

# PRO-LIFE IN IRELAND AND EUROPE



Pro-Life Dinner 2019  
Reflections and actions

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*The Pro-Life Dinner 2019 was the first time that Pro-Life Ireland and Sallux cooperated. It was the starting gun for more cooperation at the European level as we move forward. This small publication offers some reflections and speeches on this theme as well as an outline of the follow-up of the Pro-Life Dinner through the Future Leaders Programme. We hope that this small collection of reflection and action will offer encouragement to all who are dedicated to the Pro-Life cause in Ireland and Europe.*

## OPENING SPEECH PRO-LIFE DINNER

### BY SENATOR RÓNÁN MULLEN



It's wonderful to see so many of you here tonight. Year on year I am delighted by the level of support by so many people all around Ireland for the essential educational work of the Pro Life Campaign

I'm very pleased to co-host this event with the Pro Life Campaign and see it go from strength to strength. This year I am particularly pleased to introduce our European partner Sallux. You will see the details about Sallux on your menu cards and here on stage. Sallux is an association that acts as the political foundation for the European Christian Political Movement. It exchanges information and ideas and increases spreading of a new positive vision for European society. I acknowledge that

the presence of Johannes de Jong of Sallux here tonight. I welcome him to Ireland, thank him for Sallux's interest in our work and partnership with us.

Many of you will be familiar with the work that goes on in year in year out by the Pro Life Campaign. For many years I have had a strong relationship with the Campaign even before entering politics when I was a very involved in university and during my years in journalism. The work of defending the human rights of unborn babies and supporting their mothers is crucial.

Since the passage of abortion legislation here in Ireland in 2018 there are many areas that now require research, development and education. In the past, within the pro-life movement, our focus was on what we could do here in Ireland. While that has not changed, we are now looking more towards our European neighbours and part-

ners to work together to develop a European-wide ethical framework within which we can achieve our goals. Some areas include the vindicating of freedom of conscience rights of medical and healthcare professionals and using the rights set out in the European Convention of Human Rights and other European human rights jurisprudence to strengthen protection of and defend the human dignity of the vulnerable. All of these areas must be developed.

This cannot happen without focused educational initiatives - especially for our younger members.

You will hear more about the proposed educational initiatives of the campaign for 2019 and 2020 as the evening goes on. For now, I want to thank all of you for being here and wish you the the very best of evenings. Thank you.





# PRO-LIFE IN EUROPE

BY JOHANNES DE JONG



First of all, I want to thank Pro Life Campaign Ireland for their work and our co-operation in the Pro-Life Dinner. Based on my Dutch and European experience it is for me crystal clear that the Pro Life Movement cannot work without European cooperation. Let me begin by introducing myself and Sallux to you to clarify my point of departure. I am from The Netherlands and I am the director of Sallux, the political foundation or think-tank of the European Christian Political Movement, ECPM. The ECPM is the pan-European political party that unabashedly stands for life, family and freedom across Europe and we are glad that a growing number of parties in Europe

joined the ECPM in recent years. Sallux means Salt and Light which of course refers to the words of Jesus to be Salt and Light. Organizations working at the crossroads of Christian faith, society and politics from all over Europe are part of Sallux. All the above is relevant in this introductory reflection on Pro-Life in the European context.

Born in 1975, as long as I can remember it has been the case in The Netherlands that abortion was legalized. I remember how in the nineties this was expanded to euthanasia. Basically, in the first half of the nineties there was a general push to remove the little legal barriers there still were to protect life from beginning to end. It was part of a wider agenda of cultural liberalism pushed through in society. This was first and foremost a political and ideological agenda of small but well-placed pressure groups. There was no widespread demand for changing legislation in this regard. This demonstrates how the public debate is also shaped by political decisions.

The question that has regularly been raised is: where does the Dutch road lead to? Today there is an interesting new development in The Netherlands that few are aware of outside our country and it is a development that has significance for all pro-life organizations in Europe. There is a slow but clear undercurrent in society that identifies and names the problematic sides of the legislation that was pushed through in the

nineties. In some rare cases this has already led to changes in legislation.

Cultural taboos on the downsides of the left-liberal agenda are slowly breaking down. Now several women's magazines allow articles dedicated to the regret women have after an abortion<sup>1</sup>. Another serious example is that in 2016 against expectations an advisory committee on euthanasia legislation advised the government against further liberalization of the current legislation, citing the excesses that already took place<sup>2</sup>. In a liberal newspaper a column pleaded for a continuation of the abortion debate from the perspective of the sanctity of life<sup>3</sup>. From a broader perspective one can see that liberalizing prostitution as happened in the 90's in The Netherlands is now rightly increasingly under critique as oppression of women. In a stunning reversal legislation has now been implemented that limit the use of alcohol by prohibiting the sale of it to people under 18.

It is possible to add more examples, but the essence is clear. The idea of the 'rational autonomous individual' as goal and end of all reasoning is no longer above scrutiny. The wave of legislation of the 90's has created consequences and at some point

these consequences became real and hit the wall of other realities. In my opinion this is an important notion for the Pro-Life movement in Ireland. I do understand that many people will be a bit downbeat after the abortion referendum. However, my advice would be not to try to cling to the past but prepare for the future.

Two words are key here. The first is compassion and the second is cooperation.

Compassion is concrete action. In The Netherlands there is a serious engagement to support women with unwanted pregnancies and those who need care as a consequence of an abortion. This is not just a 'pro-life' agenda. It is an agenda of care for the vulnerable. This is visible as well in the palliative care movement that really became a mainstream reality in The Netherlands with wide and deep public approval. Across Europe there is a wide network of organizations that support women who are trapped in prostitution and help them to get out. This is increasingly seen as part of the fight against human trafficking. It is partially through the work of these organizations that the attitude towards prostitution is changing.

Ultimately the precise examples matter less than the spirit of this compassionate approach. Instead of 'being right' it will be more important to be compassionate and clear. Compassionate for those who suffer as a consequence of this enforced cultural liberalism and clear in the sense that these consequences need to be researched and communicated in the framework of compassion for the vulnerable. The case of fe-

1 <https://www.libelle.nl/mensen/de-dag-na-dat-l36/>, <https://www.libelle.nl/mensen/interviews-2/petra-abortus-heftiger-verwacht/>, <https://www.viva.nl/sex-en-liefde/spijt-van-abortus/>, <https://www.margriet.nl/persoonlijk/nog-nooit-verteld-abortus-mijn-schuld/>

2 <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/documenten/rapporten/2016/02/04/rapport-adviescommissie-voltooid-leven>

3 <https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2019/05/25/blijf-de-details-van-abortus-bediscussieren-a3961508>

male pilots being forced to undergo abortions for their career is a poignant example in that regard<sup>4</sup>. All these points may already sound familiar to you but it is crucial to implement this attitude of compassion as a strategy to stand for life and those who are vulnerable. It may take twenty or thirty years but at some point people will start to see that the grass is not all that green in the new meadows.

Cooperation is from our point of view first and foremost European cooperation. The Future Leaders Program of the Students for Life that is supported through the Pro Life Dinner is an excellent example of European cooperation. A Pan-European summit that brings young people all over Europe together to be educated about EU political systems and how to be part of the European debate. This is a most welcome step. At the moment there is still a tendency in the English-speaking world to look to the US. However, Ireland is an EU Member State and part of Europe in the wider sense of the word. The developments in Ireland seem to follow a European pattern. European cooperation is therefore most relevant in the Irish cultural and political setting. Because what happens in Europe influences Ireland.

This is exactly where we as Sallux come in. Our aim is to support this pan-European cooperation as we demonstrate through the Pro-Life Dinner and similar activities across Europe. In addition we release publications on these issues and try to give ac-

cess through translations of existing work. At the same time we strive for a pro-life relational economy, a holistic approach that supports families and life. The one can and needs to go hand in hand with the other. Pro-life for the whole life in that sense. If you want to know more on our work, please go to our website and online bookstore ([www.sallux.eu](http://www.sallux.eu)).

The Pro-Life cause is ultimately rooted in our respect for human dignity. That has to be reflected throughout the EU. All Pro-Life movements in Europe need to work together to remind the EU and its Member States of articles one and two in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU<sup>5</sup>: ‘Human dignity is inviolable. It must be respected and protected.’ and ‘Everyone has the right to life.’ Let us continue to work together in this common cause.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/female-pilots-told-to-choose-between-abortion-and-losing-out-on-work-says-union-chief-38239798.html>

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/charter/pdf/text\\_en.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/charter/pdf/text_en.pdf)

# THE NEED TO EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE IN RESPECT FOR LIFE AND HUMAN DIGNITY

ELMA WALSH



Reverend Fathers, Ladies and Gentlemen, I'd like to thank Eilis, Ronan all involved for inviting me here to speak tonight. I don't think anyone here tonight would have heard of Fionnbar or myself if our son didn't speak out, now over 6 years ago asking young people to appreciate their lives, while and when they had it.

Firstly I suppose I'd better set a short picture of Donal, one of the first things he asked of me after he was diagnosed termi-

nal in October 2012 was to make sure he received Holy Communion every day and that he would get dressed and out of the house every day, and he did this for the seven months he lived with terminal cancer, up to two days before he died.

And the first thing he did himself!! was make a fake ID, WELL, when I questioned him about it he said, "Mom think about it, I won't live to be 18, I won't be here in two years to get to see the inside of a nightclub and experience all that I should." And now for heaven sake how could I argue with that.

That is just a short synopsis of the character of Donal, he was a boy of faith and he understood what it was to be a teenager of day's world, but also while he knew he wouldn't have too long in this world he had Life and Hope in his life.

In a speech made by Robert Kennedy 53 years ago he said: "It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centres of energy and daring those ripples to build a current which can sweep

down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.” I feel Donal took a few blocks off those walls of oppression and resistance for people with confused or disorientated taught’s and suicidal feelings and also for people who were afraid to speak about their faith.

I was asked here to speak about Hope and Life and funnily enough my opening point when I visit schools is Hope, I start off by saying Hope by its very definition is feeling of expectation, desire and for a particular thing to happen, you wish, you plan, you dream, you even day dream and really isn’t that what we all do, not just the teenagers we talk with.

With hope in our lives we will strive to improve, not just our lives but the lives of others. There must always be life and hope in our lives because without one the other would cease to exist.

From visiting an average of 4 schools a week around Ireland we see there is real reason for Hope in Ireland, it is today’s teenagers that keep asking us to speak in their schools or events and we’ve been asked back an average of 4times to most schools.

It was 3000 of today’s teenagers that came to Knock to celebrate his 6th Anniversary Mass a month ago and 2500 attended last year. They relate to Donal in a variety of ways, they see he looked and dressed and spoke the same as themselves, they are impressed with the way he spoke about his faith. They see what mattered to Donal and how he wanted young people to appreciate

their lives and as he said himself on television, “not just mentally but to appreciate life in general”, how he wanted what was best for them, how he wanted them to live healthy, caring lives into old age.

People often ask me how did Donal say what he did and where did he get the courage at just 16 yrs old to speak about suicide, faith, life and acceptance, topics many an adult would shy away from discussing.

My reply usually is Education and Faith. Donal’s Faith gave him the confidence to write those 2 letters that brought him to prominence.

Faith was a big part of Donal’s life, even speaking publicly on the Saturday Night show with Brendan O’Connor he said “it was a huge part of his life and he wouldn’t be here today without it.”

A local journalist after meeting Donal said “in the 20 Years of journalism, I have rarely, if ever, been affected as much by any encounter “.

The Journalist continued, “The best way I tried to describe Donal was that I didn’t feel he belonged in this world. His aura, his presence, made you feel he was in this world, but not of it. This may sound odd but that’s how it was and that’s how it remains”.

He interviewed Donal on his own and asked him about his faith after his interview he said it all made sense “ Donal Walsh loved God, he had tremendous faith and it was his well of strength.”



In his own writings Donal said “It still felt like a mountain I couldn’t climb, nonetheless God had given me hiking boots so I might as well start climbing. I have to remember that God is using me, whether He is using me as a symbol for people to appreciate life more or whether His first two mountains weren’t high enough for me, all I know is that I am walking with Him even though it is along His path.” Donal spoke openly about his faith and I think that is what attracted people to talk to Donal and still attract people to him.

Education is a powerful tool, but not just in schools where teenagers can learn not just from teachers but also their peers and this is an excellent model of teaching. But education in the home must be the greatest form of learning from life’s challenges, loves, hopes and dreams. It should never be left solely to teachers to educate our youth, they have enough to do with the 25/30 students in their classes.

Young people learn from what they see every day from participation, the witness of others and engaging effectively, from being given opportunities to learn and from being praised and given the space to make mistakes, it is only from engaging, participating and making mistakes that we learn. Learning everyday is not just for the young, we are all students of how to live well until the day that we die.

I know many people are saddened by the loss of last year’s referendum but we should never become disheartened we can never lose hope.

There are signs from other countries that the tide can turn back in favour of respect for life. With hope in our hearts, we must strive to become even better witnesses for life in new and inspiring ways.

I am very pleased to hear of the Future Leaders Programme that the Pro Life Campaign is starting for young people, to equip them to present the case for life in this challenging and ever changing world.

With the results of the recent referendum come a lot of opportunities to educate our young people about abortion and life and being allowed to live all your life. In a recent study the department of health in England did a completed u turn despite maintaining their denial of foetal pain up to a few months ago, they now stated that a foetus does feel pain. As human beings we all have the right to life and the right to live it up to the day we naturally pass away.

Having the privilege of watching and nursing Donal up to the day he died showed me, not only how delicate and precious life is but also how to live life, to be brave enough to get out there and speak out the really important things in life, Sure Look At Me Now!!, if Donal at 16 and living with terminal cancer could speak out what mattered, what excuses have I or any of us. It is in living and expressing your life to its full potential that you show example to the youth.

One example I use of Donal squeezing as much from life is; When he was diagnosed in October 2012 he was told by his doctor “you have weeks, you may have months

but you won't be here next year", and roll onto May 1st 2013 when he was in bed upstairs and shouted down to me to come up quickly, I ran up the stairs with my heart in my mouth and when I reached the room he was lying there on his pillows smiling and said "Mom do you know today is the first day of May, fuck the doctors Mom I made some it to the Summer."

He was weak and in pain but he beat the odds and shouldn't we all be given the chance to beat the odds. Talking with his doctors after, they said he got an extra 3 months of life through his determination to live.

I know Donal had no fear of dying, in fact in some aspect I'd go as far as saying he looked forward to the conversation he have with God, I'd loved to have been the fly on that wall, because God would be answering some tough questions, but he just really wanted to live, he said one time to me when he was in a wheel chair "Mom I'd live with all the pain if I could just live till I was 80". The odds were against Donal but what time he was given he used to try and improve the quality of life for his friends, the people of Tralee, teenagers and with the help of RTE the people of Ireland.

In today's world and here in Ireland education has some challenges; the Internet can be used very effectively and for great good but the use of the Internet by both adults and youth has to be monitored by parents and also by oneself. We all know it is part of the future and won't be going away but by educating and example we can teach people how to use it effectively and

for great purpose. More and more people are spending a way too much time on it, playing games or going between the various platforms of social media to ensure they're up to date with, what their friends are doing, back in the day what we called this "gossip". This leads to loss of sleep, a key factor in maintains good mental health, it also leads to loss of communication, mood swings, loneliness and a loss of real friends. By educating we can ensure that the trend of spending long hour on the Internet could be curtailed while also ensuring that people are getting out there and socially interacting with their family, friends and communities. Personally I fear for the loss of communication in our youth and by that I mean the quick wit, the banter and the smart reply, Donal had this in spades and it is one of the things I miss most about him. Young people have a natural ability to learn and communicate and it is this that must be nurtured in the natural way of life.

In my eulogy at Donal's funeral I started by saying Abraham Lincoln once said "It's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years".

If we can encourage our young people, the future of Ireland, to invest in Education, Faith and Responsible Communication at a very young age for the years in their lives, I feel we will have more confident, more informed, more tolerant and a more creative teenager in the Ireland of the future. With every new day comes new life, new hopes, new taught's, new strengths and these are theirs for the taking.

Going forward it up to us as adults, parents

and guardians to ensure they have every opportunity to use these tools for the greater good of humanity. This generation has the opportunity to progress in a confident, meaningful and positive way into the future that we could only have dreamed of. This is our job as parents and guardians. We are not meant to be their friends. It is up to us to set boundaries and encourage them to speak out with truth and clarity and stand up for their beliefs.

We as adults will have failed them if we do

not guide and encourage their education, faith and hope in their future and the future of Ireland. We must encourage parents and guardians to take on this responsibility in a serious and proactive way, from the child's first steps and on into adulthood. They will thank us, if we do it right.

Thank you but now like all good Kerry mummies I will leave the last words to my son and read one of those letters he came to prominence with:

## MOUNTAINS

*I live in a part of the world that is surrounded by mountains. I can't turn my head without finding a bloody hill or mountain and I suppose those were Gods plans for me. To have me grow up around mountains and grow climbing a few too. And that's exactly what I've done, I may have grown up in body around them but I've fully grown and matured in mind climbing His Mountains. He's had me fight cancer three times, face countless deaths and losses in my life, He's had my childhood dreams taken off me but at the end of the day He's made a man.*

*I am always called brave, heroic, kind, genuine, honourable and so many other kind compliments but I have to try explain to everyone why I seem to reject them. I have never fought for anyone but myself therefore I cannot be brave or heroic, I've only been kind because my religion has thought me so, what impact could I ever make on the world if I was fake or how could I ever*

*be honourable if I was not honoured to be here.*

*I am me. There is no other way of putting it, little old Donal Walsh from Tralee, one body, one mind with a few other cobwebs and tales thrown in. I've climbed Gods mountains, faced many struggles for my life and dealt with so much loss. And as much as I'd love to go around to every fool on this planet and open there eyes to the mountains that surround them in life I can't. But maybe if I shout from mine they'll pay attention.*

*If I start to accept these compliments I'm afraid of what I'll become. Will I be braver than YE? Will I be kinder than YE? More genuine than YE? Or more honourable than YE? Better than YE? No. I can never accept that there is a YE. We are all the same, we are all given one body, one mind. The only difference for me is that I'm looking from the mountain.*

Donal Walsh

# FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME

## PREPARING PRO-LIFE LEADERS TO PLAY A ROLE IN IRELAND AND EUROPE

Many young people became politically active to protect unborn babies and their mothers during the abortion referendum campaign in 2018. Building on this youthful dynamism, and to equip them to advance the cause of life, the PLC Academy has been established. The Future Leaders Programme and the Media and Communications Programme make this project concrete.

Through the Future Leaders Programme, young people are equipped to act in Europe and Ireland.

The Future Leaders Programme educates participants to be effective. In today's Europe, the EU and Ireland are very interwoven in many issues. Therefore understanding the political system and political activism in Ireland and the EU is key. Participants are educated in the EU and Irish political institutions and how dedicated people can influence and assert their democratic right to participate in European and Irish decision-making.

Obviously understanding the political system for political activism is only useful if you have a clear message that you want to and can communicate. This is why there is a clear focus on the basics of human dignity and understanding of “the facts of life” – biological development of the unborn

and medical issues in pregnancy. Participants learn to place this in the framework of domestic and international legal issues surrounding the right to life.

Participants are prepared to be able to develop logically sound and emotionally compelling arguments aimed at promoting the right to life. Effective communication includes of course social media and a convincing personal communication style in person and in writing.

This is not a mere activist message that can simply be hammered home. It is a matter of compassion with the weak and vulnerable. Appreciation of the challenges faced by parents with an unplanned pregnancy and awareness of the supports available to them is part of the Future Leaders Programme. The ultimate goal is creating a compassionate culture for life that gives practical support for those facing unplanned pregnancies.

This time asks for a new generation of effective and compassionate young leaders in Ireland and Europe and the PLC Academy aims to support them.

The inaugural Future Leaders Programme (FLP), organised by the Pro Life Campaign, was an intensive 6 week training course for young people in Ireland, to equip them to

be able to be future pro-life leaders. It was held in Dublin during September-November 2019.

The course received very positive feedback from the participants, and the high calibre of the participants was noted and commented on by the speakers and presenters. The encouraging results from this first course led the organisers to commence a second course in another Irish city (Galway) 2 months later.

### WHAT?

The course was carefully designed by two long-time Irish pro-life advocates, a barrister and lecturer in marketing.

The programme of the course included presentations, discussion and interactive seminars on the following topics:

- Pro-Life Philosophy - the philosophical status of the embryo
- Communicating the pro-life message with passion and civility
- Pro-Life Apologetics
- Clinical & Medical Issues relating to Abortion & Women's Health in pregnancy
- Domestic Irish legal challenges and opportunities, Freedom of Conscience
- European & International legal challenges and opportunities
- The Psychological Impact of abortion on women
- A palliative care physician's case against Euthanasia
- Practical supports for unplanned pregnancies
- Communicating the pro-life message in the media

The speakers which were selected were world class pro-life advocates, and national Irish pro-life leaders. They included:

- Josh Brahm (Equal Rights Institute)
- Michael Wee (Anscombe Centre for Bioethics)
- Lorcan Price BL
- Dr Berry Kiely

### WHO?

The participants were a mixture of students and young professionals from across the disciplines of philosophy, law, finance politics, healthcare, and the arts.

### REVIEW

Overall, the initial FLP was a success

### The main positive achievements were:

- Identifying the brightest young advocates, and bringing them into close contact with the leadership of the Pro Life Campaign
- Giving young people access world-leaders in the pro-life field.
- The use of both technology and live presentations in a conference venue worked very well.



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## campaign

The Pro Life Campaign is a non-denominational human rights organisation, drawing its support from a cross-section of Irish society. The Campaign promotes pro-life education and defends human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. It also campaigns for resources to support and assist pregnant women and those in need of healing after abortion.

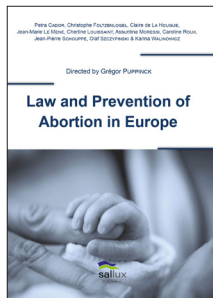
The Pro Life Campaign was established in 1992. The founding members were key members of the Pro Life Amendment Campaign which organised and campaigned successfully for the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Article 40.3.3) in 1983. The Amendment which protected the right to life of the unborn child and ensured that women received all necessary medical treatments when pregnant was regarded

internationally as one of the key pro-life victories of the past 40 years. A recent independent actuarial report concluded that the 8th Amendment was responsible for saving the lives of over 100,000 babies.

In the campaign to keep the 8th Amendment during 2017/2018, the Pro Life Campaign played a huge role under the Love-Both banner. Since the referendum was passed, the Campaign continues to work towards the restoration of full legal protection for unborn babies in Ireland, greater awareness of the amazing development of life in the womb, and increased supports for women and families facing unplanned or difficult pregnancies.

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# Law and Prevention of Abortion in Europe



**Directed by Grégory PUPPINCK**

This book is a study on abortion through different, sometimes new aspects, and aims at giving the conceptual and legal bases to a policy of prevention of abortion. It is not a

book of appeal which would oppose, once more, a “right to abortion” of the mother to a “right to life” of the child. Freedom and dignity are often but words, if not slogans, wrapping up and hiding human realities without fully understanding them.

This book wants to be realistic and aims at giving the basis of legal developments on an in-depth factual study of causes and consequences of abortion, written in the light of numerous recent scientific researches. These causes and consequences incite to consider abortion not as an abstract freedom but much more as a social and public health problem, requiring a prevention policy. Such a policy was in fact what Simone Veil wanted when she refused any right to abortion and wanted only to tolerate it as the last solution, then a lesser evil. It is also and still how international and European laws consider it, both of them offering a strong legal support to a prevention policy, and even to a “right not to abort”.

Against Mrs. Veil’s declared intention, abortion slowly became not only tolerated but a freedom. This change of perspective had deep implica-

tions for the whole society and disrupted the legal order further than on the question of birth regulation and the question of the situation of women, this change also affects other rights and principles, such as the prohibition of sexual and genetic discriminations, the rights to life, to freedom of conscience, and also to freedom of speech and manifestation. All these aspects are chapters of this book.

Petra CADOR, Christophe FOLTZENLOGEL, Claire de LA HOUGUE, Jean-Marie LE MENE, Cherline LOUISSAINT, Assuntina MORESSI, Caroline ROUX, Jean-Pierre SCHOUPE, Olaf SZCZYPINSKI & Karina WALINOWICZ



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*"Sallux is an excellent and badly needed umbrella body for similar minded Christian organisations all over Europe. It is making a very important contribution to keeping Christian Democracy alive in Europe as a viable political idea."*

David Quinn, Director, Iona Institute, Ireland

*"Our collaboration with Sallux has been tremendously fruitful, and we commend them highly for their wise and strategic investment in helping Christians to be more effective as salt and light in the European public square".*

Jonathan Tame, Director, Jubilee Centre, UK

*"Sallux has provided substantial and very*



*valuable support to our promotion of the rights of the family in Europe at the Council of Europe, a 27 Member States wide European institution that rules over Human Rights in Europe."*

Maria Hildingsson, Director, FAFCE, Brussels

*"Sallux has supported us to find our way in the European Union and to reach out to European decision makers, and to create our common declaration with the Yezidi and the Turkmen. We thank Sallux for their work."*  
Rima Tüzun, Head of Foreign Affairs, European Syriac Union

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