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### ***Help Promote LifeCanada E-Newsflash!***

LifeCanada's monthly news bulletin offers quick news reports on the latest developments in life issues throughout Canada and internationally. 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 members, friends, and others who would like to be kept up-to-date and informed on life issues.

### ***No Pink Ribbon in 2007 ABC Campaign***

LifeCanada's third national campaign alerting the public to the link between abortion and breast cancer is underway to mark "Breast Cancer Awareness" month in October. Educational pro-life groups in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and New Brunswick have sponsored local billboard and transit shelter ads, while groups in Newfoundland, British Columbia and Ontario organized advertisements in local newspapers and on the sides of buses. This year, the ads are missing the loop of pinkish ribbon that helped identify abortion as a contributing cause for breast cancer in past campaigns. LifeCanada's first campaign in 2005 led to complaints from the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation over the use of the ribbon on the billboards, suggesting trademark infringement although no trademark on the ribbon was in place at that time. However, the CBCF has since received approval for one "Pink Ribbon" trademark, with several additional trademark applications pending approval. In light of these developments, LifeCanada decided to remove the ribbon from the ad design for this year's campaign, despite universal recognition of the symbol as an indicator of breast cancer awareness. More than 50 epidemiological studies from around the world support a 30% increased risk of breast cancer for women who have had an abortion. Despite compelling evidence, Canadian and US Cancer Societies, including the CBCF, have not acknowledged the possibility of a link between abortion and breast cancer.

### ***Major New Study Finds Abortion Rates Greatest Indicator of Breast Cancer Levels***

Abortion rates are the best predictor of trends in breast cancer rates, according to a new study published in the Fall 2007 Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons. The study, entitled "The Breast Cancer Epidemic: Modeling and Forecasts Based on Abortion and Other Risk Factors", focuses on eight European countries with accurate abortion records—the authors point out that many countries, including the United States and France, consistently underreport abortion rates. Using abortion as a predictor, the authors found that breast cancer rates directly correlated with the nations' rate of abortions. Of the seven reproductive risk factors considered by the study as indicators of breast cancer, including fertility and the use of hormonal contraceptives, induced abortion was found to be the best predictor. While fertility rates were also a good indicator of breast cancer, with higher levels of cancer paralleled by lower fertility, reduced fertility could not account for the increased rate of breast cancer among upper-class women. Abortion did account for the increase, however, with more



abortions among women with higher incomes and greater education.

Even on a regional level, abortion rates paralleled local breast cancer rates. The South East of England has more breast cancer than other areas in Great Britain—it also has the highest abortion rate. Overall, the authors found that breast cancer has risen 80% since abortion first became widely legalized in the 70's.

The study can be found at: [www.jpands.org/vol12no3/carroll.pdf](http://www.jpands.org/vol12no3/carroll.pdf)

## ***Quebec City Life Chain Draws Media Crowd***

A small Life Chain gathering in Quebec City on October 7 drew unexpected attention from major and local media outlets, including the CBC, when a local anarchist group set up an aggressive counter-demonstration across the street. About 25 pro life supporters, including children, gathered in front of a local hospital for one hour of silent prayer and public witness to the reality of abortion. When the group arrived at their designated location, they were asked by police to move further down the road to avoid provoking the pro-choice crowd of some 80 participants already in place, according to a report by Life Chain organizer Stefan Jetchick. The one police vehicle on location was stationed some distance away since the anarchist group had a history of violence against the police. The pro-choice crowd called insults to the demonstrators, banged sticks on the street and displayed anti-religious and anti-life signs. The Life Chain has not been held in Quebec City for the past few years. The annual event is held in communities across Canada and the United States every fall, in a powerful witness to the hidden victims of abortion.

## ***Pregnant Woman's Murder Stirs Demand for New Law***

The murder of a young Toronto woman and her unborn seven-month baby on October 2 has added weight to calls for a change to Canadian law that would allow separate charges in the baby's death. Under Canada's Criminal Code, a baby is granted legal status as a person only after it has emerged live from the body of its mother. The person responsible for the death of the mother and baby can only be charged with the death of the woman, since the child is not yet considered a person. The death of the Toronto woman and her baby is the fourth such incident to confront the Canadian public in the last three years. Two Alberta women were killed, along with their unborn babies, in separate cases in 2005. Another BC woman was murdered in 2006 when pregnant, her burned body discovered along an area highway. In all four cases, the person charged was closely connected to the woman and knew of the pregnancy—in three cases the person charged and/or convicted was the husband of the woman.

## ***Final Registration for 2007 National Pro-Life Conference in Moncton, N.B!***

Moncton Right to Life is hosting the 2007 national conference October 25 to 27, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Moncton, New Brunswick. LifeCanada will be holding its Eighth Annual General Meeting from 3:00 – 4:30 pm on Thursday October 25, 2007.

The 13 top speakers include:

- Rev. John Ensor, Baptist minister from Miami Fla, leader of a crisis pregnancy center initiative with HeartBeat International.
- Stephanie Gray, executive director, Canadian Center for Bio-Ethical Reform
- Mary Ann Kuharski, president of PROLIFE Across America, an organization known for posting positive pro-life messages on billboards across the U.S.
- Dr. Clem Persaud, professor of microbiology (retired)



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

For more information or to download a registration form please visit the LifeCanada website:  
[www.lifecanada.org](http://www.lifecanada.org)

## ***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.

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