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ABC Campaign and Website a Success

LifeCanada is pleased with the response to the Stop the Cover-up billboard and transit shelter ad campaign and the website www.abortionbreastcancer.ca even though the media did its best to discredit the campaign. The media tried to shift the focus from the scientific data linking abortion and breast cancer to our use of the pink ribbon which they claim is owned by the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation (CBCF). The maroon and peach ribbons used by LifeCanada do not even remotely resemble the hot pink ribbon used by the CBCF. This was simply a diversion which allowed them to ignore the reality that over 50 studies worldwide, the first as early as 1957, have shown that abortion increases a woman's risk of developing breast cancer. Experts such as Dr. Joel Brind and Canadian physicians were prepared to discuss the evidence linking abortion and breast cancer but the media did not express any interest. The only experts quoted by the media were those who claim that the evidence is inconclusive. These so-called experts always cited studies or theories which have been discredited. The facts on our website have never been questioned, which is a statement in itself.

Even though the media tried to downplay the research, many people decided to evaluate the evidence for themselves and draw their own conclusions by logging on to the accompanying website www.abortionbreastcancer.ca. Every time the media ran a news item about the ad campaign, even if it was bad, there was more traffic to the website. Each time, approximately 2 to 300 persons responded by logging on to the website. The statistics for visitors to the website are quite impressive; 3087 unique visitors since October 3, 2005, the number of hits totalled 101,553 and 14,176 pages were viewed. The total number of visits was 3715 and visitors came not just from Canada but also the US, Japan, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, Poland, Australia and Senegal. In the end, the media did help us get the message out by publicizing the website for us.

Thank you to all the groups across Canada who made this campaign possible by sponsoring an ad in their region. A complete list of sponsoring groups is available at www.abortionbreastcancer.ca

Annual poll

For the fourth year in a row, LifeCanada and its member groups, have commissioned a poll on the issue of abortion. The results show, once again, that the majority of Canadians do not support the present situation in Canada which provides no legal protection for the child in the womb. Results have shown that 60% of Canadians would support protection of the unborn child before birth (30% from conception, 19% after three months of pregnancy and 11% after six months

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of pregnancy), 70% favour informed consent for women, 56% would support parental consent for minors under the age of 18 to have an abortion, and the majority of Canadians continue to be of the opinion that abortion should be funded using tax dollars only in cases of medical emergencies (50%) or should be a private responsibility (18%), paid for either out-of-pocket or through private health care plans.

LifeCanada's press release is available for your information on LifeCanada's website. To see the complete results and the report compiled by Environics Research Group in English and French please go to www.lifecanada.org.

2005 National Conference

We have been promoting the annual pro-life conference in the monthly e-news bulletin all year and it is now set to take place at St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Quebec November 17 to 19, 2005.

We have been informed that anti-life demonstrations have been planned for the Thursday and Saturday of the conference. The demonstrators have formed a coalition called *Abort their conference* and their website displays a stylized caption of a woman stomping on the genitals of a clergyman. Their literature states they are pro-abortion, pro-euthanasia, pro- homosexual rights and are anti-religion. The police and Oratory security personnel have been notified and will be present but we ask for your prayers during this time as well. Please pray not only for our protection but also that these people's hearts may be touched just by being present at St. Joseph's Oratory, a very holy pilgrimage site.

A new study links abortion to an increased risk of child abuse

Abortion has been legal for more than 30 years in North America which gives us an opportunity to assess the impact it has had on our society. Unfortunately, the evidence is disheartening. Just recently, a study was published in the medical journal *Acta Paediatrica* which found that women who had an induced abortion were 2.4 times more likely to physically abuse their children. A possible explanation is that women who undergo abortion are often left with unresolved guilt or other emotional difficulties which may have an impact on their mental health and affect their ability to properly parent a child. This was a small study and the authors point out that more research needs to be done in this area.

This is just one more reason why the silence surrounding abortion has to be stopped so that women who have had an abortion can receive the help they need to resolve any emotional difficulties they may face. It is time to stop telling women that abortion is a safe, easy procedure and tell them the truth about how it can impact their lives and future health. For more information, please see <http://www.afterabortion.org/news/abuse1.htm>

House debates Bill C-407 to legalize assisted suicide and euthanasia

Bill C-407 was introduced last June by Bloc Quebecois MP Francine Lalonde. It

would amend sections 222 and 241 of the Criminal Code which are the prohibitions against assisted suicide and euthanasia. The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition has made it easy for us to voice our objection to this bill by providing an on-line petition to sign. The petition states:

I oppose Bill C-407 because it is a threat to the lives of people with disabilities, people with chronic conditions and other vulnerable Canadians who are already devalued by many members of society. These people need to be protected.

To obtain more information about Bill C-407 or to sign the petition, please go to: <http://www.stopbillc-407.com/petition.htm>

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

We welcome E-Newsflash ads

It is also possible to advertise in LifeCanada's monthly E-Newsflash. The cost of placing a business card advertisement would be \$100 for one month, which includes a \$50 administrative fee. Each additional month would cost \$50. Reductions are available for longer contracts. Six consecutive ads would cost \$300 and 12 ads \$500. Please contact the office at carroll@lifecanada.org or phone us at 1-866-780-5433 if you would like to place an ad.

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