

LifeLines

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How to Get to Heaven



A teacher asked the children, "If I gave all my money to the church, would I get to heaven?"

"Noooo!" the children all answered.

"If I make my bed and eat my veggies will that get me to heaven?"

Again, they answered, "Noooo!"

"Well," she continued, "then how do I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out,
"You gotta be *dead*!"



Euthanasia – Why Never

by Fr. Dean Dowle, Pastor, St. John the Evangelist

Euthanasia is a deceptively simple term. If we argue that euthanasia will end Mom's suffering, the implied deception is that suffering is not part of a "worthwhile" human life. False.

The inherent worth of a person begins with the Truth: God made us in His image and we belong to Him. Living this truth means seeing Christ in those around us and imitating Christ, who suffered for us through a painful death. Suffering is an integral part of our lives. If we suffer with Christ and help others through their suffering to a natural death, we are living in Christ, in Truth. This creates courage and strengthens Christian love in family life, in the life of the Church and society.



Euthanasia does the opposite; it lies, destroys, kills, reduces and robs us of a true experience of Christ in ourselves and in one another. So, in knowing this, *euthanasia* is not a question of "Why not?" but ever an assertion of "**Why never**".

Prayer for the Dying

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
I give you his heart and his soul.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
may he breathe forth his soul
in peace with you.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph
assist him in his last agony.

Go to: <https://www.artofdyingwell.org/> Highly Recommended!!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Taking place in communities across North America and in 25 nations around the world!

What is it? A peaceful outdoor prayer vigil, praying for pregnant women seeking abortion and those performing abortions

When is it? Lent, March 6 to April 14, all day and into the evening

Who? Men and women, children too, singly or in groups

Where? Central Edmonton. For map and location, see below.

How Long? People usually commit to an hour each time, but there are no special requirements. Come when you can. But do come!

Anything Else? Try to make it a day of fasting or abstinence. Why not book a day of prayer with your group? Or pray at home alone or with friends if you cannot do so at the outdoor location.



Thank you for your prayer and presence!

For Bookings, Map and Location: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/edmonton/>

The Wilberforce Project

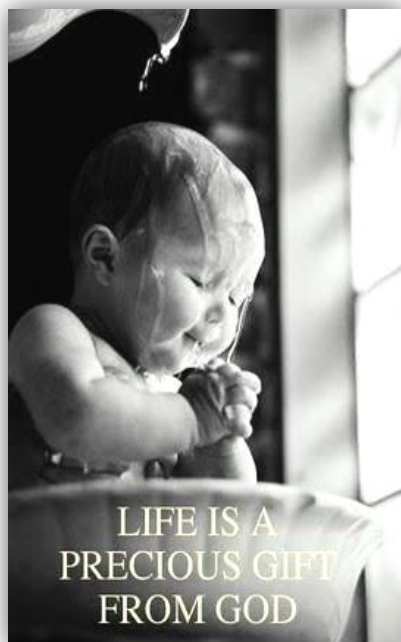
300 lives are lost to abortion *every day* in Canada.

- We have no laws to protect these children during their 9 months in the womb, right up to birth.
- The Wilberforce Project is a pro-life organization focusing on Alberta politics with the goal of protecting women and children by working to implement a law or regulation governing abortion.

The Wilberforce Project has been working for the last two and a half years with pro-life candidates, who will promote laws to save lives, so that they win their nomination races for the 2019 provincial election.

Count yourself in. Now it's 2019! The focus is to ensure these candidates win their ridings in the provincial election. They need many volunteers over the next 4 months. Thank you for your interest in protecting life!

Please contact Rachel, Volunteer Director, by phoning: 780-421-7747, or email: volunteer@twp.life or sign up at: www.thewilberforceproject.ca



- For help with a crisis pregnancy or post-abortion suffering: Call Gianna Centre [\(780\) 482-5111](tel:7804825111)
 - For end-of-life-care concerns: Call your parish priest

Contact LifeLines at: lifeassociatesedmonton@gmail.com