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Vaccine Update

British Columbia's Provincial Health Officer has informed one of our members that the infant vaccine Pediacel, the ethical alternative to Pentacel, will be available in Canada after all by mid to late 2007. In a letter dated March 27, 2007, Dr. Kendall says that "all Canadian provinces and territories including BC will be using Pediacel in the routine immunization program". This is good news for parents who were concerned that immunizing their children with the abortion-tainted vaccine Pentacel was a form of cooperation with the immoral act of abortion. Now parents can, in good conscience, protect their infants against tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, polio and Haemophilus Influenzae B.

LifeCanada wishes to thank everyone who responded by writing to their provincial health ministers and health officers. You deserve some of the credit for this decision.

Book Now for LifeCanada's No Show Cruise

Remember last year's No Show fundraising banquet? This year we have a whole new opportunity for you to support LifeCanada's pro-life educational work. The non-event is scheduled for Friday, July 1, 2007 (or the date of your choice). For more information please visit: www.lifecanada.org/cruise

No sunscreen! No seasickness! No Go!

Tickets are \$35.00 per person and include an audio CD of a talk by Dr. Robert Spitzer entitled "A Pro-Life Response to Euthanasia". We would like to invite all "non-participants" to forward a picture of their own cruise which we will post on our website. We were quite impressed by everyone's creativity last year and look forward to seeing what you come up with this year. Last year's photos can still be viewed at: www.lifecanada.org/html/GalaDinnerPhotoGallery.html

We thank you in advance for your support of this fundraising event which allows us to produce resources that can be used to promote respect for all human life throughout Canada.

Position Available

LifeCanada, the national pro-life educational organization, has launched a job search to find a new executive director for its Ottawa office. The Executive Director must have an extensive knowledge of life issues (abortion, euthanasia & assisted suicide, stem cell research), excellent communication skills, a working knowledge of Microsoft office



software, be resourceful and able to oversee all aspects of the organization. Bilingualism (French and English) and experience in fundraising are definite assets. Salary to be discussed.

The closing date for applications is Monday, April 30, 2007. Anyone interested in applying for the position can request the job description from: info@lifecanada.org or by calling the LifeCanada office at 613-722-1552.

Another Adult Stem Cell Success Story

Media outlets carried headlines this week of a "stem cell therapy" success. Rarely do such headlines include the fact that the cells in question are the ethically acceptable adult stem cells. Often, the stories don't clarify the point either. The latest promising research has found that a patient's own immune stem cells can be used to regenerate their immune system so that the body won't attack insulin-producing cells in the pancreas which is what happens in diabetics. Dr. Richard Burt, one of the lead researchers in the study, told CTV News that diabetics in their study "have gone completely drug-free, treatment-free, the longest follow-up being three years, requiring no medications at all -- no insulin, no immunosuppressive drugs, no treatment." He emphasized that this may not be a cure and that more research needs to be done but that the results were very promising. This is yet another example of the power of adult stem cells to improve or treat disease in humans. Such successes have never occurred in research using embryonic stem cells which result in the death of tiny human beings.

This article first appeared in Alberta Pro-Life's E-UPDATE

More Hospitals Should be Aborting says Pro-abortion Group

Canadians for Choice told the Ottawa Citizen last week that only one in six Canadian hospitals perform abortions and that Ottawa women face waits of up to six weeks, the highest in the country. The story avoids mentioning that abortions are rarely, if ever, done for medical reasons, that almost all are paid for by taxpayers and that many legitimate diagnostic and surgical procedures face far longer wait times than six weeks. The group ignored that fact that there are 22 private abortion clinics across the country performing more than half of the over 100,000 abortions that take place each year in Canada. The goal of the pro-abortion group appears to be to force all hospitals to include abortion in their services and to ensure that all medical students are required to learn how to perform abortions. Patricia LaRue, executive director of Canadians for Choice, told the newspaper that there is a shortage of abortionists and she pointed out that abortion techniques are not mandatory in medical schools.

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Japanese City Hopes to Save Babies

A Catholic hospital in the Japanese city of Kumamoto has received approval to open a "baby hatch" to allow parents to drop off unwanted infants in a cradle in the lobby of the hospital. The cradle will be called "the cradle of storks" and will have a warmer and an alarm to alert staff that a baby has been dropped off. The hatch, which was common in Europe in the Middle Ages, was revived in Germany about a decade ago and has been used in locations in the United States. Japan has one of the lowest birth rates in the world and its population is actually declining. Supporters of this project hope that it will help restore the birthrate and encourage family values.

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Upcoming Events:

2007 Conference in Moncton to Feature Fun Events!

Moncton Right to Life is hosting the 2007 national conference next October 25 to 27 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Moncton, New Brunswick. Here is the latest news from conference organizers about what to look forward to:

- Besides a host of 13 top speakers, our 2007 national pro-life conference will feature a number of special activities.
- Since Moncton is situated by the Atlantic coast, and nearby Shediac is the "lobster capital of the world," Thursday morning will feature a 2.5 hour seaside cruise around beautiful Shediac Bay, with onboard lobster lunch. The boat is heated and sheltered from the elements, the crew will regale us with lobster tales, so come on board! Expected cost approximately \$60. Limited seating.
- For early bird registrants (by Sept. 25), you will have a chance to win a cold pack of Atlantic lobster for you to bring back home (6 or more lobster, \$100 value)!
- Since Moncton and region is home to a large Acadian population, our conference will have a certain Acadian flavour. The world-famous Acadian folk choir Les Jeunes Chanteurs d'Acadie will perform on Friday evening. The nearby (walking distance) spiritual centre for Acadians, the Notre Dame de l'Assomption Cathedral, will be the site of daily masses for pro-life intentions.
- Another special activity is the Friday prayer vigil at nearby Georges Dumont Hospital, one of two hospital abortion sites in New Brunswick.

Weather note: Fall is one of the most beautiful times to visit the Maritimes. Typically lots of sun, and our fall colours are spectacular!

CMDS Conference in Ottawa

The Christian Medical and Dental Society's annual conference is scheduled for May 10-13, 2007 in downtown Ottawa just in time for the beautiful tulip festival. The theme for this year's conference is *Politics and Meaning in Medicine & Dentistry* and will seek to answer the questions:

What are the beliefs and principles that sustain medical care?

What about issues of conscience and other problem areas?

To register or for more information about the conference, please contact the CMDS office by telephone: 1-905-625-4457 or on-line: www.cmds-emas.ca/

Pro-Life Walk Across Canada this Summer

Since 1995, students from colleges and universities across the America have been spending their summers walking with Crossroads in order to change hearts and minds and to help build up a Culture of Life. Crossroads is planning the first annual Cross-Canadian Walk for Life starting in Vancouver on May 19 and ending in Ottawa on August 11, 2007.

Crossroads are now accepting applications for the Summer 2007 walks. For more information or to apply, go to www.crossroadswalk.org



Television Viewers Treated to Rare Pro-life Messages in April **"House" Features Life-affirming Message**

A recent episode of the weekly program *House* delighted pro-life viewers by casting the unborn child in a special role featuring 4D ultrasound and footage from an in-utero surgery in which the baby in the womb extends his hand and engages with the surgeon. The actual video footage can be seen on YouTube by going to:

Pro-lifers will recognize the footage as a re-enactment of Samuel Armas' in-vitro surgery to correct a problem associated with spina bifida. A photographer quickly snapped a photo as Samuel reached out of the womb and is seen grasping the surgeon's hand. This picture has been widely circulated and has touched many hearts.

A story by Dave Andrusko written about the episode can be read at: www.lifenews.com/nat3026.html

"Run's House" Tackles Difficult Issue with Grace

The reality show featuring Rev. Run Simmons, his wife and 5 children has allowed viewers to share the family's experience of the birth and death of their severely disabled newborn daughter. This very pro-life story relates how Mrs. Simmons faced the heartbreaking news halfway through her pregnancy that her unborn daughter had a genetic defect and then chose not to abort her but continue with the pregnancy. Rev. and Mrs. Simmons chose not to tell their five children about the complication but allowed television cameras into Justine Simmons hospital room to view the children's reaction to the news that their baby sister had died. Since this reality show is based on the family life of the Simmons family, Rev. Run and his wife decided to allow viewers to see the children's reaction for themselves. He is quoted as saying:

"The reason why I even filmed anything about the baby and stuff is that if ya'll laugh with me at the bowling alley with my kids and giggled with me on the basketball court with my kids, since it is a reality show, why wouldn't I let you see how I handled adversity," Rev. Run told AllHipHop.com. "It's also to show you how to be thankful during situations that aren't favorable towards you. Who am I to be resentful to God, to the world, as good as the world has been to Reverend Run? I didn't let that affect me. I'm a very thankful person. Reverend Run will go down as a man who is thankful to God and to the world."

To read the complete story, *Run didn't run to abortion* please go to:

www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=55022

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.



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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