knight. Picture by Tim Vegh.



Re: Evidence Of The Decline Of Our Civilization, letters to the editor, June 16; Let The Common Sense Abortion Debate Begin, June 13.

Additional proof of the decline of our civilization is the careless attitude or official approval (e.g., Dr. Henry Morgentaler's Order of Canada) toward the issue of abortion. Unfortunately, none of the major political parties are interested in debating the issue.

However, if such an overdue debate occurs, the philosophy behind abortion should be considered. Catholic educator, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, whose cause for canonization began in 2002, explained that abortion is based on two false philosophies: a misunderstanding of freedom and a misunderstanding of love. Those advocating abortion believe they are free to do everything they please (thus no boundaries) and that love is an experience which means it doesn't so much matter who the other person is, only the exhilaration you get out of it.

We have become a civilization of death (e.g., popular TV crime dramas, violent movies and aggressive sports). We are not so much concerned about creating life but destroying it.

Mother Teresa said it best: "The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against a child - a direct killing of the innocent by the mother herself. And if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

Andrew Caruk, Kitchener, ON

Christmas Cards for Sale

Beautiful Cards \$8. for a package of 10.

Get them while supplies last. Last year we sold and used 100 packages for our Christmas fundraiser.



Life Chain Memorial October 2011

by Patrick O'Neil

On October 2, 2011, KW Right to Life held its 22nd Annual Life Chain Memorial in front of Grand River Hospital on King Street and approximately 130 people attended to bear a silent witness for life. The cold wet weather didn't seem to dampen the spirits of the crowd that lined the streets holding umbrellas over signs that read, "Abortion Kills Children," and "Life is Precious." We were joined by over 30,000 people nationwide who decided to stand up for life in their own communities.

This year, I had the privilege of addressing everyone at the end of the event. The theme of my talk was Hebrews 3:13, "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness." The message was simple: The 'bad news' highlights how important our work is to protect life at every stage, and the 'good news,' including the progress that we make and the large number of people standing up for life, reminds us that we can be successful and encourage each other along the way.

I spoke of the importance of our work and how travesties of justice, like the mother who strangled her newborn baby was set free by an Alberta Appeals Court using the justification that Canadians accept abortion and would sympathize with the mother, demonstrate how hard we need to work to change our culture.

I also spoke about the fact that we have had a number of successes. That there are many pro life MPs and MPPs, that the federal government has prevented abortion funding from being included in international maternal health funding, and that a new movement is beginning to lobby for the defunding of abortion. (On October 22, a rally at Queen's Park hosted 2,300 pro life witnesses.)

The really interesting part about this year's life chain was the presence of a counter protest with 12 pro-abortion protesters on the other side of King Street. Their presence was a clear sign that our work is having an impact. They were not nearly as prepared for the weather as the pro life crowd, as they did not have umbrellas and were soaking wet by the end of it. At one point, I wanted badly to cross over the street and offer to hold my umbrella over them. I chatted briefly with some of the protestors afterward. They were passionate but polite and real. I left hoping that I would get another opportunity to talk to them, to better understand what they are thinking, but more importantly to stress the value all human life.



The Canadian Pro-life Movement is very diverse.

Below the 3 Major Groups are Outlined

EDUCATIONAL

LIFECANADA
National umbrella organization for educational groups

ALLIANCE FOR LIFE
Provincial head organization

LOCAL PRO-LIFE GROUPS
Educating Canadians about abortion, fetal development, reproductive technologies & euthanasia

SERVICES

CRISIS PREGNANCY BIRTHRIGHT HOMES FOR PREGNANT MOTHERS
Providing counseling, education, clothing, shelter and support for distressed pregnant mothers



POLITICAL

CENTRES CAMPAIGN LIFE COALITION
National organization with provincial and local chapters

Working in all aspects of the political arena to obtain legislated protection for all

KW Right to Life financially supports all of the above organizations & student affiliates.

World War on the Innocent?

From The Interim plus curriculum November

22 million killed in World War I (1914-1918)
62 million killed in World War II (1939-1945)
12 million killed in Stalin's starving of Ukrainians(1932-33)
43 million killed in Mao Tse Tung's Great Leap Forward in China (1959-1961)
53 million killed by abortion in the United States 1973-2011
48 million killed by abortion in Japan 1949-2005
3.5 million killed by abortion in Canada 1969-2011
949.5 million killed by abortion worldwide 1922-2009
672 million killed by abortion worldwide since 1995



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_wars_and_anthropogenic_disasters_by_death_toll
http://www.gutmacher.org/pubs/fb_IAW.html#r1
<http://www.johnstonsarchive.net/policy/abortion/index.html>

Sex Education in Schools

by Jane Richard

There was lots of publicity before the last provincial election regarding the stand of the teachers unions on how sex-ed is to be presented in schools. It appears that from viewing their speakforchildren.ca campaign, the Ontario English Catholic Teacher's Association OECTA endorses a strong pro publicly funded education government that includes their safe school action team report on bullying. Their recommendations: Key Areas for Priority Action states.

All publicly funded schools must:

- Support students if they want to engage in school-led clubs, including Gay/Straight Alliances or other activities that promote healthy relationships;
- Engage school councils and student councils to support these student-led activities; and
- Give students opportunities to take a leadership role in prevention and intervention strategies

There was no mention of any Catholic education around these issues or any other for that matter in the Catholic system.

I wonder how OECTA would react to include the formation of clubs like COURAGE in Catholic schools. The following is taken from the Courage Homepage.

Are you or a loved one experiencing homosexual attractions and looking for answers?

Courage, an apostolate of the Catholic Church, ministers to those with same-sex attractions and their loved ones. We have been endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family and our beloved John Paul II said of this ministry, "COURAGE is doing the work of God!" We also have an outreach called EnCourage which ministers to relatives and friends of persons with same-sex attractions.

From our website you will learn about same sex attraction and chastity. By developing an interior life of chastity, which is the universal call to all Christians, one can move beyond the confines of the homosexual identity to a more complete one in Christ.

In Courage you will get to know men and women who share in your concerns, meeting them online through our Listservs, or in person at Chapter Meetings, Conferences, Days of Recollection, and Retreats.

Trust Christ; listen attentively to his teachings, fix your eyes on his face, persevere in listening to his Word. Allow him to focus your search and your aspirations, all your ideals and the desires of your heart."
-- Pope John Paul II



Toronto website:
reclaimtherainbow.org

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reclaimtherainbowtoronto.org

Maternity Leave Benefits for Women who Choose to Abort Late Term Babies

After numerous requests, a letter from Service Canada stating confirmation of the above:
Contact your local MP and Prime Minister if you think this is a misuse of taxpayers dollars:
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Dear Ms. Richard:

On behalf of the Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development with responsibility for Service Canada, I am writing in response to your telephone call of September 26, 2011, to the Minister's office, concerning Employment Insurance (EI) maternity benefits.

I understand that on September 26, 2011, you spoke with Ms. Suzanne St. Germain, a Service Canada official, who provided an overview of the EI legislation with respect to maternity benefits. To follow up on your conversation with Ms. St. Germain, I am pleased to provide you with further clarification on this issue.

Individuals who meet the qualifying conditions may be paid maternity benefits starting from the earlier of 8 weeks prior to the expected date of the child's birth or the week during which the child is born and ending 17 weeks after the later of the expected date of birth or the actual date the child is born. Under the EI legislation, a claimant whose pregnancy terminates, for whatever reason, within the first 19 weeks of the pregnancy would only be eligible for sickness benefits, provided she meets other eligibility criteria for such benefits. A woman whose pregnancy terminates after the 19th week of pregnancy, for whatever reason, would be eligible for maternity benefits, provided she meets other eligibility criteria to receive such benefits. These benefits are intended to support women while they are absent from work due to the physical effects of pregnancy and childbirth, which are present regardless of the cause of the termination of pregnancy.

I trust this information is helpful in addressing your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sue", written over a horizontal line.

Sue Foster
Acting Director General
Policy, Appeals and Quality Directorate
Processing and Payment Services Branch

Canada

U.S. girls just dropping dead

Unearthed documents reveal new deaths from ‘mandated’ shot

(In part) By Joe Kovacs WorldNetDaily

Gardasil, is back in the news as newly unearthed documents reveal 26 additional deaths associated with the shot designed to help prevent young women from getting a sexually transmitted disease that can lead to cervical cancer.

The public-interest group Judicial Watch has obtained the documents through the Freedom of Information Act from the Food and Drug Administration detailing reports of harmful reactions to the vaccination for human papillomavirus, also known as HPV.

“The adverse-reaction reports detail 26 new deaths reported between Sept. 1, 2010, and Sept. 15, 2011, as well as incidents of seizures, paralysis, blindness, pancreatitis, speech problems, short-term memory loss and Guillain-Barré Syndrome,” Judicial Watch said.

As WND previously reported, one expert on Gardasil claims the drug is not only dangerous, but actually useless in fighting cervical cancer.

Dr. Christian Fiala, who successfully fought the use of the drug in Austria, told WND “there is no proof of a causal relationship of HPV and cervical cancer (correlation is not necessarily causation) and there is no evidence that HPV vaccine reduces the overall number of cervical cancer (cases).”

Judicial Watch launched a comprehensive investigation of Gardasil’s safety record in 2008 after the drug’s manufacturer, Merck & Co., began a major effort to lobby in state legislatures to impose requirements that girls be given their product.

It was in 2008 when Judicial Watch obtained documents from the FDA documenting “anaphylactic shock,” “foaming at mouth,” “grand mal convulsion,” “coma” and “now paralyzed” descriptions of the complications from Gardasil. The company wanted it to be mandatory for all schoolgirls.

Previous federal reports documented some three dozen deaths in the United

States, although an activist organization claimed there had been almost 70 deaths, nearly 800 “serious” reactions and thousands of minor reactions.

According to a Reuters report today, as of this past June, about 35 million doses of Gardasil had been dispensed in the U.S., and about 18,700 “adverse events” – which may or may not be caused by the vaccine – had been reported.

Of those, 92 percent were considered mild – meaning they were not life threatening and caused no persistent damage. The rest were serious, and included blood clots and 56 deaths. If the 26 new deaths are added to the official figure, it would put the official fatality count at 82.

Reuters says the CDC estimates that in 2010, 48 percent of girls between 13 and 17 received at least one dose of the HPV vaccine, which is given in three doses over six months. That rate is higher than in the two previous years, but still too low, according to the agency.

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She said it has been approved widely around the world, with 120 countries having examined and approved its use.

“Nothing is more important to Merck than the safety of our vaccines and those who use them,” she said. “The facts about Gardasil are clear and its efficacy and safety ... were established.”

She declined to say that Merck had not lobbied state lawmakers for laws that would force the vaccine on children and families, instead offering that the company focused on lobbying efforts regarding



the “potential school requirements” in some states.

She said the company’s goal was simply to provide information to those who made such decisions.

However, the vaccine has had a few bumps. Agence France-Presse reported in 2009 that Spanish authorities withdrew tens of thousands of doses of the vaccine when two teen girls were hospitalized.

In the United Kingdom, an investigation was launched after two young girls died following their injections of the drug.

And the Daily News and Analysis from India said the Indian Council of Medical Research suspended a cervical cancer control vaccination program for girls after four deaths and complications for 120 more.

The Truth about Gardasil has launched a video called One More Girl that publicizes “questions” about Gardasil’s safety.

At \$360 US for a course of three treatments, Gardasil takes its place as the most costly vaccine on the planet.

Perhaps a better investment might be to educate youth on the value of abstinence such as: Jason and Crystalina Evert The Pure Life CHASTITY.COM



wewantthedebate.ca

by Carolynne O'Neil

Alliance For Life Ontario is encouraging the Harper government to open a debate on abortion on January 30, 2012. The message, "wewantthedebate.ca," (We Want The Debate) is being advertised electronically and right to life groups across Ontario are participating in promoting the message. KW Right to Life encourages you to check out the web-site and follow the instruction to help bring on the debate.

Defund Abortion Rally

A Campaign Life Youth initiative

Jane Richard

About 2,300 people from across Ontario, including many young people, rallied in front of Queen's Park on Saturday October 22, 2011 to demand the defunding of elective abortion. A poll showed that over 60 percent of Ontarians oppose the status quo of paying for all abortions. The Defund Abortion Rally, organized by Campaign Life Coalition Youth, aims to send the newly elected provincial government a strong message: "Stop using our tax dollars to pay for an elective procedure that is not medically necessary." "The Defund Abortion Rally shows a growing movement of young people who acknowledge that pregnancy is not a disease, injury or illness and that abortion is not a medical necessity and therefore should not be covered by the Ontario Health Insurance Plan," said Alissa Golob, Youth Coordinator for

Campaign Life Coalition and organizer of the rally.*

The following is my observation of the CTV news coverage of the rally at Queens Park Toronto that is a good example of how the media and the public perceive the pro-life movement in Canada. (confusing) It is not necessarily a bad thing that CTV equated the CLC Defund Abortion Rally to the www.wewantthedebate.ca Alliance for Life project. However, think of the possibilities and impact of one idea promoted across all of Canada by every branch of the movement at the same time. i.e. legal, educational and service agencies. Any topic is good: defunding abortion, we want the debate, informed consent etc.

Without this unity, it is difficult to get the return that is possible. Example: increased unity in the movement, limited confusion

by media and the general public as well as decreased cost due to fragmented advertising by various branches of the movement that inhibits the growth of wider better results. We all know that perception becomes reality, that reality turns public sentiment and public sentiment changes the status quo. How can the prolife movement expedite the perception that life is precious and vulnerable in Canadian society?

Many of us have worked in the movement for long periods of time in the last 40 years. Building new strategies is definitely worth the increased chance of fulfilling our united mission. Our office continues to encourage united advertising to all the major pro-life groups in Canada. I hope they will consider this plan to achieve greater success. Unborn babies and the vulnerable are counting on us.



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