

EDMONTON PROLIFE NEWSLETTER SPRING 2026



Informing Minds and Inspiring Hearts...Educating for Life

Edmonton Prolife AGM

Join us for the Edmonton Prolife AGM.

When: Saturday, May 23, from 1 pm - 2:30 pm

Where: Dormition of the Most Holy Mother of God Parish (Parish Hall) - 15608 104 Ave., Edmonton.

Details: We will start with a quick business meeting. **There will be a vote on a special resolution to change Edmonton Prolife's bylaws.**

In order to vote, you need to be a member of Edmonton Prolife. Renew your membership (just \$10.00/year). Those who have donated in the past year are considered members, and will be eligible to vote at the AGM.

After the business meeting, we will hear from our speaker, Cam Côté, Western Outreach Director for CCBP (Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform), overseeing outreach activity throughout western Canada. Coffee and dessert will be served. Let us know if you will be joining us for this event by contacting the EPL office. Hope to see you there!

The Futile Wish for Silence

*Andrew Thomson
Edmonton Prolife President*

Attempting to get convictions isn't an easy job for detectives. The high bar of proof set by the legal system makes it very difficult to find someone guilty in a court of law. However, detectives have one strong advantage. Confession.

Studies for any crime have found confession rates of around 50% (Phillips et al., 1998.) However, some crimes have much higher confession rates. Tomas et al. 2021 reported a confession rate of 98% for intrafamilial homicide offenders (confessions made to both law enforcement and third parties.) It isn't hard to imagine what drives those that have committed a homicide on a family member to reveal that they were the one that did the act. The conscience within is a

hard thing to contend with when a horrible act is done by one's own actions. More often than not, this inner voice needs to be heard, and the result is the guilt needs an outlet and a confession is made.

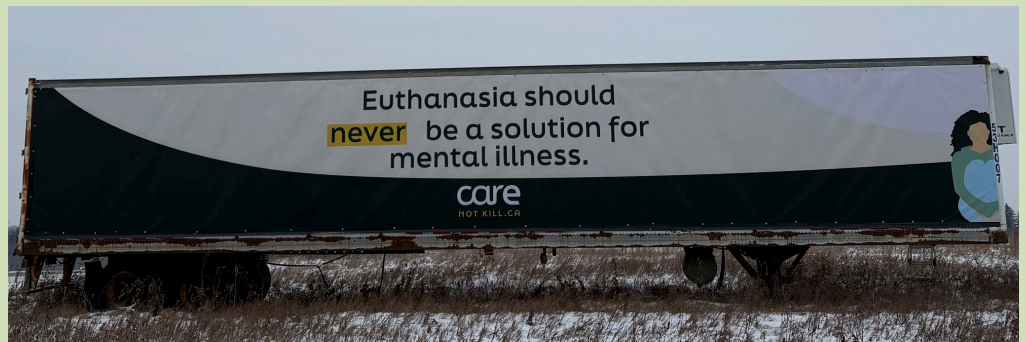
I think of this often when I'm at Pro-Life events where the other side comes to protest. There is an almost pathological effort to silence the Pro-Life message. The screaming, the shouting, the loud music, the effort to block out – the ultimate dream that the Pro-Life message would never be heard. Why? What drives this excessive reaction to a benign message?

I suspect the truth lies in that for many, our message is not that benign. It is a message that stirs something within that they desperately want to blot out.

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New Trailer sign on Hwy 16

A new sign was installed last December. It is on the south side of Highway 16 (both sides of the trailer) between Spruce Grove and Edmonton. This billboard is in regards to Bill C-218, which is being debated now in Parliament. If Bill C-218 is passed, it will prevent euthanasia for mental illness alone. It is vital that MPs hear from their constituents.





Pro-life presentation at the Back Porch

Arpad Nagy, from the Quebec Life Coalition, gave a presentation at the Back Porch on January 24. He shared what is happening in Quebec related to pro-life issues. He addressed the social and political challenges facing the pro-life movement in Quebec. He also highlighted the progress and tangible gains achieved by the Quebec pro-life movement over the past two years

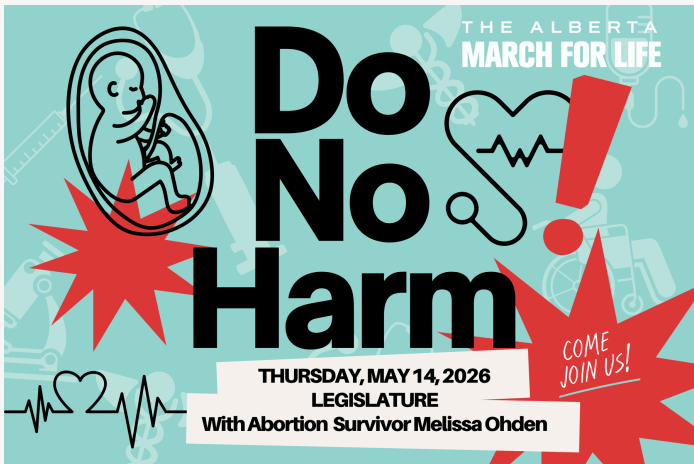
Law Courts Demonstration

The Law Courts Demonstration was held on January 28. This demonstration is held every year to mark the anniversary of the Morgentaler decision (Jan. 28, 1988), which struck down Canada’s abortion law. Since then there have been no legal restrictions on abortion.



Participants at the Law Courts Demonstration on January 28

The Alberta March for Life – May 14, 2026



Join thousands at this peaceful event to show the size, strength, and solidarity of the pro-life movement to the public and government.

10:00 AM Pro-Life Mass at St. Joseph Basilica, 10044 113 St., Edmonton
12:00 PM Rally and March at Violet King Henry Plaza, north of the Legislature Grounds
2:30 PM Afternoon sessions at Polish Hall. *Pro-Life Apologetics 101* hosted by CCBP.
6:00 PM Rose Dinner at Polish Hall with Keynote Speaker Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor, author of *You Carried Me* and founder of the Abortion Survivors Network.
 Cost: \$60.00 per person - 10960 104 St., Edmonton

To register for the Apologetics workshop and the Rose Dinner, please visit albertamarchforlife.com.





LIFE WORTH LIVING film screening

Edmonton Prolife hosted the film screening of LIFE WORTH LIVING on Friday, February 20, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. It was a good turnout with about 70 people in attendance.

The evening started with the film, which included testimony from doctors who are fighting this crisis and families affected by MAiD. Stories of coercion by



medical staff as well as MAiD providers enjoying their work are included in this film.

After the film, Alex Schadenberg shared the importance of being a listening ear to those who are struggling. He expressed that we really need a culture shift here in Canada.

Alex also answered questions that various people had.



See the film LIFE WORTH LIVING

If you haven't yet seen the powerful film LIFE WORTH LIVING, there are a variety of ways you can do so.

You can purchase a 72-Hour Stream Pass for \$7.99. This is for personal or group viewing.

You can purchase a download for personal use. The price is \$11.99.

You can also purchase a group license (for organizational use). This license costs \$49.99 and is a download for in-person gatherings. Unlimited screenings for 12 months.

For all the information, see lifeworthliving.com

Show this film in your church or other group!

In 2027, euthanasia will be expanded to include mental illness. What can you do to help stop this?

If passed, Bill C-218 will prevent euthanasia for mental illness alone. Bill C-218 received its first hour of debate on December 5 and the second hour of debate is currently scheduled for Monday, April 13, and the vote is currently scheduled for April 15, 2026.

There are several effective ways you can help get Bill C-218 passed:



- Sign the petition in support of Bill C-218 (<https://nomaidformentalillness.ca/>)
- Share your story about living with mental illness as Andrew Lawton (MP) did with his YouTube message (I got better - Stop MAiD for mental illness)
- Send your personal stories about living with mental illness to info@epcc.ca.
- Contact your Member of Parliament and share your story or share your support for Bill C-218. To find your Member of Parliament contact info, go to <https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en/search>
- Often, it is easier and more effective to call your Member of Parliament. Go to the website above to find the contact phone number

Remember. **The majority of Canadians do not support MAiD for mental illness.**



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They so much want to convince themselves it was a clump of cells, or it was a choice, or that it was in their best interest. Hence, the vain hope that if they stamp us out, they will never need to fear questioning what has been done.

But the problem for them is it isn't us at all. We aren't what they truly hope to silence. That ultimately lies within.

And grim acts can be ignored for a very long time, but they will never be erased. They will remain at one's side, with only two possible outcomes. Either the death of conscience, or the presence of guilt becomes more and more distracting. Neither is a good place to be.

So, when you see the counter protesters, it might not be the worst

of things to extend to them pity. Take a good look at them. Look at how they dress, at how they act, and their physical condition. They aren't doing well. It is not hard to perceive that something is broken within them. They would be loath to admit it, but I suspect for many we know what part of that brokenness is. We know that there is a God that forgives. It is my sincere hope that they find Him too.



Compassionate Community Care (CCC) is a registered charity comprised of health care professionals and volunteers who provide support to vulnerable persons and their families during times of illness and crisis. They aim to provide a complete circle of care

that recognizes and respects the physical, social, psychological, and spiritual needs of those involved. They believe that all human life has equal dignity and that every person deserves to be treated with respect and compassion while receiving the care they need and deserve. Whether you are facing a chronic condition, disability, or end-of-life situation, they are there to help.

Do you have questions related to life support measures?

Do you need support through a chronic care or end-of-life journey? Are you concerned about the care your loved one is receiving? Do you want to learn how to advocate for people in your community? Ask about their training program and guide for visiting and/or calling service.

Call the CCC helpline at [1-855-675-8749](tel:1-855-675-8749). It is confidential and free. To reach the CCC office, call [519-439-6445](tel:519-439-6445).

We rely on Albertans like you so we can continue our work

Please consider becoming a monthly donor. Become a one-time donor or a monthly sustainer of Edmonton Prolife in their work in defence of life.

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