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## GRAPHIC IMAGES SAVE BABY GIRL

Mother waits 12 years to tell story. Joanne (not her real name) called my office today. She was trying to find out who might be responsible for displaying graphic abortion images at a house next to an abortion clinic on Victoria Drive in 1999.

She was going in for an abortion at that time and changed her mind when she saw the images. She wants to thank those responsible because she now has beautiful 11 year old daughter she loves dearly. I asked her if she would be willing to write down her story. Here it is.

*"Hello, my name is Joanne and I almost had an abortion in 1999. My boyfriend, at the time, wanted me to have an abortion. I did at first agree with him, even though I knew it was wrong.*

*I had moved to the coast in 1998, with my two daughters, to attend college for a 6 month Resident Care Attendant course. I met my boyfriend while going to college, and became pregnant after I graduated. My reasons for agreeing to the abortion were, I was unmarried, had a student loan I needed to pay off, and I had 2 children already that I needed to look after.*

*And, to be honest I was at the point of wanting to break up with my boyfriend and didn't want his child.*

*So, the appointment was made at an abortion clinic near Victoria Dr. I don't even remember exactly where or the exact day of the appointment. All I can remember is that, as my boyfriend and I parked down the street and walked up to the abortion clinic, I saw a house with pictures of babies and how abortion is wrong, which I knew in my heart. I was trying to think with my head and be reasonable why I should not have this baby.*



## PRAYER, VIGIL, OUTREACH

From September 28 to November 6, our community is uniting with hundreds of other cities around the world for the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history: the 40 Days for Life campaign. It is made up of three components: \* Prayer and Fasting: believers throughout our city are invited to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. \* Peaceful Vigil: stand for life during a 40-day peaceful public witness outside BC Women's Hospital & Health Centre. \* Community Outreach: help take a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy, and public visibility.

## 40 DAYS THE FOR UNBORN

by Nathan Rumohr

In the Bible 40 is a common number: Jesus fasted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights and then was tempted by Satan; the Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years in search of the Holy Land; and God sent a 40-day flood to wash away the world.

Now the number 40 is coming to the Archdiocese of Vancouver. This fall pro-life advocates will campaign to end abortion for 40 days.

The international effort called 40 Days for Life is an effort to end abortion through 40 days of fasting, prayer, community outreach, and ongoing vigils outside abortion clinics.

The local campaign will run from Sept. 28 to Nov. 6.

The movement started four years ago and has grown ever since. Over 400,000 people worldwide have been part of the event, and this year is expected to be the biggest ever. The efforts of the cause have resulted in over 4,000 unborn lives being spared.

More information on events in and around Vancouver is available by e-mailing: [vancouver40days@gmail.com](mailto:vancouver40days@gmail.com).

(courtesy of BC Catholic)

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*We walked into the clinic and up to the reception desk, said our appointment time, and I just couldn't do it! I ran out of the clinic, crying down the street. I left my boyfriend standing there. I don't know what he said, but I know eventually he found me in his car and was very angry. He wanted me to still have an abortion, but there was no way that was going to happen.*

*I am so glad that I didn't go through with it that I cannot even express it that well. I have the most beautiful little 11 year old girl that I love so much!! I have thought about what I almost did, and it fills me with horror. (And has made me cry.)*

*Just writing this is making me cry at what I almost did. I think I would have lost all self-respect and couldn't have lived with doing something like that. Becky has the most amazing personality too, she's very outgoing and loves her big sisters and her little brother so much! I feel so lucky to have her! She's my miracle!! She was born on January 24, 2000.*

*I am writing this also to say thanks to the people that had that house right there when I walked by, because I think I probably would have went through with that abortion, even though I had doubts. I have thought about going there to say thanks throughout the years, but life can sure be busy. But, I am saying it now... Thanks so very much because I really appreciate it!!! And, I am sure my daughter does too!"*

Sissy Von Dehn owns the house that was next door to old location of the abortion mill and always had signs in her windows as well as an assortment of graphic lawn signs outside when she was at the house. This story is more evidence that graphic signs work and, while we may never know how often they work, occasionally we are given a small glimpse of their affect on people.

Joanne has given us her name and contact information but we will probably keep her anonymous to protect her from a pro-abortion reaction to her revelations. We hope this heart warming story inspires all pro-lifers to get more involved in activism just in time for the 40 days for Life event.

I am saddened to report the loss of two stalwarts in our movement. Pro-life political candidate and activist, Bill Stilwell passed away on Sept. 3rd after a short illness. He joins his wife Heather who left us exactly 9 months ago. Left to mourn are his children: Christina (Lloyd), Colleen (Heath), Bill (Mona), James (Catherine), Paul, Andrew, Sarah and Elizabeth; and 8 grandchildren.

We have also said goodbye to 65 year old Dr. Lawrence Wong a pioneer in the pro-life movement and leader of the Catholic Physicians Guild.

I have also just heard of the passing of a dedicated pro-life worker, Rachel Waters (nee Testa). This pregnant mother of seven suffered a catastrophic pulmonary embolism. Her death is mourned specifically by her family and the church community at Holy Family parish in Vancouver.

*John Hof*

## Fr. Pavone reacts to bishop's recall

by John-Henry Westen

Priests for Life President Fr. Frank Pavone reacted to the recall by his bishop, Patrick J. Zurek, demanding that Fr. Pavone restrict his ministry, at least for the time being, to the Diocese of Amarillo, commencing today September 13, 2011.

In a September 9 letter to bishops across the U.S., Bishop Zurek said, "My decision is the result of deep concerns regarding his stewardship of the finances of the Priests for Life (PFL) organization."

"The PFL has become a business that is quite lucrative which provides Father Pavone with financial independence from all legitimate ecclesiastical oversight," the letter said.

Fr. Pavone told LifeSiteNews that he was "perplexed" by the demand and added that he has begun a process of appeal to the Vatican. He stressed that "Priests for Life is above reproach in its financial management and the stewardship of the monies it receives from dedicated pro-lifers, raised primarily through direct mail at the grassroots level."

Financial reports, he said, are submitted to all 21 bishops and cardinals who sit on the organization's Advisory Board.

Fr. Pavone also said that he does "not receive any salary or financial remuneration from either the Diocese of Amarillo or from Priests for Life."

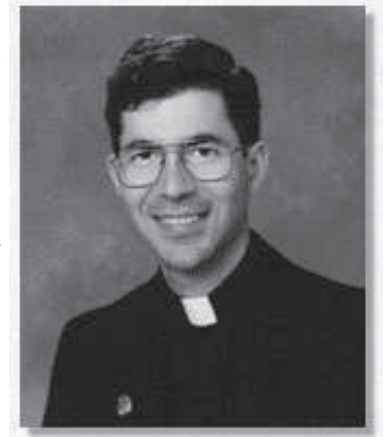
Priests for Life, "does provide for my residence and the expenses associated with the ministry," he said, "but these expenses are very small." As a diocesan priest, Fr. Pavone has not taken a vow of poverty, however, he said, "I have basically chosen to live in that fashion in solidarity with the pre-born children we are trying to protect—who are the poorest of the poor."

Fr. Pavone said that he will be obedient to his bishop's request to return to his diocese. As he puts it, "because I am a priest of the diocese of Amarillo, I will be obedient and report there on the appointed date, putting the other commitments that are on my calendar on hold until I get more clarity as to what the bishop wants and for how long."

"According to the canon law of the Catholic Church, because I have begun this process of appeal to Rome, the Bishop's order that I return to Amarillo has been effectively suspended," he said. He added, however: "Nevertheless, because of my great respect for this Bishop and my commitment to be fully obedient at all times, I am reporting to Amarillo this Tuesday, in hopes that I can sort this problem out with the Bishop in a mutually agreeable and amicable way."

Fr. Pavone says he does not expect this situation to last for very long.

As a leading spokesman for the pro-life movement throughout the world, the removal of Fr. Pavone from his position of pro-life leadership would be devastating.



## Kelowna mayor issues 4th consecutive Pro-Life Week proclamation

by Thaddeus Baklinski

KELOWNA, BC (LifeSiteNews.com) - For the fourth year in a row the mayor of Kelowna, British Columbia, Sharon Shepherd, has issued a proclamation recognizing Protect Human Life Week, at the request of the Kelowna Right to Life Society.

"It is the intention of this proclamation to promote respect and protection to all human life, especially the infirm, the aged, the handicapped and the unborn," the Protect Human Life Week proclamation states.

"The purpose of Protect Human Life Week is to raise awareness and stimulate discussion in our community around the life issues," Marlon Bartram, the Executive Director of the Kelowna Right to Life Society, told LifeSiteNews.

"In Canada, the issues of abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, IVF are 'okay' with a significant portion - probably a majority - of society. We are here to offer an alternate voice, one that says human life has dignity and value from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death and these acts constitute a violation of that dignity."

Mayor Sharon Shepherd can be reached at: [mayorandcouncil@kelowna.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@kelowna.ca).



## Leader of the New Democratic Party, Jack Layton, dead

by Alphonse de Valk

After the elections of May 2, 2011, Jack Layton achieved the status in Canada's Parliament of "Leader of the Opposition." He died on August 22, before Parliament had resumed. Mr. Layton inherited the leadership of a Party fully secular and this-world oriented, like its socialist brethren throughout the world. It did not,



and in Canada could not, indulge in the unbridled violence of its Communist (scientific socialist) cousins but in all other respects a thin veneer of unacknowledged Christian justice and concern for the poor could barely tame its wrong-headed solutions to almost every economic and political issue.

Mr. Layton himself was a victim.

When Liberalism in Canada threw off its Christian principles under Trudeau, the NDP was only too glad to follow in lockstep: support for killing unborn babies, divorce, the dissolution of the family, euthanasia, the homosexual lifestyle, transgenderism, all are fodder for its members.

Morgentaler, the butcher of Canada, was one of his heroes.

As a Toronto City Councillor, Layton stood among the crowd who mocked and physically abused pro-life activists who peacefully witnessed to the dignity of all human life before Morgentaler's Toronto abortuary in October 1988. He urged the police to arrest the pro-lifers and complained that they had not already done so before he got there.

At that time, smiling Jack forgot to smile.

In the end, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, clever politician that he is, grandly exploited the sentimental aura of Mr. Layton's death by ordering a state funeral.

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The words of the former leader of Canada's official opposition leader, the late Jack Layton, really struck me as they were quoted on every newscast and newspaper and news magazine in the nation. Remembering that he led the most pro-abortion, anti-family Party in Canada, in his final letter to Canadians he said;

**"Love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair.**

**So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic, and we will change the world."**

Yes indeed Jack. How many children would be alive today if you had but heeded your own words and "loved" the unborn?

### Baby Bumps

Baby Bumps is a new program that is designed to help new mothers after they have chosen to keep their baby. Young women who choose to carry to term despite pressures to terminate the pregnancy deserve our support, encouragement and praise! The Baby Bumps program provides an outlet to do just that! The women in this program have access to many different support options that they can choose to take advantage of. Options like financial counselling, career planning, new clothing, baby furniture and supplies, peer counselling, financial help, and more! These women also get to participate in a testimonial video shoot and photo shoot that are used to inspire other women in similar situations and serve as precious mementos for this time in their lives as mother and baby. We are excited to share the touching stories of these inspirational young women with you soon. Stay tuned for updates! Do you want to get involved in this program or have a special skill or service you would like to donate?

Contact: [info@thesignalhill.com](mailto:info@thesignalhill.com)

## In the abortion debate, motives matter

by Barbara Kay

There are only two polemically unassailable positions on abortion:

1. never, because it is always murder; and
2. whenever, because an unborn baby is part of the mother's body, hers to dispense with as she wants.



The vast majority of Canadians' views may not stand up to perfect logic and consistency. Nevertheless, they fall somewhere in between. Most of us condone abortion: In the first trimester; where there is risk to the mother; in cases of incest and rape; and for known, serious birth defects.

My libertarian colleague Chris Selley is a pro-choice absolutist, as I would define the term. He therefore concludes that any dilution of Canada's freedom-of-choice model will likely be "fruitless" (good pun, even if unintended). But nowadays, as Mr. Selley himself concedes, even many hard-liners of the it's-my-body camp find themselves staggering under the increasingly weighty burden of their ideology. Shifting technological and cultural plates beneath society's crust are dislodging bio-ethical boulders. They are crashing down upon the moral high road feminists have occupied for decades.

Thanks to early-pregnancy sex-revealing technology, over the last decade in Asia, an estimated 163 million female unborn babies have been selectively aborted. The ratio of boys to girls in India is now 112/100. In fact, abortion for any reason has become banalized amongst elites: Some Indian women abort over such trivial matters as an unwanted zodiacal sign.

In China, the ratio is verging on 150/100 in some areas. In South Korea, amongst second births, the ratio is 113/100 (the parents will "tolerate" a female for their first child, but are less forgiving the second time around). Amongst fourth-borns, it is a shocking 209/100.

Laws against gendercide have proved unenforceable in these and other female-devaluing countries. These practices continue in the Western diaspora: Gendercide is an open secret in Canada's South Asian community. Globally, the male-female ratio stands at 107/100. Such imbalance has grave consequences. In her book, *Unnatural Selection*, Mara Hvistendahl notes: "Historically, societies in which men substantially outnumber women are not nice places to live. Often, they are unstable. Sometimes, they are violent."

We cannot turn our backs on the gendercide problem, because we will all be affected by it sooner or later. But neither should we retreat from an examination of other moral considerations.

Most Canadians believe that no Canadian doctor would consent to abort a viable fetus (after 22 weeks of gestation) for reasons that do not involve the health of the mother or the fetus. Yet at least 400 post-viability abortions take place annually in Canada, and many are done strictly for discretionary motivations. Of Quebec's 29,000 annual abortions (about one in three Quebec women will have an abortion in her lifetime), some are performed, privately, after 30 weeks. In 2003-4, Ontario paid almost \$400,000 for 56 "out of country" late-term abortions.

Most abortions are not what any reasonable person would call "necessary." Nearly foolproof birth control is available to every Canadian girl from puberty onward. Few unmarried girls or women today endure crippling social stigma for pregnancy, the original impetus for legalizing abortion. Excellent prenatal care is fully funded. No woman is forced to keep an unwanted child if she would prefer to go the route of adoption. Moreover, abortion, with well-documented medical risks (few women are informed of) has never been animal-tested, the legal sine qua non for most other medical technologies and procedures. And yet, absurdly, a women's "right" to terminate any number of pregnancies at any stage for any reason at public expense and without regard to societal consequences, fathers' wishes or rights, and doctors' consciences, has become the litmus test for allegedly enlightened thinking in our culture.



*Some Indian women abort over such trivial matters as an unwanted zodiac sign.*

Let's get real on democratic "rights." Freedom of speech is a right. Freedom of association is a right. Such rights are timeless and universal. They were not invented out of whole philosophical cloth 40 years ago. They can be exercised without extorting money and technical assistance from people who don't approve of what you say or whom you associate with. Pregnancy is not a medical infirmity. It is a natural state.

Abortion is not a medical "treatment"; it is a service.

Women seeking abortions of healthy fetuses out of convenience or sexism - that is, women who are not seeking relief from authentic psychological or physical suffering - are not "patients." They are clients.

Clients have wishes; they do not have inalienable rights. When the wishes of clients run counter to society's health, or other people's natural rights - and by "people" I include unborn babies who were viable before their skulls were surgically crushed - then regulation of the practice is not only admissible, it is desirable, and nobody should have to fear censure from powerful special interest groups for saying so.

*National Post*

## Linda Gibbons arrested for silent witness outside Toronto abortion mill

by John-Henry Westen

TORONTO (LifeSiteNews.com) - LifeSiteNews reporter and managing director Steve Jalsevac was live-blogging and taking photos from the Morgentaler abortion mill on Hillsdale Ave in Toronto this morning as pro-life activist Linda Gibbons was arrested. Gibbons has spent 8 of the last 14 years in jail for breaking a 1994 'temporary' court injunction which forbids pro-life presence outside various abortion centres in Toronto.

Gibbons arrived at the Morgentaler abortion mill this morning shortly before 9am and was arrested just after 11am. As is her normal practice Gibbons paced back and forth silently in front of the mill carrying a sign with a live baby's photo reading: "Why Mom When I have so much Love to Give". She attempted to speak to several women entering the centre to offer them aid to carry their



pregnancies to term. Six police officers took part in the arrest, including the sheriff and his deputy who ordered the arrest after Gibbons did not respond to their requests to obey the injunction and leave the area. Gibbons was read the injunction and led to the squad car

peacefully. While in years past she sat immobile causing officers to carry her to the vehicle, the 69-year-old grandmother walked with them this morning.

In June Gibbons was released from jail following over two years of consecutive imprisonment for violating the injunction in the same manner as today. She has an upcoming court date on January 16, 2012. Over 20 Show the Truth demonstrators held graphic abortion signs outside of the 170 metre restricted zone.

## Pro-life heroine sentenced to jail for peacefully witnessing to life at Toronto facility

by Peter Baklinski

TORONTO, ON (LifeSiteNews.com) - Pro-life prisoner of conscience Mary Wagner was sentenced in court today for peacefully entering a Toronto abortion facility last December to witness about the value of human life to mothers who were waiting to abort their children. Mary, who provided her own defence, was found guilty by Judge William Bassel in Toronto's Old City Hall of "unlawful use" and "enjoyment" of the premises of the Bloor West Village Women's Clinic on December 23, 2010. As part of the mischief charge, the judge found Mary guilty of delaying the progress of the business.

John Bulsha, Mary's friend and supporter who was present at the trial, told LifeSiteNews.com that the jury heard Mary testify how she was forcibly dragged away from the facility by the police officer.

"It's not too late. There's time to change your mind. God loves you," Mary had said to the woman as she was removed from the premises. The judge sentenced Mary this morning to 40 days of jail time and 3 years probation where she is to have no contact with employees of the Bloor West centre. She is also required to keep 100 yards away from the abortion facility for the same period of time.

Bulsha told LSN that the judge's final words were opposed to the statements of the witnesses who testified that Mary remained "calm, cool, and collected" during her hour with the mothers at the Mill.

"The judge blew things out of proportion," said Bulsha, adding that the judge "painted Mary to be someone who is 'ramming her agenda down people's throats.'"

"Since the December 2010 arrest, Mary has been arrested on three separate occasions for witnessing to mothers about the truth of human life in the womb. She has been travelling to the Toronto court from the Vanier women's jail, where she was incarcerated after her most recent arrest this past August.

Alissa Golob, leader of Campaign Life Coalition Youth and personal friend of Mary, told LSN that "instead of Mary defending herself or making statements with regard to her arrests, she simply makes statements about the injustice of abortion."

"She doesn't focus on herself, but on the bigger issue: abortion." Golob said that Mary, in her mid 30's, is an inspiration to all young people who champion the pro-life cause. "She is a woman who really acts like abortion is murder. She is doing everything in her power to try to stop it."

"We get so caught up in matters of the law, about how to avoid trouble and confrontation, that we overlook what really is happening: the killing of babies - everyday - all around us."

"Mary brings the Life of the unborn child to the centrefold of the Pro-Life movement."



**To visit or write Mary:  
Vanier Centre for Women  
665 Martin St.  
Milton Ontario L9T 5E6  
Visitors must call the prison at least 48 hours in advance and show up at least 15 minutes before the visit.  
Phone: 905-876-8300.**

## Carleton U fails to shut down pro-life students' lawsuit

by Thaddeus Baklinski

OTTAWA (LifeSiteNews.com) - Carleton University's effort to quash a lawsuit against them by pro-life club Carleton Lifeline has failed.

Ruth Lobo, a named plaintiff in the lawsuit stated, "Carleton University claimed that our lawsuit was frivolous, vexatious and an



Ruth Lobo being arrested in October 2010.

abuse of the Court process, but the Court ruled that we have grounds for a lawsuit and we'll continue to fight for our right to free expression." Ruth Lobo and Nicholas McLeod, members of

Carleton Lifeline, launched the lawsuit against the university in February after the school had four of its students arrested in October over a pro-life display. The club argued that the University has unjustly discriminated against them on the basis of their pro-life beliefs by imposing restrictions on their displays that have not been applied to other campus groups.

"We believe that the behaviour of the University is actionable. We have suffered discrimination and intimidation, we have been arrested and threatened and we are seeking restitution," Lobo, President of Carleton Lifeline, said in February.

"The University's discriminatory actions are shocking, to say the least. We want to ensure, through law, that this behaviour is not repeated at Carleton University ever again." The club asked that they be allowed to "openly promote their beliefs on campus" pursuant to university policies respecting freedom of expression, academic freedom, and discrimination. They also asked for \$200,000 plus costs for punitive damages, wrongful arrest, damage to reputation, and breach of contract.

In April, Carleton University responded with a motion to have the suit struck on the grounds that it discloses no reasonable cause of action, is scandalous, frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of the court process. Carleton Lifeline filed written arguments and made oral arguments at the hearing of the motion which was heard July 12, 2011 and July 13, 2011. Had the Court accepted Carleton University's argument, the lawsuit would have ended at this stage. Madam Justice Giovanna Toscano Roccamo's decision was released August 5, 2011. In her decision, the justice struck Carleton Lifeline's claims for breach of fiduciary duty, negligence, breach of contract, breach of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as the claims against the individual defendants. However, Justice Toscano Roccamo upheld Carleton Lifeline's claim of wrongful arrest, and has allowed Carleton Lifeline to amend the other claims so that they may proceed.

## Alberta judge: Infanticide is apparently just a late, late-term abortion.

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 consistent 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 world view 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?

## USA

### Abortion mill keeps grinding while towers fall

by John-Henry Westen (*LifeSiteNews.com*)

The heroic pro-life leader Msgr. Philip Reilly, the founder of Helpers of God’s Precious Infants, was also there as a speaker and he delivered a fascinating address. Monsignor Reilly told of how he was outside in New York City, with a clear view of the twin towers, when the planes hit. “On the morning of 9/11 I was praying and counselling outside of a large abortion clinic in Brooklyn,” said Msgr. Reilly. “The abortion mill is located a few blocks from New York Harbor, at a point where you could look across the Harbour and easily see the Twin Towers.”



“The wind was blowing that day from Manhattan to Brooklyn,” recalled the 50-year-veteran pro-life leader. “So when the Towers came down, an incredible black cloud came over our heads. Outside the abortion mill, it became midnight at midday.” Monsignor said he wanted nothing more at that moment than to go to Ground Zero to help and to pray. However,

he knew that his duty at the time was to care for and pray for those women entering the abortion centre outside of which he stood praying.

Reilly noted that due to the disaster all businesses stopped, but, he said, “There was a bizarre exception, namely the killing of unborn babies continued, especially at the mill where I was counselling. Inside the abortion mill, they were actually watching the events unfold on TV, yet the killing of the babies inside continued.” “Thus I could not leave the mill at that time to go to Ground Zero,” he said. “I didn’t get to Ground Zero until it was midnight.”

## Mississippi Set to Vote on Personhood Amendment

A court challenge to the Mississippi “Personhood Amendment” initiative has failed and the American pro life movement could be on the verge of a major victory this November. That’s when a vote to amend the constitution of Mississippi will take place in the pro-life state. The amendment reads, “The term ‘person’ or ‘persons’ shall include every human being from the moment of fertilization, cloning or the functional equivalent thereof.” If successful, abortion, embryonic stem cell research and any other act that kills a person after the moment of conception will be illegal, and a challenge to *Roe v Wade* will commence.

## World

### AI demands ‘right’ to kill children conceived by rape

by Matthew Cullinan Hoffman (*LifeSiteNews.com*)

Amnesty International is demanding the “right” to kill unborn children conceived by rape in Nicaragua, according to international media sources. Formerly dedicated to fighting human rights abuses, Amnesty International (AI) in recent years has increasingly become a pro-abortion and homosexualist lobby group.

The French Press Agency reports that an AI “mission” to Nicaragua asked the country’s government on Thursday to decriminalize “therapeutic” abortion, which by the organization’s definition includes cases of rape.

“We are demanding that therapeutic abortion be permitted when the life of the woman is in danger and also when there has been a rape,” said Guadalupe Marengo

of AI in an interview with AFP. “What can be seen here are cases of girls who have been raped who are impregnated, who later have no possibility of having a therapeutic abortion,” complained Marengo, who added that the government “forces them to have a baby” which “is very sad.” AI continues to claim that Nicaragua’s abortion ban places women’s lives in danger, although the government has repeatedly clarified that doctors performing life-saving medical procedures that secondarily cause an abortion are not prosecuted.

As *LifeSiteNews* has reported previously, Nicaragua’s maternal mortality rate has fallen dramatically since the prohibition was passed in 2006, from 140 maternal deaths per 100,000 births to only 100 in 2011. International pro-life advocates say Nicaragua’s example is not unusual: the highest maternal mortality rates often occur in countries with liberal abortion laws, such as India, and the lowest rates are found where the procedure remains illegal, such as Sri Lanka and Chile.



## Euthanasia

B.C. Supreme Court throws out lawsuit launched by right-to-die group By Laura Kane, Vancouver Sun August 17, 2011 2:01 PM A B.C. Supreme Court judge has thrown out a lawsuit launched by a right-to-die group. Justice Lynn Smith dismissed the Farewell Foundation's case, which sought to have a judge consider its constitutional challenge of Canada's law that makes it illegal to assist a suicide. However, she recommended the group apply for intervenor status in another ongoing right-to-die case spearheaded by the B.C. Civil Liberties Association.

The Farewell Foundation's case was tossed in a hearing this morning because group members remained anonymous, according to the group's lawyer, Jason Gratl.

The judge said the members must be identified in order to be subject to cross-examination and document discovery, according to Gratl. The New-Westminster based Farewell Foundation claimed the law, which carries a maximum penalty of 14 years in prison, violates their right to end their lives with dignity in the future.

The BCCLA-led case supports a medical model, in which assisted suicide can only be completed by a physician. Plaintiffs include Gloria Taylor, 63, a Westbank woman suffering through the late stages of ALS or Lou Gehrig's disease and has been given one year to live, and a husband and wife — Lee Carter and Hollis Johnson — who went to Switzerland to help an aged parent end her life.

Russel Ogden, a founding director of the Farewell Foundation, said that it was encouraging to be given the option of intervening in the BCCLA-led case, which is also being decided by Justice Lynn Smith. "Our treatment in court today was very respectful," he said. "The judge saw value in our case and suggested the option of applying to intervene."

A party with intervenor status may introduce evidence and expert opinions to support their case, he said. The Farewell Foundation hopes to advance the Swiss model through this option. Ogden said he would continue to protect his members' privacy, unless the BCCLA case is unsuccessful and a member is willing to come forward as a plaintiff. He said he hopes this does not have to happen.

At a hearing Aug. 3, Donnaree Nygard, the lawyer representing the federal attorney general, argued the plaintiffs had failed to provide a factual foundation to show the Farewell Foundation is sufficiently affected or prejudiced by the assisted suicide law. He said that the plaintiffs could not come before the court on a "hypothetical situation."

## Coming Events

FIRST SATURDAY PRO-LIFE MASS AND VIGIL

**Oct 1 Sat** - St. Ann's Parish, 33333 Mayfair Ave., Abbotford. Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**Nov 5 Sat** - Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 473 East 8th Ave., New Westminster. Mass at 9:00 a.m.

**Dec 3 Sat** - O L of Sorrows Parish, 555 S. Slocan St., Vancouver. **Mass at 9:00 a.m.**, followed by Rosary at church or nearest abortion facility.

For info call Office of Life and Family, 604-683-0281 or visit [www.rcav.org/RLO/Pro-Life\\_Mass\\_and\\_Prayer\\_Vigil/](http://www.rcav.org/RLO/Pro-Life_Mass_and_Prayer_Vigil/)

### Oct 2 Sunday -LIFE CHAIN -

(All Life Chains are scheduled for the hour of 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. unless indicated otherwise.)

The Langley ProLife society is hosting the LifeChain along 200th St. between Fraser Highway and 62nd Ave. Details 604-534-1195 or [langleyprolife@shaw.ca](mailto:langleyprolife@shaw.ca)

ABBOTSFORD & MISSION - Signs available at the Sevenoaks Alliance Church parking lot at 1:45 on Oct. 2nd. Info call Abbotsford Right to Life - (604)852-4623

CHILLIWACK - For details call Chilliwack Pro-Life Society, 604-795-3091 or e-mail [cpcpro@dowco.com](mailto:cpcpro@dowco.com)

KELOWNA - 1:45-3:00 p.m. Location: Dairy Queen parking lot at Harvey and Gordon. Visit [www.prolifekelowna.com](http://www.prolifekelowna.com) or call 250 862-8202 for more information

### SURREY-DELTA -DETAILS TO FOLLOW

VANCOUVER - We will meet at Women's and Children's Hospital along Oak St. at 29 th Ave. (outside the bubble zone) from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (National Life Chain has asked us to increase our time by half an hour). Please arrive 15 min. early to find parking and be in position by 1.30 p.m. For more info. signs, location contact Betty Green at 604 733-6266 or call Pastor John Kaptein (backup) call. (604)708-1142 (home).

### Oct 27-29 Thu-Sat - COMMITTING TO CHANGE THE FUTURE -

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### Nov 4 Fri - ANNUAL FUND-RAISING DINNER -

- Abbotsford Right to Life is having its annual fund-raising dinner at Sevenoaks Alliance Church, 2575 Gladwin Rd., Abbotsford at 6:30 pm. Doors open at 6:00 pm. A special speaker and music will be featured. For info, contact 604-852-4623 or go to [www.abbotsfordrtl.ca](http://www.abbotsfordrtl.ca).

### Nov 7 Mon - The Christian Advocacy Society invites you to its

annual AUTUMN DESSERT BANQUET. 7:00pm to 9:30pm, Cariboo Road Christian Fellowship, 7200 Cariboo Road, Burnaby. Decadent Desserts. Entertainment. Client Testimonies . And other special guests. For further info call 604-525-0999 or e-mail [casvancouver@telus.net](mailto:casvancouver@telus.net)

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