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4 Steps to Help Us *Get out the Vote!*

1) We've enclosed a professional, 1-page "Voter's Guide" with this newsletter.

2) Go to www.defendmarriagekw.org/mp.html and print 50 more of these flyers. Then cut them in half. You now have 100 flyers that are professional mail box stuffers. If you can't print, photocopy the one provided. Copy quality should still be reasonable.

3) Put one in the mailbox of each home in your neighbourhood. Pass it onto family & friends and get them doing the same.

4) If all our supporters do this, we can reach thousands of voters in each riding.

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Election Voter's guide

October 10 - vote your values!

Please support the following candidates who are **pro-family and pro-life**. See next page for an article related to the candidates' views on abortion.

Riding	Vote for this Candidate
Kitchener Centre 	Bill Bernhardt (Family Coalition Party) 
Kitchener-Conestoga 	Len Solomon (Family Coalition Party) 
Kitchener-Waterloo 	Lou Reitzel (Family Coalition Party) 
Cambridge 	Paul Vandervet (Family Coalition Party) 

REFERENDUM QUESTION ON CHOOSING OUR ELECTORAL SYSTEM

When you vote, the ballot will also ask whether you want to change Ontario's electoral system to a "proportional" one. It will give you 2 options: (# 1) the current "First-past-the-post" voting system, or (# 2) a new "Mixed Member Proportional" (MMP) system.

DTMF recommends voting against the proposed MMP system. We believe it could have the effect of undermining democracy. Under MMP, government representatives would be appointed by the Party from a list created by the Party Leader. Why is this a problem? It means these unelected representatives would feel no obligation to listen to citizens. Their loyalty would be owed only to the party leader and his/her ideology.

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mail cheques to:
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DTMF Public Info Meeting, Thursday October 11

Time: 7:30pm

Location: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 137 Queen St. S., Kitchener, ON, N2G 1W2

This will be an informal, open forum discussion on any issues people want to discuss. A special invitation to parents – please attend.

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Presentation made to Catholic School Board

On September 26 DTMF gave a 20 minute presentation to the Catholic School Board's 'Family Life Advisory Committee'. The subject was whether a secular book called *Open Minds* was appropriate for a Catholic school system. Following is a few reasons given for why the book should be removed:

- It suggests classroom exercises that may have the effect of presenting the gay lifestyle as being morally neutral. This may confuse a child's understanding of the family unit and the nature of marriage.
- It does not include the sections of the Catechism of the Catholic which give the Church's official teaching on homosexual acts (2357, 2358, 2359). These are essential to prevent students from misinterpreting the exercises as "affirmation" of the behaviour.
- To the extent that an educational resource has the potential to lead Catholics to reject Scriptural truth, to that same extent, the educational resource leads him/her to reject Jesus. After all, Christians believe that Jesus is the Word of God incarnate.
- It has connections to the gay-activist lobby, a clear sign that it's inappropriate. The Family Life Committee will make its decision on the resource at the end of October.

Child protection bill C-22 dies in parliament

Those of us who were involved in the struggle to increase the age of consent from 14 to 16 will have to redouble our efforts. The bill met with an unfortunate demise on 18 September 2007 when the Federal government decided to end the Parliamentary session. This had the effect of killing all government bills, including the Age of Protection Bill C-22.

It passed through the House of Commons, but stalled in the majority-Liberal senate, before it lapsed. Bill C-22 provided a "close-in-age" exemption to safeguard against concerns that consensual sex between teenagers would become illegal.

Parents and pro-family groups have made this bill an issue to protect children from being lured into sexual relations by older men. Canada currently has the lowest age of consent in the western world, a situation which puts our children at tremendous risk.

All-Candidates meeting in Kitchener-Centre reveals positions on abortion

On 15 September 2007, a local group called *Life Awareness League* held an all-candidates' meeting at Zion United Church. Some DTMF supporters attended and, because abortion was one of the topics mentioned, we were able to hear the candidates' views on the matter. The question was: "*Could each candidate express their views towards the provincial funding of abortion?*"

- **John Milloy** (Liberal): Spoke out strongly for "abortion rights." He also argued that the question was flawed and that abortion remains a federal issue.
- **Matt Stanson** (Conservative): Said that abortion should remain so long as it is "safe, legal, and rare."
- **Rick Moffit** (NDP): Favoured abortion, but understood why people oppose it.
- Both **Dan Logan** (Green Party) and **J.D. McGuire** (Indep) favoured abortion.
- **Bill Bernhardt** (Family Coalition Party): argued a pro-life position, pointing out the disastrous consequences abortion has unleashed in Canada.