

**VERNON & AREA  
PRO-LIFE NEWSLETTER  
WINTER 2025**



**BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF YOUR WOMB**



**CHRISTMAS CARD CONTEST**

We had an amazing 41 entries this year for our annual Christmas Card Contest! All the cards were so imaginative and it made it challenging to choose the 4 winners. Our theme was: "Celebrating Jesus at Christmas".

Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> Place winner: Sophia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Benedict & two 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners: Jarious and Aiden

We're hoping to have copies ready for December 20<sup>th</sup> so keep your eyes & ears posted.

**We are moving!!**

As we didn't use our office space enough to warrant the ever-increasing rent, the board voted to not renew our lease. We now have a storage locker for our supplies and a small office space at the back of our Thrift Store. We will still have our phone line and number for people to contact us.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME!**

Interested in doing some volunteering?

Our **THRIFT** store hours are currently: 10 - 2pm Monday through Saturdays

Give us a call: 250-545-0777

LOCATED DOWNTOWN AT:

3102 31<sup>st</sup> Ave V1T 2H1

Our **Office** now located at our store – open by appointment call: **250-545-5520**

Visit us @ <https://prolifevernon.ca>

Vernon and Area Pro-Life Society

Currently in Canada, discussions continue around expanding MAiD (Bill C-218 aims to repeal mental illness expansion), with ongoing debate and implementation of previous changes from Bill C-7, which removed the "reasonably foreseeable death" requirement but excluded sole mental illness cases until later dates. Currently the requirements are as below:

**"Grievous and irremediable medical condition"**

To be considered as having a grievous and irremediable medical condition, you must meet **all** of the following criteria. You must:

- have a serious illness, disease or disability
- be in an advanced state of decline that **cannot** be reversed
- experience unbearable physical or mental suffering from your illness, disease, disability or state of decline that **cannot** be relieved under conditions that you consider acceptable

You do **not** need to have a fatal or terminal condition to be eligible for medical assistance in dying.

If your only medical condition is a mental illness, you are **not** eligible for medical assistance in dying until March 17, 2027.

If you have a mental illness along with other medical conditions, you may be eligible for medical assistance in dying.

Eligibility is always assessed on an individual basis and takes all relevant circumstances into account. However, you must meet **all** the criteria to be eligible."

**We must continue to pray for those who are suffering; especially for the medical professionals who bear the burden of helping comfort those who are suffering and losing faith and hope.**

Our Pro-Life Team:  
President: Debbie Coulombe  
Treasurer: Nancy Murphy  
Secretary: Donald John  
Membership/Outreach: Lydia Melesko  
Store Manager: Henny Rahn  
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