



A Pro-Life Witness



My name is Laura Stevenson. I am **100% Pro-Life, Pro-Woman and Pro-LOVE!**

I was born and raised in Woodstock, and had a profound conversion at the age of 15, when I actually realized how much God loved me. I come from a line of faithful women, who have given witness of true love and service to their families. I am a mother of 5 children, wife to my husband, Michael, for 20 years, and a Registered Nurse for more than 20 years.

In my years of Nursing, I have worked mainly in Obstetrics (L&D) and postpartum care as well as in end-of-life long-term care with the elderly. **I have witnessed the miracle of life at both ends of the spectrum - babies taking their first breath and souls taking their last, both vulnerable, fragile and so beautiful.** Yes, death can be beautiful, when it is our Creator's timing, not ours. Both the beginning and the end of life are under attack. **It is up to us to defend the vulnerable and the weak!**

Abortion and Euthanasia have affected our culture, our country and individuals in devastating ways. Since abortion was legalized in 1969 over 40 million little lives have been lost in Canada alone! There are still no laws in Canada on abortion, so, sadly, a woman can end the life of her own child at any point in her pregnancy. Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "A nation that kills its children in the womb has lost its soul!" And now we battle MAID, with Canada, regretfully, one of the leading countries in assisted suicide. I believe this is an atrocity!

I have personally seen the adverse effects of abortion and how the vulnerable elderly are seen as a burden. I have witnessed with my patients that are post-abortion. I have seen the mental and physical trauma they deal with - nightmares, night terrors, the need for extensive counseling - many are on anti-depressants or anti-anxiety medications - not to mention the spiritual trauma, which is unseen. One patient was admitted post-abortion with pelvic inflammatory disease and needed IV antibiotics. She was up all night weeping. All I could do was hold her hand, give her tissues and pray for her. She was deeply wounded. I have witnessed patients grapple with guilt and shame and some have shared with me that they will never get over their decision.

How can a so-called "choice" be a choice to end the life of one's own child? For many it is not a choice but an act of desperation; they feel they have no other choice. This has made me truly Pro-Woman, and to be Pro-Woman, we must be Pro-Life. To be Pro-Life we must also remember the fathers who are left childless with no choice. Many of the forgotten fathers are led to addiction and depression - I have seen this firsthand as well.

In my personal life, **God gave me the grace to see my youngest child in utero younger than 4 weeks**, when most women are not even aware they are pregnant at this stage. **She was the size of a grain of rice**, literally, **and her heart was beating strongly.** There she was Lia Maria Therese. Nothing was added to nor taken from her; she grew to be HER!

Many hearts have grown cold and immune to evil, believing evil is good and good is evil. This is where we come in...**LOVE them into the TRUTH.** Many of you reading this know the TRUTH. Our Lord needs us to stand up and do what we can. **We must fight the good fight, like Mary Van Veen, who has been a witness of TRUE love** for Oxford County Right to Life for more than 50 years, fighting the good fight! Her Love and Faith

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passed down generationally, not only to her family, but within the whole community. She was a kindred spirit with my late Grandmother and has become my friend as her love for others has been through time and generation. She is a friend to many! **We thank Mary from the bottom of our hearts for her service to the Lord.** Her reward will be great!

Now, it is up to us to take up the fight for the truth! The truth is being distorted and manipulated like never before! Who will stand up for LOVE? Some may think it is not worth fighting for, but our mission is only growing! The young are bright and can see the lies. We need to bring the TRUTH to them! Marches are bigger than ever! In the USA, Roe vs. Wade was overturned! These victories are in the name of Jesus Christ and they happen miraculously in HIS name! **LOVE saves LIVES!** We know the end of this story. We know the Victory will come. He is asking us to take part in HIS great victory! May the Heavenly Army be with us!



Do you have a pro-life witness that you would like to share?

Contact us via our website [here](#) or call 519-421-0029.



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THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

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Returns 12:00 - 12:30 am on May 12th

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National March for Life theme:

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Ephesians 6:14

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It is easy to think that one choice won't make a difference in the world, but **one choice is all that is needed to allow a newly-conceived child to be born.** That one choice is ultimately the choice to put love of another over one's own personal interests. In the case of an unplanned pregnancy, we pray that those mothers will be moved to respect the life which was conceived within them.

Whether the choice involves a decision to parent or to arrange for an adoption, choosing to love is always the right choice.

Mother's Day is May 14th. **Let's all remember to thank our mother - whether in person or in thought and prayer - for choosing LIFE.**

Look for this Mother's Day thank you message in print and digital media during the month of May.



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Be There for a Person in Need

One of the great psychiatrists of the twentieth century, Viktor Frankl, is a survivor and former captive of the death camps of WWII in Germany. Frankl once shared the story of a woman who called him in the middle of the night to inform him she was about to commit suicide. Frankl kept her on the phone and talked her through her depression, giving her reason after reason to carry on living. Finally she promised she would not take her life, and she kept her word.

Later, when they met, Frankl asked the woman which reason had persuaded her to live: "None of them," she said. She went on to say that it was Frankl's willingness to listen to her in the middle of the night. **"A world in which someone was prepared to listen to another's distress seemed to her one in which it was worthwhile to live."**



Compassionate Community Care (CCC) offers a helpline to listen, care, and be with (1-855-675-8749). Being with and listening is one of the most important acts a person can do for another human being; it is simple, genuine, life-affirming, and life-giving. **CCC also teaches others how to do the same** through *Being With Visitor Training* and *Patient Advocacy Training* available bimonthly via free Zoom seminars. To learn more, visit beingwith.org and click on Events for the next session.

~ *Compassionate Community Care, March 2023*

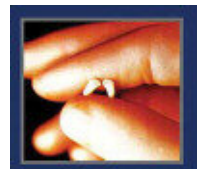
"Do Not Euthanize" (DNE) Advance Directive

Delta Hospice Society has recently created a "Do Not Euthanize" (DNE) Advance Directive. **This legal document protects holders against attempts to have their lives terminated unnaturally through medical intervention.** The Advance Directive is also legally specific for all Canadian provinces and territories and complies with each province's health regulations. "Do Not Euthanize" Advance Directives are free to members of Delta Hospice Society. Membership is available for only \$10. For more information, please visit the [Delta Hospice Society](https://deltasocietysociety.org) website.



Be a Voice for the Voiceless

Inspired by this striking photo of the perfectly-formed feet of a 10-week old unborn child, the "Precious Feet" lapel pin has been used by millions of people worldwide to demonstrate the humanity of the unborn. The simple gesture of **wearing this pin on your lapel** while you are out and about **could actually save a baby's life.**



- **People may recognize them for what they are and be reminded of the truth.**
- **People may ask what they are, giving you the opportunity to share** that *"These little feet are the exact size and shape of an unborn baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception."*

Please be voice of the unborn. Wear your Precious Feet everywhere you go and speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. If you don't own a "Precious Feet" lapel pin, and would like to purchase one, please contact us via our [website](https://www.preciousfeet.org).



Abortion Pill Kills 19-year old Canadian

The Canadian government's online system that tracks adverse reactions to pharmaceutical drugs reveals that a hospital reported on July 4, 2022, that a 19-year-old female used the abortion pill Mifegymiso to kill her preborn child. Tragically, **the teenager died of "septic shock", a known risk of the chemical abortion pill.**

- Product literature listed on Health Canada's website for chemical abortion (also called RU-486) states that there is a risk of serious harm and even death to women who use it.
- Mifegymiso's product monograph states there is a "risk of infection and sepsis" for users. "Cases of serious bacterial infection, including very rare cases of fatal septic shock, have been reported following the use of Mifegymiso." "Clostridium sordellii infection was observed in some women without abdominal pain or fever, that progressed rapidly to multi-organ failure and death".
- The abortion pill was approved by Health Canada on July 29, 2015, for its "safety, efficacy and quality," even though Health Canada knew of its risk of causing death from septic shock. The drug became available in 2017.



This is not the first death of a woman in Canada from the abortion pill. **In 2001, a 26-year-old Canadian woman died from septic shock after a chemical abortion at 10-weeks gestation during a clinical trial of the abortion protocol.** The "previously healthy woman was hospitalized because of abdominal pain, vomiting, and foul-smelling vaginal discharge".

Campaign Life Coalition has launched a national petition demanding that Health Canada protect women's health and prevent further tragedies by banning this deadly human pesticide.

~ Campaign Life Coalition, March 2023

Pro-Life Apologetics

Pro-abortion claim: Abortion is medically necessary in some cases to save the mother's life.

Pro-life response: **Abortion is never medically necessary,** even in cases where there is danger to the mother's life by continuing with the pregnancy. In the situation of a pregnant mother who has a serious medical condition, such as heart disease, life-threatening diabetes, or cancer, there are always two patients in need of healthcare: the mother and her preborn baby. If care for the mother requires that pregnancy end before the baby's natural birth date, a preterm delivery, for example, by Cesarean section, can be performed on the mother with the goal of saving and preserving the baby's life. Over one thousand doctors have signed the Dublin Declaration on Maternal Healthcare stating that "As experienced practitioners and researchers in obstetrics and gynaecology, we affirm that direct abortion – the purposeful destruction of the unborn child – is not medically necessary to save the life of a woman. We confirm that the prohibition of abortion does not affect the availability of optimal care to pregnant women." Thus, **in cases where the pregnant mother's life is truly in jeopardy, her pregnancy must come to an end, not by abortion, but by the baby's early birth.**

~ Campaign Life Coalition, March 2023

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DR. WILLIAM LILE
The Pro-Life Doc

Dr. Lile is Board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and is the former OB/GYN Department Chair. He is licensed to practice medicine in both Florida and Alabama and has served as an instructor with both The University of Florida and Florida State Medical School OB/GYN residency programs.

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