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FREE SPEECH IS NOT FREE & WORSE IT'S NOT WELCOME we are willing pay to have our point of view expressed but they won't even take our money

The mandate of Edmonton ProLife is to educate. To help people understand the Life issues, to share the truth of fetal development and raise awareness about the threats to the inherent rights and dignity of every human being. These goals are carried out through various activities. One of main activities has been to have educational booths at teacher's convention, kdays, churches, various other conferences and conventions. We have been able to be present at these events because we bring relevant information and in the cases of teacher conventions we offer materials that support the Alberta curriculum outcomes. The Alberta curriculum has outcome based learning around fetal development, ethics and religion. The Alberta teacher convention is for all teachers in Alberta, those who teach in the public, catholic and various charter schools. Our booth is a natural fit at the teacher conventions, however the North Central Teacher Convention, which is the convention for most of the surrounding communities of Edmonton, decided that they would no longer allow us to attend their convention. When we asked why we were told they are a private convention and do not have to give us a reason. Strike one. We had exhibited at the women's show with an abortion breast cancer link booth. We encouraged women to look after their breast health and highlighted the risk factors for cancer. The second year that we set up our booth at the women's conference we received a call the evening before the event demanding that our booth be removed – the exact same booth that we had had the year before. When we asked why they



told us our message was harmful to women. Strike two. We have had a booth at kdays for over 30 years and this year we received notification that we are no longer welcome to have

our booth at kdays. We were told that they do not want any political or religious booths at kdays. Strike three. There are many issues to look at when examining the rationale of each decision. These booths are paid spaces not representing the view point of the organizer. The booths are tastefully done and family friendly they offend no community standard. We might be down but we are not out. All of these decisions to deny us access should encourage us, when they cannot contain the truth they must deny the opportunity for the message to be heard. When truth threatens the very foundation of the abortion/euthanasia rights movement the only option left is to shut down, shut out our voices. The pro death people prefer to stifle, rather than facilitate opportunities for people to discern on an important social and medical issues. Their foundation is cracking, let's not get discouraged now. I am going to ask you to help us secure opportunities to share truth to the many confused people. People like our friends, family, church members, pastors, teachers, doctors etc. If you know of a church, conference, convention etc. that we can place our information booths at please advocate on our behalf for our presence there. Let us know of any opportunities you may be aware of where we can share the truth. Contact Karen or Lori at 780.425.1637 so we can explore the opportunities to work together to share the truth!

UPCOMING EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!



- **March 1 to April 9, 2017 - 40 Days For Life** –The Beginning of The End of Abortion. 40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: Prayer and fasting, Constant vigil and Community outreach. The 40-day campaign tracks Biblical history, where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals, communities ... and the entire world. From Noah in the flood to Moses on the mountain to the disciples after Christ's resurrection, it is clear that God sees the transformative value of His people accepting and meeting a 40-day challenge. Watch your church bulletin for more info or send us an email and we will add you to our email updates.
- **April 29 at 1:45 pm it's a girl documentary film** - Edmonton Prolife will be presenting a screening of the harrowing 2012 infanticide documentary film The screening of the film will take place at Princess Theatre 10337 82 Ave, Edmonton. Doors open at 1:15 and screening begins at 1:45 further discussion on the film and of what can be done about gendercide will take place after the screening. For further information contact Edmonton Prolife at 780.425.1637
- **May 6, 2017 Edmonton Prolife AGM** - Smittys Restaurant Westmount Mall. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. AGM will begin at 8:30. Please mark your calendars Saturday May 2 at the Westmount Smittys Lounge located at 146, 111 Avenue & Groat Road, Edmonton,. Cost your breakfast!. Call Karen at 425-1637 for more information.
- **Monday May 8, 7:00 pm** Prayer Service for the Sanctity of Human Life at St.Josephat's Cathedral
- **Wednesday, May 10, 6:00 pm** Watch the pro-life documentary "Hush" at St. Joseph Basilica Church Refreshments to be served. Admission is free.
- **Thursday May 11, 10:30 am** Interdenominational Pro-life Service at New Destiny Church
- **May 11 2017 Noon to 4:00 PM. March for life 2017** -. Gathering at Churchill Square. Watch your church bulletin and emails for further details. Contact Karen at 780-425-1637 for more information.
- Join others in an hour of peaceful, prayerful activism against the daily slaughter of innocent babies. Woman's Health Options Abortion Clinic: 12409 - 109A Aretha fourth Sunday of every month (*subject to change please call MaryEllen to confirm). Candle light Rosary at 7:30 pm. Contact Maryellen at 780-474-8011

For information on any of the above events, call the Edmonton Prolife office at 780-425 1637 or email us at info@edmontonprolife.org

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HABITS OF HIGHLY INEFFECTIVE PRO-LIFERS

...THE ALL-TOO-COMMON ATTITUDES WE MUST AVOID

I signed up for the Equipped For Life course and thought I would take some times to share some perspectives from the course. The first part identified tendencies that have been noticed to be common among pro-life people. I must say that I agree with many of the observations and even accused myself of allowing these habits to be part of my prolife work. It can be difficult to take a look at our approach and analyze what is working and what is not, but if we want to actually change the culture we need to engage the culture. We know we are 100% correct about the life issues – but being right is not enough – we need think clearly, reason honestly and argue persuasively to help everyone discover the truth. I encourage you to spend some time reflecting on your own prolife convictions. The following is just one of the most ineffective habits we have formed, let's examine the habit and purge it from our prolife work.

We know we are right so we don't need to be open to listening to proabortion people and their ideas. Right?

Prolife people need to be open minded – open to others ideas about abortion- but what does this mean? Is it being wishy washy? Ask yourself if you have ever been wrong about something? Perhaps you believe something because sometime told you it was the truth but upon exploring the evidence for yourself you discovered the truth and had to admit you were wrong. Could you be wrong about abortion? No- being prolife is not wrong - the evidence overwhelmingly supports the prolife position. But it is not enough to be right or to be prolife because someone told you to be. Abortion is not wrong just because the church says so, or my parents told me it was wrong or other reasons - it is wrong because the rational evidence clearly shows the prolife position to be true. Having truth on our side should guide us in our discussions with others on the life issues. When someone uses a completely absurd statement to justify abortion- embrace it - explore the statement, wrestle with your prolife convictions - know the reasons inside and out that convict you about the truth to your prolife beliefs. You're actually able to help more people, and you'll be a more virtuous person if you believe things because of good reasons,

not just because you want to believe them or someone told you to think this way. Being open minded about abortion allows you to have a conversation and hopefully a conversion!

Be sure to read our next newsletter when we explore Confirmation Bias – Do you listen to what the other side is saying? Reading prolife literature exclusively only gives you a prolife perspective, it confirms what you believe but it's not very helpful in understanding a pro-abortionists arguments and learning to refute them! Stay tuned to learn more!

EDMONTON PROLIFE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday May 6, 2017

Westmount Smittys located at

146, 111 Avenue & Groat Road, Edmonton.

Breakfast from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.

AGM 8:30 am – 9:30 am.

Cost - your breakfast

Edmonton Prolife is in need of board members. We cannot operate without a board. Please consider making this small commitment to leadership. A brief job description with approximate time commitment is being provided. Please prayerfully consider if you could serve the prolife movement in this role. Serving on the board of Edmonton Prolife provides generous support towards building a culture of life.

Please ask yourself if this is the year for you to make a difference – help build a culture of life. The current status quo is not an option.

Board Member for EPL job description: -Attend bimonthly board meeting – 2 hours per meeting. Assist as you talent time and treasure allow

Internal Auditor for EPL: We require 2 people to go through the paper copies of our banking records, checking to see that things are in order. The job can be done on your own time, when it is best for you. Takes approx. 8 hours per year. If you can help in either of these two jobs or require more information please call Karen a 780.425.1637

Our Aims and Objectives

To promote respect for all human life from conception to natural death.

To uphold and defend the right to life, the basic human right on which all other rights depend.

To contribute to the understanding of the people of Edmonton and the surrounding areas, by education, that society has a duty to protect this right.

We are committed to peaceful actions to fulfill our mission.



Pregnant? Need Help? - Edmonton Pregnancy Crisis Centre - (780) 482-5111

24 Hour Crisis Pregnancy Line - 1-800-665-0570

Are You Suffering from a Past Abortion Experience?

There is HELP! Call 1-866-482-5433 or visit www.afterabortion.org

Join us in changing the world for peace and all life!

There are so many ways to support our work! Donations are one small part and we are so grateful for monthly donations that make our financial planning so much easier -- please check the "make this monthly" checkbox when you agree to be a monthly donor!

If you can't give of your time or treasure, please help us spread the love of the prolife ethic, for human life and dignity and peace everywhere. Share this newsletter with someone!

All help is appreciated. All donations are tax deductible. Again, I would ask that you consider becoming a monthly donor.

Yes, I would like to help Edmonton Prolife in their work in defence of life.

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