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May 2008

14 Day of Infamy
On 15th Avenue at
Burden Street
(west of PGRH)
4 — 5 pm

June 2008

21 ProLife Picnic
Fort George Park
3 pm to 6 pm

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Easter! I pray that the blessings of this Easter season fill your homes with love, peace, and the joy of being alive! It is a time to celebrate life in all forms - resurrected life, the rebirth of life in nature, and the life of each precious child of God.

Too often, however, we find that this gift of life is considered to be an inconvenience or a punishment or a consequence that is to be avoided. President Obama, speaking in Johnstown, Pennsylvania last year was quoted as saying, "I've got two daughters... if they make a mistake, I don't want them punished with a baby." Unfortunately, this seems to be the mindset of many in today's society. I don't want to spend too much time here on what's happening in the States and on how a great number of the "changes" promised by Obama have proven to be anti-life, because the sad fact is that much of what he hopes to bring about is what we already have happening here at home. Abortion on demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy with funding by taxpayers' dollars - a goal of the U.S. president - is very much a reality in Canada.

Yet, we realize that there is

really no such thing as avoiding consequences - and the consequences of a civilization's disrespect for life strike deeply at the core of all humankind. Allow me to share these words of Mother Teresa: "The so-called right to abortion has pitted mothers against their children and women against men. It has sown violence and discord at the heart of the most intimate human relationships. It has aggravated the derogation of the father's role in an increasingly fatherless society. It has portrayed the greatest of gifts - a child - as a competitor, an intrusion, and an inconvenience. Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government. They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity. The right to life does not depend, and must not be declared to be contingent, on the pleasure of anyone else, not even a parent or a sovereign."

We are all now bearing the greatest of consequences - the devastating effects of abortion on families, on countries and on all of society.

During this holy season, as we are reminded of God's everlasting love for each of his beloved children, keep in

prayer all those whose hearts have been hardened to the beautiful gift of life and, also, all those who find themselves in difficult circumstances without the loving support they need to make life-giving choices.

I want to share with you a couple of concerns that have recently come to the forefront. The first involves pro-life students at the University of Calgary, who were displaying an exhibit of the Genocide Awareness Project on their campus. For those who are unfamiliar with this exhibit, it consists of billboards that show the genocide of the Jews in the holocaust and of the Blacks in the southern U.S. It also shows pictures of unborn babies who were victims of abortion. These pictures demonstrate how, throughout history, groups of people who have been deemed to be "non-human or less than fully human" have been mistreated and put to death. These historic genocides of both the Jews and the Blacks are compared to today's genocide of abortion.

After erecting the billboards, these students were told that it was not permissible to have

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DAY OF INFAMY

May 14 - 4:00 to 5:00 pm
On 15th Avenue at Burden
(west of PGRH)

On May 14, 1969, the Liberal government of the day passed a bill that opened the door to unrestricted abortion in Canada. Since then over 3 million unborn babies have been slaughtered by surgical abortions. An unknown number have been killed by chemical abortion. There has been no law restricting abortion in Canada since 1988.

The ProLife Society invites you to help mark this "Day of Infamy" with a quiet prayerful witness on 15th Avenue at Burden Street. For more information call Pat @ 564-0643 or Laura @ 563-3874

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them facing outward for students to see as they passed by. As this project's ultimate goals are to inform and to encourage people to look at the truth of abortion through new eyes, the students felt it was necessary to keep the billboards facing the walkways. These students have now had charges laid against them, and their Student Union has revoked their right to meet as a pro-life club. This is, sadly, just one of numerous instances of the freedom of speech being denied to those who are speaking out against this act of violence against the unborn. It seems that we are all being asked to respect the right of individuals to express their beliefs, except when those beliefs happen to be pro-life.

A second concern, recently addressed by LifeSiteNews, a pro-life website, is that of Development and Peace and of some of the organizations that it funds. According to LifeSiteNews, these funded organizations have been promoting abortions in various countries around the world. There has been a great deal of controversy and dispute concerning the validity of this accusation. It is my hope that this matter will be fully looked into and that any necessary steps will be taken to correct the situation as soon as possible. Development and Peace is known for the many good works it does and for the many lives it positively impacts. If there is a legitimate concern, it would be counter-productive to pretend it doesn't exist, as some dioceses have already decided to withhold their donations.

I ask that you keep all of these concerns in your prayers. Not only must we be faithful people of prayer but we also need, each and every one of us, to become educators. Keep informed and up-to-date on life issues, and share freely what you have learned with those around you. Prayer and education are the keys to transforming minds and hearts and to creating a culture of life.

Laura Fowlie, President

UNICEF CALLS FOR LEGAL ABORTION IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

By Piero A. Tozzi, J.D. and Paola Ocejvo

NEW YORK, NY, April 23, 2009 (C-FAM) - Despite direct intervention by a top United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) official, the Dominican Republic appears poised to adopt a new constitution that protects human life "from conception until death."

While Dominican lawmakers were debating the merits of such a provision and the nation's penal prohibition of abortion, Nils Kastberg, UNICEF's regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean, interjected himself, calling on Dominican legislators to consider liberalizing abortion so women would not be forced into "unsafe procedures." He also suggested they would be "hypocrites" unconcerned with the nation's

higher-than-average teen birth rate. Kastberg made his statements while visiting the capital of Santo Domingo at the end of March.

Rather than bowing to external pressure from UNICEF and pro-abortion non-governmental organizations, this week members of the bicameral constitutional assembly voted 167-32 to approve the proposed charter, including Article 30, which states, "The right to life is inviolable from conception to death." Another article would define marriage as being between a man and a woman.

Pro-lifers are considering the constitutional reform to be a fait accompli, though a second reading followed by formal promulgation by the President is also required. Support crossed party lines, with the opposition Partido Revolucionario Dominicano and Partido Reformista Social Cristiano and most members of the President's Partido de la Liberación Dominicana declaring their support for the right-to-life provision.

The meddling by Kastberg, a Swedish national, also brought to mind another pro-abortion Latin American intervention by UNICEF and other United Nations agencies. When Nicaragua strengthened legislation protecting the unborn in 2006, UNICEF joined agencies like the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Development Fund in signing a letter to the head of the Nicaraguan National Assembly that asserted - incorrectly - that the legislation violated rights contained in various international documents such as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination, or CEDAW.

In addition, four Scandinavian countries, as well as Holland and Canada signed the letter, with Sweden reportedly cutting over \$20 million in foreign aid to Nicaragua as a result of the legislative reform, and Finland threatening to link continued aid to changes in Nicaragua's abortion law.

Despite its image as a benign agency dedicated to assisting children in the developing world, in recent years UNICEF has supported liberalized abortion. According to Douglas Sylva, a senior fellow of the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM) and the author of a White Paper on the agency, UNICEF is "an opportunistic advocate of abortion rights." One long-time UNICEF watcher told C-Fam's Friday Fax, "Where does UNICEF get the authority to interfere in the constitutional decisions of a sovereign state?"

When formally adopted, the Dominican Republic will join other Latin American nations whose constitutions explicitly protect unborn life, including Chile, Paraguay, and Guatemala. In addition, at least 10 Mexican states have amended their state constitutions to protect life from the moment of conception, including most recently, the Pacific coast state of Nayarit. The pro-life constitutional revisions in Mexico and the

Dominican Republic signal popular reaffirmation of pro-life principles throughout the region.

FDA CAVES, MAKES PLAN B AVAILABLE TO 17-YEAR-OLDS WITHOUT PRESCRIPTION

By Kathleen Gilbert

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 23, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced yesterday they would not appeal last month's ruling by a federal judge ordering the agency to make the controversial morning-after pill available to 17-year-olds without a prescription.

A New York district court judge had ruled March 23 that the FDA's decision under the Bush administration to restrict minor girls' free access to the pill was "arbitrary and capricious."

Judge Edward R. Korman's ruling was lauded by the Center for Reproductive Rights, which had launched the lawsuit against the FDA. The Center insisted that the potent hormonal drug, which became available over-the-counter to adults in 2006, should be more available to "young women who might benefit most from this form of contraception."

The ruling will be implemented after Plan B's manufacturer submits a request to the FDA.

Concerned Women for America's (CWA) President Wendy Wright, who spoke at the FDA's original hearing on the issue, said the decision was "driven by politics, not what is good for patients or minors."

"Parents should be furious at the FDA's complete disregard for parental rights and the safety of minors," said Wright.

Wright decried the health risks posed by the largely untested drug, which has been called a "hormonal bomb."

"The FDA requires a prescription for the lower dose of the same drug for good reason," she said. "It can cause blood clots, heart attacks, and strokes in healthy women."

Wright condemned the decision for forcing the FDA to become "snake oil salesmen," as she says the order was based on a false impression of the drug's effectiveness.

"Pregnancy counselors report that women are relying on Plan B as a regular form of birth control because it is easy to get," said Wright. "They are not aware that it is less effective than other methods of birth control and that it has not been tested to determine the effects of using it multiple times."

"Women, parents, and children who rely on the FDA to do their job deserve better than this shoddy decision," she concluded.

Though Plan B is normally considered a "contraceptive," studies by the FDA and Plan B's manufacturer have shown Plan B to cause the death

of an already fertilized embryo in 75 to 89% of cases, rather than prevent conception.

ADULT STEM CELLS USED SUCCESSFULLY TO CURE DIABETICS, HEAL BROKEN JAW BONE

By Thaddeus M. Baklinski

April 16, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - A study carried out in Brazil and published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, on the use of adult stem cells to treat diabetes, has found that most of the patients in the study group were partially or wholly healed of the disease after receiving injections of stem cells from their own bone marrow.

The procedure, called autologous nonmyeloablative hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT), was carried out on 15 patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus (DM). The report on the study stated that most of the patients no longer needed insulin injections after the treatment and were still "insulin free with normal levels of glycated hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) during a mean 18.8-month follow-up" .

"After a mean follow-up of 29.8 months ... the majority of patients achieved insulin independence with good glycemic control."

However, the astonishingly positive results of the use of adult stem cells to treat diabetes have received very little mainstream media coverage, a fact that has been strongly criticized by conservative bioethicist Wesley Smith.

"Had this been an embryonic stem cell success, the story would have reaped huge headlines and an angry lead editorial decrying President Bush for his stem cell funding policy," said Smith.

"You see, successful human treatments don't count as news if they are from adult stem cells. That doesn't fit the media narrative that ESCR [embryonic stem cell research] is the future. That is why a prospective Geron ESC human trial that might or might not work, got more coverage than these stories of an actual major success did put together," said Smith.

Smith observed that Dr. Richard K. Burt of Northwestern University's medical school and one of the study's researchers, explained why the success happened in Brazil instead of the USA, saying, "The research was done in Brazil because doctors in the United States were not interested in the approach."

In another recent report of the successful use of adult stem cells, Korean doctors have re-grown a patient's jawbone using his own adult stem cells.

An 18-year-old Korean boy, who had one side of his jawbone and most of his teeth removed due to a tumour, had stem cells taken from his bone marrow, which were then "multiplied and specialized to form an osteoblast which is a bone-forming cell."

"It may sound complicated but the treatment itself is quite simple," one of the doctors involved told Arirang Korean News. "A bone-forming cell is injected into the impaired part and after six months to one year new bone material grows in to fill the gap."

"The advantage of this treatment is that it is very simple, because it is an injection. And also other parts of the patient's body are not involved in the treatment. So the patients, who are treated using their own adult stem cells, will not suffer from damage to other parts of their body."

The results of the trial were published in the British medical journal BMC Medicine and were also presented at the Korean Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

In related news, the pro-life position in the debate over the immorality and the practical challenges of using human embryonic stem cells in medical research received an unexpected boost during a recent appearance by Dr. Mehmet Oz, the director of the cardiovascular institute at Columbia University, on the "Oprah" television program.

"The stem cell debate is dead, and I'll tell you why," he told Oprah and guest Michael J. Fox, who has Parkinson's disease and is an outspoken advocate of embryonic stem cell research, and a nationwide audience.

"The problem with embryonic stem cells is that embryonic stem cells come from embryos - like all of us were made from embryos - and those cells can become any cell in the body," Oz said. "But it's very hard to control them, and so they can become cancer."

Referring to a form of adult stem cell research involving taking a person's own skin cells and reprogramming them into embryonic-like stem cells, called induced pluripotent stem cell research (iPS), Oz explained to Fox, "Here's what the deal is. I can take a little bit of your skin, take those cells, get them to go back in time so they're like they were when you were first made, and then they will start to make that dopamine, and I think those cells, because they won't be as prone to cancer - and because they're your genes - will be the ones that are ultimately used to cure Parkinson's."

Reinforcing Dr. Oz's statement is a report by Dr. Bernadine Healy in US News & World Report, where she comments on President Obama's campaign promise to lift the ban on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research.

"Several events reinforced the notion that embryonic stem cells, once thought to hold the cure for Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and diabetes, are obsolete. The most sobering: a report from Israel published in PLoS Medicine in late February that shows embryonic stem cells injected into patients can cause disabling if not deadly tumours," Dr. Healy wrote.

"The report describes a young boy with a fatal neuromuscular disease called ataxia telangiectasia, who was treated with embryonic stem cells. Within four years, he developed headaches and was found to have multiple tumours in his brain and spinal cord that genetically matched the female embryos used in his therapy."

The Coalition of Americans for Research Ethics lists 73 diseases which have been successfully treated using adult stem cell therapies. See:

<http://www.stemcellresearch.org/facts/treatments.htm>

This list has been validated by the American Medical Association, which published a paper demonstrating the therapeutic benefits of adult stem cells, and states that, "Adult stem cells continue to show their ability to successfully treat human disease and injury, while embryonic stem cells continue to demonstrate zero benefits for humans, and only limited results in animal models."

http://www.stemcellresearch.org/press/2008-02-27_JAMA.pdf

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CANADIAN STEM CELL BREAKTHROUGH

CLC National News - April 2009

On March 1, it was reported that scientists at the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine and Mount Sinai hospital in Toronto, may have made a big breakthrough in coaxing skin cells taken from skin to act more like embryonic stem cells in pluripotency.

The reprogrammed adult cells that appear to avoid the problem of embryonic stem cells that develop uncontrollably into tumours or other undesired tissue. The Toronto Star reported that the researchers think that the process they have discovered is a technique that will find innovative cures for disease and create personalized organs for patients.

The paper reports the "discovery quickly will be adopted by labs around the world and will accelerate further advances in biology's hottest field." It allows regenerative medicine to move forward without the ethical problems inherent in embryonic stem cell research. Furthermore, as McMaster University scientist Mickie Bhatia says, using adult stem cells from the patients themselves because they reduce the



Mickie Bhatia, the Scientific Director, McMaster Stem Cell and Cancer Research Institute, may have discovered an ethical way to create pluripotent stem cells from skin cells.

rejection dangers of using tissue created from other people's cells.

Dianne Irving, a biochemist formerly with the National Institute of Health in the U.S. and a bioethics expert at Georgetown University, warned pro-lifers to be cautious. She is concerned that the 'breakthrough' might resemble the 'ethical' adult stem cells utilized by Kyoto University researchers in Japan in 2007 that nonetheless relied on a fetal stem cell line and were not quite what was advertised. But, Irving said, if the research does not rely on embryonic or fetal material at any stage, it "should at least be given a chance." Independent verification of this new research is necessary to ensure that it is derived from ethical sources. The search for ethical sources, however, is a victory for the Bush policy that pushed for research that does not rely on the destruction of embryonic human beings.

The question is why, with the medical inferiority and ethical problems, anyone would continue to push for embryonic stem cells over adult stem cell research. Even if this story out of California and Toronto proves to have some ethical concern, there are numerous other adult stem cell success stories. There is simply no need to kill embryonic human beings and taxpayer funding should go only to ethical stem cell research.

MONTANA DOCTORS REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN ASSISTED SUICIDE

By Thaddeus M. Baklinski

HELENA, Montana, April 7, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - After Montana joined Washington and Oregon in legalizing physician-assisted suicide late last year, Montanans trying to kill themselves are having trouble finding a doctor to fill their "exit prescriptions."

The Denver-based assisted suicide advocacy group Compassion & Choices (formerly the Hemlock Society) is seeking to attract doctors willing to help patients exercise their "constitutional right to physician-assisted suicide" in Montana by releasing a statement from a 67-year-old woman who was not able to find a doctor willing to prescribe lethal drugs.

"I feel as though my doctors do not feel able to respect my decision to choose aid in dying," said Janet Murdock in the statement released last Friday. "Access to physician aid in dying would restore my hope for a peaceful, dignified death in keeping with my values and beliefs."

Compassion & Choices hopes that doctors will come forward to "treat" people like Murdock.

"It's really sad," said Kathryn Tucker, a lawyer for Compassion & Choices, in an Associated Press report. "Here we are after the ruling and Janet Murdock can't exercise that right."

The Montana Medical Association, which represents physicians in Montana, issued a policy statement

following the December 2008 ruling by First Judicial District Court Judge Dorothy McCarter which allowed doctors to help people kill themselves without facing penalties under the state's homicide laws.

"The Montana Medical Association does not condone the deliberate act of precipitating the death of a patient," the policy states, "and does not accept the proposition that death with dignity may be achieved only through physician-assisted suicide."

Dr. Kirk Stoner, president of the Montana Medical Association, said assisted suicide goes against the group's code of ethics. "Our reason for being is to care for our patients," he said in the AP report.

Conservative bioethicist Wesley J. Smith praised the Montana Medical Association for "refusing to cooperate with the suicide agenda" and pointed out that assisted suicide proponents have twisted the meaning of the Hippocratic Oath to defend their position.

The Compassion & Choices (Hemlock Society) blog states that, "The Hippocratic Oath demands this foremost from physicians: Do No Harm. Prolonging the suffering of a dying person is doing harm. Offering a choice to end the suffering, if that is what the person desires, is the way to do no harm."

Smith notes that the Oath actually states: "I will prescribe regimens for the good of my patients according to my ability and my judgment and never do harm to anyone. I will not give a lethal drug to anyone if I am asked, nor will I advise such a plan; and similarly I will not give a woman a pessary to cause an abortion. But I will preserve the purity of my life and my arts."

PRO-ABORTS WORK TO KEEP PRO-LIFE GROUPS FROM PARTICIPATING IN UN MEETINGS

By Samantha Singson

NEW YORK, NY, April 16, 2009 (C-FAM) - This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). While the international community holds meetings around the world to discuss global progress towards achieving the goals outlined in the 1994 ICPD program, the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and pro-abortion non-government organizations (NGOs) are attempting to block pro-life participation from discussions on "sexual and reproductive health and rights."

In particular, the ICPD +15 Global NGO Forum - to be held in September in Berlin - is being organized by a steering group composed of UNFPA, along with abortion advocates such as International Planned Parenthood Federation, the International Women's Health Coalition and Population Action International. Included on the list of objectives for the meeting is discussion of the "challenges to SRHR [sexual and reproductive health and rights] from those actively opposed to the agenda" - in other words, pro-life NGOs.

A note from the steering committee reveals that the "global" meeting will be limited to 400 people and on an application basis. Attendance is further restricted by the steering committee allotting 225 NGO representatives from the global South and only 100 from the North, and by an aspirational quota of having 25% of all NGO participation by young people under the age of 30. Pro-lifers believe this represents a concerted effort to keep them out of the meeting.

The UN in general and UNFPA in particular have a history of trying to keep out members of civil society who disagree with the pro-abortion ethos there. A UNFPA employee told pro-lifers at the Hague Forum, a similar meeting to this one in advance of Cairo+5 in 1999, that there "was a quota" on pro-life groups allowed into that meeting. The gate-keepers at the Beijing+5 meeting at UN headquarters in New York in 2000 accredited several thousand radical feminist NGO members but only 30 pro-lifers.

The original 1994 ICPD meeting held in Cairo was fraught with controversy over abortion. After months of heated debates over phrases like "reproductive rights," "reproductive health services" and "sexual and reproductive health," the nations of the world left Cairo with the agreement that the ICPD program of action created "no new rights," in particular, no new right to abortion. Many countries also made reservations to ensure that terms related to reproductive health could not be construed to include abortion.

Critics fear that the Global Forum meeting is just the latest attempt by abortion advocates to expand the ICPD program of action, under the guise of representing the "global" NGO community. Organizers at the meeting in Germany hope to draft and circulate a "call to action" which will contain provisions on ensuring "strong political and financial support" for sexual and reproductive health and rights and a push for "concrete national, regional and global accountability mechanisms and structures" to hold governments accountable. The call to action will be forwarded to the UN General Assembly.

Abortion advocates have steadily been ramping up for the ICPD +15 anniversary. At the UN Commission on Population and Development meeting earlier this month, abortion advocates focused on pressing countries to liberalize their laws and expand abortion access to prevent "unsafe abortion" as part of their ICPD commitments. During a panel discussion, Barbara Crane, executive vice president of the abortion advocate Ipas, lamented the lack of "courage and commitment" needed to "take the ICPD forward" and complained that only a few countries outlawed abortion but that they "too often drive discourse here at the UN."

A variety of other meetings to mark the ICPD anniversary are scheduled through the fall, including the World Health Assembly meeting in Geneva in May and UNFPA-organized parliamentary meeting in October.

BABY NAMED FAITH DEFIES DOCTOR'S PREDICTIONS FOR ANENCEPHALY AND THRIVES 6 WEEKS AFTER BIRTH

By Hilary White

MONCTON, Canada, April 7, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - A 23 year-old single mother named Myah Walker has created a blog to record the first weeks of the life of her newborn daughter. Faith Hope Walker was born a little over six weeks ago and her mother's blog features photos and videos of the child whom doctors predicted would not live more than a few minutes or hours after birth.

Myah, a single mother and student living in Moncton, New Brunswick, writes that when she was 19 weeks pregnant, doctors told her that the child suffered from anencephaly, that she had not developed a large part of her brain. Myah was told that the baby could not survive outside the womb and was alive only because "she was attached" to her mother. She was assured that Faith would be able neither to hear nor see. But contrary to doctors' predictions, and the received wisdom of most medical authorities on anencephaly, her mother reports that Faith is thriving and growing normally for a child her age.

Myah, a Christian, writes, "Contrary to pretty much everything that the medical community believes about anencephaly, Faith is functioning at the same level as any 'normal' baby of her age ... The only error here is the false information that doctors are being taught about anencephaly in med schools."

The earliest blog posts show photos of Faith while she was still in the womb, taken by 3D ultrasound technology, sucking her thumb and moving about. Myah was told by doctors that she could continue the pregnancy without risk, "Or, I could choose to induce early to terminate the pregnancy."

In deciding against abortion, she writes, the decision was obvious to her. "It was not a decision that I had to think about."

"For some reason I had to give the doctors my decision over and over again, which was frustrating. One doctor asked, 'Can I ask why you want to continue this pregnancy?' I guess some people are baffled by unconditional love."

Myah clarifies early in her daughter's online record that children diagnosed with anencephaly are often wrongly described as having no brain. After seeking a second opinion, Myah obtained further ultrasounds and was able to determine that Faith did have some parts of the brain developing, and believes that doctors told her that her baby had no brain based only on general knowledge of anencephaly.

"It is apparent to me that Faith does have a brain, despite what the doctors have said. Even though it is generally believed that anencephalic babies are blind, deaf, and cannot feel touch or think ... I don't believe that. Not at all," she wrote in December.

"So little is known about the human brain and the only one who really knows what's going on is God. I truly believe that Faith can think and can feel my touch and hear my voice."

Myah describes her meetings with doctors prior to birth, saying that the neonatologist, whom she does not name, offered no post-natal care for Faith, saying only that the opening in her head would be covered with a blanket. When Myah asked for painkillers and treatment for any seizures Faith might have, her requests were refused on the grounds that they constituted "futile" care for children with anencephaly.

Faith was born by caesarean section on February 19, and her mother wrote after 20 days, "Apart from a sterile dressing on her head that needs to be changed once a day, Faith lives a completely normal life. She isn't suffering or sickly, like you would expect. With no tubes and no machines supporting her life, she continues to thrive."

Anencephaly occurs, usually between the 23rd and 26th day of pregnancy, when the cephalic (head) end of the child's neural tube fails to close. Children with this disorder are usually born without parts of their forebrain, the largest part of the brain consisting mainly of the cerebral hemispheres, and the remaining brain tissue is sometimes exposed. In most cases, anencephalic children do not survive more than a few hours after birth. In the United States, approximately 1 out of 10,000 to 20,000 babies is born with anencephaly each year.

Anencephaly is considered by most doctors to be grounds for abortion and this is routinely offered to women whose children are found to suffer from the disorder during pregnancy.

Even some Catholic ethicists believe that such children should be "allowed to die" prematurely. In London, Ontario, a Catholic hospital maintains a policy offering "early inducement" for children with "fatal anomalies," including anencephaly, claiming that early termination of pregnancy is not contrary to Catholic teaching.

Read Myah's blog:

<http://babyfaithhope.blogspot.com/>

"THE SURPRISING LINK" PRESENTS MOVING, COMPELLING EVIDENCE OF ABORTION/BREAST CANCER LINK

By Steve Jalsevac

February 6, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Recently, Niagara Region Right to Life contracted LifeSiteNews to host a series of on line, half hour videos of a television program on life issues produced by the Life Issues Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio. The series, with host Brad Mattes, has been praised for its high quality, compelling and accurate productions on these crucial matters.

The series began in February with "The Surprising Link", a convincing and moving investigation of the link between abortion and breast cancer.

Charnette Messe, a 35-year-old mother of two, was living the American dream until she learned she had breast cancer, and then the very next day, found out she was pregnant. Fighting for her life and that of her baby, Charnette wanted answers, and, now, she wants to tell other women the truth she discovered about the abortion she kept a secret for 15 years and why it may have caused her cancer.

Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, a New Jersey breast surgeon and co-founder of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, provides a medical explanation of why abortion is the single, most avoidable risk factor for breast cancer.

LifeSiteNews highly recommends this video to all its readers. We have no doubt that most viewers will be impressed and moved by the personal witness of Charnette Messe and impressed by the evidence presented by Dr. Lanfranchi and Breast Cancer Institute co-founder Dr. Joel Brind.

Readers are encouraged to tell others about the "The Surprising Link". The lives of many young women are at stake.

This first video is presented in three parts and in both Windows Media and Quicktime formats. Some viewers may find that one or other of the formats will function better in their particular browser.

See "The Surprising Link":

<http://www.lifesitenews.com/video/facinglifeheadon/thesurpri...>

FATHERS' DAY "PICNIC IN THE PARK"

Join us in celebrating summer, families and fathers by coming out to the ProLife Society's "Picnic in the Park."

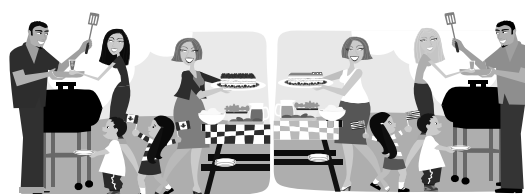
When: Sunday, June 21, from 3 pm to 6 pm

Where: Fort George Park Picnic Shelter

Potluck Supper

(Please bring a main course, salad or dessert)

Balloons, Activities and Games for the Children



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PROLIFE BOOTH AT THE PRINCE GEORGE EXHIBITION

Once again, the Prince George ProLife Society will be manning a booth at the Prince George Exhibition. We are pleased to be able to participate in this special annual event which gives us the opportunity to share a variety of pro-life information and which allows us to be a visible witness within our community. This year, the PGX will be extended from four days to five, from August 12 to 16, which means that we will be needing your help more than ever. Please consider taking on one or more of the shifts listed below and, if possible, invite a friend or family member to come along with you.

Schedule:

August 12-15: 10 am to 2 pm; 2 pm to 6 pm; 6 pm to 9 pm

August 16: 10 am to 2 pm; 2 pm to 6 pm

If you are able to volunteer for a shift, please call
Laura Fowlie at 250-563-3874 or send an email to
jafowlie@telus.net.



Roe v. Wade allows abortion throughout
all 9 months of pregnancy.

Have we gone too far?



Please contact the ProLife Society if you wish to make an "In Honour" donation or to arrange for "In Memorium" donations for your loved one.

In Honour Donations

What better way to honour a special person or occasion (perhaps a birthday, wedding anniversary or holiday) than by helping others? An honour donation provides a significant way to bring recognition to a living friend or loved one by helping a cause that has an impact in your community. Once a donation is made, the ProLife Society will send a letter to the honouree acknowledging your contribution. You will also receive a letter confirming your donation.

In Memorium Donations

Nothing can ever replace the loss of a friend or loved one, but we can commemorate their life with a tribute reminding us that they are not forgotten. Memorial donations are typically made in memory of a deceased family member, friend or coworker. A memorial donation is a fitting way to remember a special person while at the same time helping others. The ProLife Society responds to memorial donations by sending a letter to the deceased's family acknowledging the donation, as well as sending notification to the donor acknowledging the gift has been received and notification has been sent to the deceased's family.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership: New Renewal (Membership year starts from AGM in October)

Individual/Family \$24 Senior/Student \$12 Donation _____

Please send cheque to: **Prince George ProLife Society, PO Box 2333, Prince George BC V2N 2J8**
Note: Prince George ProLife cannot issue charitable tax receipts for donations. If you wish to receive a tax receipt, please make your donation a separate cheque, payable to **BC Pro Life**, noting "Prince George" on the memo line, and send to the above address.