



# LifeCanada E-Newsflash

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

## *Healing the Culture ~ Last Chance to Register*



The national pro-life conference in Vancouver is less than one month away. Pro-lifers will gather November 16 to 18 at the Delta Vancouver airport hotel to explore pro-life issues, listen to presentations by outstanding speakers, network with representatives from all provinces, view the many booths and exhibits and just enjoy the entertainment and comedy events. Time has also been set aside to take in the fantastic sights and sounds of beautiful downtown Vancouver.

For more information, or to register, visit the conference website by [clicking here](#)

## *2006 National Advertising Campaign*

LifeCanada and many local and provincial educational pro-life organizations have launched the second national advertising campaign to expose the link between abortion and breast cancer. Our hope is that women will be told before they agree to have an abortion that choosing abortion could increase their risk of developing breast cancer later in life. Women who have undergone an abortion procedure also need to be told about the risk so they can seek regular and early breast screening to protect their health. Early detection and diagnosis leads to a better outcome and a better chance for a full recovery.

This year, one of two ads will be displayed on 24 billboards and transit shelters, on local buses and in many newspapers across the country. Some groups are using the same ad as last year with the message Stop the Cover-up and the AbortionBreastaCancer.ca website. The new advertisement featured this year has the message Why Wasn't I Told?, a photo of a woman and the website address. Since the ad campaign was launched, the number of unique visitors to the website has doubled.

Violence Bill to be Re-Introduced

➤ Upcoming Event

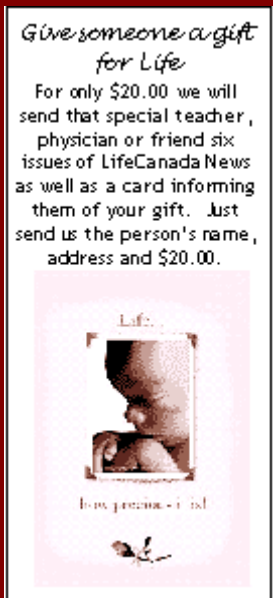
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➤ Partners for Life

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This year we have added another dimension to the ad campaign. LifeCanada has written to the major breast cancer research organizations in Canada to ask for a meeting to discuss the link between abortion and breast cancer. Even though dozens of studies, the first as early as 1957, have shown an increased risk of breast cancer among women who chose abortion, these cancer research groups claim that the evidence is "inconclusive". We disagree and would like an opportunity to meet with them to discuss our positions.

For more information on the link between abortion and breast cancer, please visit the website at: [www.abortionbreastcancer.ca](http://www.abortionbreastcancer.ca) or contact the LifeCanada office for information about the 2006 ad campaign at: [info@lifecanada.org](mailto:info@lifecanada.org)

## ***Rachel's Vineyard Retreats Now Offered in Quebec***

An outreach to women suffering from post abortion trauma is now being offered in French at the Residence St-Joseph retreat centre in Pointe-aux-Outardes near Baie Comeau in Quebec. A couple has received training from Rachel's Vineyard in the United States to prepare them to lead the retreats which help women and men seek peace and healing from abortion.

According to the Rachel's Vineyard website, the weekend retreats offer an opportunity to:

"... examine your abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted you in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings that many individuals struggle with after abortion. Because of the emotional numbness and secrecy that often surrounds an abortion experience, conflicting emotions both during and after the event may remain unresolved. These buried feelings can surface later and may be symptoms of post abortion trauma."

A French weekend retreat is scheduled for October 27, 28 and 29. For more information, please visit their website at [www.residencest-joseph.ca](http://www.residencest-joseph.ca)

English retreats are available in Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia. For more information about these locations, please go to [www.rachelsvineyard.org/contact/local.htm](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/contact/local.htm)

## ***British Survey Finds Overwhelming Majority of Women Regretted Abortions***

By Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com Editor

"A British pro-life group placed advertisements in six women's magazines there to gather the experiences of women who had abortions and find out their reaction to their decision years down the road. More than 82 percent of the women who responded indicated they deeply regretted their abortion decisions.

Some 248 women replied to the ads sponsored by the group LIFE between April and early July.

Just 26 said they had a few or no regrets about their abortions, including one 74 year-old woman who had three abortions in the 1960s and 70s and another who had aborted twins.

Of that small group of women, they indicated they had no other alternative than the abortion or said it was the "right thing" at that moment in their lives. Still, many said they would not want to do it again. Nine other women said they were undecided about their abortion experiences.

However, 204 of the 248 women said they deeply regretted their abortions.

LIFE asked 96 women in a follow-up survey whether they would have gone through with the abortion had they known the medical and emotional problems abortions can cause. Sixty-four of the women answered no and most very emphatically.

Virtually all of the women said that women considering abortions should be given more information on potential problems ... Some of the comments from women who regretted their abortions included: "it completely ruined my life", "I felt crippled, crucified, stupid, insane," "I felt dirty and ashamed," "I'm totally grief-stricken, I want my baby and I feel like a monster," "it was the worst mistake of my life... I cry all the time," "every baby I see I yearn for the one I got rid of."

To read the complete article, please visit [www.lifenews.com/nat2579.html](http://www.lifenews.com/nat2579.html)

### ***Opposition to Recent Political Appointments***

Abortion advocates oppose the appointment of Mr. Justice David Brown to the Ontario Superior Court bench in the Toronto area. Even though Mr. Brown has a stellar reputation and is seen as being very well qualified for the position, they are concerned that he may be pro-life because he has represented pro-life and pro-family organizations. Spokespersons from the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada and the Toronto Morgentaler abortion clinic are concerned that this appointment is in keeping with US tactics which have resulted in incremental measures which chip away at abortion rights. It is only when those appointed seem to have pro-life leanings that abortion advocates object. If Mr. Brown had been overtly pro-choice

they would have applauded his appointment. It is frankly quite refreshing to see a more balanced approach to the process.

Another encouraging appointment is that of Darrel Reid, past president of Focus on the Family, as top aide to Environment Minister Rona Ambrose. Mr. Reid's appointment has also been heavily criticized because of his Christian beliefs and some of his public statements on marriage and abortion.

### ***Ms. Magazine Reacts to Silent No More Campaign***

The October issue of Ms. Magazine features a list of 5000 names of women who have had abortions and do not regret their decisions. These women signed an on-line petition and agreed to have their names featured in the cover story titled "We Had Abortions." The article and petition is an attempt to counter the impact that the Silent No More Awareness campaign is having in Canada and the US. In recent years, women who have aborted their unborn children have dared to publicly proclaim that they regret their abortions. These courageous women have shared their emotional testimonies to let women know that abortion is not an easy choice and that there is help and hope for those who are struggling with post abortion trauma.

### ***New Brunswick Protester Arrested***

Mrs. Suzie Ryan was arrested earlier this week for standing silently across from the Morgentaler Clinic in Fredericton holding an image of an aborted child. The clinic does not have an injunction against protesters and Mrs. Ryan was not warned by police before she was arrested, held for several hours, charged with displaying obscene material and "corrupting morals." Mrs. Ryan is the wife of Peter Ryan, president of Campaign Life Coalition New Brunswick. He issued a news release on the incident in which he said CLCNB "is not aware of any other case in Canada where a pro-life citizen has been prosecuted for simply displaying an abortion image in a public place." He notes that the city's mayor, Brad Woodside, complained last summer that there was nothing he could do about a Show the Truth tour in which participants display large images of aborted babies. Mr. Ryan compared the arrest to Nazi Germany. "Here's the analogy. The Nazi death camps are exterminating Jews. Outside someone protests with an image of the Holocaust. The camp staff complains to police. Their person is arrested as a criminal. The slaughter goes on. That's where we now are in this country." Mrs. Ryan is scheduled to appear in court in November.

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### ***Ignore that Ultrasound***

Medical experts in Britain are concerned that people might start ascribing human characteristics to the fetus when they view ultrasound images. There is ongoing debate in Britain about whether to lower the gestational age for legal abortions from 24 weeks to 20. (Great Britain has already lowered the age from 28 weeks to 24.) Ultrasound images which show the babies sucking their thumbs, stretching, yawning and even "walking" have fuelled the debate. The London Times Online has reported that some experts are worried that the ultrasounds might get people thinking that the fetus is human. "Personification of the fetus at that age is dangerous," said Huseyin Mehmet, reader in developmental neurobiology at Imperial College London. "I was worried when I saw those images. To suggest that an early fetus in utero has those kind of human qualities of being able to suck its thumb and move...is very difficult indeed."

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### ***Unborn Victims of Violence Bill to be Re-Introduced***

A September 27, 2006 article in the Edmonton Sun announced that unborn victims of violence legislation was being reworked and would be introduced in the House of Commons in November 2006. An earlier version of this bill was introduced in the last session of Parliament by Leon Benoit, MP for Vegreville-Wainwright, but was deemed non-votable by a Parliamentary subcommittee. Bill C-291 had sought to make it a separate offense to harm or kill an unborn child while committing an offense against its mother. Mr. Benoit announced that the bill was being amended "so that it can be supported by our Justice Minister (Vic Toews) and hopefully our full caucus."

This legislation is an important step in protecting pregnant women and their unborn children. In September 2006, an Edmonton man was charged in the death of his 27-year-old wife who was three months pregnant. This was the third murder case involving a pregnant woman in a little more than a year.

A 2004 report by the Canadian Perinatal Surveillance System stated that women were "four times as likely as other abused women to report having experienced very serious violence, including being beaten up, choked, threatened with a gun/knife or sexually assaulted." This legislation may act as a deterrent to anyone who would consider harming a pregnant woman and her unborn child.

### ***Upcoming Event***

#### **Revolution of Death or Revelation of Life**

Priests for Life Canada's 7th Annual Symposium on Life and Family will be held in Ottawa on Saturday, October 21, 2006 from 9 a.m. to

5:15 p.m. at Senhor Sancto Christo Church, 1100 Kenaston Street, Ottawa, Ontario. To register, please call 613-732-3950. The cost for non-members is \$35 and includes a luncheon banquet.

### ***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](http://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](mailto:carroll@lifecanada.org)

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