



Archdiocese of Vancouver
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To the clergy, consecrated women and men, and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver:

This year marks an infamous anniversary – a half century of legal abortion in Canada. As we look back over the 50 years since the Supreme Court of Canada struck down the federal abortion law, we see the effects the decision has had on our country, our province, and in the lives of so many people. In addition to the millions of babies who have been aborted (approximately 100,000 a year nationally), countless individuals and families have suffered as a result of the court's decision and our nation's unwillingness to respond.

The effect of legalized abortion on our culture is staggering: a devaluing of human life that prepared the way for the legalization of assisted suicide, sex-selection abortions, pressure by the medical community to abort in the case of fetal anomalies, and the eradication of children born with Down Syndrome or other disabilities.

In response, the Pro-life Sunday Collection supports, through a grant process, organizations that provide hope and healing:

- Crisis pregnancy centers support and walk with women.
- Rachel's Vineyard responds to the aftermath of an abortion decision.
- We strive to achieve conscience protection for all who work in healthcare.
- Pro-life groups work to provide education on euthanasia and assisted suicide, journeying with patients at the end of their lives.
- Numerous organizations pray and witness for life.

On behalf of all who benefit from Pro-life Sunday funding, I express my gratitude to each of you for your generosity.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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