

Delegate Submission for Michael Del Grande's Motion for a Pro-life Flag.

Submitted  
Friday morning  
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Dear Members of the Board and Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour to be here tonight to speak to a Motion that is close to my heart. Trustee Michael Del Grande and many faithful Catholics and people of good will see the desperate plight of the precious unborn children in our land.

St John Paul II states in Evangelium Vitae:

*The issue of life and its defence and promotion is not a concern of Christians alone ...this question arises in every human conscience which seeks the truth and which cares about the future of humanity ... The Gospel of Life is for the whole of human society. To be actively pro-life is to contribute to the renewal of society through the promotion of the common good.*

*When the Church declares that unconditional respect for the right of every innocent person – from conception to natural death – is one of the pillars on which every civil society stands, she wants simply to promote a human State....which recognizes the defence of fundamental rights of the human person, especially the weakest, as it primary duty.*

Tragically, in Canada for more than thirty-five years now, since our Supreme Court struck down the law protecting the right to life of unborn children, procured abortion – the deliberate murder of innocent human beings at the very beginning of life – has continued unchecked.

Each day, when we pray the Our Father, we make a commitment to work for God's kingdom of love - "Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." We must never become comfortable with the grave injustice that is happening in our land. Christ tells us that whatever we do to the least of these ... we do unto Him.

Today we have an opportunity to be a light and a sign of hope for justice and peace in our land. By raising the Pro-Life Flag, representing the dignity of all human life but especially that of the most vulnerable, we can counter the tsunami of coldness and cruelty targeting the most helpless among us.

The peaceful Pro-Life flag flying above all our schools and Board offices each May, the month dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, can make a difference for Life. By this act and by joining in the Annual March for Life and related activities, we can model for our children the sometimes difficult road we must travel to be faithful to the life-giving principles of the Gospel.

At the end of our lives, when we meet our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and He asks us what we did for His littlest brothers and sisters and for the children entrusted to us, I pray that we will have something beautiful to say about the action we took tonight by voting unanimously for the raising of the Pro-Life Flag.

I thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Clare Kavanagh

