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THE FUTURE OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN CANADA

The conservative leadership campaign has shown that social conservatives have a significant role to play in the Conservative Party. We showed our vitality and strength by electing Andrew Scheer as party leader. This was a tremendous shock to many, especially the media who had assumed that libertarian, Maxime Bernier, would be chosen as leader. He was more to their liking than any social conservative.

By our determination and effort, we, as social conservatives, have changed the future of the Conservative Party. One might even go so far as to state that our participation in the campaign saved the party, which, under other candidates, was destined to become only a liberal-lite party, lacking fundamental conservative principles.

OUR JOB IS NOT YET DONE

Although we have successfully accomplished the first step in preserving the direction to a genuinely conservative party, there is further work that we must do in order to cement the future of the party.

The two further jobs we must undertake are:

- we must play a significant role in the Conservative national policy party convention that will take place in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in August, 2018; and
- 2) we must ensure that pro-life MPs are nominated in the 2019 election.

The more pro-life/family MPs in the caucus, the better chances of successfully bringing a private member's bill forward on our issues.

HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH THESE OBJECTIVES?

First and foremost, we must ensure that our membership in the conservative party is kept up to date. This will allow us to be active within our local Conservative riding associations, (now called Electoral District Associations (EDA)). The board of directors of each EDA will soon form a policy committee to propose policy resolutions for the Halifax Convention. It is critical that pro-life/family individuals volunteer and be embedded in their local EDA's policy committee This way, they can participate in the formulation of policy resolutions. Local EDA resolutions must be approved by the local board of directors, and at a regional or provincial meeting before they can be submitted to the National Policy Committee for ranking in determining which

policy proposals will go to the 2018 National Convention. It is absolutely critical that the pro-life/family voice be heard in this long process to reach the National Convention.

If enough of us are involved and embedded in our local EDA, this is doable.

The benefit of being a member of your local EDA, is that it provides the opportunity to be involved in the nomination campaign to choose a candidate to run for your EDA in the 2019 federal election. If we want the Conservative Party to support pro-life/family legislation, it is up to us to elect pro-life candidates as Members of Parliament. Call your MPs office to get contact information for your EDA. They welcome volunteers.

ANDREW SCHEER WILL BE THE NEXT PRIME MINISTER

There is no doubt that Mr. Scheer will become the Prime Minister of Canada. The question is, when will this occur? Will it be the result of the federal election in 2019, or will it have to wait until the 2023 federal election when Mr. Scheer will be 44 years old—still younger than Justin Trudeau is today? This all depends on when Canadian voters become weary of Justin Trudeau's fantasy that he's a prime minister, when he is merely a showman, jetting around having his photograph taken. He has no interest in ordinary Canadians. They are only used by him as props on which he stands to promote himself. What happens in the next elections depends a great deal on our efforts over the next year. It would be nice to hurry along Trudeau's defeat.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH REAL WOMEN'S NATIONAL OFFICE

It would be helpful if you could let the National Office know if you are involved in your local EDA. We would be pleased to provide you with any information or assistance in your efforts. This will also keep us up to date as the situation develops over the coming year. •

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WORLD CONGRESS OF FAMILIES XI CONFERENCE, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

The World Congress of Families XI, organized by the Hungarian government, was held in beautiful Budapest, Hungary in May, 2017. It was an incredible experience.

The Congress started off with a powerful speech from the Prime Minister of Hungary, Viktor Orbán. He made it clear that Hungary was a pro-life, pro-family nation, and that he intended that it would stay that way, despite pressures from the European Union (EU) and the United Nations (UN).

Other Hungarian officials addressing the Congress included its Deputy Prime Minister Zsolt Semjén; Minister of State for Family and Youth, Katalin Novák; and Minister of Human Resources, Zoltán Balog.

Since Mr. Orbán's Fidesz Party was elected in 2010, the good news was that Hungary has implemented policies that have increased both the marriage and birth rates in that country.

Officials from other countries also spoke at the Congress, from Macedonia, Slovakia, Croatia, Spain and Poland. Their speeches were fascinating in that they provided actual examples of positive, successful policies implemented in these countries that have dramatically changed their countries to become pro-life and pro-family. If only we could apply some of these policies to our own desperate and deprived country.

Many Hungarian religious leaders of all faiths in Hungary addressed the conference and gave it their blessings.

What was extraordinary about the conference was the research papers presented. The information they disclosed has been hidden from public view by the media because they obviously do not want the public to know that leftist policies have been a failure world-wide.

For example, one of the outstanding presenters was US Psychologist, Dr. Patrick Fagan, from the Catholic University of America, whose studies demonstrate the importance of weekly religious worship to society. According to Dr. Fagan, his research found that children who attended at least weekly religious services experience much higher academic success. He found that the greater the involvement in religious services, the more likely children will pursue advanced courses, spend more time on homework, establish friendships with academically oriented peers, and successfully complete university degrees. For youth in impoverished neighbourhoods, religious attendance makes all the difference in their academic achievement prospects. Dr. Fagan also found the weekly practice of religion not only stabilizes marriage, but also improves its quality. See article: www.marripedia.org/marriage_and_religious_faithfulness. Religious commitment and practice, according to his study, result in increased self-esteem, well-being and is related to greater longevity and a reduced risk of a number of health complications like colitis, and different forms of cancer. Moreover, the greater a child's religious involvement, the more likely it is that both the child and parent will agree about the quality of their relationship and the similarity of their values. There is also a greater emotional closeness.

Who says religious observance doesn't matter anymore?

Another interesting paper was one by Professor Philip Zimbardo, from Stanford University. He carried out an extensive study on the problem of young men in today's society, who fail to accept adult responsibilities. They lack motivation, have less education than their fathers, and have dramatically dropped out of the work force.

This conclusion is supported by a study by the U.S. National Bureau of Economic Research, which found that among young men between 21 to 30 years old, 15% worked zero hours in 2015, a rate nearly double that of the year 2000. Even those who were employed, worked 12% fewer hours in 2015 than they did in the year 2000. The study also found that since 2004 young men have increasingly allocated more of their free time to playing video games and other computer activities. These results are very worrisome considering that there are ten million American men ages 24 to 64 who have now completely dropped out of the workforce. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labour Statistics, in June 2017, there were nearly six million jobs waiting to be filled, but young men are choosing to stay home and play video games instead.

According to Dr. Zimbardo, these young men are also excessively shy, which is the result of fear of social rejection by making a poor impression. They also have a fundamental social awkwardness, especially with women. This results in young men retreating from life and into the online fantasy world of video games and pornography. Further, he found that young men today are over-relying on medications and illegal drugs as never before.

Dr. Zimbardo discussed the serious implications of the failure of young men to live a normal life due to fears which prevent them from participating in society. Dr. Zimbardo has written a book entitled: <u>Man Interrupted</u>, which offers solutions to this problem. His book can be obtained from Amazon.ca. Please click on the name of the book above and it will take you directly to the Amazon.ca website. The book costs \$31 Cdn.

Other fascinating discussions were held at the Congress, such as one on the media. For example, Jack Hanick, former producer of US Fox News, gave an eye-opening account of how the mainstream media are completely controlled by the left-wing, and are deliberately shutting out conservative voices. Ted Baehr, son of the famous Hollywood actor, Irvine E. Theodore Baehr (an actor who worked as Robert (Tex) Allen, and whose mother was actress Evelyn Peirce), is founder and publisher of Movieguide U.S.A. Ted gave an account of how R-rated comedies today are bombing at the box office. As an example, there were five Rrated comedies in a row that failed to be financially successful this year. If five faith-based movies bombed in a row, headlines questioning whether the genre is even relevant would dominate. Four other R-rated movies are scheduled for release later this year. If these four become money losers too, Hollywood financiers will be forced to re-think their product. Thankfully, quality, faith-based movies have proven to be very profitable.

An audience of millions of families want wholesome, enter-

taining content. It pays for Hollywood to produce such products.

The many discussions presented at the Congress were intermingled with interludes when musicians from all around Hungary entertained the Congress participants.

The conference ended with a beautiful concert "Symphony of Life" by the Dr. Jerome Lejeune Orchestra. French-born Dr. Lejeune discovered the cause of Down Syndrome. During the concert, slides of Dr. Lejeune's writings were displayed. One of the most poignant moments was his comments made when he was approaching death. He said he was overcome with grief

at leaving his wife and children, but his greatest sense of grief was of his failure to complete his life's work, which was to find a cure for Down Syndrome. He attributed this failure to his own inadequacy in technique, coupled with the lack of time.

Another memorable aspect of the Congress was the hospitality of the Hungarian government. It provided a never-ending succession of hot meals, cold buffets, salads, desserts, snacks, etc. throughout the entire Congress. Our host couldn't seem to provide us with enough delicious food. This warm hospitality is a wonderful characteristic of the Hungarian people. •

THE IMPORTANCE AND SANCTITY OF MOTHERHOOD

Reprinted below is the address given by REAL Women of Canada's National Vice-President, Gwen Landolt, at the World Conference of Families XI on the subject of "The Importance and Sanctity of Motherhood".

According to the heroic Hungarian Cardinal Jozsef Mindszenty, in his book *The Mother* (1949):

... the most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honour of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body ... The angels have not been blessed with such a grace.

Feminists in the western world have moved heaven and earth to try to induce women to diminish the role of motherhood, believing that it is detrimental to a fulfilled life. That is why they demand state run daycare programs so that a mother can have a third party look after her child so as not to be distracted from her real life, which is in the work place. Feminists argue that women's interest in motherhood is merely socially constructed, and can be changed. However, pregnancy and childbirth are not gender neutral activities. The inconvenient truth is that equality in the workplace cannot compete with the inequality of nature, which, curiously, allows only women to become pregnant, never men. Curiously, too, women possess the inclination to nurture and, therefore, are more torn about work and family issues than are men. This is why mothers are much more attracted to part-time work than are fathers.

In a Gallop poll in the US, dated Oct. 7, 2015, it was found that the majority of women with children, if they have the financial choice to do so, prefer the homemaking role. The data show that, among mothers who are currently employed either full or part time, 40% say they would prefer to work outside the home. 54% would prefer to stay home. The figures are almost identical among mothers who aren't currently employed. There is almost no difference in the lifestyle preference of fathers, according to their work status. At least 70% of those employed, as well as those not employed, would rather have a job outside the home.

Feminists and totalitarian governments have tried to bring changes to ignore motherhood, under the guise of raising the status of women by promoting gender equality, supposedly to empower women. These ideologies anticipated that women, once educated and economically independent, would voluntarily separate themselves from the "liability" of religion and culture, family and children because the progressives believe that such commitments are impediments that have enslaved women for centuries. Emancipation from these responsibilities makes abortion and population control programs more acceptable and makes women more available to be in the paid workforce in order that their employment will improve the economy.

How little do the ideologues know and understand women! Our children and our families are at the very core of our being. They are not merely a side car attached to our lives, but the central part of our lives. This is because there are striking differences between men and women, not just in our obvious physical differences, but also in that women have a greater inclination to nurture infants and children, which is rooted in the endocrine system and women's brain structure. Women's bodies have more receptors for the nurturing hormone, oxytocin, than do men, especially in pregnancy and during breastfeeding. More recent imaging research shows that mothers' brains change during pregnancy and after birth in ways that seem to increase their "emotional attachment to their babies." The profound love that a mother feels toward her child is unmatched and little understood until a woman becomes a mother.

Consequently, despite intense pressure from feminists, social engineers, economists and population controllers, and totalitarian governments, they have not been able to change the nature of women, whether they are in the workforce or in the home. The fact is, women's nature is to be the tutor and nurturer and is the cement of society. Her children, regardless of her professional achievements, are her great work in life. This is because a conscientious mother is responsible for developing her child's character, teaching that child principles and religious faith, family history and how to relate to other individuals in appropriate ways. She, as no other human being, can both feel the hurts and experience the joys of her children, providing them with strength and courage in their journey through life.

It is this intense, unselfish relationship that gives the

child a sense of security and confidence to face life's challenges. The family is the only institution ever invented to provide children with a love that is centred on them. All other institutions, including schools and day care, are intentionally designed to be impartial. But, in order for children's personalities to develop in a healthy manner, it is necessary that someone care intensely for them; so intensely as to give them priority over all other children. It is within the family, and especially with the mother, enabled by the support of the father, that this kind of love and intense caring usually takes place.

Mikhail Gorbachev, in his book, <u>Perestroika: New Thinking for our Country and the World</u> (1988), acknowledged that the dysfunction in Soviet society, as evidenced by pervasive alcoholism, high divorce and abortion rates, and very low birth rates, etc. may well have been caused by this separation of very young children from their mothers. We should heed his warning.

Nature made women, not men, the prime tutor and nurturer of love and it is this love that drives women to make their children and families their priority in life, regardless of their professional or employment achievements. This is, indeed, fortunate for society as well as for women because

there is no higher happiness and joy than giving birth and nurturing life.

This, however, is not to presume that we are all perfect mothers, because we are not. We are not "superwomen": we can feel overwhelmed, exhausted and stressed out in our role as mothers, complicated frequently by our role in the workplace. This does not make for an easy life. Nonetheless, being a mother is one of women's greatest responsibilities, challenges, privileges and opportunities. The experiences of some mothers, too, is that they may have a difficult time within their families, due to poor health, mental illness, depression, unemployment, divorce and many other human problems. Our vocation or calling is complex and constant. Difficult moments occur in loving, though imperfect homes, but mothers are there giving their extraordinary effort to the next generation.

Even imperfect motherhood, combined with dedication, can overcome these challenges, and can lead to healthy children, who are able to create a stable society. Strong families make strong nations. It is the mother, at the heart of the family, who makes this happen. Mothers change the future through their children. Therefore, her work must be respected, encouraged and supported. •

WORLD CONGRESS OF FAMILIES AND REAL WOMEN OF CANADA PARTNER A PETITION TO PM JUSTIN TRUDEAU

STOP THE \$650 MILLION TO IMPOSE ABORTION AND POPULATION CONTROL ON AFRICAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

In June, Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland told the House of Commons that pushing abortion overseas

is "at the core of Canada's foreign policy".

Tell Prime Minister Trudeau you disagree with such a policy. SIGN THE PETITION at http://www.citizengo.org/en/72827-stop-650-million-impose-abortion-and-population-control-limit-numbers-african-women-and.

MP CATHAY WAGANTALL ADDRESSES RWC AGM

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MP Cathay Wagantall

It was a privilege to host Cathay Wagantall, MP for Yorkton-Melville, Saskatchewan, as guest speaker for the REAL Women of Canada Annual General Meeting in Toronto, on June 23, 2017.

For those who may not be familiar with Mrs. Wagantall, she was first elected in October, 2015. She wasted no time in bringing forward a private members' bill entitled,

Cassie and Molly's Law (a motion to protect the unborn child of a mother who becomes a victim of a violent assault). Mrs. Wagantall worked diligently to prepare for her presentation, only to have the Liberal majority in Parliament defeat the motion.

What this story demonstrates is that persons elected

to Parliament who have a conviction to the "common good" and none more noble than defending unborn babies, will go to any lengths to promote and defend his/her beliefs.

Mrs. Wagantall gave the audience great hope that her breed of "pro-life, pro-family" MP is gathering support in the public.

Mrs. Wagantall also shared with us the fact that she often refers to information from REAL Women, when she prepares for discussions on various topics in the House of Commons.

While the job of a Member of Parliament brings with it those who do not support his/her position, it is important to let those adversaries have their voices heard. Only when we have an informed and civil conversation, can an understanding and respect be developed.

Mrs. Wagantall explained that the motions being introduced at rapid rate are undermining our freedom and our traditional values are being stripped away. The social reconstruction started when the Liberal government removed the Office of Religious Freedom. She warned against the omnibus bill, C-51, which will remove the rights of religious leaders to meet without fear of interference.

What now occurs is an ideology and not a sense of moral right and wrong.

The mantra now in the Liberal agenda is "if you disagree with me, you hate me". There can be no discourse

when this is the mentality.

Mrs. Wagantall challenged the audience to make sure they have all the facts of what has occurred in the House of Commons before they comment or criticize.

It is incumbent on all members of REAL Women to become involved in the political process so that decent, moral candidates such as Mrs. Wagantall will be elected to the House of Commons, or provincial legislatures or municipal councils. It is our civic duty to do our part. †

RESOLUTIONS 2017

SURROGACY EXPLOITS WOMEN AND CHILDREN

WHEREAS the fertility industry in Canada is largely unregulated and profit driven, creating children for the financial benefits of the industry; and

WHEREAS surrogacy is predatory in that it preys on marginalized women and commodifies women and children, violating their human rights and dignity; and

WHEREAS the children produced by surrogacy are manufactured products severed from their biological, medical and genetic sources of identity; and

WHEREAS the number of embryos created for the purpose of surrogacy are frequently more than required for implantation, and are subject to genetic diagnosis for abnormalities which result in many embryos dying or being discarded during IVF procedures; and

WHEREAS some of the unused embryos are frozen, which leads to frequent breakage or failure to divide after thawing, causing the death of such embryos; and

WHEREAS surrogacy subjects women to life-threatening health risk caused by the bearing of a child for the benefit of another; and

WHEREAS Canada is a source of surrogacy for foreign parents, because surrogacy is now outlawed in many countries, such as India, Ukraine, Mexico and Thailand; and

WHEREAS Canada encourages surrogacy by way of providing financial coverage of IVF in health care services in some provinces, such as Ontario (which covers one cycle) and the Province of Quebec (for those under 42 years of age), Canadian law also prohibits parents from reimbursing the surrogate mother for her services except for her ongoing expenses, such as clothing, food, childcare, travel costs (including airfare and accommodation), lost wages, medications, etc.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT surrogacy is detrimental to women, children and society and should be banned in Canada.

PARENTAL RIGHTS IN RAISING CHILDREN

WHEREAS Canadian courts have consistently given weight to parents' rights to rear their children in accordance with their beliefs and values; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Supreme Court of Canada in *Loyola High School v. Quebec Attorney General*, held that a parent has a fundamental right to direct and control his or her child's education and transmit it to the best of one's ability ... without being undermined in this effort by undue interference from the state or its agents; and

WHEREAS the Charter of Rights, in Section 2, protects freedom of religion, belief and conscience; and

WHEREAS Canada ratified the UN's International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which provides, in Article 18(4), that religious and moral education of children be in conformity with the convictions of the parents; and

WHEREAS Canada ratified the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which provides, in Article 26(3), that parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education given to a child; and

WHEREAS some provincial governments, such as those of British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario require that students be taught in the schools the values of the government on sexual, religious and ethical issues, regardless of the religious or ethical beliefs and values of that child's parents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT parents' rights be recognized as having priority over that of the State in determining the moral and ethical values taught children, based on the legal right of parents to be the primary educators of their children.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear REAL Women of Canada supporter:

On July 21, 2017, through our Constant Contact e-mail news service, REAL Women of Canada launched a special appeal for financial support. The last twelve months have been very challenging ones indeed, as we have dealt with your concerns that affect women and the family. Just to list a few of the issues, they are: the federal government's

funding of abortions overseas which, regrettably, is now the cornerstone of Canada's foreign aid policy, the reinstatement of the Court Challenges Program, which funds only left-wing radical groups' legal challenges, and the Ontario Bill 84 on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide, which denies a doctor the right to conscientious objection. We initiated a national petition on religious freedom in Canada, an official petition which has already been presented with over 2000 signatures to the House of Commons by an MP and will be presented again in the upcoming year with several thousand more signatures.

It seems as though federal and provincial government motions undermining our freedom and traditional values are being introduced at breathtaking speed. Please help us continue our vital work to defend, protect and preserve, pro-family values. With our latest appeal, REAL Women will send donors of \$100 or more, a free copy of the newly-released book "Pierre Elliott Trudeau's

MESSAGE BOARD

- MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: We will soon be sending out our membership reminder letters to members who have not paid their annual dues since 2014. If you are in this category, please renew as soon as possible to save us the time and resources in mailing you out a notice. Contact our National Office if you are uncertain of your membership status.
- **RESOLUTIONS:** The two Resolutions passed at our 2017 Annual General Meeting and published in this issue, will be forwarded to our elected government officials. The Resolution on Surrogacy will be sent to all MP's and the Resolution on Parental Rights will be sent to MPP's and MLA's.
- MEMBERSHIP: Yet another reason to be a member of REAL Women of Canada: As the only national women's movement representing social conservative family values, membership numbers are important for our effectiveness. We need your support if you believe in our aims and objectives.

Great Betrayal", co-authored by Gwen Landolt, National Vice-President of REAL Women and Patrick Redmond. If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please write the promotion code PET2017 on your donation and include your mailing address. To make a donation by mail Click Here.

On July 13, 2017, we issued the Media Release "Trudeau's Twisted Grasp of Health Care Needs in Africa". Our federal government is continuously spending millions of tax dollars to further its obsession to entrench reproductive control in third world countries, especially, Africa. Please note that all our Media Releases and Alerts are posted on our Facebook page and on our website and are sent out by Constant Contact e-mail. They are also sent to all the major media outlets in Canada and to our MP's.

Thank you for being women (and men) doing our best to build a better society.

With much gratitude for your financial and moral support,

Pauline Guzik

Pauline Guzik. National President



Canadian wants his coffee without a side of 'Justin Trudeau'. By Graeme MacKay — National Post — Jan 13 2017.

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