



## Carleton University Has Pro-Life Students Arrested

**A**DMINISTRATORS AT CARLETON UNIVERSITY WERE DETERMINED TO KEEP OUT THE GENOCIDE AWARENESS PROJECT. They tried to force Carleton Lifeline, the sponsoring student group, to accept an unacceptable location, and the students refused. So administrators resorted to the force of law on October 4 when they brought police in to arrest the students for “trespass” as they were attempting to set up GAP on their own university campus. Video footage of this travesty of justice can be viewed here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeJkBQn1-r8>

Our affiliate in Canada, the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (CCBR), has mentored these students, and CCBR immediately issued a press release upon the arrest of five pro-life students. CCBR reported that “The university said that while the students could not display their signs in The Tory Quad, a busy outdoor location on campus, it welcomed them to erect their signs in Porter Hall, an indoor room.” CCBR gave the response of Carleton Lifeline officers to the administration’s attempt to censor their message:

Ruth Lobo, president of Carleton Lifeline, responded, ‘They are trying to sound reasonable by providing an alternate location, but what they aren’t saying is that Porter Hall is a closed room that few students pass by or even know where it is,’ she said.

Club vice-president James Shaw added, ‘Telling us we can protest but in a back room no one goes to is like telling black people they are welcome to ride the bus as long as they sit at the back. ... I find it disgusting that Ottawa police allowed themselves to be hired as thugs to do the university’s dirty work. Shame on them for participating in Carleton’s censorship of its tuition-paying students.’

Ruth Lobo’s brother is a priest in Ottawa, and he learned of his sister’s arrest through a colleague who saw it on Facebook. Fr. Simon Lobo subsequently delivered a powerful October 10 homily in which he spoke of the



**Ruth Lobo, a CCBR Summer 2010 intern and President of Carleton Lifeline, is handcuffed by Ottawa police for trying to show fellow students the truth about abortion.**

students’ arrest; it can be heard on this link: <http://www.stmauricechurch.com/playHomily.html>. Here are some excerpts:

It would be easy for us here in this church to blame the university, blame the administration, blame the police, blame those who promote a radically liberal agenda, but you and I are part of the problem, and I hate to say that but we have put up with too much for too long. ...

In today’s gospel, we have the story of only one person going back to thank Jesus. It’s not that the other nine did anything wrong. It’s not that they went back to Jesus and spat in His face or insulted Him. *They simply did not do anything.* ...

On an annual basis, I would suggest that as a parish ... – indirectly – we give more money to support abortions and the ‘pro-choice’ cause [through tax dollars] than we give to donate to support women in crisis pregnancies and the pro-life movement. Does that bother you? It makes me extremely angry. ...

This is [Canada’s] Thanksgiving weekend. Ruth is giving thanks because she has received the gift of life. She is like the

one leper who went back to thank Jesus. On November 28, 1987, a baby girl was born in Bangalore, India. Her mother, after possibly making some mistakes in her past, was mature enough to offer that baby the gift of life. Knowing that she couldn't care for that child, she left that baby on the doorstep of St. Michael's Orphanage in Bangalore. Ten months later, that baby arrived in Canada on October the 1st, the feast of St. Therese, and my parents adopted her, giving her the name Ruth Therese. Twenty-two years later, almost to the day, Ruth is in handcuffs because all she cares about is that other little girls and little boys like her would be able to make it to a Thanksgiving weekend so that they can also give thanks for the gift of life.

Our second reading today (and I didn't choose this, this is what the Church offered) is from II Timothy 2:8-9, 'Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, that is my gospel for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal, but the Word of God is not chained.'

What are we going to do about this? What are we going to do about this?

Fr. Lobo then gave parishioners some practical examples of how to put their pro-life beliefs into action, including supporting the good work of CCBR.

The students are appealing their \$130-per-person fine. They also invited the public to an October 18 presentation by CCBR co-founder Jose Ruba entitled "Echoes of the Holocaust." This powerful presentation explores the similarities between abortion and other recognized genocides in Rwanda and Cambodia, and the Holocaust.

Ruba's presentation is controversial, just like GAP, so abortion advocates shouted him down last year at both McGill University in Montreal and Saint Mary's University in Halifax. Ruba told LifeSiteNews, "The talk will get some people upset," said Ruba, who is also a Carleton University alumnus. 'However, the comparison hinges on one essential question – what are the unborn? If the unborn are not human beings, then the comparisons are insensitive; but if they are human beings, then they are inevitable.'" <http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2010/oct/10101506.html>

CCBR Executive Director Stephanie Gray wrote an October 4 essay entitled "Have We Lost Our Focus? A Brief Reflection for the Pro-Life Community." We quote, in part:

...But where was that fervor for the over 270

children killed by abortion today?

As I was filming the appalling arrest of these kind and respectful students, my eyes filled with tears and I held back sobs. But tonight I found myself asking, 'Did I cry for the babies who were slaughtered today?' Did you?

A whole community is rallying to action for these students because we saw their plight. Perhaps we fail to rally for pre-born children with that same passion and fervour because their victimization is one we do not see.

Now, then, maybe we can understand why the students acted as they did. They have seen the plight of pre-born children. And in good conscience, they knew they had to act to stop it. We have seen the plight of the students and now we wish to stop that.

If we wouldn't censor the pictures and video of the students' arrest, then why would we censor the pictures and video of the pre-born children's deaths? If we would display the pictures of the mistreatment of the students, why not display the pictures of the mistreatment of the pre-born?

My colleague, Gregg Cunningham, has said, 'Injustice that is invisible inevitably becomes tolerable.' ...

CCBR created the Genocide Awareness Project, so these arrests prompted people to visit our website, [www.AbortionNO.org](http://www.AbortionNO.org). One 19-year-old Carleton student wrote on the web survey that he found the site through a "news article about unjust arrests made today at Carleton University." To the question "Has this website influenced your thinking concerning abortion," he wrote: "Yes, I have a better grasp on what an abortion is. Keep up the excellent work! God Bless you all!"

## Arizona School "Choice"

THE CBR ARIZONA TRUCK ROLLED FOR ANOTHER ARIZONA SCHOOL "CHOICE" CAMPAIGN, this time educating students at North High School in Phoenix on October 11-12. A team of nine volunteers, including two of CBR Arizona Regional Director Jason Walsh's young sons, also held the "Choice" photo signs outside the entrances to the school. Students came out of classes in disbelief and their questions tumbled out.

As the volunteers watched and listened to student response to the powerful photos, they recognized that the high school is ground zero ideologically. Volunteers offered our brochure “Is Abortion Genocide” to students who wanted to know more. The brochure gets our message into the students’ hands and heads long after our team is gone. Jason reported, “In terms of information passed out and the number of students seeing the signs, this was the best project our region has done so far.”

Jason recounted a conversation he had with a girl who said she took home CBR’s Choice Blues video, which a team member gave her. She showed it to her parents. Jason said, “That is one of the great things with this project: the kids are still at home and can share with their parents the message we are getting out.”

## CBR Inspires Activists and Preachers

**F**ROM PRO-LIFE ACTIVISTS TO CAMPUS PREACHERS, people are using CBR’s photos to educate people about abortion. In this issue, we include two photos that these courageous people have shared with us.



**Volunteer Cathy Walsh listens to student feedback during CBR Arizona’s School “Choice” project at North High School, October 11-12, 2010.**



**At the Well Ministries credits CBR with the inspiration to hold outdoor displays, featuring CBR abortion photos, at college campuses. On Oct. 12-13, they were at Chico State in California.**



**A team of campus and street preachers are using our “Choice” signs as part of their call to repentance. Thousands of students saw the signs at Western Carolina State the week of October 11.**



**CBR Midwest educated a captive audience of 35,000 people who came for “Obama on The Oval,” an October 17 rally at Ohio State University. Using a megaphone, Director Mark Harrington stood by CBR “Choice” signs, reading a litany of President Obama’s quotes on justice as people funneled through the security check lines.**

*Note: Communiqué archives are available on our website.*

*“I just had an abortion on October 15, 2010. ... I wish I would’ve found this website before aborting my 9-week, 5-day fetus. I will live with regret for the rest of my life.”*

**–24-year-old who saw AbortionNO.org**



**Volunteer Linda Reyburn talks with a North High School student while a CBR Reproductive “Choice” Campaign truck educates other students during CBR Arizona’s School “Choice” project.**

### Prayer Requests

- God’s blessing on Carleton Lifeline students
- Funding to carry out many more CBR educational projects

**Thank you for your support. “Nevertheless, God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: ‘The Lord knows those who are His,’ and, ‘Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.’” II Timothy 2:19**

### Events

- Oct. 11-12 – School “Choice” - Phoenix.
- Oct. 17 – Ohio State “Obama’s Choice” project

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