

ST. CATHARINES RIGHT TO LIFE NEWSLETTER



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No Jail Time for Woman Who Strangled Newborn Because Canada Accepts Abortion, Says Judge

An Alberta judge has let a woman who strangled her newborn son walk free by arguing that Canada's absence of a law on abortion signals that Canadians "sympathize" with the mother.

"We live in a country where there is no protection for children in the womb right up until birth and now this judge has extended the protection for the perpetrator rather than the victim, even though the child is born and as such should be protected by the court," said Jim Hughes, national president of Campaign Life Coalition.

Katrina Effert of Wetaskiwin, Alberta gave birth secretly in her parents' downstairs bathroom on April 13, 2005, and then later strangled the newborn and threw his body over a fence. She was 19 at the time.

She has been found guilty of second-degree murder by two juries, but both times the judgment was thrown out by the appeals court. In May, the Alberta Court of Appeal overturned her 2009 murder conviction and replaced it with the lesser charge of infanticide.

On September 9, Effert got a three-year suspended sentence from Justice Joanne Veit of the Alberta Court of

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New Website will Educate about Canada's Lack of Abortion Law

Most Canadians are not aware of the fact that abortion in Canada is legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Abortionlaws.ca, a new website being launched this fall by St. Catharines Right to Life, will help educate citizens about the sad truth that Canada is one of the few countries in the world with no abortion law.

St. Catharines Right to Life website committee chairman Wayne Haroutunian explains the need for the new website. "Unborn children are not considered legal 'human beings' until they fully exit the womb. It is therefore important to bring this fact to the attention of individuals surfing the internet who are researching the subject."

Abortionlaws.ca features a timeline explaining the key developments in Canadian history that led to our current situation where

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Something new!

**St. Catharines Right to Life
Benefit Concert**

Featuring
Organ **Andre Knevel**
Pan Flute **Liselotte Rokyta**

Thursday November 3, 2011
in the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria

*See poster inside for details.
(This will replace our Christmas concert this year.)*



President's Message

Maternity leave is a welcome period of bonding time between a mother and newborn. It may be a surprise to many then to learn that under Canada's employment insurance guidelines women who have had an abortion after 19

weeks gestation are eligible to 17 weeks of maternity leave. Women who had an abortion before 19 weeks gestation are eligible to 17 weeks of sick leave. This was brought to light by Life Site News. The irony is thick – a mother killing her own unborn baby and then claiming a *maternity* leave. There is nothing *maternal* about an abortion! Life Site News includes this quote by Mary Ellen Douglas of Campaign Life Coalition: "The whole situation is pretty ludicrous. Why should you pay for somebody killing their child, and then expect to pay for benefits if the child is no longer there?"

The pro-choice community has had its way far too long in Canadian society. They have pushed abortion into the mainstream and have tried to make abortions completely commonplace. Tax dollars have been squandered and morality has been trampled upon. Please hold your elected officials accountable. This EI policy can be changed with enough pressure.

I would like to thank you again for your support of St. Catharines Right to Life. As we move into a new season, I'm excited for what lies ahead. Could I also ask you to keep us in your prayers? Pray that abortion would be done away with, that unborn babies would be saved, that pregnant mothers in distress would be helped, and that unborn babies would be given legal protection in Canada.

Greg Slingerland

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*You created
my inmost being.
You knit me together
in my mother's womb.
I praise You for I am
fearfully and
wonderfully made.*

Psalm 139: 13 & 14

(8 week old unborn child)





Our newest billboard will appear at 6 different busy locations in Niagara Falls throughout the coming year.

Optionline is an excellent resource because it offers online counseling to women in crisis about the reality of abortion.

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Queen's Bench. According to Justice Veit, Canada's lack of an abortion law indicates 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." *Patrick Craine, LifeSiteNews.Com*

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unborn children are left completely unprotected from death by abortion. The timeline also describes the various failed attempts that have been made through the years to introduce pro-life legislation since the abortion law was struck down by the Supreme Court in January 1988. The website also provides national abortion statistics, which show the dramatic rise in the number of abortions since abortion was legalized.

Mr. Haroutunian sees the kind of education abortionlaws.ca provides as essential. "It is hoped that when more Canadians become informed about this that there will be a greater interest among the people of this country to support the right to life for unborn children." *Marlene Tersigni*

Join Life Chain Sunday, October 2, 2011

Niagara Falls: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Lundy's Lane
Contact: Jackie Messinger
905-646-4926

Grimsby: 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Main and Christie Street intersection
Contact: Joanne Dieleman
905-309-3340

Come spend one hour
in prayerful witness.
Help save unborn babies
and their moms from abortion.
For more information, visit
www.ChooseLife.ca



Julie VanderZalm and Joan Webb at the St. Catharines Right to Life display table at the Lincoln County Fair held September 9-11. This year, the display featured brand new fetal models. If you would like to borrow the models for a display at your school, church or group, please call our office at 905-684-7505 or email righttolife@becon.org

Denmark Plans a Down Syndrome-free Society

Denmark continues to promote the abortions of unborn children with Down Syndrome. Since 2004, the Danes have been working toward their goal of eliminating children born with Down syndrome by the year 2030. During the past 7 years, the number of births of Down syndrome babies has dropped by 13% annually. As the number of such births approaches zero, Danish bioethicist Niels Ulbjerg calls it a “fantastic achievement.”

It’s estimated that more than 90% of unborn babies with Down syndrome are aborted in North America. To read more, google **Deselecting Our Children** to find Prof. Margaret Sommerville’s article.



Women Face Mental Anguish After Abortion

A new study published in the British Journal of Psychiatry reports that women who have an abortion face almost double the risk of mental health problems as women who have their baby. The study by leading American researcher Dr. Priscilla Coleman of Bowling Green State University is based on an analysis of 22 separate studies which in total, examine the pregnancy experiences of 877,000 women, with 163,831 women having an abortion. “The results are far more reliable than the results of a single study or a qualitative review, because of the wealth of data incorporated and the objective methods for combining effects,” says Dr. Coleman.

The study indicated that abortion accounts for one in ten of every adverse mental health issue women face as a whole.

The study showed that 81% of women who have had an abortion are at increased risk for significant mental health problems. It also reported that abortion was linked with a 34% chance of anxiety disorders, 37% higher possibility of depression, more than double risk of alcohol abuse (110%), a three times greater risk of marijuana use, and 155% greater risk of trying to commit suicide.

Leaders of the *Silent No More Awareness Campaign*, the world’s largest network of women and men hurt by abortion, say the report validates what many post-abortive women already know – abortion harms women.

LifeNews.com



Abortion Facilities Continue to Shut Down After 40 Days for Life

A Planned Parenthood facility in Sherman, Texas is closed after legislation was passed in the southern state that stripped the abortion giant of its funding. Several months earlier, the manager at the Sherman Planned Parenthood clinic, Ramona Trevino, quit her job after a 40 Days for Life campaign.

Since 40 Days for Life began holding prayer vigils outside abortion clinics in 2007, 14 abortion facilities have completely shut down and 53 abortion clinic workers have walked away from the abortion industry. Thousands of unborn children have been saved from abortion.

40 Days is set to begin on September 28 in the largest and longest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history. With 46 first time campaigns, there are 291 locations this fall spanning 48 U.S. states, 7 Canadian provinces, Australia, England, Spain and for the first time, Germany. For updates, visit: www.40daysforlife.com