

# P.E.I Right to Life News

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### **The Annual Life Chain (note change of date)**

*The Annual Life Chain* will be held Sunday, September 28, 2008 from 2 - 3 p.m. The Chain will start at the Cenotaph at the intersection of Grafton Street and University Ave. and go out University to Pond Street. Signs will be available for pickup at locations - across from Betty Bright Drycleaners and Royal Bank both on University Avenue. Everyone is welcome to participate in this affirmation of respect for human life from conception to natural death.

*“The Interim”* Canada's *Life and Family Newspaper* has offered our organization a special introductory rate. If we are able to obtain at least 200 names of persons who want the publication it can cost as little as \$6.00. This special rate is much lower than the regular rate of \$40.00. We cannot supply names of any of our membership without permission. Our mailing list is not for publication. If you want to have a subscription to "The Interim" for a year, please fill in the appropriate space on the membership form enclosed in this mail-out. By doing so you will permit us to forward your name and address with your payment of \$6.00 to “The Interim”.

### **"40 Days For Life" (Charlottetown Diocese)**

During “40 Days for Life”, the pro-life message is proactively taken to the community through a focused, grassroots educational effort. It consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting to end abortion.

Ecumenical "Kick Off" service will be held:

When - September 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Where - St. Dunstons Basilica Basement (side door on Sydney Street).

For further information you can check the websites:

[www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com)

[www.40daysottawa.blogspot.com](http://www.40daysottawa.blogspot.com)

Contact persons are; Robert (566-5904), Barb (566-1852), or Joyce (367-5701). You are welcome to join in this nation's wide endeavour to offer our sacrifices and hearts to the most precious gift Our Lord could ever give us - **LIFE**.

### **Right to Life Executive for 2008-2009**

President – Hemke VanderZwaag  
 Vice President – Kathy Dowling  
 Treasurer - Aukje Annema  
 Secretary – Myrna Dykeman

### **President's Message – Hemke**

*VanderZwaag*

This year 2008 will be remembered for a long time. Several important events have happened. We did remember Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, the date when the law against abortion was struck down 20 years ago. We all know what has happened since then. Over 2 million babies have been killed. On the day we celebrate Canada as a country, the man who did all this killing was honoured with the Order of Canada. Can you imagine where we are going with all that happens in this our free country?

What do we do, if nobody is willing to stand up any more to fight for the most important issues in life. There will be no standard of morality left for the next generations. That is why I am asking you all again not to give in but to come forward and show the world and our leaders that we can find hope, not in human laws but in the Law of God our Creator.

I have another concern. This spring when we send letters to the churches in and around Charlottetown by asking if they are willing to put a sign up on their property promoting life, we only received one positive answer back. Please don't let this happen, help us to fight for the unborn and for those who

cannot defend themselves. (Euthanasia) Thank you all board members for your support. Let us all get together on P.E.I. and be one voice and not ashamed to know that God is our side. May God bless us all together in this work and may it be to His honour and glory.

### **At the Office - Aukje Annema**

It was a busy time again at the office, although the months of July and August were our off months. Beatrice Murnaghan volunteered again to stop in every Monday to take care of our mail and receipts. Thank you Beatrice. Also the board members and executive meet every month and the board members put in a lot of time volunteering at the office.

Enclosed in the mail-out is the **annual membership form**. We encourage you to get your returns in early especially if you are requesting the introductory offer of *The Interim*. Also because we rely on volunteer help we like to have time to get all our receipts back to you this year for income tax purposes.

**Donation Cards** enclosed in the April 2008 Newsletter seemed to have been well received and we had an excellent response. To all those who donated to this request we thank you very much.

Some items we have at the office for you to borrow are:

*“37 Years of Change”*

By Tom Barry, MD, FCFPC

Guest speaker at 2007 Annual meeting  
*Videos*

*“Turning the Tide”*

*“Preview of a Birth”*

*“Pro-Life Across America”*

*“Truth on Trial”*

By Winston Dykeman, BSc., MD, CCFP

Guest speaker at 2004 Annual Meeting

**AND MUCH MORE!!!!**

Come and have a look.

**Christmas Cards** are available again this year and we encourage you to come and help us with this fundraiser. We have a beautiful selection. The price is \$7.50 for 10 and 3 pkgs. for \$20.

We had a request to produce a donation card to be used as a **Christmas Gift**. These cards are available at the office or can be mailed out upon request.

**Awarding Morgentaler** the "Order of Canada" has stirred up the abortion debate in the country. Locally the newspapers printed many letters that proclaimed both for and against the presentation of this award. Nationally the issue also drew many comments from a variety of sources. It was interesting to note that for the first time in my memory many journalists and commentators in all the media participated in such a topic and were very upset with the awarding of the Order to Dr. Morgentaler.

After this announcement on July 1<sup>st</sup> we received calls at the office expressing grave concern as to the value of the Order of Canada. The Association wrote three letters to the Editor of the Guardian protesting the awarding of this Order and in response to other letters written.

We would like to thank the many people who responded to the Morgentaler award, by letters to the editor, Prime Minister, Rideau Hall and signing petitions. It gives us encouragement that not only we, but many of you, will speak up for the unborn.

Last winter the postcard "*abortion have we gone too far?*" was well received and made people aware of the Supreme Court decision in striking down the laws against abortion. The same postcard program will be run this

year with updated abortion statistics being presented.

*This year there will be an International Pro Life Conference in Toronto on Oct 2 -4<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the conference is "Creating a Culture of Life Around the World". I will be attending along with the president and his wife. Many great speakers are coming. And we hope that it will strengthen us and renew us in the education of all life issues.*

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### **Happenings at the Board**

In April we had a very successful "Celebrate Life Week".

There were newspaper and radio advertisements proclaiming support for life in all its stages. A Celebrate Life Service was held at the Church of the Nazarene on Woodlawn Drive in Sherwood. We also had a well attended Annual General Meeting at St. Pius X parish Hall.

On May 8th we participated in the first March for Life from St. Dunstan's Basilica to Province House for a rally to support this event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and The Catholic Women's League. This rally was in support of the National March for Life held in Ottawa and across Canada on the same day.

It was quiet during the summer months. The Board spent time on administration and working on letters to persons and organizations who might erect one of our signs.

New signs have been erected at St. Patrick's Church in Fort Augustus and the Millstream Cottages and Motel at Brackley Beach.

A sign was also erected in the Charlottetown area but it had to be removed after two months as it didn't comply with By-Law article 5:12 *signs*

*permitted in all zones.* This particular article allows signs that don't show "cause". The sign erected was considered to show "cause". To see the signs that have recently been erected look at our website, [www.lifesanctuarypei.ca](http://www.lifesanctuarypei.ca).

### **"Order of Canada"- Morgentaler**

Comment from the *National media*.  
Joseph Sinasac  
*The Hamilton Spectator* (July 8, 2008)  
Amid all that has been said over the controversial decision to name Dr. Henry Morgentaler to the "Order of Canada", there are two common assumptions that deserve challenge.

One is that the abortion debate is "settled" -- that abortion is a done deal and there is no point arguing about it anymore. Been there, done that, time to move on.

The second is that Canadians by and large agree having no legal restrictions on aborting unborn children is a good thing.

Both are false, though it serves the purposes of those who lobbied aggressively for Morgentaler's award that they are widely believed to be true.

*National Post* July 2008  
Kelly McParland, Politics Editor

Today's math quiz: How many deaths go into an award for Morgentaler?

At a press conference following his naming to the Order of Canada, Dr. Henry Morgentaler acknowledged there were those who questioned his suitability for the honour, but quickly dismissed them in a line: "The negative opinions all come from the usual suspects: the Catholic Church,

fundamentalists, women opposed to women's rights."

I've been thinking about that statement for some time, trying to figure out what it is about it that's so disquieting.

Maybe it's because I'm none of those things. I'm just a middleclass Canadian who thinks it's wrong to take life away from innocents who are incapable of speaking or acting for themselves. Nobody who works at the National Post is likely to be accused of adhering to the cult of victimhood. But we're not completely heartless, and is there a greater definition of a victim than a child, still in the womb, wholly dependent on its mother to live and on the legal system to protect it?

In Canada we guarantee neither of those protections. There is no law whatsoever on abortion, and women are assured it is wholly their right to make the decision on life and death, singly and unilaterally, without interference of any kind pertaining to the right of the being that is to die.

No judge in the country has the authority to render so final and absolute a verdict. We're a society that purports to care deeply about injustice, and goes to great length to assist those treated unjustly both at home and abroad, yet cares nothing at all for those who haven't quite made it to the delivery room. It's like introducing the world's most lenient refugee and immigration program, but only for people able to physically reach our shores: if they get machine-gunned a mile offshore, it's not our problem.

But that's not what this is about. It's about that statement Morgentaler made. It says so much about him, in such few words.

### Sing Caedmon

*The gift of life      the gift of love  
knitted and knotted      by God in His goodness,  
making one fabric      the finest of fibres  
in a tapestry record      of His tale to humanity,  
of how these two happen      as interdependents,  
as night with its darkness      as day with its dawn  
How denial of one      is denial of other,  
How to live without either      is neither to have.  
How cries the Creator      when one's desecrated:  
When the giving of life      is done without love,  
When the sharing of love      is not open to life.*

*Frank Ledwell*

*From the book 'Crowbush' (1990)*

(Reprinted with permission of the family of the late Frank Ledwell.)

### LifeCanada Report by Aukje Annema

LifeCanada had a very successful "Billboard Campaign" with the slogan "9 months, Have we gone too far?". Although receiving complaints from only four people Advertising Standards Canada (ASC) decide to make a ruling on the posting of these signs. They found the billboard slogan to be "misleading and false". LifeCanada hired a lawyer and appealed the decision. The appeal was not upheld. Therefore signs in that present form will not be allowed in the future.

This was a message that abortion supporters did not want to see., They rather prefer that Canadians remain ignorant about abortion. It now means for LifeCanada that any billboards across Canada need to be approved by Advertising Standard Canada with an approval cost of \$3000. We feel that they suppress the right of pro-life groups to speak freely. LifeCanada is in no position to spend that kind of money, and does not have the finances to bring this to court.

This advertising through billboards has been very effective, and is a great way of

getting a message across to many Canadians. We need your help and prayers to find another avenue through which we can advertise our message. The board is working on this and will ask provincial groups for their help.

David Warren had an excellent reply on this issue. Here is the article.

*Ottawa Citizen*

Sunday, June 01, 2008

*"A country where we deny the truth and we promote lies"*

There are some facts that are so politically incorrect that people will be punished merely for mentioning them. We saw a particularly crisp example of this last week, when Advertising Standards Canada ruled that a billboard advertisement by LifeCanada was "deceptive."

The billboard marked the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court of Canada's Morgentaler decision, which removed all legal restrictions on abortion in Canada. The ad stated, in full: "9 months. The length of time an abortion is allowed in Canada. Abortion. Have we gone too far?"

[www.AbortioninCanada.ca](http://www.AbortioninCanada.ca)."

It doesn't get simpler than this. ASC ruled that it was "deceptive" to state this plain fact as a fact. The explanation that followed was that the billboard did not deal with "access" issues. The anonymous tribunal further contested, quite incoherently, references to Statistics Canada on the website that were themselves factually correct. *A fact becomes a lie when it is politically incorrect. A lie becomes a fact when it is politically correct.* When these become the prevailing advertising standards, let the buyer beware. (My emphasis above not the authors.)

Anastasia Bowles is our new office manager and is doing a great job

along with our executive director Gudrun Shultz. The National Poll will be conducted again in October, and especially this year it was cited many times in the media.

**Island Pregnancy Care & Support Services (IPCSS)**

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This organization is well under way to becoming a reality. They are now incorporated and hope to open a center in November of this year. They have been sponsoring a number of fund-raisers recently and are busy making presentations on the services and needs of the IPCSS.

In November they are planning to offer a volunteer training seminar. This will allow persons to take part in the Island Pregnancy Care & Support Services. This is a 21-hour training package and stresses the Sanctity of Life approach and communication skills. They say, "We need women willing to commit their time and energy to bring help and hope to someone who may be facing the most crucial decision in her life."

*Their wish list:*

Waiting room and Counseling Room  
Furniture; lamps, coffee tables, love seats, chairs, TV, VCR, DVD Player, shelves, book cases, filing cabinets, office chairs, LCD Projector.  
Baby and maternity clothes  
Display and brochure racks.

**True or False Slogans**

The pro-abortion debate has coined phrases that sound well-meaning and caring.

What is wrong with these phrases?

"A fetus is not a person" – how believable is this comment in light of the

science of the human anatomy over the past century?

"Every child a wanted child" – is a child like a new car or a house to be kept only when it complies with the self-centered desires of the parents?

"Every woman has the right to control her body" – this statement is not accurate when referring to a pregnant women.

The child in the womb is a separate person and should have the same rights our society accords to all its members. .

"No one knows when life begins" – a heartbeat might be some indication.

"Don't impose your morality on me" – Abortion is more than a religious issue.

It is against the laws of the country to kill a human being. The humanity of the child in the womb has been known for years.

The proponents of Euthanasia have some phrases as well.

"Dying with dignity" – This is a very nice-sounding phrase. Unfortunately it is used by all the Euthanasia groups around the world to describe mercy killing or assisted suicide. .

"Why do we allow people to suffer?"

This term is used by the "Dying with Dignity" people who use the term to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide for terminally ill people who are suffering uncontrolled pain. In reality the control of pain has made much progress in recent years and does not justify euthanasia.

"Everyone has a right to die"

The "Dying with Dignity" people are about the "right to die" becoming recognized as a radical new human right that will be available to everyone, at anytime, for any reason.

"I can do with my body what I want"

In civilized societies the right to mutilate one's body or to take one's life is not permitted. We didn't decide when or

where to be born and we don't decide when or where to die. All life is a gift to be cherished and certainly not of our doings.



A woman studies a bronze statue titled 'Mother and Child' by East German artist Sabine Grzimek at Berlin's National Gallery

HPV Vaccine Victims Pile Up: \$1.5B for Merck by Barbara Loe Fisher [w](http://www.vaccineawakening.blogspot.com) [www.vaccineawakening.blogspot.com](http://www.vaccineawakening.blogspot.com) [www.NVIC.org](http://www.NVIC.org) [www.StandUpBeCounted.org](http://www.StandUpBeCounted.org)

While Merck has pulled in [\\$1.5B from sales](#) of GARDASIL vaccine worldwide, there are continuing reports that girls are being crippled and [dying](#) after getting the HPV vaccine fast tracked and licensed by the FDA in 2006. Although the roll-out of GARDASIL with an unparalleled multi-million dollar mass media advertising blitz has created a profitable market for the drug company that took huge losses from Vioxx injury/death lawsuits, the persistent reports of [Guillain Barre Syndrome \(GBS\) paralysis, arthritis, seizures and sudden loss of consciousness](#) within 24 hours of vaccination continue to haunt the marketing campaign. Last week [Judicial Watch](#) issued a report on more than 8,000 GARDASIL reaction reports to the federal Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) obtained under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). A search of the [VAERS database](#), which includes reaction reports through April 30, 2008 released to the public by the FDA, reveals nearly 6,700 reports of injury and death after GARDASIL. [Two GARDASIL vaccine injury claims](#) recently

were filed in the federal Vaccine Injury Compensation Program under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986.

**Stem Cell research** – Reprogramming of Adult Cells -latest development in the field of “regenerative medicine”. While trying to create replacement tissue and other body cell parts the scientists discovered human embryonic stem cells that can replicate any type of cell in the body. Apparently the genes of adult cells can be turned into the equivalent of embryonic stem cells. This means the cells in the embryonic state don't have to be used. This breakthrough is the latest evidence in a long list of research that concludes human embryonic stem cells are no longer necessary. The research goes on.

**Draft Policy from the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons Suggested new responsibilities under the Human Rights Code causing quite a stir in the medical community.**

**Vancouver Sun - 2008.09.17**

Editorial: Doctors have a duty of care notwithstanding their religious beliefs; Draft policy concerning doctors' responsibilities under Ontario's Human Rights Code stirs up hornets' nest. It's not often that a draft document from a medical body produces shockwaves across Canada, but then it's not often that a medical body decides to wade into religious territory.

The intrepid folks at the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons did so recently, producing a draft policy concerning doctors' responsibility under the Ontario Human Rights Code, in which it stated that doctors might sometimes have to set aside their personal beliefs to ensure their patients receive adequate treatment.

The college asked for comments on the draft, and they weren't disappointed. Religious groups, medical organizations and individuals

responded quickly, and few were happy with the proposal. Many people suggested that the document would strip doctors of their right to exercise their religious conscience, with some even charging that physicians would be forced to perform abortions against their will.

(An example of the reaction)

**Medicine and morality can mix**

*National Post* Published: Friday, September 05, 2008

Letter writer P. M. Branigan-Kilner says that doctors must follow the laws of the land. There is no law regulating abortion in Canada. There is certainly no law that compels me, as a doctor, to perform, recommend or facilitate abortions or to otherwise violate my own values.

Doctors try to heal and comfort the sick, sometimes at the cost of their own lives, as happened during the SARS outbreak and in countless epidemics in the past. It makes a mockery of justice to force doctors to abandon their rights as citizens in order to satisfy the so-called human rights commissions.

Dr. Roy Eappen, Montreal. Copyright © 2007 CanWest Interactive, a division of CanWest MediaWorks Publications, Inc.. All rights reserved.

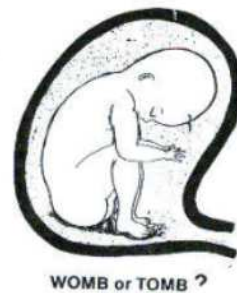
**International Planned Parenthood Abortion Primer Distorts International Law**

By Piero A. Tozzi, J.D.

(NEW YORK – C-FAM) The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), the global abortion provider co-founded by US-based Planned Parenthood Federation of America, recently issued a primer to help affiliated “Member Associations” and abortion-rights activists navigate abortion laws around the world. In addition, the 87-page publication provides guidance on how “to advocate for the removal of restrictions” on abortion, such as by arguing that international treaties should be interpreted broadly to trump national laws.

“Abortion is between a woman and God” IPPF, together with its many national branches, is one of the world’s largest providers of abortion. Last year it received over \$115 million in grants from individual nations, the European Commission, UN agencies like the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and various foundations, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Among the assertions made by IPPF is that the “right to life” language in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, that “Every human being has the inherent right to life,” actually requires a right to abortion.



Induced abortion statistics in Canada. According to the following statistics Canadian women obtained fewer abortions in 2005 than in the previous year. The decline occurred mostly among young women under 20 years of age. The total of 96,815 induced abortions were performed on Canadian women in 2005, down 3.2% from 100,039 in 2004.

The statistics for P.E.I. were:

2004 - 143 abortions

2005 - 126 abortions

This showed a decline of 11.9%.

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