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Vera Lucia and Tim Coughlan (CSSD teacher)
support Calgary Pro-Life in prayer and
by doing their Hike for Life.

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JUNE 2020

**Thank You for making our
40th Annual Hike for Life a Success!**



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President's Message

The Hike for Life is a very important annual fundraiser for our organization. The funds support the pro-life educational programs that we share with students in schools, and other venues where we are invited. Our 40th Annual Hike for Life at Prince's Island Park on May 9 had to be canceled. But fortunately, we were able to create a "Virtual Hike for Life" event and we thank the families, parishes, CWL, and Knights of Columbus councils, teams and individuals for their creative participation and the funds they raised in the name of pro-life.

We thank those who shared photographs that we have included in this edition of Positively Pro-Life! It's important to celebrate life – body, mind and soul at all stages.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank all members for your continued support of Calgary Pro-Life Association. I ask that you offer your gifts to the cause for life and always start with prayer:

HIKE FOR LIFE PRAYER

Lord, we are thankful for the success of the Hike for Life this year! We continue to pray for all your children. We pray that you will renew our hearts to be grateful, to be courageous and to be open to each newly conceived life from that time, until natural death. Show us the way to respect all people.

God bless our family and our friends, and all who need to know that their life really matters and that you love us.

Comfort us as we are physically distanced from each other during this extraordinary time, and as we continue to be safe, and take time to experience the beauty of all you have created.
~Amen

We are making a difference!

Paul O'Leary, President



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# 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Life • Photos!

by Monique Achtman, Educational Resource Consultant

We celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Life – virtually! Usually, the Hike for Life is a “social” event with hundreds of us gathered together to witness to God’s gifts of life and nature at Prince’s Island Park in downtown Calgary.

This year, due to COVID-19, the Hike was a “social media” event as we were encouraged to do the “Hike” in our neighbourhoods or at a park. Some of our participants were very creative! Fundraising and pledge sheets were posted online. Teams and individuals, garnered support for their 10K unique “Hike for Life” by walking, running, biking or mountain climbing! Since we were not confined to one location, we received word of participation from the Yukon, British Columbia, Ontario, USA and southern Alberta. We thank you for your spirit and your generosity!

Bishop McGrattan presided at the beautiful on-line **Life Mass** on Mothers’ Day, May 10 and encouraged prayer, and respect for the sanctity of all human life, especially the most vulner-

able. He supported the Hike for Life with his prayers, and his encouragement for all to participate. May we all continue to follow his lead, and pray for a culture of life.

Calgary Pro-Life Assn. has been privileged over the past 50 years to have been involved in educating truth about how precious, how valuable, how important each human life is from conception until natural death by giving life-affirming messages to thousands of students in schools and at youth group gatherings.

We do not know when school classes will resume, but we do have a couple of tentative bookings for next year already. We pray that we will be able to continue our work in schools soon.

We pray for those who need encouragement and support from their parents, partners, spouses, society, and even their doctors, to accept the incredible gift of a baby.

Let us be strengthened by the conviction we have, and continue to emphatically promote the miracle of all human life and model by word and action, the importance of all life. We must recognize that every human person has a purpose, and it is revealed when we see the face of God in each one around us.



↑ Monique Achtman,  
← Roy Abel and  
↓ Tim Coughlan  
on their  
residential Hikes.



Peter Baltutis and his daughter, Hannah, decided to do their 10K Hike for Life to the summit of Table Mountain. “A great day spent in support of a great cause.”







Marina Abel hiked in NW Calgary.



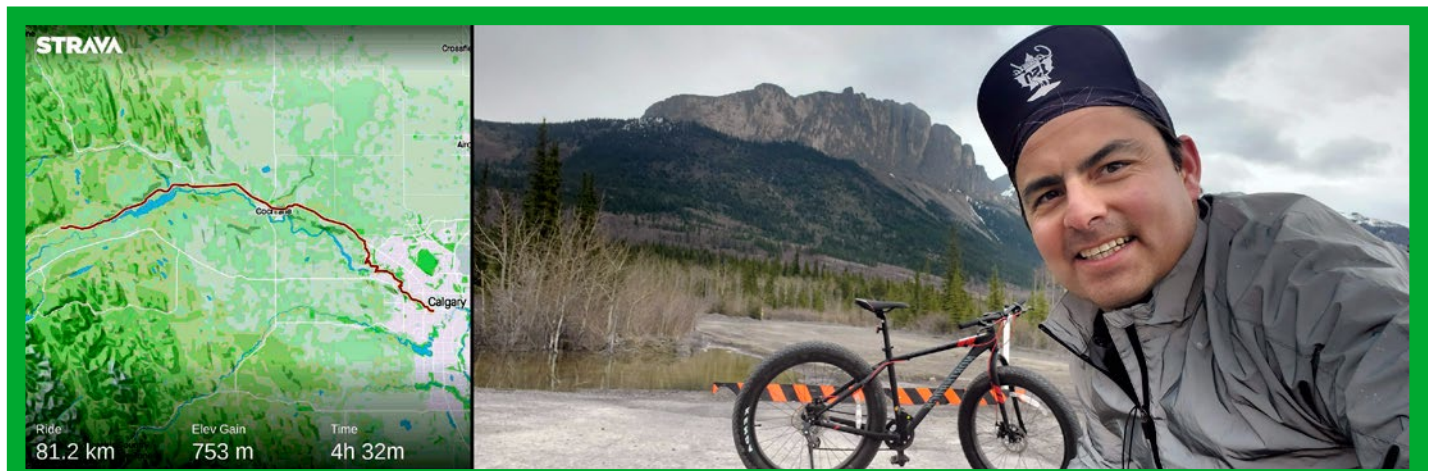
John and Pat Siroishka's family and St. Stephen Ukrainian Parish support our Pro-Life Education Programs.



Paul and Sandy O'Leary's family did their Hike for Life in southern Alberta to support Calgary Pro-Life Assn.



Liisa Honish, wife, mother and teacher (CSSD) hiked with her children in SE Calgary.



Fr. Alex (photo) and Fr. Kenneth rode their bikes from Calgary to Canmore to support the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Hike for Life fundraiser!  
**Thank you to all the hikers and donors.**

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continued support!



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## Fathers' Day Word Find

*Respect for life from conception until natural death.*

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