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We invite you to forward this E-Newsflash to anyone who might be interested in these news items

Canadian Parents Request Ethical Vaccines For Their Children

LifeCanada has prepared resources to help parents who are concerned about immunizing their children with vaccines that are developed from tissue from aborted fetuses. Our website offers background information on the origins of several childhood origins, a question and answer fact sheet to help educate physicians, public health nurses, and other health care professionals, a sample letter and addresses of officials for each province, and an article which can be printed and distributed.

The vaccine Pentacel, presently used to immunize Canadian infants against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio and Haemophilus B, was developed from tissue derived from aborted fetuses. An ethical alternative, Pediacel, is considered to be equally effective and has been approved by Health Canada but is not yet marketed in Canada. Our priority at this time is to request that each province make Pediacel available so that parents can choose an ethical alternative to the current abortion-tainted vaccine being used.

It is important that Health Ministers and Chief Medical Officers in each province hear from parents if we are to be successful with this campaign. Educational resources and sample letters are available at: www.lifecanada.org/html/science/Vaccines/index.html

Mark Your Calendars – The 2007 National Pro-Life Conference in Moncton

Plans for the 2007 national pro-life conference are in full swing. The Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Moncton, New Brunswick has been reserved for October 25 to 27, 2007. The theme of this year's conference is a pro-life twist on Canada's national motto: "From Sea unto Sea – For Life!"

The planning committee has approached experts on numerous pro-life topics, some well known to pro-lifers and others who bring a new perspective. Simultaneous translation will allow delegates to participate in both official languages. Conference planners are even

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looking into some fun events to help us discover Maritime beauty and hospitality such as a seaside cruise featuring a meal.

This is the first time that the national conference is held in New Brunswick. They are working hard and hope to make it the best one ever. Let's support them and plan now to attend.

Birth Defects More Likely in Babies Conceived Through Fertility Treatments

Results of a Canadian study presented at a meeting of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine in San Francisco revealed that birth defects are more common in babies conceived with the help of reproductive technologies such as in-vitro fertilization. Ottawa researchers studied 61,208 Ontario births and discovered that babies conceived through fertility treatments were twice as likely to suffer from cardiovascular defects – 90 per 10,000 for babies conceived with the aid of fertility treatments compared to 40 for natural births. The biggest difference was in the number of babies affected with gastrointestinal problems such as organs in the wrong place or defects in the abdominal wall – one in 200 births compared to six per 10,000 for those conceived without assistance. The findings of this large Ottawa-based study are comparable to similar studies conducted in Europe and Australia. Researchers were quick to point out that they do not want to scare women but recommend telling couples about the risk.

Canadian couples struggling with infertility can consider more natural options than fertility treatments such as in-vitro fertilization. Natural reproductive technology, commonly known as Naprotechnology, seeks to help couples identify the medical factors affecting their inability to conceive and find more natural treatment options. For more information, go to: www.naprotechnology.com The Marguerite Bourgeois Family Centre in Toronto offers advice, support and referrals to medical practitioners trained in Naprotechnology. Their website is available at: www.fertilitycare.ca/index.php. You can also contact them to find out what resources are available in your community.

No Resolution Yet to Charges Against Pro-life Demonstrator Arrested Last Fall in NB

Charges are still outstanding against Suzie Ryan, wife of New Brunswick Right to Life director Peter Ryan, who was arrested in September 2006 for holding an image of an aborted child outside the Morgentaler abortion facility in Fredericton, while abortions were taking place. Mrs. Ryan was charged with violating s. 163 of the Criminal Code which prohibits the display of obscene material.

Mr. Ryan said the Crown Prosecutor's office has still not filed any formal charges against his wife. The Crown has six months in which

to file charges from the time of the arrest—if no action has been taken by March 26, 2007, the case will be closed. The senior crown prosecutor in Fredericton wrote an opinion on the matter to the Attorney General's office early in the year, Mr. Ryan said, but there is no information as to what action the opinion recommended.

Stop U.S. From Signing CEDAW

The Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute, who monitors events at the United Nations and sends out the Friday Fax which keeps us informed about developments, is asking us to sign a petition asking the United States Senate not to ratify the Convention of the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Even though the treaty is silent on the issue of abortion, it has been used to force countries to legalize abortion. For more information or to sign the petition go to: www.c-fam.org/index.php?option=com_performs&formid=3&Itemid=123

New Pro-Life Resource

The Elliott Institute has produced a new fact sheet which may be a helpful educational tool. It is called *10 Fast Facts About Abortion's Injustice and Risks to Women* and provides all 10 facts and references on one sheet of paper. Copies of this fact sheet can be printed from their website at: www.unfairchoice.info/pdf/10FastFacts.pdf

Group Uses LifeCanada News to Educate Pastors

Kirkland Lake Pro-Life has purchased 15 gift subscriptions for LifeCanada's bi-monthly newsletter which will be sent to all local pastors and some physicians. The group sees this as a good way of ensuring that everyone has access to the same information and is aware of the issues we are dealing with. Pastors are also given a poster promoting the pro-life group's project to present every new mother with a free gift package which includes a hi-quality bib embroidered with the new infant's name.

LifeCanada has gift cards available which can be used to advise the individual that they will receive a gift subscription. Just contact the office and we will be happy to help you.

New Studies Confirm Pushing Contraceptives Not the Answer

One of the reasons cited for making emergency contraceptives (EC) more easily available in Canada and other countries was that it would reduce the number of surgical abortions. Early evidence from

provinces that experimented with providing EC without a prescription showed that this belief was wrong – the number of surgical abortions continued to rise and so did the number of women using ECs. Yet, Health Canada chose to ignore this data and we now allow Canadian pharmacists to dispense ECs to women of all ages, no questions asked.

A new study revealed that even giving women two packages of the pills in advance and unlimited renewal free of charge did not reduce the number of abortions. This group of women was compared to another group who had to purchase the pills for themselves. Even though this strategy significantly increased the use of EC's among women, it did not mean fewer abortions. For more information, see *Impact of Increased Access to Emergency Contraceptive Pills* at: www.greenjournal.org/cgi/content/abstract/108/5/1098

A new British report cited this week in Lifenews.com shows that the availability of contraceptives and birth control does not impact the number of abortions. Older women, in their 20's and 30's, have abortions at the same rate as teenagers even though they have greater access to contraceptive information and drugs or devices. For more information read *British Report: Abortions Occurring Despite Available Contraception* at: www.lifenews.com/int181.html

Obviously a new strategy is needed. Abortion advocates such as Planned Parenthood and others continue to promote contraceptives as the only answer and refuse to support other alternatives. Over the years, many groups of young people have promoted the message of abstinence but have received no support from government and much criticism for not supporting conventional thinking on sexuality and contraception. Perhaps it is time to take another look and work together to find better ways of helping people avoid unplanned pregnancies.

Real Women Warns Status of Women Committee Hearings a Hoax

The House of Commons Standing Committee on the Status of Women, on which the opposition holds the majority, is conducting four days of televised hearings on the topic of the potential impact of the funding cuts at Status of Women Canada.

The Committee selected the groups which were to testify before it. The score: 27 groups who opposed the cuts and a total of only 3 groups who supported the cuts, including REAL Women of Canada. Although REAL Women has extensive background knowledge about Status of Women funding, we didn't even make the initial selection. Only after extensive pressure was the Committee prepared to hear our views on the subject.

Click here to read the complete press release issued by Real Women of Canada: www.realwomenca.com/press.htm

Swiss Court Rules on Assisted Suicide

A February 2007 ruling by the Swiss Supreme Court will allow people with mental illnesses to be assisted by physicians to take their own life. Up to now, it was only terminally ill persons who could be legally assisted in suicide. This case provides further evidence of the slippery slope principle, if we legalize assisted suicide and/or euthanasia in extreme cases, it is only a matter of time before we allow it in other circumstances. Wesley Smith has written an excellent article for First Things about the slippery slope as it applies to this case and the legalization of assisted death in other countries. You can read it at: www.firstthings.com/onthesquare/?p=628

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.

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