

ABBY JOHNSON



RTLK held two great events with Abby Johnson in April. We had over 80 youth attend Evangel Community Church for an informal talk and question and answer period with Abby followed by pizza and fellowship. It was a great night.

The next evening was our Annual Banquet with over 300 in attendance at the John D. Bradley Centre in Chatham. Thank you to all who attended!



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2026 NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE



RTLK joined thousands of Canadians in Ottawa on May 14, 2026 at the National March for Life. It was an amazing experience to stand alongside thousands of others and let our government hear our voices. The theme for this year's March was FOLLOW ME. This year's theme is an invitation to be disciples of Jesus and fishers of men. The prolife movement is not just trying to save lives, but souls too. We are not just trying to win arguments, but people, through the same love and compassion Jesus has for all.

FOLLOW ME is an invitation to all of us. It was a great day to stand up for LIFE!





REFUGE

Meeting Women at their moment of need



The Catholic Women's League held its Regional Conference in Chatham on April 20 & 21. Refuge was one of 3 local charities chosen to receive a donation. THANK YOU for your support of the work we do in CK!



— **THANK YOU** —

This year we had 31 churches participate in our Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign!

Bottles can be returned to our office Tuesday-Friday the week after Father's Day.

Please return empty bottles as well. We do have to purchase these bottles and they can be quite costly to replace.



The Slippery Slope of Euthanasia

In April 2026, Canada surpassed 100,000 reported euthanasia deaths since its legalization in June 2016.

Euthanasia or assisted suicide was first legalized in 2016 for Canadians whose death was “reasonably foreseeable.” At the time, a person had to have a grievous and irremediable medical condition which caused enduring physical or psychological suffering to qualify for euthanasia. Think of someone with a terminal cancer prognosis.

In 2021, just five years after legalization, euthanasia was expanded to include those whose “death is not reasonably foreseeable.” With this expansion, people with disabilities or non-terminal illnesses could choose to have a doctor end their lives. Think of someone who is wheelchair bound.

The next expansion has already been passed into law, but implementation has been delayed until March 17, 2027. This would allow Canadians suffering solely from a mental illness to be eligible for euthanasia. Think of someone suffering from depression.

In 10 years this is the reality of the slippery slope of euthanasia. Where will it expand to next?

Canada's euthanasia law has gone mad. The world sees it, the United National Committee on Disability rights sees it, anybody who examines our law, from outside of the pro-death bubble sees it.

The Canadian government must stop expanding the euthanasia law and examine the insanity.

Canada needs a complete review of its euthanasia law.





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We are excited to introduce our 2027 Annual Banquet speaker, Krystal Vanderbrugghen. Krystal is a devoted mother & advocate whose journey was profoundly shaped by fighting for her daughter, Veya Hope. Through her experiences navigating the Canadian healthcare system, Krystal discovered the importance of standing boldly for those who can not advocate for themselves.

Passionate about equipping families with knowledge, discernment and courage, Krystal helps parents and loved ones understand the decisions they are being asked to make, recognize red flags, and protect the dignity of life and those in their care. Rooted in faith and compassion, Krystal hopes to empower families to navigate complex systems with clarity, confidence and a steadfast heart.

To learn more about Krystal and Veya's story, follow her on Instagram @krystallynne.vdb

The date of our 2027 Banquet is Tuesday, April 13th.