



“I was against [abortion], but I had few arguments against the opposing side. [This presentation] strengthened my stance; it gave me more reasons and arguments against the ‘pro-choice’ side.”

–High school student from St. Maurice School, Winnipeg

Dear friends,

When I began my speaking tour at the end of September, I knew I’d be spending most of the month travelling and speaking. That’s not a complaint of course. Instead, it’s a privilege I’m glad to share with you.

Overall, I spoke at 18 venues to almost 750 people. This included venues in small communities like Russell, Ontario, and big universities like Georgetown U in Washington, D.C. What encouraged me was that despite the different venues, audience members supported our message and the images we use to get that message across. Many would come up to me to say, without my prompting, that the abortion images were horrible but were a powerful tool that pro-lifers need to use.



Presentation attendees at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Russell, ON. Standing on either side of me are Heidi and Tim, the event organizers.

**National Campus Life Network (NCLN)
Symposium (Scarborough, ON)**

I then went to Toronto where I was again invited to speak to the NCLN Symposium. I take it as a compliment when I am invited back to speak to the same organization. The NCLN is unique because many of their attendees are new to pro-life work and speakers can shape their thinking. As one fourth-year student said, “[CCBR’s presentation] made me want to continue to make being pro-life an important part of my job/life.”

The same weekend, I spoke at the North York International Fellowship in Ontario. I challenged church members to understand their responsibility to fight abortion. Many came up to me and told me that they didn’t realize how horrible abortion was. One church member told me she works with immigrant women and wants me speak to her group when I return to Toronto.



North York Christian Fellowship (North York, ON)

From there, I travelled to Maryland and the Washington, D.C., area where I spoke to five different pro-life



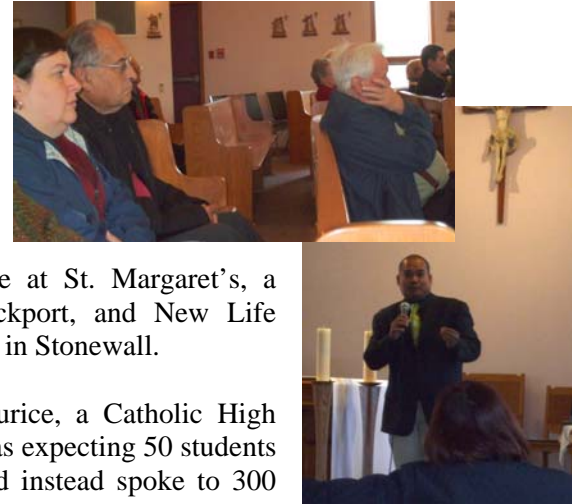
George Washington University (Washington, D.C.)

campus groups and two community groups. Most of the people I spoke to hadn't heard about our work before. One student from George Washington University wrote in her survey **"I now know more ways to defend [the pro-life view] and I thus feel more confident in the position."**



River of Life Church of the Nazarene (Winnipeg, MB)

After a few days in Calgary, I spoke to six audiences in Manitoba. Many had never before heard a presentation like ours, such as those at St. Margaret's, a Catholic church in Lockport, and New Life Church, a Baptist church in Stonewall.



St. Margaret's, Lockport, MB

I also spoke at St. Maurice, a Catholic High school in Winnipeg. I was expecting 50 students from grades 9 to 12 and instead spoke to 300 students! The talk went over so well that the vice-principal wrote me a letter of recommendation. We also received numerous comments from students about how they were strengthened in their pro-life views.

That evening, I spoke to several Filipino pastors and challenged them to take abortion seriously. The head of the local Filipino pastors' group said he would try to help me get into the other Filipino churches in the area (there are over a dozen evangelical Filipino churches in Winnipeg). He also invited me to speak to his own church my last day there. One woman from the church said, **"I'm a new mom and I can't believe anyone would do that to their baby. It just hurts so much to look at those pictures."**

The same day, I spoke at a Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) dinner. They are the political arm of the pro-life movement. I challenged about 65 pro-life leaders to not work on just any pro-life activities but to choose pro-life activities that *work*. I then shared our apologetics and said that we shouldn't be ashamed of sharing what we believe on abortion because our position makes more sense than that of those around us. **After my talk, one attendee said she had heard the term "pro-life apologetics" before but didn't know what it meant: "I know what it is now and it isn't so hard that I can do it too."**



Maria Slykerman, head of CLC Manitoba

Returning home, I had two more talks including one at an adult Sunday School class in High River, just outside of Calgary. There were over 40 people in the audience and many again had never seen what abortion is. After my talk, church members invited me to speak at the local high school. The pastor of the church also invited me to come and back do a full training session with them on pro-life apologetics.

As I said at the start, it is a privilege to share these experiences with you. None of these audiences, none of these students would have heard the pro-life message if you weren't willing to sacrifice and support our work. In other words, you already share in these experiences. Every compliment and changed heart is due to your support. Thank you for being part of this life-saving work.

Sincerely,

Link of the month: A new documentary by *Dispatches*, the British version of PBS' Frontline, was publicly broadcast in the U.K.. They not only use our abortion images but declare that an "independent source" verified that the images are *real*. See part of it at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rP6o4BIZMt0>

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