



Edmonton Prolife Newsletter

Summer 2026

Informing Minds and Inspiring Hearts...Educating for Life

THINGS LOST AND GAINED

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To have and to lose, is obvious. One is acutely aware of what is missing and the ramifications of what was lost. Losing what one never had is harder to perceive, but none the less often just as consequential.

As an Albertan, I'll give an example. There was one major planned infrastructure project related to oil and gas that never materialized. The Northern Gateway pipeline project would have seen 525 thousand barrels a day of Alberta heavy crude flowing to Asian markets. Political and legal hurdles proved too much, and the project was cancelled in 2016. It would have done much to alleviate the large price differential between Western

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Edmonton Prolife booth at South Common Farmers' Market



Edmonton Prolife had a booth at the South Common Farmers' Market on Saturday, June 13. We will have a booth there every other Saturday throughout the Market season. We are grateful for this opportunity to spread awareness at a new venue. Our booth featured books, brochures and posters on fetal development, as well as fetal models. We had positive feedback on our booth. If you would like to volunteer to sit at the booth, contact the Edmonton Prolife office. South Common Farmers' Market is in the Research Park on the southside of Edmonton.

Good News: The Parliamentary Committee rejects expansion of euthanasia for mental illness alone

The Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (AMAD) has decided that Canada should not implement euthanasia for mental disorders as the sole underlying medical condition on March 17, 2027.

This is good news, but there is still work to be done. It is important that Canadians sign the petition in support of Bill C-218. Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition says that the best way to prevent euthanasia for mental illness is for parliament to pass Bill C-218. Sign the petition at <https://nomaiddformentalillness.ca>.





Edmonton Prolife Walkathon 2026

This year's walkathon will be on Saturday, September 12. The walkathon will again be virtual and in-person. See the pledge form at the back of this newsletter. People can walk or do another activity either on Sept. 12 at Rundle Park, or on their own time. The online fundraising page will be available on the Edmonton Prolife website at the end of July.

Why participate in the walkathon?

The funds raised through the walkathon help us to continue displaying billboards (there is

a trailer sign on Highway 16, as well as Highway 2), as well as advertise the pro-life message through other means. It helps us continue to have educational booths at conferences and conventions, to offer resources for free or at a reduced cost, and let people know about pro-life events and opportunities.

We are in need of volunteers.

Let us know if you can help with setting up route signs, facilitating children's games, or setting out lunch.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's walkathon!



Edmonton Prolife Booth at the Red Deer Homeschool Convention

Edmonton Prolife had a booth at the Alberta Home Education Association Convention, from May 29-30. It was encouraging to learn about people's interest in pro-life. Once again, we gave away free pro-life children's books, courtesy of Red Deer Pro-Life.



Other Edmonton Prolife Activities

- Board members Andrew Thomson and Michelle Lamer attended the Unite Life Conference on April 18. Various pro-life groups were there and there was the opportunity to learn from and encourage one another.
- Office administrator Lori Buhiire attended the Edmonton Prayer Breakfast on May 7. She handed out envelopes with Edmonton Prolife resources to others at her table.

- Edmonton Prolife had a booth at the Alberta March for Life Rose Dinner on May 14.
- The Edmonton Prolife AGM was held on May 23. Although there was a small turnout, there were enough members to pass the motions made, including the one to change Edmonton Prolife's Bylaws. Because of the small number of people, there were a lot of opportunities to ask questions of Cam Côté (AGM guest speaker and CCBR Western Canadian Outreach Director).
- Flyers informing people about Bill C-218 are still being delivered in the Edmonton Centre riding.



The Market at Gianna

Enjoy delicious food, shop handmade products, and support local moms and families. Visit the Gianna Centre on Thursdays, from 10 am – 3 pm.

Weekly lunches, desserts, and flavours from a new country every week!

TASTE THE WORLD

with

THE MARKET AT GIANNA

Thursdays 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM On the lawn 9040 95 Ave NW

June 18	→	FRANCE
June 25	→	INDIA
July 2	→	CANADA
July 9	→	PHILIPPINES
July 16	→	GERMANY
July 23	→	MEDITERRANEAN
July 30	→	POLAND
Aug 6	→	TURKEY
Aug 13	→	MEXICO
Aug 20	→	ASIA
Aug 27	→	ITALY
Sept 3	→	UKRAINE
Sept 10	→	GREECE

Gianna Centre
PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Hope!

The Pro-Life Argument



- It is always wrong to intentionally kill an innocent human being.
- Abortion is the intentional killing of an innocent human being prior to birth.

- Therefore, abortion is always wrong

Commit this helpful syllogism to memory

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Canadian Select crude and West Texas Intermediate. And with the narrowing of the price gap, there would have been many more billions of dollars in the Alberta economy, and hence, in the hands of Albertans. One knows when money is taken from their hand, but might not be aware if it never reached the hand. But either way, one is poorer for it.

But there are things much more valuable than oil or dollars. One is love, and to create life is to create love. The creation of life also presents the opportunity to create purpose. I'm sure any parent reading this can attest to that. Abortion snuffs out that love

that was made. It destroys that chance for purpose. And with it, we all are poorer.

I sometimes think what could have been. Not on the macro level, but the intimate in an individual person's life. How much love lost. How many spouses are missing, co-workers, friends on a sports team, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Even just that glimpse of a cute toddler clinging close to their mother reminding us that the day isn't that bad after all.

It isn't just a limitation of who could have been, but what we all could have been. Our interactions with others give us opportunity to improve ourselves. Children are great teachers; in ways one wouldn't know unless they have been in that

position. I thought I knew how to take care of people, but until I had children I had a very limited comprehension of how to take care of others. Abortion takes away that chance to truly care, and the love and purpose true caring brings. Abortion is a form of poverty, a type of darkness.

BUT

Darkness can never defeat the light. So be of good cheer, particularly those of you working hard in the Pro-Life movement. You are enablers of love and purpose and light. And as one doesn't know what was lost, often one doesn't know when their Pro-Life actions led to a joyous result. So keep up your invaluable efforts in spreading the message of life!

Name of Walker/Family _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Edmonton Prolife Walkathon
Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026
Register: 9:30 am
Walk etc.: 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
Rundle Family Centre
2903 113 Avenue Edmonton
Rain or Shine!

Sponsor Sheet (Payment by cheque preferred; payable to Edmonton Prolife).

Attention: Clearly PRINT your name and address in order to receive a tax receipt. Official tax receipts will be issued for donations \$10.00 and over. **Pictures** will be taken and used by Edmonton Prolife. If you do not want your picture used, please place X here_. Collect as you go. **Let us know** if you will be attending in person (as opposed to walking in your neighborhood etc.).

Thank you for your Support!

Sponsor (full name)	Address	City	Postal Code	Phone Number & Email	Total Pledged	Amount Collected
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Edmonton Prolife is a charitable organization relying on private donations from other organizations and individuals. We hope to raise an estimated \$15, 000.00 at a cost of \$1000.00. All funds are used to maintain our resource centre and establish life affirming programs in our community.	Please total:
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