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Vaccine update

We have learned that Pediacel will NOT be available to anyone in Canada, including Albertans who had earlier been assured by Alberta Health and Wellness that individuals wanting their children immunized with Pediacel could order it through their local pharmacies, pay for it themselves and bring it to their health units to have their children vaccinated with it. The manufacturer Sanofi Pasteur has stated that Pediacel is not ready to market yet, but that if it is included in the government immunization contract, it will be available in the Fall of 2007. At this point, we do not know if the manufacturer's bid to have Pediacel as part of the vaccine programs was successful or not; we do not know yet what the provincial governments have decided to buy. We will keep you updated as we receive more information. In the meantime, please continue your efforts in letting the public, your health care providers and the government know about this issue. For more information and sample letters, go to:

www.lifecanada.org/html/science/Vaccines/index.html

Statistics Canada's Census Results Reveal Canadians Not Having Enough Children

Statistics Canada released the census results which reveal population growth for the period 2001 to 2006. The census shows that Canada is now dependent on immigration to maintain its population and any population growth. Only 1/3 of our population growth results from a natural increase, that is, when there are more births than deaths. The fertility rate in Canada has remained stable for the last 10 years at 1.5 which is well below replacement level. The fertility rate is expected to drop even more as a result of our aging population.

In the last five years, 2/3 of Canada's population growth was from immigration. An Ottawa radio talk show host last Wednesday reminded listeners that this level of immigration is not sustainable because other developed nations are experiencing the same or worse trends. Gone are the days when we can depend on European countries for new citizens, their birth rates are even lower than ours and they are dependent on immigration for their own population growth. This means that it will become more and more difficult to find skilled workers. Without new taxpayers, our services and social programs will be seriously affected. What about our health care and pensions, to name just two areas?

Of course, pro-lifers have been warning about this for many years. Abortion is just one of the factors involved in the population dearth but nonetheless an important one. For years, we have said that you cannot eliminate 100,000 unborn Canadians per year without it having an impact on our society. There is little comfort in being right since we will all experience the hardships that come with this new reality. Instead of wasting years trying to figure out how to respond, here is one concrete suggestion. Why not design a questionnaire for women to fill out before they have an abortion to ask why they are



not able to continue their pregnancy? Is the reason financial, a lack of housing or childcare? To date, the government's only response to women in crisis pregnancies is abortion. Let's find out what they need and then see how we can help. This is a simple step which could have big rewards.

Pro-lifer withholds taxes to protest abortion funding

On March 8, 2007, a New Brunswick court heard the case of a Catholic pro-lifer who has refused to file income tax returns for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 in protest of tax-funded abortion. David Little's objection to abortion is well known; he included letters of objection with his income tax returns in the 70's and, from 1978 to 1982, he refused to pay the taxes he owed. The government garnished the funds he owed from people who owed him money, according to Mr. Little. His lawyer argued that his religious rights guaranteed in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms were violated by the requirement to file annual tax forms. A decision is expected on November 9, 2007.

China India, and Canada Kill UN Resolution Against Sex Selected Abortion

(NEW YORK — C-FAM) Despite a groundswell of support from the NGO community and many country delegations at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) this week, the US-sponsored resolution calling on states to eliminate prenatal sex selection and female infanticide has been withdrawn due to pressure from China, India, Canada, Costa Rica, Mexico and others.

China lobbied against the resolution at the highest levels of UN delegations. The Indian delegation likewise lobbied forcefully against it. It is likely that India and China objected because, even though the resolution focused on the global nature of the problem, they believed it would draw attention to the fact that theirs are the worst cases of female infanticide and sex selected abortion. Demographers estimate that about 100 million girls are already "missing".

Other delegations also worked to derail the resolution by maneuver, thus avoiding discussion about the rising trend of killing baby girls and the substance of the resolution. Canada worked against the resolution by loading up the draft document with language that the US could not support. Costa Rica did the same, although it is unclear why the pro-life country worked so hard to oppose the initiative, or why Mexico chose to oppose it.

To read more go to: http://www.c-fam.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=553&Itemid=129

Induced Abortion May Increase Risk of Child Abuse

A new study published in *The Internet Journal of Pediatrics and Neonatology* found that mothers who have a history of abortion may be more likely to abuse a child born of a subsequent pregnancy. The mothers were not always the perpetrators of the abuse. In some cases they allowed others to mistreat their children.

The 237 mothers who participated in the study "Induced Abortion and Child-Directed Aggression Among Mothers of Maltreated Children" were Baltimore residents who were receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children when the interviews were conducted in the 1980's. According to this study, "Abortion history was associated with more frequently maternal hitting, kicking or biting, beating, and use of physical punishment in general."

The study can be viewed online at:

<http://www.ispub.com/ostia/index.php?xmlFilePath=journals/ijpn/vol6n2/abortion.xml>



Interesting Movies Coming to a Theatre Near You

The movie *Amazing Grace* which opened in theatres February 23 is enjoying glowing reviews. This is the true story of William Wilberforce's two decades long political campaign to outlaw the slave trade in the British empire. Wilberforce's efforts culminated in the passing of a Bill in 1807 which made it illegal for British ships to transport slaves. The release of *Amazing Grace* marks the 200th anniversary of the passing of this legislation. For more information, see: <http://www.amazinggracemovie.com/>

We have been told that the movie *Bella*, premiered at the September 2006 Toronto film festival, is a must-see. Described as "an uplifting family drama", it should be opening in theatres shortly. Go to <http://www.bellathemovie.com/> for more information.

Comatose Woman's Awakening Brings Call for More Brain Disability Study

New York, NY (LifeNews.com) -- News that another comatose patient at least temporarily awakened from her slumber has prompted calls for more research into what some scientists call a minimally conscious state. Researchers say the term is a more accurate designation for some patients like Terri Schiavo than the oft-used persistent vegetative state.

According to news reports last week, a woman named Christa awoke from a supposedly PVS condition over six years and began eating and having conversations with her loved ones. Later, she slipped back into her original condition.

The case brings to mind that of Terri Schiavo, the severely disabled woman whose husband was allowed to legally euthanize her, and 42-year-old Terry Wallis of Arkansas.

To read more, go to: <http://www.lifenews.com/bio2018.html>

Some Speakers Confirmed for 2007 Conference

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. We are pleased to learn that the following speakers have been confirmed:

-Mary Ann Kuharski, is a wife and mother of thirteen children, six of whom are adopted and of mixed races with: "special needs." Mary Ann is an author and speaker on life and family issues. She is a founding member and President of "Pro-Life Across America" known as "The Billboard People" for its positive and persuasive educational messages, which appear in 41 states. In 2006 alone they sponsored over 1000 radio ads and 5000 billboards across the U.S.

-Banquet speaker is Dennis Savoie, deputy leader of the worldwide Knights of Columbus.

- Rev. John Ensor, from Miami Florida, pro-life author and Baptist minister who heads up a crisis pregnancy center initiative with HeartBeat International.

-Lorraine Hartsook, an award-winning Christian entertainer from Saskatchewan with a powerful personal testimony about her two adopted children plus twelve "in heaven."

Moncton Right to Life will post information about the conference on their website as it becomes available. For the most up-to-date information, go to: <http://www.dvmrl.knows.it/>



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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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