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Members of the ProLife Society believe in the right to life of all human beings from the moment of fertilization until natural death. We support only the use of peaceful means to promote the aims of the society.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another summer has quickly come and gone and your executive is now back in full swing again. I hope your summer was relaxing and enjoyable and that you too are ready for a renewed, rejuvenated focus on pro-life issues. I know many of you have continued your efforts during the summer with letter writing and phone calls to elected officials, letters to the editor, and peaceful, prayerful witnesses against abortion outside of the hospital's "bubble zone," and I sincerely thank you for all that you have done. We all need to keep up this good work year round - and still there is always so much more that needs to be done - especially in educating all people to the sacredness and value of every human life from fertilization to natural death.



A very important part of this education process is with youth and with giving them other options for successfully living out their lives - not just following society's values, or lack of them. I am pleased that, once again, Suzin Pinkoski will be addressing our Prince George youth on chastity and healthy lifestyle choices. Suzin will be speaking on the weekend of October 1-3 at Cedars Christian School, the First Baptist Church and at a Catholic youth group gathering. The more we can get this message out to our young people, the better. They need to know that there are other choices available, choices that protect their health and dignity.

This year, the society, with your generous donations, invested in a billboard (first along Highway 97 South and now on Highway 97 North) whose picture draws attention to the fact that an eight-week unborn child is already fully formed and which proclaims, in bold letters, this truth: "Abortion - The Ultimate Child Abuse." It does not pull any punches. It says it as it is. Those who have had abortions are already well aware of this fact and that is why they suffer so. To hide the truth is to encourage others to have abortions. Unfortunately, some are threatened by the truth. Earlier in the year, the billboard was damaged by a fire that was deliberately set. The sign was restored and then, just recently, it was badly spray-painted. I would like to express my thanks to Vince Pfannmuller, who amazingly found a way to once again bring our sign to restoration. Well, we know one thing; the sign is surely getting people's attention. There have also been numerous letters to the editor in The Citizen concerning the billboard and these have helped to keep it and its message in the forefront. If we can spare any women from this suffering and if we can save even just one life, it will all be worth it.

The International Planned Parenthood Federation recently released its ten-year plan, "IPPF's Strategic Framework 2005-2015," which proposes to initiate

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COMING EVENTS

October 2004

- 1-3 Suzin Pinkoski
Chastity Challenge
- 3 Life Chain
- 14-16 National ProLife
Conference in
Winnipeg
- 21 AGM 7:30 pm

November

- 21 Pot Luck Supper
5 - 6:30 pm

January 2005

- 29 Supreme Court Vigil
1 - 2 pm

President's Message, cont.

sweeping new reproductive rights, including the right for all people anywhere in the world to have the right to abortion on demand and a right to "have access to safe abortion." This could imply that governments would have "to pay for abortions, train doctors, and set up abortion clinics." IPPF is already the largest abortion provider in the world and it plans to increase its "provision of abortion services to the fullest extent permitted by law, with special attention to young women and under-served and marginalized groups" and will also provide abortions to teen-age girls as a part of its "comprehensive youth-friendly high-quality services." They also promise to lessen the "religious barriers" to their plan and to "analyze opposition messages and tactics and formulate messages and strategies that anticipate, respond and counteract them." These are frightening words and we all need to educate and inform others as to what Planned Parenthood is proposing. Too many people have been fooled for too many years. We need to let them know exactly what is happening.

As an aside, I want to mention Planned Parenthood of America's T-shirt campaign. They are selling, on their website, T-shirts that read, "I Had An Abortion," in an effort to "de-stigmatize" abortion. Many groups and individuals, including supporters of abortion, have strongly spoken out against these shirts, as well they should! Planned Parenthood is desperately trying to play mind games with us all! We must stand up together against this assault on our values and not let them get away with their devious tactics. Once again, I stress that the education of our friends and family members and others we come in contact with is crucial.

This Sunday, October 3, on Fifteenth Ave. from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., we will be sponsoring this year's Annual Life Chain. This is an opportunity for you to get involved in a prayerful and powerful witness to the truth that "Abortion Kills Children." Please join us. Your support is vital. We need you - and so do all the unborn whose lives are being threatened!

Laura Fowlie, President

COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT ASKS UN TO DEFEND HUMAN LIFE FROM CONCEPTION - U.N. IGNORES PRO-LIFE AND ANTI-CLONING REFERENCES IN ITS REPORT ON SPEECH

NEW YORK, September 24, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Costa Rican President Abel Pacheco gave a spirited defence of the right to life before the United Nations General Assembly Thursday. However, without an actual transcript of his talk the world would never know about it.

The notable speech called for international protection for life "from the moment of conception." The United Nations

press release covering Pacheco's remarks totally omitted this call as well as his call to join the comprehensive ban on human cloning.

President Abel Pacheco told the UN, "As we have a duty to protect the oppressed and persecuted, we also have a duty to protect those who do not have yet a voice. In particular, there is a pressing need to agree on a normative framework, internationally binding, to uphold human dignity from the moment of conception. Necessarily, to defend life is to defend the very essence of man itself: all the promises, joys and hopes of the human being."

Regarding cloning President Pacheco said, "I believe in science within ethical limits. As a medical doctor, I reject human cloning while I firmly support research on adult stem cells, which does not present the same ethical and legal problems that cloning does. I invite you all to join us in our efforts to adopt an international convention to ban all forms of human cloning."

The UN press release covering Pacheco's speech mentioned his call for ending poverty and war and omitted the strong pro-life message.

UK POLICE SEEK ADVICE IN LATE ABORTION CASE

HEREFORDSHIRE, England, September 22, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Police investigating a late-abortion case have submitted their findings to the UK's Crown Prosecution Service for advice on whether charges should be laid.

Police had initially refused to charge the abortionist for a breach of UK's abortion law after he committed a 28-week abortion on a baby in 2001. Church of England curate, Reverend Joanna Jepson, challenged the decision in the High Court. Rev Jepson won her challenge of the police's refusal to prosecute; the police investigation opened in May.

Dr. Michael Cohn committed an abortion on a 28-week old baby with cleft lip and palate in December 2001. Abortion is illegal in the UK beyond 24 weeks, with the exception of babies with "serious handicap."

"A file of evidence has been completed and delivered to the Crown Prosecution Service who will advise us on what further inquiries, if any, need to be made, or what charges, if any, should be brought," Detective Superintendent Ray Groves, who headed the investigation, told the BBC news.

Rev Jepson's lawyers argued that cleft lip and palate in no way represents a "serious handicap," as defined by the 1967 Abortion Act.

Police could charge Cohn under the Offences Against the Human Person Act with a possible penalty of up to life imprisonment.

A May LifeSiteNews.com report revealed that significant increases in abortion rates for children with non-serious deformities such as cleft lips or palates had risen in the UK markedly. In 2002, the Office for National Statistics revealed an eight percent increase in this type of abortion.

FRENCH MEDICAL GIANT LINKS ABORTION TO PREEMIE BIRTHS

PARIS, September 20, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - The French doctor who is internationally renowned for cutting the French preterm birth rate in half has linked preterm birth to abortion. Dr. Emile Papiernik published research this year that establishes the link.

Researcher Brent Rooney, with the Reduce Preterm Risk Coalition, informed LifeSiteNews.com that Papiernik and colleagues released a study of 10 European countries, including France, which reported that prior induced abortions (IAs) boosted the risk of very preterm (i.e. before 32 weeks' gestation) birth. One IA elevated very preterm risk by 1/3 and two prior IAs boosted the risk by 47%.

Rooney noted that preterm birth is the number one cause of neonatal death and disease. He said, "It is well known that the more preterm the birth, the higher the risk of cerebral palsy, a brain injury malady." He extrapolated the results of Papiernik's study saying, "Thus, this study suggests that fewer abortions will result in fewer preterm infants with handicaps."

UNFPA TEAMS WITH NORWEGIAN ABORTIONIST GROUPS

OSLO, September 16, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Despite its continued claims not to support abortion, the UNFPA has used two notorious Norwegian abortion-promoting organizations to launch its annual report on the State of World Population in Oslo.

The Norwegian online news magazine, Dagen, says that the launch also featured Ms. Agnete Stroem of the Women's Front who spoke about 'reproductive rights,' and claimed that the Catholic Church is "murderous" in its resistance to abortion.

According to the information from Planned Parenthood International, Norway is an ideal country for the UNFPA to push its population control agenda. The country has achieved many of that agenda's goals: a birth rate well below replacement, only 1% of the female population between 15 and 19 allowing their children to live to birth and 76% of the population using contraceptives.

The Planned Parenthood country profile for Norway boasts, "The government fully supports family planning, domestically and internationally, and services are provided in Maternal and Child clinics and other health outlets free-of charge. All contraceptives are widely available, and

contraceptive use is high. First-trimester abortion on request is legal."

However, the prospects for the childless future of Norway are the same as for most European countries in varying stages of demographic implosion. As in many countries, the Norwegian government is taking steps to combat the birth dearth. The government will pay parents the same amount that childcare centres or kindergartens receive in state subsidies - approximately \$US 6,000 per year per child.

VATICAN CARDINAL RIPS UNITED NATIONS FOR PROMOTING ABORTION

ROME, September 16, 2004 (CWNews.com LifeSiteNews.com) - Cardinal Renato Martino has denounced the involvement of UN agencies in promoting abortion, pointing out that this policy violates the agreement struck by UN member-states at the Cairo Conference of 1994.

The president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace told the Italian daily Avvenire that the UN member-states have a duty to restrain the activities of agencies such as the UN Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), and to control the expenditures of UN funds. He charged that the UNFPA is violating the terms of the Cairo agreement, which stipulated that "no UN agency can be allowed to promote abortion."

"ONE REASON IS PROPORTIONATE: DEFENSE OF INNOCENT HUMAN LIFE", SAYS BISHOP GRACIDA

BROWNSVILLE, September 21, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Rene Henry Gracida, Bishop Emeritus of Corpus Christi Texas, has written a letter to the editor of the Brownsville Herald, giving his clarification on the contentious issue of 'proportionate reasons' for a Catholic to vote for a pro-abortion politician.

Naming names, he writes that Catholics cannot vote for presidential candidate John Kerry. To do so, he says, "would be formal cooperation in the sin of abortion if that candidate were to be elected and assist in passing legislation that would remove restrictions on abortion on demand."

He says that it is not enough to make a mental reservation that a voter is not supporting a pro-abortion politician because of his stand on abortion. The reasons to support the politician must be objectively 'proportionate.' He further states that the usual reasons cited, a candidate's stand "on war, or taxes, or the death penalty, or immigration, or a national health plan, or Social Security, or AIDS, or homosexuality, or marriage," are not important enough. They are, he says, "simply lacking in proportionality."

There is only one reason, says the retired bishop, that would be proportional to the killing of millions of innocent children through abortion. The bishop addresses a question that frequently vexes pro-life voters, that of having three bad choices.

"Consider the case of a Catholic voter who must choose between three candidates: Kerry, who is completely for abortion on demand, Bush, who is in favour of very limited abortion, i.e., in favour of greatly restricting abortion and Peroutka, a candidate who is completely against abortion but who is universally recognized as being unelectable," he writes.

Without directly telling Catholic voters to support Bush, the bishop makes a strong logical case that this could be considered the only choice. "The Catholic can vote for Peroutka, but that will probably only help ensure the election of Kerry. Therefore the Catholic voter has a proportionate reason to vote for Bush, since his vote might help to ensure the defeat of Kerry and might result in the saving of some innocent human lives."

"DRACONIAN" PUBLICATION BAN / GAG LAW AT ASSISTED SUICIDE TRIAL IN B.C.

VANCOUVER, September 22, 2004 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - A "draconian" publication ban has been placed upon not only information referring to the Evelyn Martens trial but also any information, commentary, speculation, etc. about Evelyn Martens herself.

According to a CP report, Martens is charged with aiding and counselling former nun Monique Charest, 64, to commit suicide on Jan. 7, 2002 in Duncan B.C. She also faces charges related to the June 26, 2002 death of Leyanne Burchell, 52, a Vancouver schoolteacher. Jurors are to be selected October 12, with Martens facing a maximum 14-year jail sentence.

The court order banning publication of the details of the trial has been signed by Justice B. M. Davies, the Crown Counsel and the Counsel for the Accused.

Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition told *LifeSiteNews.com* that the publication ban is "draconian". The order is in effect till the jury gives its verdict, which is expected after six weeks.

FDA REVEALS 17 FATALITIES IN TWO YEARS FROM CONTRACEPTIVE "SEX PATCH"

NEW YORK, September 21, 2004 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - The contraceptive "sex patch" has been found responsible for 17 deaths in women age 17 to 30 since its release in 2002, according to a recent exposé by the *New York Post*. The *Post* used Freedom of Information laws to obtain

records from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which also revealed 21 other "life-threatening" conditions such as blood clots, strokes, and heart attacks.

The contraceptive, marketed by ads with super models and Olympic athletes, is touted as a sexy alternative to the Pill. The Ortho Evra patch's manufacturer, Ortho-McNeil, claims the patch is easier to remember than the pill because it requires only a once-weekly replacement, rather than the Pill's daily dose.

Doctors who reviewed the report were staggered by the numbers. "This is a cause for concern," NYU Medical Centre gynecologist and professor Dr. John Quagliarello said. He said it was the first time he'd heard there was such a high death rate from the patch.

PARTICIPATION URGED IN LIFE CHAIN - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

TORONTO, September 21, 2004 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - On Sunday Oct 3rd, hundreds of thousands of Americans and Canadian will take part in the 17th annual Life Chain witness for life.

At numerous major intersections in cities and smaller communities, all participants will hold up one of several signs, each with a brief slogan related to abortion, in order to raise awareness of the issue in their respective communities. All participants are encouraged to pray while holding their signs.

Life Chain involves only one hour of participants' time, from 2 to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The event often produces a positive result in communities exposed to the signs and in the participants who accept the opportunity to make this one-hour, prayerful and simple witness to the sacredness of human life.

Many babies have been known to have been saved as a result of mothers seeing the messages repeated from one sign to another as they have driven by Life Chains.

LIFE CHAIN 2004

A peaceful, prayerful witness to the truth about abortion along 15th Avenue, from near PGRH to Central Street. Signs provided along route.

**Sunday, October 3rd
2:00 to 3:00 pm**

For further information phone the ProLife office:
963-3157

POLAND'S PRESIDENT OPPOSES PROPOSED ABORTION BILL

WARSAW, September 22, 2004 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - Poland's President, Aleksander Kwasniewski, said Tuesday he would oppose any attempt by lawmakers to legalize abortion on demand, as proposed by a new bill tabled by Kwasniewski's ruling Social Democrats.

"I remain firmly opposed to abortion being considered as a radical means of contraception," Kwasniewski stated in a press conference, as reported by Agence France-Presse.

The proposed bill seeks to allow abortion on demand by women until the 12th week of pregnancy. Polish law currently allows abortion for rape or incest, for irreversible fetal malformations, or if the mother's health is at risk.

"This difficult compromise guarantees a status quo in Poland," Kwasniewski said.

BONE MARROW STEM CELLS FIGHTING BLINDNESS AND MAKING BODY 'GLUE'

VANCOUVER, SEPTEMBER 20, 2004 (*LIFE SITE NEW.COM*) - Despite the claims of some researchers that only embryonic stem cells hold any promise, the most promising work is being done without any ethical difficulties on so-called adult stem cells, those taken from a patient's own body.

One group is working to treat an incurable degenerative eye disease, retinitis pigmentosa, which leads inevitably to complete blindness. Dr. Martin Friedlander at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla leads a team that has taken mice with the disease and injected stem cells taken from their bone marrow. The cells migrated to the damaged blood vessels in the retina and the mice retained partial vision. Dr. Friedlander said his work "may be useful in the treatment of currently untreatable blinding disease."

Injection of stem cells before the onset of the disease maintained normal appearing blood vessels. The vision retained by the mice was not complete but the structures of the eye which normally degrade with the disease were preserved for up to six months.

In related news, Dr. Fabio Rossi, a medical geneticist at the University of British Columbia and a team of scientists are creating a natural biological 'glue' to hold together hip replacements that they hope will help to actually regenerate the damaged bone. Stem cells, also taken from bone marrow of the patient, can be mixed with other substances containing calcium and phosphate that will help keep the cells alive during the healing process after surgery. By including in the mix certain proteins, called growth factors, the scientists hope the glue itself will eventually develop into the patient's own bone tissue.

Hip replacement surgery is often unsuccessful because of a failure of the artificial compounds used to hold the new structures in place. "What we are trying to do is replace these artificial materials that get pumped under pressure into your bone when you get a hip replacement with a more biological material that in time can be remodelled and essentially regenerate the (bone) tissue," Rossi said. It will take more trials on animals before human tests can begin - Dr. Rossi predicts another ten years before a treatment is developed.

Other applications for the treatment are being considered. Dr. Rossi said, "in theory, there is no limit to what you can use this (glue) for. You could also use it to cure osteoporosis if you put this material just next to the weak part of the bone...We could repair large bone defects left by bone cancers."

MOVIE REVIEW: 'LOVE COMES SOFTLY' - BRINGS FAITH AND FATHERHOOD TOGETHER

CENTURY CITY, CA, September 16, 2004 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - The Hollywood portrayal of men in ever more negative characters has a counter point in the new video/DVD release of "Love Comes Softly" by Fox Home Entertainment which hit video stores Tuesday.

PRO-LIFE POTLUCK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2004
Doors open 4:30 – Supper 5:00 pm
Entertainment 6:00 – 6:30 pm

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NEW STUDY PROVES VIRGINITY PLEDGES WORK

WASHINGTON, September 22, 2004 (*LifeSiteNews.com*) - A new study released by The Heritage Foundation of Washington, DC proves that teens who pledge to abstain from sexual activity until marriage have "better life outcomes and are far less likely to engage in risky behaviours than non-pledgers." The study was based on recently released data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health.

"This study shows that abstinence education works. Teaching kids the dangers of sex outside of marriage and

empowering teens to make healthy choices offers our children the best chance of a happy and healthy future," said Leslee J. Unruh, president of the Abstinence Clearinghouse. "Virginity pledges can be an effective tool in motivating teens toward truly responsible behaviour."

THE PATRICK WEBB ESSAY COMPETITION 2004-05

All pro-life groups are urged to encourage the youth of their communities to participate in this competition. Pro Life BC provides the prize money and North Shore Pro Life administers the competition. Essays are adjudicated by professional teachers.

The competition is divided into 2 age groups, each with two topics. Both groups have a first prize of \$300 and a second prize of \$200. Essays should be 600-700 words. The deadline for essays to be received is December 15, 2004.

For further details – contest rules and instructions, application forms and mailing address – contact: Ross Labrie at: labrie@interchange.ubc.ca or the Pro Life BC office at: life@prolifebc.ca

Competition A is open to Grade 11 or 12 BC secondary school students, and is designed to encourage students to recognize the dignity of every human life.

Topic 1: In his book *Technology and Justice* the Canadian philosopher George Grant argued that one should be suspicious of such phrases as "potential life" in describing the human fetus because this confuses people about what happens in an abortion (p. 123). In what way do such phrases as "potential life," "terminating the pregnancy," "product of conception," and "abortion provider" dehumanize the preborn infant and thereby conceal the reality of what abortion is? What sort of language should be used to describe abortion?

Topic 2: In his book "The Morality of Abortion" John Noonan writes that the "positive argument for conception as the decisive moment of humanization" is that at conception the new human being receives the "genetic code" of a human being (p.37). Why is this a sound argument for outlawing abortion?

Competition B is open to Grade 9 or 10 BC secondary school students, and is designed to encourage students to recognize the dignity of every human life.

Topic 1: In his book "Technology and Justice" the Canadian philosopher George Grant stated that "Doctor Morgentaler, the Canadian abortionist, justifies himself by asserting how very small" the fetus is at early stages, as if "size were an argument" (p. 120). How can Morgentaler's justification of abortion on the basis of size be refuted?

Topic 2: Some people say that because the preborn infant is dependent on its mother for existence that she has the right to end its life in abortion. Is this a good argument to justify abortion? Should we have the right to end the lives of those who are dependent on others?

ADULT STEM CELLS BEAT ARTHRITIS, FIGHT DIABETES AND EVEN GROW NEW JAW BONES

TORONTO, August 27, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - University of Toronto researchers say they are a step closer to a diabetes cure using adult stem cells. The team found pancreas cells from adult mice could be transformed into new islet cells - the cells that produce insulin. The scientists are hoping the same effect will be reproducible in humans. Type I diabetes, also known as insulin-dependent type, usually begins in childhood and involves the destruction of pancreatic islet cells. The restoration of new insulin-producing islet cells would mean a cure, and eliminate the necessity for ongoing insulin injections for this condition.

Dr Simon Smukler, lead scientist of the study, told the BBC: "People have been intensely searching for pancreatic stem cells for a while now, and so our discovery of precursor cells within the adult pancreas that are capable of making new pancreatic cells is very exciting."

Meanwhile, scientists at Northwestern University in Chicago, using adult stem cells derived from a patient's sister's bone marrow, have successfully treated the woman for crippling rheumatoid arthritis. The researchers reported that her morning stiffness was alleviated before she left hospital, and now, one year later, she is no longer affected by the disease, and able to discontinue all medications.

The stem cell treatment resulted in "marked resolution of the disease manifestations of rheumatoid arthritis," according to a Reuter's news report.

Finally, scientists in Germany have successfully re-grown a man's jawbone, by using his own stem cells, and growing the bone within muscle tissues in his back. The man, whose jaw and half his tongue was removed due to mouth cancer, had his first real meal - a bratwurst sandwich - in nine years. The new jawbone was re-grown with the aid of stem cells derived from his own bone marrow, hormones to stimulate growth, and a mesh cage. The cage was inserted into the muscle near his shoulder blade, and took seven weeks to grow.

BELGIUM MOVES TOWARDS EUTHANASIA FOR MINORS

BRUSSELS, Sept 8, 2004 (from Reuters) - Belgian lawmakers from the Flemish Liberal party have introduced a bill seeking to expand the country's controversial euthanasia legislation to include minors saying that

terminally ill children and teenagers had as much right to choose when they wanted to die as anyone else.

Euthanasia was decriminalized in Belgium in September 2002.

‘FAMILY PLANNING’ GROUPS SPREADING AIDS IN AFRICA WITH DEPO-PROVERA, NEW STUDY WARNS

NEW YORK, September 8, 2004 (LifeSiteNews.com) - With its insistence on the use of injected contraceptives, health organizations pushing Depo-Provera have been spreading AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases in the developing world. A new study by the National Institutes of Health, University of North Carolina and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, have found that the use of injected hormonal contraceptives increases the risk of STDs. Charles Morrison of Family Health International in research Triangle Park, N.C., who led the study, said that it is possible that the drug itself actually increases susceptibility to disease. The study says that the use of such drugs can increase the risk of STDs as much as three-fold.

From 1994-2000, USAID provided 41,967,200 units of Depo-Provera into the developing world, at a cost of over US \$40 million. Even the Reuters newswire story included a sober note on the implications for foreign depopulation programmes in Africa. Depo-Provera is a major component of foreign-funded family planning programs in Africa. USAID sends more units of Depo-Provera to Africa, to countries such as Mozambique, Tanzania and Nigeria, than to any other part of the world.

LATE TERM ABORTION IN CANADA

MONTREAL (September 10, 2004 from CP Wire) Women are being sent to Kansas for abortions beyond 23 weeks gestation because there are no specialists who perform abortions that late in pregnancy in Quebec. Montreal's La Presse reported the procedure costs \$5,000 per patient.

CBC News reported that last year Quebec sent 30 women to Kansas and New York for late term abortions. So far this year from April to August, nine women have been sent to Kansas for abortions and a BC health official said that a handful of women from BC go to Washington state each week.

It is interesting to know that even Henry Morgentaler doesn't want to do abortions at 24 weeks because he has "ethical problems" performing them. Quebec health officials said they are hopeful a newly trained doctor will begin doing late term abortions in that province next year.

PAYING THE PRICE FOR “CHOICE” IN QUEBEC

VANCOUVER, September 13, 2004 (Press Release)

Responding to the news that Quebec is sending women whose unborn children are beyond 24 weeks gestation to Wichita, Kansas for late-term abortions at the private clinic of controversial abortionist George Tiller, Dr. Will Johnston, president of Canadian Physicians for Life, issued the following statement:

Quebec babies on the way to George Tiller's clinic in Wichita won't be coming home ever again. Tiller specializes in late-term abortions, a polite way of saying that at any stage he will kill your unborn child (with an ultrasound-guided needle of poison to the heart) and deliver the poor thing while dressing it all up as compassion.

About 12,000 of Tiller's victims have been completely healthy babies who were at, or well past, the age of survivability outside their mothers. He calls that barbaric situation "maternal indications for termination of pregnancy." Similar euphemisms and doublespeak decorate all of Tiller's well-honed system, which involves taking a new group of mothers in every Monday, killing the unborn baby on Tuesdays, inducing labour and delivering on Thursdays, and then mopping up and getting ready for another week of the same.

Tiller provides some ethical camouflage by being proudest of the victims who have genetic problems that are not survivable. By killing them before they would have died naturally, he claims to be doing everyone a favour. He ignores the physicians whose patients have closure and resolution of the grieving process by allowing the natural process to unfold. After all, you can't charge up to \$13,000 US for that. At one point, rumour had it that Tiller was the richest doctor in the USA. No matter.

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE NEWS

The CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTRE is having an
OPEN HOUSE
to celebrate the reopening of their expanded
and updated facility.

You are invited to join them for food and fellowship
at the Centre: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17TH
2 pm to 4 pm
with a prayer dedication at 2:30
206 – 2289 WESTWOOD DRIVE
(above Fabricland)

CALL 562-4464 FOR MORE INFORMATION

AGM

Tuesday, October 19
7:30 p.m.

St. Mary's School
Library

1088 Gillett

Refreshments to follow
Everyone welcome

ELECTION

All positions for Table Officers and for Directors (5) are open. Please feel free to offer your talents! Your membership must be up-to-date. New memberships and membership renewals are available at the meeting.

Phone the ProLife office at 963-3157 for information on the responsibilities that go with the positions.

Nominations chair is past-president,
Barbara Gobbi, 963-9189



LIFE CHAIN 2004

A peaceful,
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Sunday October 3rd
2:00 to 3:00 pm

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