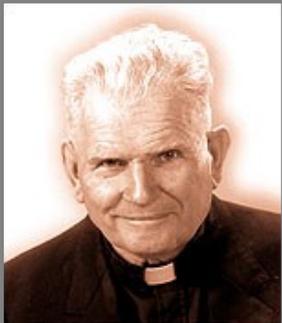


Fr. Ted Colleton Essay Competition

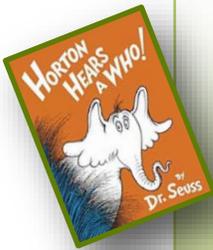


Fr. Edward (Ted) Colleton
1940—2011

This 2017-2018 school year Niagara Region Right to Life offered the 16th annual Father Edward (Ted) Colleton Scholarship for senior high school students (grades 11 and 12); 43 students from across the country submitted an analysis of a piece of art whether a novel, short story, play, poem, song video film, painting, or sculpture, etc. explaining how it inspires and speaks to the truth of pre-born life being precious.

We are glad to announce this year's winners:

First Place: "Whos Hairs Have Been Numbered" by Marcella Van Run of Toronto, Ontario, based on the children's book "Horton Hears a Who" by Dr. Seuss.



"Human life at conception appears a simple creation, so much so that some euphemize its very existence as the classification of a "clump of cells". Meanwhile, upon further inspection (or perhaps introspection), what exactly that distinct clump of cells could ultimately become begins to unfold: the bright pinks of potential decorate the blues of what little we can physically perceive. Thus, the preservation of life is essential to us as humans because in its destruction we are destroying purpose and potential. We must accordingly tend to our lives and to the lives others as we see Horton do when he seeks a clover, symbolic of good fortune and vitality, upon which to shelter his speck." Marcella Van Run

Second Place: "Carved by Creator" by Erin McKinnon, of Airdrie, Alberta, based on Dubian Monsalve's sculpture of a human fetus within its mother's womb, carved in a mountain in Santo Domingo, Colombia.

"Viewed by many who may be skeptical towards the idea of pre-born life possessing worth, the sculpture reminds one of where a human soul obtains its existence, provokes one's imagination, and may cause people to re-think their ideas about life in a way that inspires them to go further in promoting and protecting life rather than killing it. The image serves not only as misleading propaganda but as a gentle depiction of truth. It seeks not to control the human who observes it but to dignify the human it portrays. A simple image of an innocent child carries considerable potential in speaking to the hearts and minds of those who view it." Erin McKinnon.



Third Place: "Memorial for Unborn Life" by Stephanie Hallihan of Tillsonburg, Ontario, based on Martin Hudacek's sculpture "Memorial for Unborn Children".



"The breathtaking aspects of his sculpture give life to the cause and ultimately tells a story. His piece portrays a variety of emotions, expressing the harsh journey that follows abortion: for the unborn child, the mother, and other connected parties. Hudacek focused on blending the outward appearance and most crucially the inwards significance that the topic of abortion has on society. He was able to create a breathtaking piece that speaks to the truth that pre-born life is incredibly precious. There is no question that pre-born children deserve the right to life." Stephanie Hallihan

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH BANQUET

On May 10, 2018 at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, immediately after the annual National March for Life in Ottawa, almost 700 students enjoyed a memorable night at our March for Life Youth Banquet with the international youth speaker, performer and beatboxer, Paul J. Kim.

He has released two music albums, his videos on YouTube have accumulated over 1.2 million views, and he presents to over 40,000 people each year at events across the world. His talk was about chastity, including the harms of pornography.



“Enjoyed his musicality, comedy and thought-provoking message on chastity and the difference between love and lust.” Pam



Paul J. Kim

Highlights of the 2018 March for Life Youth Banquet



2018 MARCH FOR LIFE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Our six hour structured teaching/learning program is one of the largest pro-life educational youth events in Canada. This year, students received evidence and scientific facts about different aspects of human life including human fetal development, the end of life, teen pregnancy, leadership and offering support for others. Keynote speakers were:

Dr. Christina Lamb, Ph.D., a Registered Nurse and Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Nursing with the University of Alberta. As a bioethicist and clinician, encompasses pediatric care and Global Health. She has served as an ethics consultant and is currently developing human rights initiatives to proactively counter conscience based concerns for health care professionals. She spoke on conscience rights, and how they have been challenged by the legalization of euthanasia.

Dr. Christina Lamb: "She gave excellent information about MAID. She is Canadian and knows Canadian content. Her info on human dignity and conscience was valuable."

Anonymous

Dr. Christina Lamb: "Excellent content. Great to increase awareness. Awesome mentor. Q&A very good!"

Anonymous



Dr. Christina Lamb

Stephanie Gray is an international speaker that has given talks at many renowned international post-secondary institutions and was a presenter for the series "Talks at Google", speaking on abortion at Google headquarter in Mountain View, California. She is author of *Love Unleashes Life: Abortion & the Art of Communicating Truth* as well as *A Physician's Guide to Discussing Abortion*. Using many stories, she gave a well-received talk on how to effectively and lovingly give the pro-life message to others.



Stephanie Gray

Stephanie Gray: "Excellent presenter! Great, great, meaningful content. Rational arguments. She had the whole audience captivated. So important to have people like her presenting to this young audience."

Anonymous

Stephanie Gray: "She is always so clear, concise, passionate, and full of practical tips. Love her presentations."

Anastasia

Our 2018 workshop speakers were: **Kevin Dunn** who spoke about a new documentary recently released that highlights the dangers of legalizing euthanasia/assisted death; **Angelina Steenstra and Sisters of Life** who spoke about the care women need while contemplating abortion and after abortion; and **Marie-Claire Bissonnette and Robin Mendonça** gave practical tips on living out pro-life convictions daily.



Kevin Dunn



Fatal Flaws Documentary



Angelina Steenstra



Sisters of Life



Marie-Claire Bissonnette and Robin Mendonça



There are a variety of projects and activities that your generous donations help fund. Aside from the major events highlighted in this newsletter, we also organize and sponsor other projects. Because of your donations and commitment to spreading a culture of life, these initiatives are made possible and we can change the hearts and minds of the people that we reach.

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