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LOCAL

ARCHBISHOP "HONOURED" TO STAND WITH YOUTH IN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE EVENT

by Peter Baklinski



Archbishop Miller of Vancouver stands with youth from St. Francis Xavier's Youth Group

VANCOUVER - On a cold evening a few Sundays ago, a Canadian archbishop made his stand beside a number of young people to witness to the value of human life in a mother's womb as part of the 40 Days for Life campaign.

"I'm heartened when I see the strong commitment to life that's shown among our young people, such as St. Francis Xavier's Youth Group (SFX)," said Archbishop Michael Miller of Vancouver.

"Teens and young adults from SFX Youth Group prayed for two hours on October 9th to raise "awareness of the Church's stance on LIFE," said Jenny Ng, SFX's Youth Coordinator.

Ng said that when the youth group travelled to World Youth Day in Madrid in August they took seriously Pope Benedict's final words to "evangelize the world with our joy in faith."

"As Pope Benedict keeps telling us, there is much hope and joy in Christ. The young people took time out of their studies and family commitments to participate and pray for something that they felt was much bigger than themselves, Ng said.

"They humbly and obediently prayed for Life, even as it got chilly outside the clinic." Archbishop Miller told LSN that he was "honoured" to be asked by the youth group to join them.

"I'm proud of the strong representation we've seen by Catholic young people, groups and parishes in the Archdiocese," he said. "It's important that they receive support from their families, their friends, and of course the Church community."

The 40 Days for Life campaign has been in the news in Canada recently, after the principal of a Catholic school in Winnipeg was put on leave for promoting the campaign, and proposing that students be allowed to count time spent praying at the pro-life event as community service hours. The school and the principal were accused of giving the community service hours for "political activity." The archbishop was asked if he considers standing as a witness to the dignity of the unborn child to be political activity, or service to the community, or perhaps something else. In response he referred to Psalm 139, which says that God "knitted us together in our mother's womb, and saw and loved us while we were still without form."

"When we stand in witness to life, we are proclaiming the Gospel of Life, which is the heart of Jesus' message - "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these," the archbishop said.

"This is a generation that is dealing with the effects of the culture of death all around them, and they are truly exhibiting the "hope for a better world" that we pray for in our Archdiocesan Prayer for Reverence for Life."

P.S. Ed. Archbishop Miller and Msgr. Jensen joined the group of defenders of life in closing off the 40 Days For Life on Sunday night at 11 pm at the Womens' Hospital.

May the Lord bless all who unselfishly donated their time for the cause of the ones who cannot speak for themselves.



40 DAYS OF BLESSINGS, SAVING BABIES, CHANGING LIVES

As we close the largest 40 Days for Life campaign in history ... the following things can be said about what God can do in just 40 days:

40 days ago ...

... there were children scheduled to be aborted who are alive today — 465 that we know of!

40 days ago ...

... women were making abortion appointments — but now, they're preparing their lives to welcome a new baby boy or baby girl.

40 days ago ...

... cold hearts that were annoyed at your peaceful presence at the abortion facility are now open to joining you in prayer.

40 days ago ...

... you may have doubted what God could accomplish; and yet through your prayer, fasting and vigil ... YOU have been spiritually blessed.

Babies ... women ... workers ... hearts ... minds — these are all impacted when we pray and bring light into the darkness!

4 YEARS OLD SAVES HER OWN BABY, 14 YEARS LATER

I met someone at a local event who shared this with me. I asked her to write it down and I am certain our readers and members will be encouraged by its inclusion in our newsletter.

John Hof

*My daughter is now 35 with three children. When she was 4, we went to see *The Silent Scream*. I didn't really think she was paying attention — she was 4 years old! But at 18 when she got pregnant out of wedlock and the boy wanted her to abort, she very strongly would not. As the pregnancy went on she said that she wouldn't abort because she knew it was a baby right from the start. She had*

been brought up in a religiously conservative home of born-again parents, and she had allegedly made a profession of faith at five years old.

*When she was 13 she turned away from the faith and her parents because of various reasons, some beyond both of our control, and had a very serious incident happen in a foster home. Well, she wanted to see *Silent Scream* again, so I went down to the local store in Langley and borrowed the movie.*

As we watched it again, it struck me that I was crazy to have taken a 4 year old to see that film. But my daughter kept repeating that was why she was having and keeping her baby. She has subsequently had two more children out of wedlock, but when pregnant with the last one, 6 years ago, she did come back to the faith of her parents.

She is still struggling with keeping drug and alcohol clean, but is working hard at it every day. Okay, there's the story!



100 Hole Golf Marathon - 2011

WomanCare Pregnancy Centre and Christian Advocacy Society

Pro-life golfers play an amazing 100 holes of golf in one day during the Golf Marathon in support of the Christian Advocacy Society Burnaby Crisis Pregnancy Centre. Be sure to ask about this event and join us next year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASSISTED SUICIDE TOO EASILY ABUSED

Times Colonist October 9, 2011

Re: "Assisted dying should be an option," Oct. 4.

The danger in legalizing assisted suicide is that people's choices can so easily be undermined and abused. Whether it's greedy relatives hoping to speed up their inheritance, or cash-strapped bureaucrats looking to save on health-care costs, the weak and vulnerable can be all-too easily steered toward a death they do not truly want.

In Oregon, where physician-assisted suicide is legal and the government health plan is empowered to steer patients to suicide, two cases have gained public prominence - Barbara Wagner and Randy Stroup. Both wanted treatment, but their plan offered them suicide instead. Canadian laws prohibiting assisted suicide exist for a reason.

Let's keep it that way.

By John Coppard

STATISTICS CANADA INCORRECT

Dear Editor:

Re: "Cancer leading cause of death in all provinces," Telegraph Journal Nov. 2.

When I read the headline, "Cancer leading cause of death in all provinces," I was reminded of Mark Twain's quip, "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics." Sometimes statistics need to be taken with a grain or two of salt. Statistics Canada's figures on 2008 causes of death are a case in point.

The leading cause of death in Canada is not cancer (70,588 deaths) or heart disease (50,722 deaths) but induced abortion. In 2008 there were 95,876 abortions recorded, and the stats keepers indicate the real figures are higher due to unreported data from BC clinics.

By any objective standard, each time an abortion occurs a baby dies. Yet Stats Canada fails to recognize abortion as a human death. It thus perpetrates a national lie about the causes of death.

Canadians should not be deluded. Whatever our views on a woman's right to end a pregnancy, none of us should deny that abortion results in someone's death.

Caring and compassionate people mourn the loss of anyone's life. We mourn for those who have died from cancer and heart disease. We need to also mourn the loss of so many, many babies before birth. In 2008, 1096 were New Brunswick kids.

We need to not only mourn, but address the cause of why so many women see an unwanted pregnancy as a disease. Maternity is not a disease. And a child is no mere statistic.

Three of my seven daughters are pregnant at present. Don't tell me I'm not already a grandfather. I know the difference between truth and Stats Can lies.

Peter Ryan
Executive Director
New Brunswick Right to Life Association

CANADA NEED AN ABORTION DEBATE

October 31, 2011

Re:

We need a national debate on abortion. The reality is that if we shut down this debate, we shut down freedom of speech and we harm our democracy.

When our political leaders refuse to debate an issue that 52 per cent of Canadians want to have we, wittingly or unwittingly, are causing harm to our country. That the subject matter is abortion should make no difference. If the subject matter were murder, rape, women's rights or what we teach our children in school, would we censure those debates? Of course not. Then why are we not allowed to debate abortion?

If Stephen Harper does not allow Canadians to have the abortion debate that we want to have, he is complicit in jeopardizing our democracy. This, in fact, may result in the law of unintended consequences and Harper may end up as being known as the prime minister who shut down democracy in Canada.

Somehow I don't think Harper would be very pleased with a legacy such as this.

Patricia Maloney, Ottawa

NEW PRO LIFE GROUP WANTS TO CLOSE VANCOUVER ABORTION MILL

"And when he had come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could not we cast it out?" And He said to them, "This kind can be cast out in no way except by praying and fasting." -

Matthew 9:27

A new and powerful youth-oriented plan is emerging to tackle the abortion industry in Vancouver.

The St. Gerard Majella Pro-Life Society was created for one purpose and



that is to close down the Everywoman's Health Center on Commercial and Broadway in Vancouver, British Columbia. Our plan is to use the means of peaceful prayer and personal fasting to close down the abortion clinic in our backyard thereby tackling the battle of abortion in Vancouver in a tangible and specific way. We also want to lend our prayers and help to other Vancouver based groups in their own projects and efforts.

The St. Gerard Majella Pro-Life Society wants to organize and implement a Fast For Life. It will be a chance for parishioners from all over Vancouver to join in communal effort to end abortion - but in a very specific way. The intention of the fast would be specifically to shut down the Every Woman's Health Center on Broadway and

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Commercial. The location of the clinic is central to Vancouver and one of the busiest private Abortion clinics in the area. Abortion is the central evil of Vancouver and the world, and what better place to begin the destruction of this evil than one of Vancouver's most central and active clinics?

Shutting down the Every Woman's Health Center would be a victorious milestone in the Pro-life movement, and also a testament to the power of prayer and fasting that is in need of a strong revival in our Catholic Culture.

In January 2012 we would like to get 365 people from all over committed to fasting one day each for a whole year to close down this one clinic in their own backyard. Fasting and Praying for one intention. Not only would a personal Fast be a peaceful and humble approach to ending abortion it would also teach the soul of each individual the importance of fasting and prayer for their own spiritual edification.

Individuals, when they pick their day, would receive a simple prayer card. On one side will be the rules for fasting as designated by the Catechism of the Catholic Church and on the other side, a prayer invoking St. Gerard Majella for his intercession and help. The prayer card would have a space for the participant to fill in their chosen date.

The reason we believe this plan will be successful is that the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver will be able to participate in our crusade in a life-changing and powerful way - a way which is beneficial to their own souls even outside of the cause. In addition, their participation is such that it would not inconvenience even the busiest of schedules or the poorest of parishioners. Everyone can fast. It is easy to pick one day and simple to carry out.

Throughout the year our St. Gerard Majella Pro-Life Society will make peaceful protests outside of the clinic and will continue to pray for the people fasting.

Stay in Contact by checking out our daily blog! Also join our email list at st.gerardgroup@gmail.com

Come to our next event or simply keep us in your prayers and visit their website at <http://saintgerardgroup.com/>

EDUCATIONAL GROUP CHALLENGES FOR AN OPEN AND HONEST DEBATE ON ABORTION

GUELPH, Ontario - Christian Newswire — A group within the educational pro-life movement is throwing down the gauntlet on what it claims is the current censorship and hostility toward any attempt to debate abortion.

Known as the We Want the Debate Campaign, it challenges anyone wishing to defend abortion to an open, transparent and fair debate in front of the people of Ontario.

Over the next four months, the campaign will conduct a series of activities to highlight current contradictions and misconceptions that warp the public's view of abortion. It will expose a systematic distortion by the overwhelming majority of the media of the facts of abortion. It will also denounce the Federal Government's disregard of the majority of Canadian's wish to allow a discussion on the future of abortion in our country.

"We believe that the suppression of any debate in a democratic society is unacceptable," said Jakki Jeffs, director of the We Want the Debate Campaign.

"We demand that the current censorship of the debate around abortion be ended, and that an open and informed discussion be held in public. The stifling of the debate over the past decades has prevented all Canadians from having access to the facts, and has left the issue completely ignored. In the coming months we will be addressing this lack of balance, and on the 7th of February 2012 we hope those who wish to defend abortion will join us in finally debating this before the people of Ontario."

INFANTICIDE JUST A LATE, LATE ABORTION?:

According to one Canadian judge, pretty much

by Jonathon Van Maren

On April 13, 2005, 19 year old Katrina Effert secretly gave birth to a baby

boy in her parent's home. She then strangled the child with her underwear, and tossed the corpse over the fence into the yard of one of the neighbours.



On September 9, 2011, CBC reported that Ms. Effert's conviction for this murder had been 'downgraded' by an Edmonton Court of Queen's Bench judge to infanticide, and in lieu of jail time she will merely serve a suspended sentence.

In her argument, the judge stated that "while many Canadians undoubtedly view abortion as a less than ideal solution to unprotected sex and unwanted pregnancy, they generally understand, accept, and sympathize with the onerous demands pregnancy and childbirth exact from mothers, especially mothers without support."

Translation? Katrina Effert simply engaged in a really, really late-term abortion. Given that we don't, under Canadian law, value human life a few minutes before birth, why a few minutes after?

Indeed, the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada, run by the virulently pro-abortion Joyce Arthur, posted the CBC article on their Facebook page with the heading: "A tragic situation, but yes, there are compelling reasons for infanticide being a lesser crime than murder." In response to my query simply stating "Such as?" ARCC removed the comment and blocked my asking further questions underneath the article.

The abortion movement, apparently, is not even bothering to protest the stipulation of the pro-life movement that if we value human life based on age or any other arbitrary criteria, it is intellectually con-

sistent to point out that the value of any human life (such as Katrina Effert's baby boy) is, shall we say, 'downgraded'. In fact, while Ms. Effert will not spend any time in jail for strangling her son, she may have to spend sixteen days behind bars for disposing of his corpse by tossing it over a fence.

Killing a child? Meh. Improper disposal of the victim's body? Outrageous!

While this "sentence" is an outrageous miscarriage of justice, it should not be surprising. In a country where the age of a human being is directly correlated to their value, this decision is consistent with the belief that younger equals less valuable. What is rather surprising, however, is that this judge (and many commenting on the CBC article) apparently seem to believe that women are far too mentally weak after childbirth to make any rational decisions.

Post-partum depression, this decision would seem to indicate, serves as an excuse to strangling your newborn. If you can prove you were depressed, killing your child is something that is understandable and if you listen to this judge, acceptable. If abortion advocates actually believe that women are so fragile after childbirth that strangling their child is understandable, I wonder what they would say if the same judge proposed that new mothers have to prove their sanity before taking custody of their newborn children? It is absurd to simultaneously claim that women are strong enough to do anything they choose in the world, but that childbirth, something they are biologically designed to do, will result in a spasm of murder. The only natural instinct abortion advocates believe women lack is the maternal instinct.

This tragic event should be seen as a warning to Canadians. When a judge literally uses abortion as an excuse for infanticide in a court statement, and compares the two as pretty much the same thing, we should recognize that this worldview is not inconsistent with the one of "choice".

This is not even the first time infanticide has been excused - Harvard 'ethicist' Peter Singer even endorses it. However, if children are not valuable simply because they are children, their value will be based on other criteria. When the value of one class of human beings is downgraded, we should all take note. It is up to each of us to decide. Should humans have the "choice" to kill others?

SUPREME COURT DECLINES TO HEAR INFANTICIDE CASES

The Canadian Press

OTTAWA - The Supreme Court of Canada has decided not to hear two cases involving infanticide provisions in the Criminal Code. The Court of Appeal for Ontario had earlier considered the case of a woman who was convicted of infanticide for killing two of her young children, even though the Crown proved the essential elements of first-degree murder. The Appeal Court ruled that infanticide can be advanced as a defence for murder, and that if the elements of infanticide are met beyond a reasonable doubt, the woman must be found not guilty of murder but guilty of infanticide. Alberta's Appeal Court made a similar ruling about infanticide being used as a partial defence to murder, saying where the facts support both a conviction for murder and infanticide, the jury should be instructed to enter a verdict

of infanticide. Infanticide is defined as a woman wilfully killing her newborn child when her mind is disturbed as a result of childbirth or lactation and carries a maximum five-year sentence, as opposed to a life sentence for murder. The Supreme Court dismissed the applications to hear both cases without costs.

The Crown in Ontario had argued the concept of infanticide relies on discredited medical opinions and assumptions about the plight of young, unwed mothers that no longer hold true. The intent of Parliament in 1948 was to both create a separate offence of infanticide and a partial defence to murder, the Ontario Appeal Court ruled. It said that while some might argue amendments six years later softened the language in the law, the intent was the same. The woman at the centre of the Ontario case, known as L.B., was 16 when she decided to get pregnant with her boyfriend. She smothered the baby when it was 10 months old and four years later she smothered another one of her babies at about two months old.

THE REAL COST OF ABORTION IN CANADA

In 2001, Health Canada approved a new birth-control device. It's called Essure. It involves inserting tiny springs inside a woman's Fallopian tubes. Within three months, the body creates tissue around the microinserts, blocking the tubes and rendering the woman permanently infertile. It takes about 10 minutes to perform.

Woman's Health Options, an Edmonton gynaecology clinic, has been pressing Alberta Health Services for the chance to use Essure. The clinic already holds a contract with AHS to provide all elective abortion services for Edmonton and northern Alberta. Clinic manager Kim Cholewa says her clinic would likely bill AHS somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$1,600 for each procedure - about the same fee it charges the province to terminate a pregnancy, and they perform about 6000 of these each year.

The revelation of the \$1,600 pricetag for an abortion came to light in

the fight to have the Alberta government to pay for the procedure.

Using these abortion clinic figures, and applying them to what we suspect are the numbers of abortion committed in British Columbia, we arrive at the astonishing total of 24 MILLION healthcare dollars spent per year to kill babies.

Even more shocking is the total for abortions in BC since 1970. To date we know there have been 497,388 abortion recorded with stats Canada. Doing the math, that means a total of \$795,820,800.00 has been spent just for abortion in BC.

Remember these are not our figures, these are the abortion promoters own numbers. The Canadian total is even more staggering. Given that we know Canada has allowed about 3.3 million children to die by abortion since 1970, we arrive at the grand total of \$ 5.28 BILLION dollars. Tell me please where we could have used an extra 5 Billion Dollars in today's economy.

Is there any wonder that the likes of Morgentaler line up and fight for this kind of windfall?

LINDA GIBBONS FOUND NOT GUILTY

TORONTO - After three months in prison, Linda Gibbons was found not guilty on a charge of disobeying a court order and released from custody to the hugs of supporters in a downtown Toronto courtroom Friday, November 5th. Justice Alphonse T. Lacavera determined Sheriff Peter Krause improperly read the text of an outdated injunction when he directed that she be arrested outside the Morgentaler Clinic (known corporately as "Lexogest Inc.") abortion site this past August 4.



Krause, he said, read the words of an interlocutory (temporary) injunction issued in 1992 that prohibited pro-life demonstration within 500 feet of Morgentaler's site, wherever it might happen to establish itself. However, that document had been superseded by a permanent injunction issued in April 1999, the terms of which were not read to Gibbons.

Gibbons had been in custody since her arrest. It was her first appearance at the Morgentaler site after a number of years demonstrating and being arrested outside the Scott Clinic abortion location on Gerrard Street East.

Through her lawyer Daniel Santoro, Gibbons pleaded not guilty going into the trial. Krause and Crown attorney Marie Abraham consistently referred to Morgentaler's facility as a "business" as the sheriff testified about his role on August 4. He said after cautioning Gibbons several times to remove herself more than 500 feet from the abortion site entrance, he called in the Toronto Police Service to effect an arrest.

Under cross-examination by Santoro, Krause agreed Gibbons was simply walking to and fro on the public sidewalk in front of the building and he did not see anyone impeded from entering the building. He also agreed with the characterization of the demonstration as a peaceful, silent protest.

Krause said he had not seen the 1999 permanent injunction, was unaware of its existence and had not read the text of that document to Gibbons. Santoro then asked Lacavera for a directed verdict of not guilty, noting that the court order in effect at the time of Gibbons's arrest was not the one being enforced. Crown attorney

Abraham countered that Gibbons was nonetheless named within the terms of the 1999 injunction as a "Jane Doe." Lacavera replied that the onus was on the Crown to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Gibbons knew of the valid order in effect. He said there was indeed no evidence Gibbons had been aware of the 1999 injunction at the time of her arrest. "She did not have the requisite knowledge of the permanent injunction," he said. "She cannot be found guilty." He then directed that a verdict of not guilty be entered.

A free Gibbons observed the verdict was a just one. "It was pretty basic ... It is just fundamentally wrong we're not allowed to be there. It is our constitutional right to be there." Of her time in prison awaiting trial, she turned attention off herself, noting that there were "a couple of pretty serious pro-life issues to deal with" among other prisoners, but that "we're seeing results."

Attention is now being turned to a crucial Supreme Court of Canada hearing this December 14, in which the country's top judges will decide whether it is proper for Gibbons and others to be prosecuted in criminal courts for violations of injunctions laid down in civil courts. She has always been prosecuted in criminal courts, even though the injunctions regarding the Morgentaler and Scott abortion sites were enacted by civil courts.

ABORTION INDUSTRY MASQUERADING AS THE VOICE FOR CHOICE IN CANADA

Over the years we have wondered who our opponents in the abortion debate really were. Were they like us, just Canadians who wanted to help others to understand what the abortion discussion is about and help families dealing with a crisis pregnancy find the resources to assist them in bringing their child to full term. Did they like us commit to setting up informal and then formal groups and organizations in communities across our province to help educate and provide support? Did they like us fundraise for private donations to set up our offices for education, pregnancy support, accommodation? Did they raise funds to staff these offices, or find groups of volunteers ready to help in any situation and did they like us offer all our services free? But, I digress because we can see the face of "choice" in Canada and it appears that it is overwhelmingly the abortion industry masquerading as the voice for choice.



Joyce Arthur

In Canada, there are four prominent groups who are regularly quoted in news releases or who hold news conferences (mostly at abortion clinics) and are considered by the media as being the pro-choice movement in Canada. Why don't we take a look at who they are?

The Pro-Choice Action Network

www.prochoiceactionnetwork-canada.org/aboutus/aboutus.shtml

“The Pro-Choice Action Network was formed in 1987 to secure safe, fully funded, high quality abortion services for women. (Formerly known as the BC Coalition for Abortion Clinics, our groups name changed its name in 1998)... We have close working ties with the Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada.”

This organization represents abortion clinics.

Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada

www.arcc-cdac.ca/about.html “

”The focus of ARCC-CDAC is to ensure that women can exercise their right to this health service [abortion] equitably and without barriers.”?

Of the 28 group members listed on the ARCC-CDAC website, 14 are abortion clinics or in the case of OCAC membership additionally represent the private abortion clinics in Ontario!

Ontario Coalition of Abortion Clinics

<http://ocac-choice.com/about>

“OCAC was formed because clinics wanted to challenge a system that was denying abortion to their clients”

There are 8 private abortion clinics operating at this time, of which we are aware, in Ontario.

National Abortion Federation of Canada

http://prochoice.org/about_naf/index.html

“The national Abortion Federation (NAF) is the professional association of abortion providers in North America.”

NAF trains doctors to perform abortion and provides referrals for women and as it says represents the abortion industry.

Over the years the abortion industry has demanded in press releases that no woman should have to pay for abortion - (government funding guarantees their income and high numbers of abortions), opposed third party counseling as unnecessary, what we are concerned about is whether these facilities would actually counsel women regarding the nature of the unborn child or inform them local help to assist them in carrying their child. On the blogroll “I’m not sorry” carried on the Ontario Coalition of Clinics home page you can read the following in the item “answering pro-lifers,”

“If you listen to the anti-choicers, they would have you believe that full-term babies are being ripped out of wombs and having their heads bashed in, when in fact what’s being removed is an alien-looking clump roughly the size of a kidney bean...”

The abortion industry has opposed protecting the child before birth (should the mother be assaulted) saying that that protection would hurt pregnant women and effect what it calls abortion rights. It has challenged the Canadian Medical Association to take away a physician’s right not to be involved in abortion, by forcing them to refer patients requesting abortion, to another doctor. The ARCC-CDAC encouraged letter writing to oppose a bill which would have criminalized coercing a woman to undergo an abortion, <http://www.arcc-cdac.ca/action/C510-sample-letter.html> and more recently through a National Abortion Federation news release challenged our Prime Minister’s decision not to include abortion in the Canada’s International Maternal and Child Health strategy.

In an October 22nd Events page (<http://ocac-choice.com/events>) The Ontario Coalition of Abortion Clinics noted “Anti-choice organizations in Ontario are mobilizing to attempt to pressure the provincial government to defund abortion in this province”. Could it be that the industry can see their bottom line dwindling if our provincial government de-insured abortion?

In closing we would just like to state that every issue has movements which rise up to defend or oppose it and in any democracy this is a good and healthy thing. What we as Canadians need to realise is that overwhelmingly the so called “voice for choice” is actually the abortion industry itself, fighting to the death to keep abortion accessible and government funded.

The abortion industry, is financed on the backs of terrified women experiencing crisis pregnancy. Is it in the abortion industry’s best interest for women to know that there are centres out there ready and willing to help, or that there are inherent risk factors in the abortion procedure, or to tell the mother that that her child is alive and growing. Every abortion not undertaken is money lost to the industry. How long did it take before the tobacco industry fessed up?

For these and many other reasons we want the debate.

USA

WOMAN DIES IN ORDER TO SAVE UNBORN CHILD

OKLAHOMA CITY - An Oklahoma woman died of cancer last month after refusing chemotherapy that would have threatened the life of her unborn child, newsok.com reports.



An 11-year-old photo of Stacie Crimm, who sacrificed her life for her unborn child

Stacie Crimm was 41, single, and unexpectedly pregnant, when she was diagnosed with head and neck cancer this past July. Faced with the agonizing decision of whether to expose her unborn child to a potentially fatal course of chemotherapy, Crimm decided to put her own life on the line instead. Her daughter, Dottie Mae, was born August 16th by emergency C-section after Crimm collapsed in her home.

Doctors managed to save the 2-pound baby and resuscitate the mother, placing both in intensive care units in separate buildings. While Crimm seemed to be improving at first, her condition soon deteriorated until three weeks later she stopped breathing and had to be resuscitated again. Her family was told that she was dying.

According to Crimm’s brother Ray Phillips, doctors had initially told the family that it would be impossible for Crimm to hold her child. However, two nurses intervened, and found a way to safely move the baby, who was still in an incubator in the hospital’s Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

WHEN IT IS COMPROMISE

**When saving some is all we can do
we should never pretend it's all
we hope to do**

by Mark Penninga - Guest editorial

Fighting abortion bit by bit, one legislative restriction after another doesn't mean compromising on our conviction that all of the unborn are precious human beings. This step-by-step approach recognizes the reality that today, in our current political climate, we simply can't save all these children, and that in these circumstances saving some is better than saving none.

But even as we acknowledge the status quo, and the limitations on what is possible politically, it is vital that we in no way suggest that we are happy with the way things are. It is very important that everyone in the pro-life community, including those in the political arm, be forthright that all abortions are wrong and be clear that our goal is to end the atrocity.

Unfortunately, a common mistake of those advocating limits on abortion is to suggest that a wrong would be made right if we adopted a specific law. The temptation is to try to sell a law by making arguments that would appeal to someone in the middle, but which actually undermine our core belief about the intrinsic value of all human life.

For example, the fact that the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) defines viability at 20 weeks gestation and/or 500 grams is not the reason why we think a law restricting abortion to 20 weeks is necessary, even if it is an argument that would convince someone who does not believe that all human life is sacred.

If we use that argument as the reason for the bill, we undermine our foundation. The truth is we oppose abortion at 12 weeks, 8 weeks, and 18 days gestation and we may not mislead the public to think otherwise. We know that the fact that unborn children older than 20 weeks may feel pain does not mean that abortion before 20 weeks is OK. We have to state very clearly that all unborn children should be protected so a law that would ban abortion after 12 or 20 weeks would help limit the evil, but it is just one step towards the end we are looking for.

So how do we use appropriate language to defend these laws to a secular society? We can say boldly and firmly that we believe abortion is wrong and that we are proposing/defending/supporting this legislation because it is a step in the right direction. We can also say that our society may not agree with all our reasons, but they should be convinced by their own reasons, including the fact that the CMA would call these children viable and that the medical community agrees that they feel pain.

In other words, we must never obscure God's Truth on this issue and must never talk or argue in a way that gives the impression some of the unborn aren't precious human beings. We may only be able to save some right now, but we must always be clear that saving all is our end goal.

WORLD

CHINESE WOMAN DIES DURING FORCED ABORTION: WAS SIX MONTHS PREGNANT

by Kathleen Gilbert

LIJING COUNTY, Shandong Province, China - A Chinese woman died last week during a forced abortion at six months pregnant, the human rights organizations Women's Rights Without Frontiers and China Aid say they have learned.

According to a report posted on fanfucn.com, Jihong Ma was seized by Family Planning Officials for a forced abortion because she violated the one-child policy. Due to her state of stress, she was placed on oxygen. In the words of a family member: "More than ten persons from the Family Planning Bureau came, took off the oxygen mask from her and forced her to induce labour. From the time she was put into operating room at 4:00 p.m., there was no news about her . . . At night around 10:00 p.m., someone came, opened the door of the delivery room and slipped away. We ran into the delivery room and saw that the doctors and nurses all disappeared while poor Jihong Ma's body had already been totally freezing cold, with purple lips and bleeding nose, lying on the operating table without any movement". . . Jihong Ma's daughter does not know yet that her Mom has passed away. She cries

looking for Mom every day.

Reggie Littlejohn, head of Women's Rights without Frontiers. "Our hearts go out to the family of Jihong Ma, who was their wife, mother or daughter," stated Reggie Littlejohn, President of Women's Rights Without Frontiers. "China's cruel and barbaric forced abortion policy causes more violence towards women and girls than any other official policy on earth. It is China's war against women and girls. Women are forcibly aborted up to the ninth month of pregnancy.

"Forced abortion is not a choice. It is official government rape." Bob Fu, President of China Aid, stated, "Tragedies like this demonstrate the urgent need for China to establish the rule of law. Family Planning



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Police commit hideous crimes with impunity, as do those who persecute the house churches and Chinese human rights lawyers."

A recent report released by Women's Rights Without Frontiers detailed several bone chilling accounts of the brutality experienced by Chinese citizens who fall afoul of the one-child policy. The report was leaked out of China by a source who requested anonymity for fear of the reprisals that other critics of the one-child policy have been subjected to. It was unveiled at a U.S. Congressional Hearing on the one-child policy, held September 22.

Reports from China have indicated that Chen Guangcheng, the country's most famous opponent of the brutal population control methods, may have been killed after suffering years of imprisonment, torture, and harassment.

"Chen Guangcheng has stood up for victims of forced abortion. He has been jailed, tortured, denied medical treatment, and we don't know whether he is dead or alive," said Fu.