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University of Western Ontario refuses to reverse decision to honour Morgentaler

Today Henry Morgentaler will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Western Ontario. The university has chosen to ignore the overwhelming alumni and public opposition and has even refused to be swayed by a donor's decision to redirect his \$2 million dollar donation to Princeton University.

Protestors, including many alumni members, will picket the Convocation ceremony scheduled for 10:00 am this morning.

Much has been written about Western's decision to honour Morgentaler but the best is a letter written to the Chair of the Board of Governors by Canadian Physicians for Life President, Dr. Will Johnston. An abbreviated version of the letter appeared in the London Free Press. We wish to offer you an opportunity to read the full text. It is reprinted with permission.

Dear Mr. McDougall,

You are to be congratulated and thanked for your firm stand against the recent action of a committee of your university Senate.

If Henry Morgentaler had become notorious for illegally supplying women with a drug which 17 studies have linked to breast cancer and which increases the chance of dangerous future premature delivery, placenta previa, ectopic pregnancy and low birth weight, and which is harmful to the point of increasing the suicide rate for depressed or thought-disordered women, it is not likely the Senate of the University of Western Ontario would have been fooled into honouring him. Strangely, because that "drug" is the procedure called induced abortion, he will be declared a Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*. The UWO press release which announces this reads like a tract full of the shrill euphemisms of the abortion partisan, where the concepts "child" and "dead" need not intrude.

Up until now, people who celebrate Henry Morgentaler have been narrow ideologues of the abortion subculture, and so it is a surprise to see a university body, which could be expected to represent a broader constituency, so eager to identify its university with such extremism.

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Radio Announcer makes malicious comments about LifeCanada and pro-lifers.

Wayne McLean, talk show host with the Waterloo region's 570 News radio interviewed Maurice Vellacott, MP on Wednesday, June 15th. During discussions concerning LifeCanada, Mr. McLean referred to pro-lifers as fascists and religious zealots. He also claimed that pro-life people don't let pro-choice people have their say. We drown them out.

It does not seem ethically responsible for a talk show host to use his position to slur an organization or promote lies about people simply because he disagrees with them on an issue. If you are incensed by his malicious comments please contact him at: newsroom@570news.com and remember to be polite.

Government Promotes Abortion Rights

An Access to Information request by REAL Women of Canada has revealed that between the years 1997-2003, Status of Women Canada provided funds to the Pro-Choice Action Network, an abortion rights advocacy group, to the tune of \$21,865.00. To see the complete list of organizations which received funding, including many abortion rights and homosexual rights groups, please see:

http://www.realwomenca.com/newsletter/2003_sept_oct/article_7.html The Pro-Choice Action Network is a particularly nasty organization which regularly posts vitriolic statements which could be considered as promoting hate towards pro-life and Christian people. Numerous articles posted on their website refer to pro-lifers as religious fanatics who are anti-women. The following quote is from the article, Women's Place in the Christian Bedroom at:

www.prochoiceactionnetworkcanada.org/prochoicepress/01autumn.shtml#womanbed

“Informed pro-choicers have always understood that the anti-abortion movement is not about saving babies—it's about putting women back in their place.”

It has also come to our attention recently that the pro-abortion and anti-Christian website Rabble.ca may be receiving funding through the Quebec based Alternatives group which is heavily funded by CIDA. Heather Mallick, who wrote the malicious opinion column about LifeCanada in the Globe & Mail, also writes for Rabble.ca. They reprinted Mallick's article on the website and encouraged readers to boycott the Bank of Montreal for supporting LifeCanada. Rabble.ca presently features an anti-Catholic cartoon in which the Pope marches up to a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary and gives her a Nazi salute with the caption “Heil Mary”.

Furthermore, CIDA may be indirectly funding the Pro-Choice Action Network

through the Alternatives group. OneWorld.ca is an independent project of Alternatives and lists the Pro-Choice Action Network as a partner.

Last month we reported that the Canadian Health Portal, and previously the Canadian Health Network, were using Planned Parenthood to provide the information on abortion on their websites. We pointed out that Health Canada is providing biased information and indirectly promoting abortion by using Planned Parenthood since they are an abortion rights advocacy group and refuse to post any information about pro-life or Christian crisis pregnancy centres and they downplay the impact of abortion on women's health.

Public funds should not be used to promote abortion rights nor to spread hate against Catholics and Christians. If you would like to see your tax dollars put to better use please contact your Member of Parliament.

L'avortement et ses consequences à la santé

The new pamphlet is now printed and ready for distribution. Please contact the office if you would like to order copies.

United Nations

The Millenium +5 Summit, a global United Nations conference, is being planned for September 2005 to establish Millenium Development Goals. It is expected that there will be attempts to use these goals to force governments to adopt liberal abortion laws.

Please contact Stockwell Day, the Senior Opposition Critic for Foreign Affairs to ensure that Canadian delegates do not promote abortion rights at the upcoming Millenium +5 Summit at: day.s@parl.gc.ca

National Poll on the Life Issues

Over the past three years LifeCanada has commissioned national polls by well-respected Canadian pollsters (Leger and Environics) on these issues:

- ❖ legal protection for the unborn
- ❖ true informed consent for women considering abortion
- ❖ parental consent for minors seeking abortion
- ❖ tax-funded abortion

The results show surprising public support for our positions and help us to determine strategies for our educational work. This is an important project and the information is used by many people including journalists and Members of Parliament

We are planning to commission the 2005 poll for September or October. This

is a very costly project (up to \$10,000.00 per year) and we would welcome donations to help us cover these costs.

How You Can Help

If you would like to help LifeCanada continue to provide important information on the life issues, please consider supporting us financially. We receive absolutely no government funding but most rely on donations to support our activities. You can support LifeCanada in a number of ways:

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan

LifeCanada is now able to accept pre-authorized monthly donations. This is a tremendous option for LifeCanada because it allows us to schedule our educational pro-life activities since we know in advance how much support is coming in each month. It is also easy for our supporters since they just complete a form, send in one cheque and then the pre-authorized amount is automatically deducted from their bank account. Donors maintain control of their donations by simply contacting us by phone, email or letter to let us know if they wish to make changes or cancel the plan.

If you would like to donate ten, twenty, fifty dollars or any other amount to LifeCanada each month, please contact us and we will send you the necessary form to complete.

Become a Partner for Life

We are actively seeking sponsors/advertisers for our newly-designed website (www.lifecanada.org) and for our bi-monthly newsletter. We do not have a charitable tax number but these ads can certainly be a business expense as you promote your business to our supporters.

Our rates for this project are reasonable. A business card ad in LifeCanada News will cost \$125 per issue or \$600 for the full year. Your sponsorship ad on our website will be posted for a year for a cost of \$500. We see this as a great opportunity to build a pro-life network across the country and help to secure LifeCanada's financial base.

For more information, please call LifeCanada's toll free number 1-866-780-5433 or email us at: carroll@lifecanada.org

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