

# Lambton Right To Life



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# News

EDUCATING OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT LIFE ISSUES!

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### Needed:

1. People to help us hand-deliver our posters to local churches advertising Lambton Right to Life's events, 3X /year.  
Interested?  
Call Lou at  
519.344.9395

2. Willing volunteers to help us keep the message of "Life is Precious" alive in our community through displays at our local fairs in Sept. and Oct. We will be discussing the feasibility of this project for 2011 in May. We cannot proceed without people who will commit to help. This is a great opportunity that we don't want to miss – especially at the Brigden Fair. Please contact Connie at 519.882.2758 or lorantfy@sympatico.ca

### Mission Statement:

The Lambton Right-to-Life is a non-denominational, non-profit organization dedicated to teaching others the value of each human life as created by God - the unborn, the mentally challenged, the physically challenged, and the aged.

## OUR CURRENT SARNIA BUS ADVERTISEMENTS

10 Interior Ads



### AN IMPORTANT HISTORY LESSON

**"In the eyes of the law... the slave is not a person."**

Virginia Supreme Court, 1858

**"The statutory word 'person' did not in these circumstances, include women."**

British Voting Rights Act, 1909

**"The law of Canada does not recognize the unborn child as a legal person possessing rights."**

Canadian Supreme Court decision, Winnipeg Child and Family Services Case, 1997

**Sometimes the most important lessons take the longest to learn**  
**www.personhood.ca**

www.personhood.ca is a project of Alliance For Life Ontario who seeks to restore legal protection for children in the womb. For local activities go to www.lambtonrighttolife.org.

1 Exterior Ad

**Canada grants rights and equality to all...  
except its pre-born children**

**Is this fair?**

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## ANNUAL WALKATHON

**Saturday, May 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Canatara Park, by the Animal Farm**

Get your sponsor sheets by sending us an email: lrtl@ebtech.net or call Lou at: 519-344-9395.

Come walk with us, even if you are unable to gather sponsors, and be a witness for life as we walk through our city.

Proceeds of this year's walk are for pro-life ads on the city buses.



# LAMBTON-RIGHT-TO-LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS

## BAKE SALE

Please support the Lambton Right-to-Life Annual Bake Sale at:

**DeGroot's Nurseries**  
Saturday, May 7, 2011

Bring your donated baked goods directly to DeGroot's that day, between 8 and 9 a.m. If it is easier for you, bring your baking to Zekveld's Garden Market, at Reece's Corners, on Friday, May 6, during business hours.

Come out to DeGroot's and buy your plants and baking all in one stop - and don't forget a gift for Mom!



## Bishops of Canada List Right to Life of Unborn as #1 Issue in Election Guide

By John-Henry Weston

OTTAWA, March 24, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) - With a federal election campaign now underway after this afternoon's vote of non-confidence in the Canadian parliament, the Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has issued an election guide. The guide lists "Respect for life and human dignity: from conception to natural death" as the top issue in voting.

While recognizing there are times when "choices may prove very difficult," the guide quotes the Vatican saying "a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political program or an individual law in which the fundamental content of faith and morals is replaced by the introduction of proposals differing from this content or opposing it."

The guide notes specifically that choosing life means: "Demanding the right to life for even the smallest among us - the human embryo and the fetus - since they too belong to the human family, while also providing assistance to pregnant women facing difficulties."

The guide also addresses euthanasia and assisted suicide stating, "Respecting the life and dignity of the dying, accompanying them until their natural death and promoting greater access to palliative care."

In addition to its primary focus on respect for life and the dignity of the human person, the document also focuses on social justice, the family, world peace and the environment.

See the entire CCCB election guide [here](#) or go to [www.cccb.ca](http://www.cccb.ca)

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Joseph Maraachli with his father, Moe.

## The Story of Baby Joseph

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Joseph Maraachli was born without any problems. Then in May 2010, the Maraachli family brought Joseph to the Children's Hospital in Detroit because he was unable to breathe. After several weeks of treatment, Joseph went home with his family in good health.

In October 2010, Joseph experienced a similar problem with breathing. His parents were driving home from Toronto and stopped at the hospital in Ingersoll, Ontario. From there he was transferred to the Children's Hospital in London,

Dying one-year-old Joseph Maraachli, whose parents are entangled in a legal battle after doctors refused to perform a simple procedure that would allow him to die at home, should have had that procedure "a long time ago," a pioneer in the field of neonatology has told LifeSiteNews.com.

But the physician's statements came on the same day that the hospital where Joseph is being kept said it is willing to send him home, but with an important catch: they still refuse to perform the tracheotomy that allowed a sibling of Joseph's who had a similar condition to live another six months at home. Instead they will simply return Joseph home, and then remove his ventilator, after which he will almost certainly die within a matter of minutes.

Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, who has been working closely with the family, told LSN that this solution is unacceptable to them. The family's lawyer, Mark Handelman, said the same to the Canadian Press. But Joseph's father, Moe Maraachli, later told LSN that while they remain committed to fighting the hospital's effort to remove the ventilator, how they will respond to the latest offer is not yet completely finalized and they are still discussing it.

"They need to do a tracheotomy," said Dr. Paul Byrne, an Ohio neonatologist with nearly five decades of experience and a former president of the Catholic Medical Association. "If the baby is stable otherwise, and has a tracheotomy, then the baby can be taken care of at home."

Bobby Schindler, executive director of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network, traveled to Ontario by invitation from the family to advocate for Joseph. "We're educating ourselves about what's going on and maybe ways that we can help the family in their plight," he said.

Schindler told LifeSiteNews that he is struck by the “similarities” with the case of his sister Terri Schindler Schiavo, who was starved to death by her husband’s wish in 2005, despite impassioned pleas from her family, political leaders, and a horrified public. Terri had suffered brain damage from an accident ten years before, and was conscious, able to breathe on her own, and required nothing but a feeding tube to receive food and hydration.

“The family wants to bring their baby home and they’re being denied,” he explained. “That’s what our family - we were fighting for the same thing, really. To bring Terri home and to care for her and show her the compassion that really only a family can do.”

In a statement, the Terri Schiavo Life and Hope Network said “it is unacceptable for Canadian Health Allocation Officials and/or the Canadian Government to make decisions for baby Joseph and his family.”

“Every patient, regardless of age, has a right to proper and dignified health care. It is frightening to once again see government usurp the God given rights of parents to love and care for their child at home,” it added.

Schindler was joined on the trip by Rev. Pat Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition in Washington, D.C., who called Joseph’s case a “human rights issue.”

“We’re going to be working with thousands of activists and organizations in America to try to get baby Joseph into a hospital in the United States,” he said.

His parents, Moe Maraachli and Sana Nader, took Joseph to Cardinal Glennon Children’s Medical Center in St. Louis, Missouri last Sunday after trying unsuccessfully to get him the simple procedure at his Ontario hospital, London Health Sciences Centre.

The surgery involves a slit in the throat to allow a breathing tube to be inserted into the airway. The tube allows for suction of fluid out of the lungs, creates a safe and stable way to use a mechanical ventilator, and is more comfortable for the child.

In a statement today, Monday, March 21, Cardinal Glennon hospital said that Joseph is currently in the pediatric intensive care unit, “where tracheotomy patients routinely spend 7 to 10 days following the procedure.

“After he is discharged from SSM Cardinal Glennon, Joseph will travel to Ranken Jordan - A pediatric specialty hospital in St. Louis before being transported to his family home in Windsor,” said the hospital. “It is our hope that this procedure will allow Joseph and his family the gift of a few more months together and that Joseph may be more comfortable with a permanent tracheotomy.”

The statement concluded: “As with any of the children we help, our primary focus must remain on the patient and what is best in his or her individual circumstances. We ask that you keep Baby Joseph and his family in your prayers.” Joseph was airlifted to the hospital Sunday night with the help of the U.S.-based Priests for Life, who are also covering Joseph’s U.S. medical expenses and his family’s accommodations.

The issue is, who has the right to decide? Does the hospital and doctor, or does the family have the right to decide on how to care for their terminally ill child? We are all at risk, unless decisions like those made in the baby Joseph case are reversed, or unless the legislation in the Province of Ontario is not amended.

Note: We thank God for the intervention and prayers of so many people in the struggle to save Baby Joseph. This story is not that uncommon. There are many who have fought for the right of reasonable treatment or lack of treatment for their loved one.



Outside Bluewater Health Emergency Dept.

The Candlelight Vigil held on Monday, February 21 was a huge success. With approximately 100 people attending, there was a steady stream of walkers circling Bluewater Health. Many wore yellow pinnies, which read “Choose Life”. The battery operated candles worked well except that we ran out of them! The wax candles proved to be finicky but actually shone the brightest. A little bit of light can be seen for a long way and dispels the darkness. We are praying that our presence around the hospital that night in February opened someone’s eyes to the truth. Thank you to everyone who planned, promoted, attended and prayed for the event.

To view more pictures of the event go to: [https://cid-2fcd424080605f88.photos.live.com/play.aspx/Candlelight%20vigil/IMG%5E\\_3605.JPG?Bsrc=Photomail&Bpub=SDX.Photos](https://cid-2fcd424080605f88.photos.live.com/play.aspx/Candlelight%20vigil/IMG%5E_3605.JPG?Bsrc=Photomail&Bpub=SDX.Photos)