

# Merry Christmas!

Dear Friends,

*2014 has seen big changes in my life: from moving home to BC after almost a decade outside the province, to departing CCBR and focusing on speaking and writing, much has happened. Please be encouraged as you read below about all I've been up to in reaching peoples' hearts and minds on abortion and human dignity, and thank you for financially partnering with me in this new chapter.*

## From Controversy to Conversion

On November 14, I returned to the University of Victoria to debate ethics professor Dr. Eike Kluge on abortion. It was five years after our first debate and just as controversial. Roughly 11 minutes into my opening statement, a group of pro-abortion protestors stood up and began chanting, "You have your own body; let me have mine! No debate! No debate! No debate." When they briefly quieted down and I attempted to resume my comments, they yelled again—so that unfortunately we had to postpone the debate for 40 minutes while we waited for police to come. Thankfully the debate did go on, and to give him credit, Dr. Kluge attempted to get the protestors to respect civil dialogue but unfortunately it took the threat of police coming for them to leave.

I've often thought that the more fierce the opposition, the more intense the conversion opportunities. Indeed, **a student came up to me afterwards and told me she changed her mind.** Then, later that evening, I received this encouraging message from another student:

"I attended one of your debates at UVIC and I loved what you had to say. I also just saw the presentation posted on your website. **My definition of human has changed for the better,** no matter what biologists/neurologists say about the brain and consciousness. **I used to agree with what Dr. [Kluge] said but your perspective changed everything...** I love what you do and **thank you very much for solving this issue for me.** I've been always confused to what decision I would make or persuade others to make and you completely made my day."

And thank *you* for supporting me in reaching out to people like these students!

## Website Set Up!

Thanks to the amazing support of the team at Glass Canvas Creative ([glasscanvascreative.com](http://glasscanvascreative.com))—which,

by the way, I highly recommend; I cannot say enough good things about this amazing group that is stellar at consulting, web design, videos, strategy, and marketing—I **have now set up a website ([stephaniegray.info](http://stephaniegray.info)) which includes a donate button to make supporting my speaking and writing ministry easier. You can also sign up there for electronic updates.**

## So what is coming up for 2015?

Come January 7, I will hit the ground running. At this link [stephaniegray.info/events/](http://stephaniegray.info/events/) you can see I already have seven events booked to keep the first month of 2015 extremely busy; these include high schools as well as conferences related to the US March for Life. I'll continue to update my schedule (already there are talks booked through September) so please regularly check it out in case I'm speaking near you! I'd love to see you!

## New Partnerships



In November I partnered with both Lighthouse Catholic Media and EWTN (above). The former released a CD of a talk of mine that can be ordered online [here](http://lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/the-new-conversation-changing-hearts-minds-on-abortion) ([lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/the-new-conversation-changing-hearts-minds-on-abortion](http://lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/the-new-conversation-changing-hearts-minds-on-abortion)). That same month I flew to Birmingham, Alabama

where I was interviewed on “At Home with Jim and Joy.” You can view the episode here ([stephaniegray.info/news/2014/11/13/appearance](http://stephaniegray.info/news/2014/11/13/appearance)). During the episode I spoke with the hosts about miscarriage, mentioning that my oldest sibling died at 6 weeks in-utero. It’s amazing how, when one person references loss, it can validate the feelings of those who are suffering or remembering in silence; indeed, a short while later, a viewer posted on social media that she was grateful I spoke about my miscarried sibling as it reminded her of the importance of acknowledging her three children who were lost to miscarriage.

## Year-End Highlights

At the end of November, I wrapped up my speaking for the year with these three highlights:

1. On November 17 I spoke to hundreds of grade 9 and grade 11 students **Notre Dame Catholic High School in Ajax, Ontario**. At this school I partnered with Angelina Steenstra of Silent No More Awareness who shared her heartbreaking story of pregnancy from rape, followed by an abortion. Hers was not only a message of suffering, but also a message of God’s mercy and hope, and was a perfect complement to my apologetics and inspirational talk.
2. Later that day I drove to London, Ontario, where I spoke to the priests and seminarians at **St. Peter’s Seminary**. The rector, Fr. Stevan Wlusek, wrote, “Your passion and enthusiasm are deeply moving. As well, the well-researched and convincing content of your presentations have given our seminarians and guests meaningful and current information to help them in articulating a clear message proclaiming the Gospel of Life. **As future priests called to be leaders and defenders of the Church’s message of the protection of human life from conception to natural death, your articulate, practical and memorable words will greatly help in their future ministries.**”
3. A few days after that **I flew to Ireland for the first time where I spoke in Dublin** at Viva La Vida, a training conference hosted by an amazing pro-life group called Youth Defence (right photo). When training others, my emphasis of late has been to seek to understand the abortion supporters we speak to, to really seek out where

they are coming from and what their woundedness is. I was encouraged when it was *that* message which struck an attendee who wrote, “We were also told of how to consider people’s feelings, and **to rely on the Holy Spirit in our battle for Life**, and not to be forceful but to show by a loving example as goes in The Saint Francis Prayer (Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace), ‘O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.’ We were taught in a practical way too with some amazing demonstrations of being confronted on a Street Outreach etc. A lot of food for thought I believe.”



Thank you for supporting me in reaching people around the world!

## Book!

As I wind down for the year, I’ve wrapped up edits to my new book to be released next year: [Love Unleashes Life: Abortion & the Art of Communicating Truth](#) so please keep its release in your prayers! I hope you and your loved ones have a wonderful Christmas! May the peace and joy of this beautiful season fill your hearts. With gratitude for your support,

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