

# Fund raising campaign launched by Pro-Life

Halton Pro-Life has announced its first fund raising campaign to be carried out this month and next. It is seeking funds to cover its education and information services.

Pro-Life is a chartered, non-denominational, charitable organization whose objectives are to foster respect for human life and to defend the right to life of all human beings, born and unborn. Its activities are primarily educational. It is the local chapter of Alliance for Life, the national co-ordinating body.

A separate group, Coalition for Life, does the lobbying for the movement. Birthright, a sister organization located in Hamilton, offers counselling to pregnant girls and women who don't want to keep their children.

Marg Turner, chairman of the fund raising campaign, said in an interview the belief in the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death is the basis of the group's work.

The thrust of the group's educational program is related to abortion. According to Mrs. Turner, the abortion issue is most pressing at this time because the law is unclear.

The group's major quarrel with current legislation is the absence of a definition of health. It would like to see the word either defined or omitted. Canada's Criminal Code makes allowance for abortion in cases where continuation of the pregnancy "would or would be likely to endanger her (mother's) life or health."

Although Pro-Life is not opposed to abortion when the mother's life is threatened, it objects to abortion granted on social and economic grounds, Mrs. Turner said.

However, change in legislation is secondary to change in public attitudes, the group's major goal, she said. "If we do our work properly so that people become aware abortion kills a human being and understand why that is wrong, especially on the mass scale in Canada today, then it's not going to matter what the law says," she commented.

"Abortion isn't really a personal matter," Mrs. Turner replied when asked about choice. "The protection of the unborn child is a question of civil rights. In abortion the right to life is



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taken away from the unborn child."

Pro-Life's educational service includes discussion on responsible sexual behavior but excludes contraceptive counselling. "I think it's very bad to make the link between abortion and contraception because people begin to look at abortion as a method of birth control," Mrs. Turner said.

Pro-Lifers believe that a liberalized abortion law increases the risk of child abuse. According to Mrs. Turner the incidence of child abuse has escalated since abortion laws were changed. She said the slogan "every child a wanted child" places an expectation on the child to be perfect. This expectation, being unrealistic, leads to dissatisfaction with the child which in turn could lead to child abuse, she said.

Pro-Life also opposes legislation concerning euthanasia, Mrs. Turner said. "What becomes permissible can be abused," she commented.

Although the group will provide speakers and materials to any organization which invites its participation, it concentrates mainly on schools and youth groups. "There's nowhere

else they can get this information about abortion, euthanasia and child abuse," Mrs. Turner said.

Halton Pro-Life was incorporated in 1974. It began in 1971 as Burlington Right to Life. There are now over 400 members of Halton Pro-Life. Fifteen have joined since August of this year. Mrs. Turner reported. Approximately 75 Milton residents, 75 Georgetown residents and 20 Acton residents belong.

Membership is usually a family involvement, Mrs. Turner commented. On the whole, however, there are more women than men.

The organization must raise all its own funds since no grants are available to it, according to Mrs. Turner. In order to continue its work and to expand its services a campaign goal of \$20,000 was set. A minimum of \$12,000 is needed.

Campaign strategy includes a mailing to members and an appeal to church groups and businesses. Donations from the public are accepted at the Pro-Life office, 1471 Ontario St., Burlington. The group is also appealing for volunteers to help in the office or in its educational programs.

## Truckers' jamboree in town

International Harvester of Canada is launching its 1977 "truckers' jamboree"—a day of good country music—in Milton on Wednesday, Sept. 21.

The special jamboree for

truckers is to be held at Fifth Wheel Truck Stop with three shows at 12 noon, 4 and 7 p.m. Some of the best country and western entertainers in the business are scheduled to appear—Gordie Tapp, Roy

Warhurst, Robin Yancey, The Free Spirit, Bobby Wingrove and The Nashville Sound. International Harvester will also display a line-up of its trucks, including the new S-Series.

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There were no injuries last Tuesday afternoon when a \$1,200 accident involving two automobiles occurred on Main St.

William Taylor of Milton

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