

CCBR: Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform

Making Abortion Unthinkable

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“Opportunities multiply as they are seized.” —Sun Tzu

Dear Friends,

One opportunity leads to another. I recently gave two small strategy presentations in people’s homes. Both of these events lead to larger presentations that have produced great fruit.

On January 28, I spoke to a Christian young adults’ group in Calgary where I equipped attendees with the arguments to defend the pro-life view. One student wrote, **“I always need to improve on how to influence others around me. Thank you for making it so practical and useful.”** Another said, **“Very well presented. Very clean and clear. Well-spoken and a tribute to your organization.”**



▲ I speak to the home-school group at a local church.

▼ Lucas, chaplain at Rocky Mountain College, and I after my presentation.



One week later, I gave a 3-hour pro-life apologetics presentation to a group of home-schooled students. There were encouraging remarks on the follow-up surveys. A 15-year-old female wrote that prior to the presentation she was “...pro-life, but wasn’t sure about certain circumstances.” Afterwards she wrote, **“It made me 100% pro-life.”**

There were several comments about the graphic visuals used in the presentation. One person said, **“They were very difficult to watch yet I became more convinced that they were necessary to inspire to action.”** Another commented, **“I am squeamish about abortion videos, but I am convinced that I need to step out of my comfort zone and view the pictures for an urgent mental image.”**

Others credited the presentation for stimulating action and for providing reasons for their beliefs. A 15-year-old female wrote, **“Stephanie lit a fire in me and completely enforced my ‘against abortion’ position. She inspired me to step out of my comfort zone and challenge those around me with my views. I realize I need to speak out; thank you!”** A girl who is one year older wrote that although she was pro-life she was **“not well enough informed until now.”**

Please pray for a 16-year-old female who came to the presentation with her friend. On her survey she wrote that she was “pro-choice” prior to the presentation. When asked if her views changed, she wrote, **“Yes, to a point; the opinion she presented was well-defended. I would rather consider and look into more info on both sides.”** I spoke to this teenager following. She was unwilling to fully concede to the pro-life position and held to a “pro-choice” perspective even when I refuted her claims. Please pray for her independent research, that she will seek and find the truth.

Less than 12 hours after returning home that night, I was out the next morning to give a presentation during the Chapel session at Rocky Mountain College, also in Calgary. Lucas, the campus chaplain, told me, “The decision

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to invite CCBR was good and will have a life-changing impact on our community.” Plans are in the works for me to provide training in apologetics to one of the college’s ethics classes.

In addition to giving presentations, I have been busy with writing. Michael Spielman from our American office is in the process of re-designing our Canadian website, and I am writing several documents that will pass under Brendan’s editorial eye before being placed online. Stay tuned for an announcement about this.

On February 9, Jojo and I spoke to the University of Calgary pro-life club about CCBR’s strategy. In explaining our bold approach, Jojo paraphrased one of C.S. Lewis’s comments on love. Lewis said, “Love is not affectionate feeling, but a steady wish for the loved person’s ultimate good as far as it can be obtained.”

At CCBR, we are continuing to spread a message of truth that is rooted in love. Just as parents subject their children to the temporary discomfort of discipline out of a deeper motive of giving them what is good, we profess the truth of abortion, recognizing that while it may be temporarily uncomfortable to hear, it is also for the ultimate good of those who hear it.

Thank you for supporting us in these efforts,

Stephanie

Stephanie Gray



▲ Jojo and I address the pro-life club at U of C.

Do you trust me?

Since your donations indicate that that question can be answered in the affirmative, I ask that you trust me in the following recommendation.

As I reflect on how you bless us at CCBR with your financial support, prayers, and words of encouragement, I wonder: how can I show my appreciation? I want to do more than thank you and pray for you. I also want to help you grow as a person.

I am my father’s daughter: I love books. Over the past 12 months I have read many books on a variety of themes, from business to leadership to relationships to faith. One in particular stands out amongst them all. Without exaggerating, it is changing my life. Have you ever read a book and felt excited and energized? Have you felt like it was speaking to your heart? Have you been so affected by its wisdom that when you finish it you want to turn to page 1 and start all over again? I have. It was this book.

Do you know that your purpose in life is to be the best version of yourself and to help others be the best version of themselves? Do you know that you have a genius—a gifting that distinguishes you from others and that when you live it you will have a deep sense of joy and timelessness? Do you know that regardless of your age you can, and should, make a difference in this world? Do you understand your need for balance between your physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs and do you strive to achieve that? Do you take time daily to be in silence? Are you thriving or just surviving?

Over Christmas I stumbled across a website about international speaker and author Matthew Kelly. This young man in his early 30s shares a divinely inspired message that, if you take it to heart, will profoundly affect you. His book is called “The Rhythm of Life,” and I challenge you to buy it today and read it this month. Then write me and tell me how it has inspired you—I’d love to hear about it!

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