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The Day of Innocent Babies of Bethlehem

OPEN LETTER

IN CONNECTION WITH IMPRISONMENT OF MRS MARY WAGNER CAMPAIGNING FOR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS IN CANADA

TO :

The Right Honourable Justin Pierre Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
Honourable Justice Howard I. Chisvin of the Ontario Court of Justice,
Chief Justice Lise Maisonneuve of the Ontario Court of Justice
Head of the Women's Care Clinic Toronto, ON
Mr. Laurent Marcoux, MD, the President of Canadian Medical Association (CMA)
Mrs. Alexandra Bugailiskis the Ambassador of Canada in Poland

Dear Sir;

Canadian citizen, Mrs. Mary Wagner, arrested on Dec 8th 2017 for the seventh time, has become a clear sign for international opinion that for many years in abortion clinics in Canada, where healthy babies have been killed in the wombs of their mothers, basic human rights are violated.

The provisions of Canadian law are contradictory. They do not recognize babies as people "before their first breath" and allow them to be legally killed under health insurance. At the same time a man before birth has right to medical services, thanks to which Canadian surgeons operate patients in prenatal stage treating baby's condition in the mother's womb so it could be healthy after birth.

On June 4, 2017, a combined team of doctors and nurses from two hospitals: Mount Sinai Hospital and Hospital for Sick Children (SickKid) in Toronto performed an successful intrauterine myelomeningocele repair in a 25-week-gestation baby. In the same city in eight abortion clinics, babies of similar age are killed every day.

Canada as one of the founding members of the United Nations actively contributed in 1947 to the formulation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Canadian citizens have been using the basic document related to the protection of human rights, namely the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights since 1966. It is a catalog of the most basic and primary human rights (1st generation rights). This document lists the basic rights of citizens: the prohibition of discrimination, the right to life, the prohibition of torture and inhuman treatment, the right to personal freedom.

Moreover, the Second Optional Protocol relating to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights on the Abolition of Death Penalty from 1989 related to this Declaration prohibits the use of the death penalty except during the war. Despite this, in Canada, babies before being born are subjected to torture of abortion and killed.

Canada is also one of the signatories of the Convention on the Rights of the Child from 1988, based on four basic principles: the prohibition of discrimination, concern for the best interests of the child, ensuring the right to life and development, and the guarantee of free expression. This Convention guarantees children equality before the law, recognizes their subjectivity and provides basic personal, social and cultural rights. If a child in the womb, in the interest of its further development, can be operated as a patient even before the "first breath", it means that it is already a child and a citizen. So why in Canada children before birth are deprived of their rights guaranteed in the Convention?

On December 28th, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Innocents of Bethlehem, Martyrs worldwide. Commemorating the tragedy of innocent infants condemned to death by regulations established by the state authority, we demand respect for the natural law to life for every Canadian baby. Every man's life begins with the moment of conception. No legal articles can change this objective truth, obvious to doctors and scientists around the world.

Mary Wagner is imprisoned, although she acts for the defense of basic human rights expressed in United Nations legal acts. In article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we read that - "*Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person*" and "Declaration of the Rights of the Child" and "Convention on the Rights of the Child" that "*the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth.* "

As doctors, we feel obliged to care for the health and life of every human being, therefore, we are moved by the fate of the youngest children killed in Canada:

1. We ask for freedom for Mrs. Mary Wagner, who for many years, in accordance with the law, using gentle methods without violating anyone's personal inviolability and dignity, pleads for the observance of children's rights. Mary Wagner acts in accordance with Article 19. "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" UN: "*Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.*"
2. We protest against depriving people in the prenatal development phase - babies in the wombs of their mothers of human, civil rights guaranteed by the provisions of the Covenant of Citizens' Rights.
3. We protest against treating abortion as a basic medical service and we do not agree that depriving life of a baby by doctors and nurses is a legal medical procedure.

We appreciate Mrs. Mary Wagner's activities as one of the methods of actual implementation of the "Convention on the Rights of the Child" with regard to the youngest patients, to provide them with special care of their own mother and then medical staff.

On behalf of the doctors from our associations:

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