



Canadian Physicians
for *Life*

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Annual REPORT



*Together we are
humanizing healthcare*

Programming and Engagement National Conference

At the 2022 conference our theme was "I Will Not Abandon You." We expanded our annual conference to offer it both in person and online. A total of 110 participants met, including **22 sponsored medical students and residents** taking advantage of networking and learning opportunities with guest speakers. This conference has a significant impact on the way attendees can defend their pro-life convictions. The conference included Professor Charles Camosy speaking on ***Losing Our Dignity: How Secularized Medicine is Undermining Fundamental Human Equality*** and Dr. Quentin Genuis speaking on ***"I Will Not Abandon You': The True Nature of Compassion."***

At the conference we awarded The Dr. Paul Adams Award. The purpose of this annual award is to acknowledge and celebrate someone who demonstrates exceptional initiative, professionalism, and generosity within the pro-life medical community. The 2022 winner of this award was Dr. Sheila Harding.



MENTORING PROGRAMS

Our mentoring programs serve both medical students and residents. We have also expanded our mentoring programs to pre-med and nursing students.

We continue our collaboration with Dr. Kevin Majeres of Harvard Medical School and his team at OptimalWork to enhance our mentoring programs.

We have integrated the OptimalWork platform into our mentoring program. We are also providing our mentors with additional training and access to MasterClass training with OptimalWork.

We have 169 students enrolled in our expanded mentoring programs.



BIOETHICS SYMPOSIUM

In June 2022, we convened 15 of Canada's most promising law and medical students for an inaugural bioethics symposium in our nation's capital. The symposium included 130 pages of assigned interdisciplinary readings in order to form participants in the intellectual tradition related to conscience. Since many have expressed their disappointment in the caliber of the ethics curriculum in Canada, CPL responded by offering this convivial and formative weekend dedicated to the study of ethics. We aim to enhance participants' impact in both personal and professional life.

Participants benefited from the insights of others in the cohort as well as from discussions with renowned faculty from Canada, the UK, and the USA.



Communication (Social Media & Media Mentions):

We have increased the Vital Bylines newsletter to a weekly email newsletter, usually sent on Wednesday afternoons. In 2022, we launched the No Soldier Euthanasia campaign and No Infant Euthanasia Open Letter. We shared this Open Letter on our social media to mount a professional defense against the proposal by the Quebec College of Physicians.

Our media presence increased this year across multiple platforms, including: Twitter, Facebook, and news sites. We provided commentary on Voice of America, FAYTENE TV, Rebel News, and *The Pillar* as well as being cited in the *National Post*. (See CPL's opposition to infant euthanasia cited in October 11, 2022 *National Post* story, "Quebec College of Physicians slammed for suggesting MAiD for severely ill newborns")

Nicole and Amanda provided contacts and research for Megan Basham's November 27, 2022 "Morning Wire" podcast episode for the Daily Wire on "Canada's Medical Assistance in Dying Law."



Presentations & Webinars

In 2022, we instituted monthly webinars with a wide range of experts, including: Dr. Xavier Symons, Dr. Chris Lisanti, Dr. Julia Palmieri, Dr. Tom Koch, and Dr. Christina Francis.

We began a virtual tour of Canada's medical schools (Can Med School Tour webinar series), speaking with a CPL med student/resident from each school for the benefit of pre-med students (soon-to-be med school applicants).

Nicole presented on the issue of freedom of conscience to the National Conference for the Catholic Doctors Guilds on June 5th and on Euthanasia at the Rehumanize International conference in the USA on October 15th.

Learning Platform

Our Learning Platform hosts the conference videos, mentoring programs, and other CPL resources. Resources are grouped into courses. These courses are available to the wider pro-life community and include: Abortion 101, Abortion 102, Euthanasia 101 and Euthanasia 102, Ethics: Eugenics & Sterilization, Ethics: Referral and Conscience & Healthcare. As of this printing, we have **862 users** totaling **6,187 enrollments** on our Learning Platform.

We also facilitated an online Book Group discussing Charles Camosy's book ***Losing Our Dignity: How Secularized Medicine is Undermining Fundamental Human Equality*** as well as various webinars throughout the year.

Legal Cultural & Political *Outreach*

We are continuing our efforts to build a network of like-minded organizations and individuals across professional disciplines to help us move the legislative needle on life issues. CPL is focused on building a coalition of defenders of freedom of conscience with organizations and individuals from a variety of backgrounds. This 'big tent' approach will help to achieve legislative successes.

Crisis Line

The Crisis Line is available for medical students, residents, and physicians who find themselves pressured to violate their conscience. When someone contacts our crisis line, we do an initial assessment. Sometimes the issue can be resolved and, if not, they are put in contact with a constitutional lawyer.

 The connection happens within 24 hours of initial contact with CPL

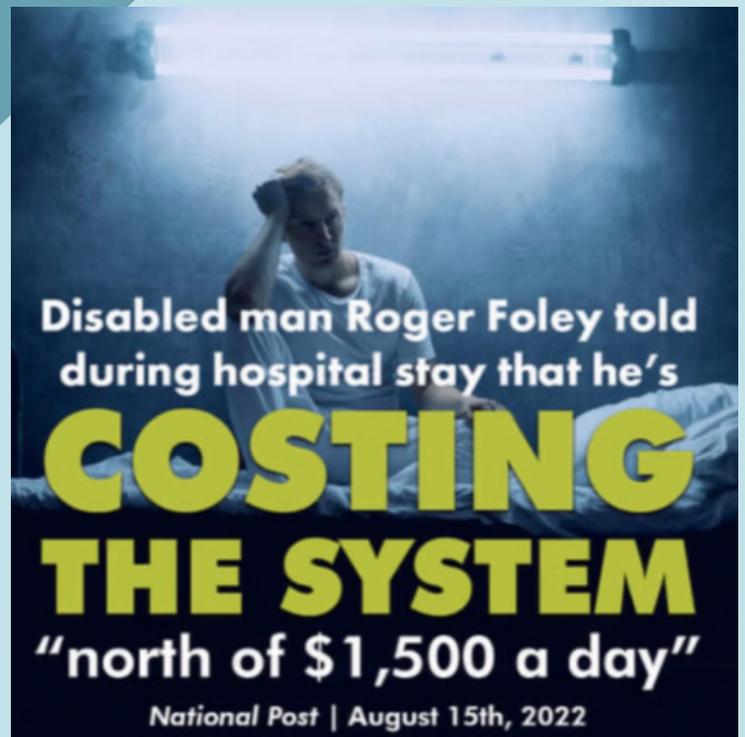
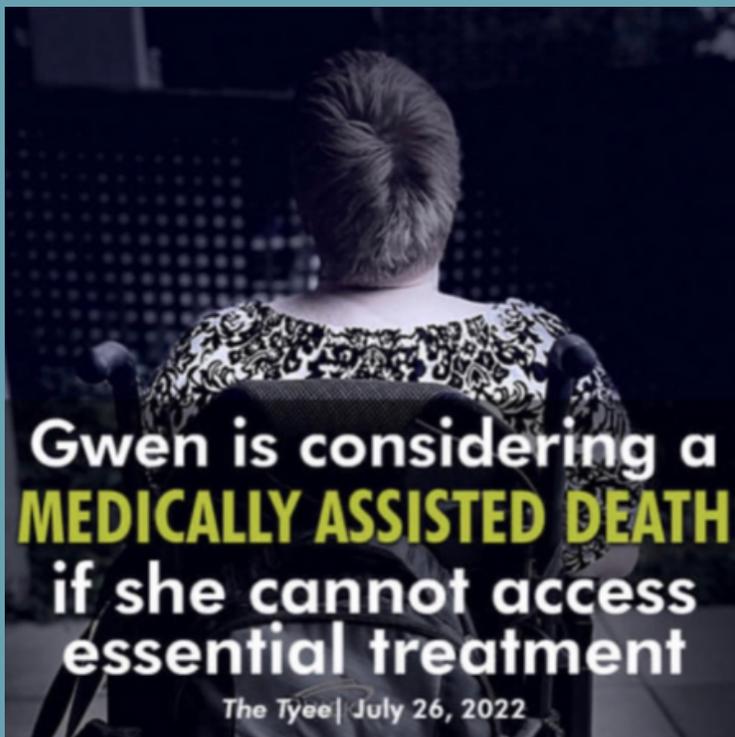
Abortion Pill

Rescue network

We continue our partnership with the Abortion Pill Rescue Network. We encourage physician involvement with the network and are providing more resources on our Learning Platform to support this important initiative. **We continue to work on expanding the network of physicians involved in this project.**

Livestreams & Social Media

We have begun conducting regular livestreams on our Facebook page. Many times these livestreams involve guests who are key figures in the work of humanizing healthcare. Below are some of the Facebook ads we ran. This year we have successfully doubled CPL's followers.



Looking Ahead

Our goals for 2023 include:

- Annual Conference
- Bioethics Symposium on Mental Health
- Pioneer formative offerings, educational resources, and communication products on mental health as a pro-life issue
- Develop a Bioethics Study Tour to Europe for launch in 2024
- Develop and launch a contest to crowdsource life-affirming content and reward creativity for cultural renewal projects

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- Strengthen ties with the Hippocratic Alliance in the USA (we will be their first international member)
- Develop, in collaboration with Dr. Thomas Bouchard, a "Family Physician Navigator" certification course for neonatal patient advocacy
- Develop a bioethics Case Consult line
- Launch a midwifery mentoring program