



Making abortion unthinkable

“I want to now go and show the video/talk to my classmates, this is something we all need to hear.”
–17-year-old female after my talk at her school.

Dear friends,

Happy New Year!

This January 28th actually marks a sad anniversary, however: twenty years ago, the Supreme Court ruled that Canada’s then-abortion law was unconstitutional. Since then, Canada has had no abortion law and the only other countries with an equal lack of protection for the unborn are Cuba, North Korea and China. Nonetheless, despite this, I’m optimistic. As I continue sharing the pro-life message, the less daunting the task of changing our culture seems.



Speaking to 300 students at St. Maurice School, Winnipeg

After giving a presentation, I hear confidence in the voices of the pro-life audience members and respect for our position by those who still hold an opposing view. This was certainly the case at one of the most encouraging talks I had last fall.

I was expecting to speak to only a few classes when I arrived at St. Maurice School, the largest Catholic school in Manitoba. But as I was setting up for the presentation, I watched as over 300 students walked into the gym to hear me speak. I also had the support of the principal and the teachers to show them the abortion video. And the feedback we received illustrated why it is so important to reach these youth this way:



“Yes I saw how terrible it is and will stand up for what I believe to [be] people now.” –14-year-old female

“If class discussion begins, I feel more prepared to prove that the pro-life stance is true.” –16-year-old male

“The video was graphic and memorable... You are a very good

speaker and very passionate about the topic. Good work.” –Pro-choice 17-year-old female

“This presentation motivated me to do something to stop abortion. It never really hit me that abortions are actually made possible because of our taxes, because of me and my family, abortions are possible. I really don’t want my taxes to support abortion.” –17-year-old female

“I didn’t think it was as bad as what I just saw...[After] It definitely did! I never thought it was that bad but when I saw the unborn dead, I don’t even want to imagine how bad it is...I wanna have some sort of ...something to stop it!!” –14 year-old female

Not only were the students convicted by our message, many want and share what they learned with their peers:

“Everyone should see that video so then there won’t be abortions.” –14-year-old female

“I have been somewhat involved with the pro-life group at my school and I’ve tried to think of ways to incorporate pro-life into my youth groups. The materials you gave will be very helpful.” –16-year-old female



Jayson (just 18), myself and Maria Slykerman, head of CLC Manitoba

“Thank you so much! The level of research and solidity in your arguments were encouraging because sometimes, as a Christian, and having these views, it’s easy to feel lost, and also easy for people to ‘shut you down’ because some people can say, ‘I don’t believe in your God’ but they can’t argue with biology.”

–17-year-old female

“Yes, I want to pursue some sort of career or power to convince people this is wrong, to change masses.” –15-year-old female

At the end of my presentation, I learned that the turnout for the talk could be attributed to the small pro-life club at the school. In particular, Jayson, who heads the group, had made certain the gym would be full. If we can encourage and equip pro-life leaders like him at his age, I am confident that one day that Supreme Court anniversary will be mourned and not celebrated. We can only do this because of your help. I am honoured to partner with you and with them, to help make abortion unthinkable for all generations to come.

Sincerely,

Link of the month: CLC Manitoba, the group that sponsored my Winnipeg trip:
www.campaignlifecoalition.com/offices.html#mb

Upcoming Schedule:

February 2–3: League for Life Manitoba conference in Winnipeg
End of February: Debate at the University of Waterloo

P.S. I just wanted to share with you the other important meeting I had in Winnipeg. As I mentioned in previous newsletters, Jonah’s* mom was being pressured to have an abortion. Though she had publicly committed to keeping her child, she shared with me how abortion was still so tempting. After seeing our video and hearing me speak, she said that she could never do that to her baby. I finally got a chance to meet Jonah and got this note from his mom afterwards:



“I am glad to report that Jonah [is] a very happy boy ... He is now 6 and a half months old, sitting up on his own, teething, HEALTHY & has quite the personality NOW... Everyday I look at him, it pains me to think what I would have done WITHOUT him. Jonah will be MY constant reminder of how GREAT a cause CCBR is and that your work will never be in vain.”

Just another reason why we can be optimistic. Thank you for continuing to help us help them.

* Not his real name.