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The members of the ProLife society believe in the right to life of all human beings from the moment of fertilization until natural death, and we support only the use of peaceful means to promote the purposes of the society.

COMING EVENTS

May

01 Annual Potluck/ Silent Auction
Immaculate Conception
Door 6:00 Dinner 6:30

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At this time of year, as we look around us, we all rejoice and delight in the beauty and the wonder and the blessing of new life. That made it all the more disheartening when I read the latest report on abortion statistics for the year 2001 and was reminded that not all new life is so highly regarded. This report, released by Statistics Canada, stated that 106,418 induced abortions were performed in 2001.

This represents an increase of nearly 1% from the previous year. Equally distressing is the fact that this report did not include chemical abortions by the abortion pill or the abortifacient morning-after pill, or abortions by abortifacient "contraceptives." We can only guess at how many more lives have been needlessly ended by these other methods.

Since 1969, more than 2,000,000 abortions have taken place throughout Canada. And now, approximately one pregnancy in three is terminated, with British Columbia having the second highest rate (per 1,000 women) of all the provinces.

What can we do to turn these figures around? We need to continue to strive in all our efforts to educate, to raise awareness, to keep the pressure on politically – and to pray. There are some wonderful things that are now happening in these areas and I would like to share them with you.

Saskatchewan Member of Parliament, Garry Breitkreuz, has prepared a motion, Motion M-482, calling on Parliament to introduce a bill entitled "Women's Right to Know Act." This act would ensure that women contemplating an abortion would be given complete information from their doctor concerning all the risks involved before being referred. It would also provide penalties to any doctor who performs an abortion without the informed consent of the mother or performs an abortion that is not medically necessary for maintaining health, preventing disease or diagnosing or treating an injury, illness or disability. If women knew all the facts, would there be as many abortions? I don't think so. We need to make sure that this motion succeeds. When you see a petition supporting this motion, please take a minute to stop and sign it. Each name on that petition makes an impact. Your signature is needed!



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The March for Life in Washington D.C. had a tremendous response with between 100,000 and 125,000 people participating from the United States and around the world. In Ottawa, they are encouraged by these numbers for their own March for Life which will be held May 12-14. They are hoping that this year will break last year's record turn-out of 3,500. Each year, as the numbers continue to grow, more and more elected officials are seeing that, indeed, the unborn do have a voice in this country. On May 12, a Candlelight Vigil will be held at the Canadian Human Rights Monument. You are requested to take a moment at 5:30 p.m. to pray, together with those at the monument, for all our unborn.

This month, the ProLife Society of British Columbia is hosting their provincial conference, "Proclaiming Life in a Culture of Death." Many experienced, knowledgeable and powerful speakers will be present to educate and motivate all attending. Among those at the conference will be a dynamic young woman, Suzin Pinkoski, who will be beginning her "Chastity Tour" throughout the province. The Prince George ProLife Society is now busy making plans for Suzin to include Prince George on her tour. We hope to be able to reach out to as many young people as possible. The message of chastity needs to get out. This is one of the best ways to work towards the end of abortion.

These are just a few of the many activities and events already happening in our city, our province, and our country. Perhaps, when Statistics Canada releases abortion statistics for 2002 and 2003, we will see that the numbers have already started turning around. I hope so. But, in the meantime, we must continue - and increase - all our efforts for the unborn. Lives depend on it!

P.S. Please, remember to come out for our Annual Potluck Supper and Silent Auction on May 1. As this is our main fundraiser, we hope to see many there to help support the work we do throughout the year. It's also important for all of us to have an opportunity to be together, support and encourage one another, and to have some fun.

Laura Fowlie, President

USAID Unleashes More Population Control Says Population Research Institute

Ominous warning about coming population collapse and social and economic collapse

FRONT ROYAL, VA, April 8, 2004 (/LifeSiteNews.com)

In its current Weekly Report, the Population Research Institute (PRI) warns that, even though the rate of world population growth is in rapid decline, and mortality rates throughout the developing world are at an all-time high, USAID is still advocating more family planning.

A new report by the U.S. Census Bureau states, "The slowdown in the growth of the world's population can be traced primarily to declines in fertility. Alarmingly, says PRI, the bureau predicts that the level of fertility for the world as a whole will drop below replacement level by 2050.

Part of the reason for the decline in population growth is that 20 million people have died of AIDS and, "Barring some major breakthrough," the forty million people worldwide who are now living with HIV are expected to die within the next 10 years.

The Census Bureau report claims that over 100 million women in the world today have an "unmet need" for contraception. How can the U.S. Census Bureau make this claim, exclaims PRI, given the greater unmet need for HIV/AIDS prevention and basic life-saving aid? The answer to this is that the Bureau for Global Health of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has contributed largely to this report.

The pro-life population research organization emphasizes that many developed countries in the world today are already facing severe economic and societal challenges because of under-population. And many developing nations will likely never develop before absolute population decline strikes hard, due to pressures to increase contraceptive use and lower fertility in the face of record-high mortality rates. By 2050, the Census Bureau predicts, the global fertility rate will be below replacement.

When this happens, says PRI, population collapse is imminent. Social and economic collapse will follow.

The Weekly Report calls on the U.S. government to stop spending hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars each year on programs designed to lower the number of babies born even further. The U.S.

government must abandon its thirty-year effort to contracept and sterilize the world. USAID's Office of Population must be shut down. And all population monies must be shifted to pro-natal programs. Otherwise the looming threat of global depopulation will become a devastating reality.

PRI concludes, that it's time for the population control movement to call off the dogs. The population explosion it predicted never happened."

<http://www.pop.org>

Manitoba Government Says No Money for Non-Profit Abortion Mill: More Profit if We Open Our Own

WINNIPEG, April 12, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - In a ruse to force the government to fund abortions with public money, Henry Morgentaler sold his Winnipeg abortion clinic to a non-profit organization. The not-for-profit board of "Jane's Clinic" told the CBC that they want equal treatment, in other words, full funding for abortion procedures provided by their clinic, as is the case for abortions committed in hospital settings.

Similar moves have garnered public funds for abortuaries in Newfoundland, Ontario, Alberta and B.C.

Jim Rondeau, Manitoba's minister responsible for healthy living told CBC that there will not be any public money for Jane's Clinic, because the province is planning to get in on the action and open its own abortion clinic.

Jane's Clinic board chair Amanda Le Rougetel said she won't accept no for an answer. "We are going to throw down the gauntlet. That's what this is about," she told CBC news. "Let's force the hand and see what is the real issue here that the Doer government has with abortion services in a clinic setting."

Morgentaler is currently embroiled in a legal battle to win the right to milk the New Brunswick populace for provincial funding for his abortion facility in Fredericton.

On Friday, a Winnipeg television station, CKY, released the results of a poll initiated on a previous night's news broadcast asking if the taxpayer should pay for abortions at a private clinic - the

results revealed that 25 percent were in favour v. 75 percent against.

See related LifeSiteNews.com coverage "Non-Profit Status for Morgentaler Winnipeg Clinic a Ploy for Public Funds," at:

<http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2004/apr/04040803.html>

Senate vote on Bill C-6 will open the floodgates and cause the death of countless human embryos.

OTTAWA, March 11, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The Senate of Canada passed with undo haste, Bill C-6 yesterday. In a great hurry to rise today as March break begins and because Paul Martin wants this legislation before an election, the Senate of Canada passed Bill C-6. By deliberately shutting out the voices of those opposed to the legislation, Senators have refused to hear valid arguments against it.

"We are deeply disturbed and saddened by the passage of Bill C-6," said Jim Hughes, National President of Campaign Life Coalition. "We had hoped the Senate would provide some 'sober second thought' on the issues after the legislation passed by such a slim vote in Parliament (149 to 140)," he continued. "Now we begin another era in the deliberate destruction and dehumanization of newly conceived human beings in Canada."

"We have no confidence in regulations to be set in the future which will offer no protection to human life," said Karen Murawsky, Public affairs Director of Campaign Life Coalition in Ottawa. "The restriction being offered will also likely be loosened in the future, when a three year review comes about," she added.

Bill C-6:

- **Will allow cloning.** All forms of cloning are not banned despite the assurances to the contrary.
- **Human being** is not defined in the legislation. The Bill referred to "human organisms". A human being is in existence from the time of fertilization and no amount of semantics will change that. Every power which wants to abuse and kill a segment of society has first de-humanized them.

- **Human embryos will die** in experimentation permitted by this legislation. Embryos will be created for research. Scientists will collect tax money to carry out these diabolical experiments.
- **Adult stem cells** have proven effective in the cure and control of many diseases. Embryonic stem cell research has not.

Campaign Life Coalition will continue to oppose every aspect of this immoral work. In the words of Winston Churchill, "we have entered an new dark age of perverted science."

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United Nations Meetings on Population Control Promotes Abortion, Bashes Bush

SANTIAGO, March 11, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - In two separate United Nations meetings this week abortion was pushed under the guise of reproductive rights. With the knowledge that the term 'reproductive health services' officially includes abortion in UN parlance, the two meetings demonstrated a more brazen pro-abortion stance than usual according to UN watchers.

A two day meeting in Santiago sponsored by the U.N. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean saw health ministers from Latin American and Caribbean countries and the United States meeting to discuss implementation of the 1994 Cairo International Conference on Population and Development goals.

At the meeting, Carmen Barroso, regional director of International Planned Parenthood Federation for Latin America and the Caribbean, said that in the last 10 years there has been a decrease in mortality due to abortion, mostly because of "growing desire for smaller families and increased access to family-planning methods." Taking a shot at

Catholics, Barroso added "a recent survey in Mexico showed that regarding sexual and reproductive health and rights, the Catholic population is taking a different position from the strict doctrine preached by the pope. Around 96 percent of those surveyed believe that public health centers should offer free contraceptive methods and that the government should promote the use of condoms."

Meanwhile in Amsterdam, Agnes van Ardenne, Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation and Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), pledged to fight religious resistance to abortion. They agreed "to break the silence and taboos on culture and religion and their relation to reproductive and sexual health and rights."

Attended by more than 100 experts from around the world, the conference, "Cairo and Beyond: Reproductive Rights and Culture", was organized by the Government of the Netherlands and the UNFPA on the occasion of International Women's Day, 8 March.

In a joint final statement, Ms. Ardenne and Ms. Obaid called on governments to ensure "the right of young people to information, including sexual education, and reproductive health services".

See the UN release on the Amsterdam meeting and a UN Wire report on the Santiago meeting:
<http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2004/pop890.doc.htm>

http://www.unwire.org/UNWire/20040311/449_13902.asp

House Motion Proposes New Criminal Offence for Murdering an Unborn Child

YORKTON, March 12, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Garry Breitkreuz, MP for Yorkton-Melville, has taken another bold step in his ten-year fight to protect the rights of unborn children. Yesterday, he introduced Private Member's Motion M-560 that calls on the government to create a new criminal code offence for the murder of an unborn child. "Parliament must send a clear message to anyone contemplating using deadly force against a

pregnant woman," said Breitkreuz.

Motion M-560 states: That, in the opinion of this House, the government should introduce an amendment to the Criminal Code of Canada creating a new offence to ensure that any person who murders a woman knowing that she is pregnant, shall be charged with the murder of the unborn child.

"Statistics Canada doesn't even keep statistics on the number of pregnant women that are murdered, said Breitkreuz. "However, they did find two reports, one by the Maryland Department of Health that found that the leading cause of death among pregnant or recently pregnant women was homicide, and the second by Peel Regional Council in Ontario reporting that 21% of abused women were assaulted during pregnancy (Statistics Canada, 1994)."

"I don't know why Statistics Canada doesn't collect this important life and death information. But from the research available, it seems that pregnant women are more at risk of being assaulted and murdered. This means that their unborn children are also at risk. I'm not going to wait years for the Liberal government to get its act together. Murderers should face two life terms if they murder a pregnant woman and her baby," declared Breitkreuz.

Utah Woman Charged with Homicide after Refusing C-Section

SALT LAKE CITY, March 12, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - A mentally disturbed woman in Utah is being charged with one first-degree felony count of criminal homicide after refusing a caesarian section that would have saved the life of one of her twin babies. Melissa Ann Rowland, 28, was charged Thursday with showing "depraved indifference to human life." Rowland was carrying twins, a boy and a girl, and had been repeatedly informed that a caesarian section was immediately necessary. Rowland refused because she wanted to avoid scarring saying she would rather "lose one of the babies than be cut like that." Rowland had two other children before the delivery of the

surviving twin girl and is currently in jail on child endangerment charges.

The case once again highlights the contradiction and moral confusion to be found in the medical and legal communities over abortion. Had Rowland insisted on a partial birth abortion, the legal and medical communities would likely be in support of her decision, on the grounds that a homicide charge could not apply to an unborn "fetus".

Brigham Young University law professor Marguerite Driessen, made this point in remarks on how the case could affect the legal status of the child before birth. Driessen said that it could open the door to the prosecution of mothers who smoke or don't follow their obstetrician's diet. "It's very troubling to have somebody come in and say we're going to charge this mother for murder because we don't like the choices she made," she said.

A nurse at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake, told police that during a visit there, Rowland was recommended to undergo a c-section immediately and two hospitals were recommended. She left LDS hospital after signing a document that admitted she understood the need for the emergency surgery. Rowland allegedly said she would rather have both twins die before she went to either of the suggested hospitals. The boy died two days before delivery and, according to the testimony of a doctor at LDS hospital who examined Rowland, would have survived if Rowland had undergone a C-section when urged to do so.

Duluth News Tribune.com coverage:

<http://www.duluthsuperior.com/mld/duluthsuperior/news/8164008.htm>

UNICEF Nigerian Polio Vaccine Contaminated with Sterilizing Agents Scientist Finds

KADUNA, Nigeria, March 11, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - A UNICEF campaign to vaccinate Nigeria's youth against polio may have been a front for sterilizing the nation. Dr. Haruna Kaita, a pharmaceutical scientist and Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Ahmadu Bello University in Zaria, took samples of the vaccine to labs in India for analysis.

Using WHO-recommended technologies like Gas Chromatography (GC) and Radio-Immuno assay, Dr. Kaita, upon analysis, found evidence of serious contamination. "Some of the things we discovered in the vaccines are harmful, toxic; some have direct effects on the human reproductive system," he said in an interview with Kaduna's Weekly Trust. "I and some other professional colleagues who are Indians who were in the Lab could not believe the discovery," he said.

A Nigerian government doctor tried to persuade Dr. Kaita that the contaminants would have no bearing on human reproduction. "...I was surprised when one of the federal government doctors was telling me something contrary to what I have learned, studied, taught and is the common knowledge of all pharmaceutical scientists -- that estrogen cannot induce an anti-fertility response in humans," he said. "I found that argument very disturbing and ridiculous."

When asked by the Trust why Dr. Kaita felt the drug manufacturers would have contaminated the Oral Polio Vaccine, he gave three reasons: "These manufacturers or promoters of these harmful things have a secret agenda which only further research can reveal. Secondly they have always taken us in the third world for granted, thinking we don't have the capacity, knowledge and equipment to conduct tests that would reveal such contaminants. And very unfortunately they also have people to defend their atrocities within our mist, and worst still some of these are supposed to be our own professionals who we rely on to protect our interests."

Dr. Kaita is demanding that "those who imported this fake drug in the name of Polio Vaccines...be prosecuted like any other criminal."

The campaign to rid Nigeria of polio is in its fourth year. Officials there claim that all contaminated vaccines have been exhausted and replaced by uncontaminated batches.

In a rhetorical conclusion to the interview, Dr. Kaita asked "What plans has the government put in place to help children who have been given these toxic and contaminated vaccines in case they start reacting to them?"

This is not the first time UNICEF has been embroiled in a controversy over sterilizing agents in vaccines. LifeSiteNews.com reported that in 1995, the Catholic Women's League of the Philippines won a court order halting a UNICEF anti-tetanus program because the vaccine had been laced with B-hCG, which when given in a vaccine permanently causes women to be unable to sustain a pregnancy. The Supreme Court of the Philippines found the surreptitious sterilization program had already vaccinated three million women, aged 12 to 45. B-hCG-laced vaccine was also found in at least four other developing countries.

Swedish Woman Dies of Abortion Drug RU-486

UDDEVALLA, March 9, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - A young woman has died recently from an RU 486 abortion in the Swedish west coast city of Uddevalla. The Swedish pro-life group JA till Livet has informed LifeSiteNews.com that the country's National Board of Health and Welfare has issued a report concluding that the death of the unnamed young woman was a result of the chemically induced abortion.

The woman, over seven weeks pregnant, reportedly chose to have an RU 486 abortion. One week after meeting with the gynecologist, she returned to the hospital to take three 200 mg Mifegyne pills. Two days later she returned and received two 0,2 mg pills of Cytotec (Misoprostol).

The government report indicates she was administered the drugs at 8:25 am. She was reported to have been very tired, felt sick and slept most of the time. Bleeding started in the afternoon at 3 pm and the patient received pain medication. At 4:30 pm the patient was able to return home after a "big blob" had "come out". A follow-up visit for one month later was scheduled as she left the hospital.

Two days later a nurse tried to contact the woman by phone, but failed. Six days later, the woman was found dead in her home. The country coroner's report concluded that she had died as a result of blood loss following a chemically

induced abortion. The government report said, "A young woman bled to death as a direct consequence of the treatment."

The abortion pill has been the cause of numerous deaths around the world. Legalized in the United States in September 2000 the pill has been responsible for the deaths of at least four women in North America, most recently 18-year-old Holly Patterson. In 5-8 percent of cases, RU-486 causes severe complications. Danco, the drug's manufacturer, has reported at least 400 adverse events since RU-486 was approved in the U.S.

See related LifeSite coverage:

Hospital Failed to Cite Holly Patterson's Death from RU-486 as Unusual

<http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2004/feb/04022606.html>

Abortion Debate at Prestigious Canadian High School Leaves Pro-Abortion Leader without Support

TORONTO, March 4, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Upper Canada College, a prestigious boy's college in Toronto, hosted debates on the abortion and euthanasia issues last month. The abortion debate saw seasoned pro-abortion activist Joyce Arthur, the founder and long-time leader of the pro-choice action network, the foremost abortion advocacy group in BC, debating Campaign Life Coalition Youth Director Gillian Long.

Long was informed that Arthur would be with her on the panel and Long would be able to respond, but that Arthur has a "no-debate policy" which she abides by.

Long spoke first and concluded her presentation by showing the students the Center for Bioethical Reform's "Choice" photos which depict graphically the results of early abortions. Long told the students to keep in mind that when abortion proponents speak of "choice" and a "fertilized egg" what they were really talking about was the dismembered bodies depicted in the photos.

During Arthur's presentation students jaws dropped as she claimed that unborn children are not alive until the mother decides so.

The question period revealed the student's

discomfort with Arthur's presentation. One student asked Arthur "you keep talking about choice, but doesn't your choice to have an abortion undermine my choice to be against abortion if my tax dollars are paying for it?" Arthur's response, suggesting that tax dollars are spent on many things that people don't agree with, did not satisfy the students. Several other students asked Arthur pointed questions indicating, if not outright pro-life views, at least an annoyance with the lack of scientific foundation backing pro-abortion arguments.

After the presentation Arthur was seen leaving the auditorium unattended while students were seen milling around Long, asking questions.

John Hof of Campaign Life Coalition BC informed LifeSite that on her website Arthur has penned an article entitled, "Why we don't debate the anti-choice." Hof commented, "Now we know why"

In the coming days, LifeSite will be reporting on the euthanasia debate that took place at the College as well.

AMA Conscience Clause Report

The American Medical Association has set out seven principles to guide exemption of medical students from activities to which they object for reasons of conscience. The Association recommends that discussion about conflicts of conscience be part of the regular curriculum, that medical schools establish procedures to allow students to be exempted from activities for religious or ethical reasons, and that students be apprised of the policies.

It is further suggested that medical schools "define... what general types of activities" may be the subject of conscientious objection, a potentially problematic aspect of the policy. Other problems may arise in interpreting the section that requires students to learn the "basic content" of the activity in question, or in applying the seventh principle that "patient care" should not be "compromised." Those who consider procedures like abortion, contraception or contraceptive sterilization to be legitimate forms of "patient

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care" are likely to apply the principle very differently from those who do not. However, the attempt to deal with this issue and accommodate conscientious objection is commendable, and one hopes that good faith shown by students and administration will overcome difficulties that may arise in the application of the principles.

For the text of Policy H-295.896, see: www.ama-assn.org

Source: *The Protection of Conscience Project*
www.consciencelaws.org

Websites of Interest

- www.albertaprolife.com
- www.physiciansforlife.com
- www.justthefacts.org
- www.euthanasiaprevention.on.ca
- www.hopeafterabortion.com
- www.lifesite.net

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