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Holly and Andy's baby 20 weeks



Schouten & Schutten: Justice for the unborn delayed and denied

A tragic accident that claimed the lives of two children in London, Ont., this past summer has now been thrust into the national spotlight. On July 25, a vehicle driven by Ruth Burger crashed into a Costco, striking a young family. Addison Hall, six, died as a result of her injuries. Danah McKinnon-Bozek, who was eight months pregnant at the time, and her three-year-old daughter Miah Bozek, were also injured. Danah was rushed to hospital for an emergency C-section, but her infant daughter died about a week following the accident.

Police say a seven-day-old baby delivered by emergency C-section after her mother was struck by a car which crashed through the doors of a Costco store in southwestern Ontario has died.

Rhiannon Bozek had been listed in critical condition since being delivered immediately following the crash in London, Ont.

Her sister, six-year-old Addison Hall, died after a car reversed through the front doors of the Costco on July 25.

Ms. Burger was initially charged with two counts of criminal negligence causing bodily harm, but only one count of criminal negligence causing death. Late last week, London police laid an additional charge of criminal negligence causing death, relating to the death of Ms. McKinnon-Bozek's infant Rhiannon.

The law is clear: Section 223(2) of the Criminal Code states that "a person commits homicide when he causes injury to a child before or during its birth as a result of which the child dies after becoming a human being." This applies to the death of any child who could live outside the mother, even for a brief time.

Some are asking why the police didn't lay the charges earlier. Perhaps they were unaware the baby had been born alive. If baby Rhiannon had died moments before birth, no charges could have been laid. Maybe the police delayed because they felt the accused was already charged with enough. Or maybe politics played a role. None of that matters. What matters is that the police corrected their error.

The significance of this case will be felt nationwide. Canadians see that our current criminal law defies common sense and scientific fact. They know that it is absurd that had Rhiannon died mere moments before birth, the law would have refused to recognize her existence.

Consider two other cases in Canada. Aysun Sesen, whose husband was charged in 2007 with her murder after he repeatedly stabbed her in the abdomen for not having an abortion, was seven months pregnant. Aysun was rushed to the hospital. Aysun's fetus still had a heartbeat on the way into the operating room. Doctors working on Aysun performed an emergency C-section, but the fetus was stillborn. Aysun died soon after. But because the baby had died only moments before being delivered, Aysun's husband was charged with only one count of homicide. There will never be a charge against him in regard to the baby, because the law refuses to recognize that baby's existence.

Compare that outcome with the case of Bernice Daniels. She also was stabbed in the abdomen, resulting in the premature birth of her child, who lived for only 19 minutes before succumbing to injuries suffered during the attack. Her attacker was eventually convicted of the child's manslaughter. As medical ethicist Margaret Somerville argued at the time, "it's pretty bizarre that as long as you make sure the baby is dead in utero there's absolutely no criminal charge, but if you deliver the baby alive [and it dies soon after] then it's murder."

Canadian law and policymakers continue to bend over backwards to make sure we deny the pre-born child every single possible right. Consider the edict of Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, who would ban his Members of Parliament from discussing (much less voting for) laws that might, for example, limit such misogynistic horrors as sex-selective abortions. The news out of Brampton, Ont., last week that Ivana Levkovic has again been acquitted in a case involving the disposal of her child's dead body is an indication that, in order to preserve the "sanctity" of abortion, we have even removed from our pre-born neighbours the dignity of proper treatment after death.

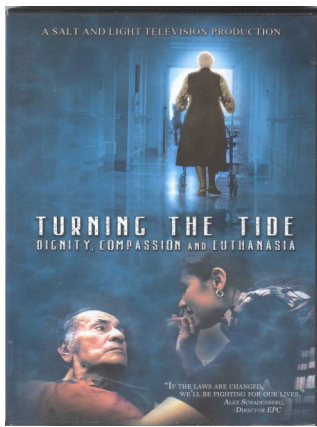
The decision by the London police to lay an additional charge against Ms. Burger is not about pressing the heavy hand of the law down on her. Rather, it is about justice for baby Rhiannon, and the affirmation of her status as a human being who deserved the protection of the law. Perhaps out of the ashes of this terrible tragedy, Canada will wake up to the terrible injustice that our criminal laws perpetrate against the youngest and most vulnerable members of the human family.

National Post André Schutten is a lawyer with ARPA Canada. Schouten is director for WeNeedALaw.ca a public awareness campaign building support for abortion legislation.

Pro-life activists planted 100,000 tiny wire-stocked flags, half of them pink for girls, and half blue for boys, in the grass for 400 metres along Wellington Street in front of Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Thursday. Expect to see them soon in provincial capitals across Canada. The flags were planted by 80-plus volunteers and staff associated with the pro-life group We Need a Law in the early morning, and retrieved in the late afternoon. (October 2nd, 2014 BC Catholic)



Join KW Right to Life for a **Candle-light Vigil on January 28th 2015 in front of Kitchener City Hall at 6:30pm.** Followed by Benediction at Our Lady of Sorrows Church Kit. Refreshments in the lower hall with a guest speaker. The date remembers January 28, 1988 when all abortion restrictions were removed leaving no protection for the preborn at any stage in utero. Call 519.746.5433



Euthanasia Prevention Coalition is arguing before the Supreme Court of Canada that:

1. Laws prohibiting euthanasia and assisted suicide are protective and not discriminatory;
2. There is reliable evidence that safeguards in other jurisdictions have been abused;
3. These issues of euthanasia and assisted suicide are properly decided by Parliament and not the Courts;
4. There is no constitutional “right to die” also euthanasia and assisted suicide are not a form of healthcare.

It is a long standing commitment of the medical profession ‘To cure sometimes, to relieve suffering often, and to comfort always.’ It is a breach of that commitment to inflict death. The World Medical Association and the near-totality of national medical associations agree that intentionally ending patients’ lives is not an ethically acceptable part of the physician’s role. This opinion is shared by the World Palliative Care Alliance and the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians in their assertion that Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide are not now, and have never been, part of palliative care practice.

Both the effectiveness of palliative care and the fact that most Canadians who die have limited access to specialised palliative care services are well recognized. Palliative care affirms life, regards dying as a normal process, and intends neither to hasten nor postpone death. In the 40 years since palliative care was introduced into Canada the ability to control pain and other symptoms is improving constantly, although problems of equitable access persist. This is a grave injustice and, many believe, a breach of human rights, but the remedy is not to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide, it’s to provide the support dying people need. Indeed, legalizing euthanasia and assisted suicide would introduce further injustices: those to older, disabled or ill people who may not even be dying but for whom the mere existence of such practices would be a source of subtle but effective pressure to request them, and which would place them in grave danger of abuse.

In the few countries that have attempted this hazardous social experiment, permissive laws, despite safeguards to restrict their application to a small number of extreme cases, are rapidly extended to include individuals bearing little resemblance to the initial target group. In Belgium, euthanasia is permitted by law if a patient requests it voluntarily and suffers from “constant and unbearable physical or mental suffering that cannot be alleviated, resulting from a serious and incurable disorder caused by illness or accident”. Despite this seemingly restrictive rule, in recent years Belgians have been legally euthanized for suffering arising from conditions ranging from glaucoma to depression, to imprisonment, to multiple chronic conditions in the elderly, to a desire to avoid being a burden on one’s children. The situation in the Netherlands is much the same. It would be naive to believe that some Canadians would not give in to the same pressures to use euthanasia in an ever expanding range of circumstances – that is, the logical slippery slope is unavoidable.

In the U.S. state of Oregon, legal physician-assisted suicides are not required to be supervised and the doctor is rarely present. Data

are based entirely on physician self-reporting and information on individual cases is not available even to the police. This opens the door to abuse of older and vulnerable citizens.

With good reason the judges of the Supreme Court of Canada, in the Rodriguez decision in 1993, concluded that there was no measure short of the current law that would meet the objectives of Parliament to protect the public and, in particular, vulnerable members of the public.

As medical professionals we have an obligation to protect not only the patients under our care, but also the population as a whole. The majority of physicians in Canada oppose legalization of euthanasia and assisted suicide. A few are attempting to take a neutral stance but such a position is untenable. If you are not against these practices you are necessarily for them. A purported neutral stance on the part of physicians would be an abdication of our duty as medical doctors to put the well-being of our patients before political or other considerations.

Legalization of euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide would expose you and your loved ones to grave risks, including that of wrongful death. Legislators and doctors have an urgent duty to ensure this never happens, for clear reasons of public safety. We urge all Canadians to heed the warning signs from those places which have made the mistake of entrenching these practices, and to oppose their introduction into health care in our country.

Margaret Somerville’s article in the Globe and Mail Link: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/read-and-vote-should-patients-be-allowed-to-request-suicide/article21106527/> It is a long standing commitment of the medical profession ‘To cure sometimes, to relieve suffering often, and to comfort always.’ It is a breach of that commitment to inflict death. The World Medical Association and the near-totality of national medical associations agree that intentionally ending patients’ lives is not an ethically acceptable part of the physician’s role. This opinion is shared by the World Palliative Care Alliance and the Canadian Society of Palliative Care. Physicians in their assertion that Euthanasia and physician assisted suicide are not now, and have never been, part of palliative care practice.

KW Right to Life Last year with 150 volunteers and our Board of Directors responded to the following: Over 700 requests for information, 30 calls a month for pregnancy counselling, 50+ Speaking Events, Media Interviews and Displays. Outreach to many 1000s of individuals, March for Life, Walk for Life, Prayer Vigils, Schools and CWLs Churches & Organizations.

From the KW RTL President - Jane Richard

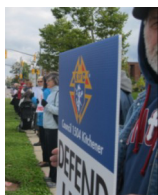
Here I am presenting a cheque for \$500 at the opening of **40 Days Pray to End Abortion** Prayer Campaign last September to Richard Marchak the Coordinator. Another successful Prayer Vigil and heaven knows how many lives have been spared. The event takes place in front of Freeport Hospital where about 1500 abortions take place yearly.



Life Chain Memorial held every first Sunday in October was attended by about 250 people in the KW Area in front of the Grand River Hospital on King St. We thanked Bishop Crosby for sending a letter to all RC churches in the Hamilton Diocese encouraging attendance at both the events.



KW RTL Distributed about 6000 flyers to local churches this Fall and is active in advertising campaigns to promote life issues like our bus back signs for 3 months beginning Nov. 14



Thank you to all our recent donations from supporters such as Members of the Waterloo Community Foundation, All Knights of Columbus in the area, CWLs and many of our members who generously support us all year round.

KW RTL Dinner November 2014 We were blessed to present Rebecca Kiessling, a product of rape, and Robert Borys who spoke about pornography to several venues in the area, a local high school and university as well as a dinner at the Waterloo K of C that was packed with people. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the silent auction along with donations cleared over \$2400.

Dr. Andrew Caruk Kitchener writes on RC Church values:

Re: "Bishops signal 'seismic' shift on family issues" by Nicole Winfield, National Post, October 14, 2014

Gender ideology proponent's declaration of a "seismic shift" in Catholic Church's attitude towards gays, from a Vatican's recent interim report is as accurate and probable as Mark Twain's obituary announcement - while he was still alive.

Consider that, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, nearing the end of his pontificate spoke about gender ideology as "a negative trend for humanity" and a "profound falsehood".

Additionally, Pope Francis commented to Bishop Laun of Salzburg that "Gender ideology is demonic", on January 30, 2014, as part of the Austrian bishops' ad limina visit. According to Bishop Laun this description is justifiable, since it refers to "the destruction of persons". It's not surprising, since the deregulation of sexual norms promoted by gender ideology is a product of communism, radical feminism and the homosexual movement, stemming mainly from Marx, Engels and Freud, as explained by German Catholic sociologist Gabriele Kuby.

Liberal theologians, LGBT leaders and most in the mainstream media composing a wave of moral relativism, would gladly want us all to believe in a "seismic shift" in attitude in the Church, but as with Mark Twain's much too early obituary, the death of moral objective truths regarding homosexuality, marriage and contraception has been highly exaggerated. References: 1. Michael, editor Alain Pilote, August/September 2014 2. The Global Sexual Revolution: Destruction of Freedom in the Name of Freedom, by Gabriele Kuby. Andrew ran in a marathon (43k) and gave his pledges to us.

** Please send your updated email address as there are a few emails being returned from our 300 mailing list.*



Membership Form



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Venette Padden - 100 years A KW Right to Life Supporter for many years

Celebrating 100 Years

I am privileged to share with you my fervent praise & thanks to our heavenly Father for the gift of 100 years of life. He has seen me through much joy & also some sorrows, the saddest was losing my mentally challenged dear son Tom some 6 years ago at age 57.

I have been a member of St. Francis RC Church for over 40 years. My youngest & only surviving brother is Fr. Boniface Reinhart a Franciscan priest in North York, Toronto. He is still very active at 87. There were 8 of us, 3 still alive. I am the oldest.

I am also proud to tell you I am & have been all my life a staunch supporter of Right to Life. God bless all of you.



Venette Padden
Born August 19th, 1914

Christmas Cards for Sale (10 for \$10)

With beautiful Christmas messages inside with mixed packages available Call 519.756.5433 or jane@kwrtl.ca



Statues by Timothy P. Schmaltz Sculpture of an Angel Mourning

The loss of an aborted baby is gripping and allows one to place a card, letter or flowers in the empty crib \$60 or email jane@kwrtl.ca Great gifts for someone you know who suffers from the loss of a child for any reason including abortion.



Documentary exposing the truth on abortion Boris Malagurski, a Serbian-Canadian film director, producer, screenwriter and activist will be available the end of this year to start. In the meantime, we are looking for anyone interested in helping out, planning, gathering or organizing information. Thanks for your response to this project. Email Aleksandra Govedarica at: alexg.rtl@hotmail.com



Dear KW RTL , Thank you for your generous sponsorship on my behalf for my attendance to the National Campus Life network symposium. I am currently in the process of starting up a pro life club at Wilfred Laurier University and my attendance at the symposium strongly benefitted me in terms of strengthening my managerial, apologetics and leadership skills. Thank you. Sincerely,

In the picture below are the participants of the **2014 NCLN Symposium** for Leadership for pro life students. KW Right to Life and Board Director Alex Matan were pleased to sponsor 3 students who attended. Every year KW Right to Life funds students for this Symposium held in Toronto as well as local events held at U of W. This Fall we again helped sponsore Silent No More at the university, a team of post abortive women to speak on the effects of abortion.



Rebecca Kiessling was sponsored at U of W by KW RTL on one of her speaking engagements in the area this Fall. Other venues included St. David's High School and a KW RTL Dinner at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Hall in Waterloo. See her at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrByTrwqrbC> KW Right to Life encourages pro life education of youth at all levels of education and regularly supports the National Campus Life Network.

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