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LifeCanada’s monthly news bulletin offers quick news reports on the latest developments in life issues throughout Canada and around the world. We provide information on current research developments, pro-life events and activities, news reports and much more. Please consider forwarding this monthly E-Newsflash to family, friends, and others who would like to be kept up-to-date and informed on life issues. Sign up for E-Newsflash [here](#).

Exodus 2009 – A Future Without Abortion

Join pro-life Canadians from across the country in the 12th annual March for Life, marking 40 years of abortion in Canada. The National March for Life “Exodus 2009 – A Future Without Abortion” will be held in Ottawa on Thursday, May 14, 2009. Participants will gather on Parliament Hill at noon and begin a march through downtown Ottawa at 1:30 pm. For more information, [click here](#) or contact Campaign Life Coalition at 1-800-730-5358.

“City of Bridges” Hosts 2009 National Pro-Life Conference

The 2009 National Pro-Life Conference will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on October 29-31 at the Hilton Garden Inn. The conference will be hosted by the Saskatchewan Pro-Life Association and co-sponsored by LifeCanada and Campaign Life Coalition. Information will be posted on www.lifecanada.org as it becomes available. Make your plans now to attend this excellent pro-life conference!

LifeCanada Forum on Gestational Legislation

LifeCanada hosted a forum in Ancaster, Ontario on Feb. 10 to discuss the issue of partial prohibitions on abortion, in response to repeated requests for discussion of the issue from both our member groups and other organizations. We felt it was crucial for the Canadian pro-life movement to examine and address the differing perspectives on legislation that limits or regulates abortion in the absence of a total ban.

We wanted to approach the discussion at a time when there were no bills pressing, to give people room to look at all factors, discuss the ethical and moral implications of partial prohibitions, and come to an informed decision. Our goal was to provide an opportunity for pro-life leaders to hear



presentations on this difficult issue, looking at the arguments on both sides of the debate with the help of two expert speakers in the field who have both spent more than 20 years working in the pro-life movement in their countries. Colin Harte from the UK, author of Changing Unjust Laws Justly, defended the position that any legislation which permits or tolerates some abortions for any reason is inherently unjust and therefore unsupportable. Clarke Forsythe, Senior Legal Counsel with Americans United for Life presented the opposing viewpoint that partial prohibitions of abortion serve to limit an existing evil when a total ban is not possible at a given time.

Click [here](#) to access a transcript of their debate posted on www.lifecanada.org. We hope the discussion will be continued in pro-life communities across Canada.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases– Canada’s Hidden Epidemic

Sexually transmitted infection (STI) rates are skyrocketing in Canada, especially among young people. Four years ago Health Canada called STIs an “escalating public health concern.” Today the infection rate has increased significantly and shows no sign of coming under control. More than half of all infectious disease cases reported are STIs and those reports account for only an estimated 10% of all cases. The health effects include pelvic inflammatory disease, chronic pelvic pain, ectopic pregnancy, infertility, organ damage and in some cases death. Young people are disproportionately represented in the affected population with the highest rates among young women between the ages of 15-24.

Chlamydia is the leading preventable cause of infertility. “Despite the visibility of the issue of infertility in Canada, few are aware of its direct connection to STIs,” Health Canada’s 2004 Surveillance report states. “Tubal factor infertility remains the most common reason for in-vitro fertilization, a most costly procedure. Thus the expense to the health care system, as well as for individuals and the economy, due to chlamydia, PID and tubal factor infertility is enormous.”

The cost of treatment is a major drain on health resources. The demand for infertility treatment will be an increasing concern as the current generation of young women infected with chlamydia begins to encounter the grim legacy of tubal damage inflicted by the disease. Most cases of infection have no symptoms and go undetected until serious physical damage has already occurred.

Chlamydia infection rates have more than doubled in the past decade--48% of infectious disease reports are chlamydia infections

Gonorrhea rates have risen by more than 132% in the past decade and the disease is rapidly becoming immune to antibiotics. The fastest increase has been syphilis infections, which have exploded by 900% in the past five years.

Health Canada continues to rely on the promotion of condoms to counter the spread of STIs. Condoms fail to protect against oral or external-genital transmission, and condom effectiveness depends on careful, constant use. Studies have repeatedly shown that young people do not employ consistent condom use. A 2004 study in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* found that only 43.3% of adult couples with HIV infection in one partner, who were counseled on proper condom use, used condoms consistently. It’s time for Canadians to face the facts on sexually transmitted infections and drop the “safer sex” message that has so clearly failed to inform our young people and protect them from the consequences of casual sexual activity. Click [here](#) for more information at www.lifecanada.org.



Nominations Open for 2009 Mother Teresa Pro-Life Award

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the cause of life in Canada? Nominate them to receive the 2009 Mother Teresa Pro-Life Award!

One year ago LifeCanada established a new pro-life award in recognition of the many dedicated workers in the Canadian pro-life movement, many of them serving in hidden ways that go unrecognized by the wider pro-life community. We sought and received permission from the motherhouse of the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, India, to name the award after Mother Teresa in keeping with her spirit of reverence for all human life. The annual award is extended to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of defending human life in Canada.

We welcome nominations for individuals whom you feel have had a particular impact on the work of promoting respect for life in our country. The deadline for nominations to be received in the LifeCanada office is **June 15, 2009**.

The nomination package is posted on the LifeCanada website homepage at www.lifecanada.org. Please contact the LifeCanada office for further information at 866-780-5433 or email at lifecanada@bellnet.ca.

2009 "Have we gone too far?" Campaign

LifeCanada is inviting groups across Canada to help spread a message that has been censored by Advertising Standards Canada (ASC). This industry body has declared our very successful 2008 national ad campaign to be "deceptive." The ads show a pregnant woman along with the words "9 Months – The length of time abortion is allowed in Canada. Abortion – Have we gone too far?"

Privately-owned billboards or trailers used as billboards are not subject to the ASC ruling. Many small communities have pro-life billboards at the entrance to their town. We are asking them to consider updating the message with our ad. We can adapt our artwork to fit the size of your billboard or trailer.

Help us keep this important message available to the public.

If you are interested in helping us to spread the word on abortion in Canada, contact Gudrun Schultz in our Ottawa office at 1-866-780-5433 or by email: gschultz@lifecanada.org.

NEW! French-language resource – fetal development brochure now available

LifeCanada has a new fetal-development resource available for French-language pro-life groups. "Regardez-moi grandir!" is a full color, beautifully illustrated brochure on the developmental stages of the unborn child, produced by Little One Publishing in Baltimore, Maryland. Contact the LifeCanada office for more information at 866-780-5433 or email at: lifecanada@bellnet.ca.

New! Abortion/Breast Cancer Business Cards

Educate your community on the link between breast cancer and abortion with these small colorful cards. [Click here](#) to view a sample. The cards are available from the LifeCanada office—call 866-780-5433 or email info@lifecanada.org for more information.



Pro-Life Postcards

LifeCanada's "Abortion: Have we gone too far?" postcards have been updated to include the latest statistics from Statistics Canada on late-term abortions, from 2005. Distribute the cards in your local parishes and communities. Call the LifeCanada office at 866-780-5433 or email info@lifecanada.org for more information. [Click here](#) to see a sample.

Get in-depth stories on current life issues: Subscribe to LifeCanada News

For thoughtful, well-researched information on current developments in Canada's pro-life movement, subscribe to our bi-monthly newsletter *LifeCanada News*. The newsletter provides in-depth information on current life issues and offers insightful commentary on developments in our society that impact respect for life in Canada. We cover difficult topics such as the ethics of end-of-life care, what's wrong with In Vitro Fertilization therapy, and why the crime of rape does not justify abortion.

Educate your community on current life issues by giving your pastor, parish priest or other community leader a gift subscription to the newsletter.

LifeCanada News is a bi-monthly publication—subscribers receive six issues per year at an annual cost of \$15.00. Bulk rates are available. Contact the LifeCanada office at 866-780-5433 for more information.

Pre-Authorized Giving Plan

Become a monthly donor and support pro-life education at the national level! Monthly donations are a hassle-free way of investing in pro-life work throughout the year. Just complete a donor form, send in one cheque to the office, and the pre-authorized amount will be automatically deducted from your bank account each month.

If you would like to donate twenty-five, fifty, one hundred dollars or any other amount to LifeCanada each month, contact the office at 866-780-5433 or email us at info@lifecanada.org to obtain a pre-authorized donation form.

Become a Partner for Life

Invest in the work of creating a culture of life in Canada by advertising on our website at www.lifecanada.org or in our bi-monthly newsletter *LifeCanada News*. Take this great opportunity to build a pro-life network of organizations and businesses across the country and help secure LifeCanada's financial base.

A sponsorship ad on our website - \$500 for one year. A business card ad in *LifeCanada News* - \$125 per issue or \$600 for six issues.

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

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