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**LIFE CHAIN**

**Sunday, October 2, 2011**  
**2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
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For more than 15 years in the city of Sarnia, we have been joining with tens of thousands of pro-lifers across North America on the first Sunday in October. We hold signs that remind the public that abortion takes the lives of unborn children, that it harms women and that there are alternatives.

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**LIFE CHAIN TOUCHES HEARTS**

There are a lot of stories of kids being part of Life Chain, and after that show of courage, it has given them the backbone to speak up.

There is a story about a young Wisconsin girl who had frequently been part of Life Chain in her childhood. After falling away from the practice of her faith, she had become pregnant and was considering abortion. "But the girl said, 'I can't do this, I've been part of Life Chain all my life!'"

Royce Dunn of the National Life Chain Office related a story from the 2008 Life Chain, of a woman who told a crisis pregnancy center employee about how she went to church that Sunday to ask God about the abortion she was contemplating:

"She cried and cried as she prayed for God to give her a sign as to what to do. She was pregnant, had 4 girls already. A doctor told her not to work because she was so sick, and her rent was past due. "She told me that when she left the church and drove through town she saw something she had never seen before - people holding signs and the first one she saw was 'Abortion Kills Children.'" "She just cried and told me that this was her answer to her prayer for God to show her a sign."

[www.lifesitenews.com/news/archive/ldn/2008/oct/081009](http://www.lifesitenews.com/news/archive/ldn/2008/oct/081009)

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## Young Pro-Life Nurse Takes on a Pro-Abortion University... and Wins

By Peter Baklinski

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, September 9, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) - As long as she can remember, Anne Marie Dust has cared deeply about human life ... every human life. She remembers as a young woman participating in Life Chain, and says that her parents' open-to-life attitude was a fundamental inspiration to her.

Anne Marie eventually came to believe that nursing was where she belonged, especially in the field of women's health. "To be a nurse is to care incredibly for other people, to care deeply for them, to care for what is best for them. You use your heart and you use your hands. That's it, at its core," says Anne-Marie in a video of her story, prepared by the Alliance Defense Fund.

To follow her dream, Anne Marie applied at the end of her 2010 senior year of college to the Nurse Residency Program at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Her goal was to pursue a career providing care to pregnant women and their pre-born children.

Not only was Anne Marie pre-qualified to apply to Vanderbilt's nurse residency program, but she was a stellar applicant with excellent grades. But as she pored over the application, she was shocked to discover that Vanderbilt required her to certify in writing that she would agree to participate in abortions.

The application stated that if "you feel you cannot provide care to women during this type of event, we encourage you to apply to a different track of the Nurse Residency Program."

"If abortions were a requirement, then there was no point in completing the application," Anne Marie told LifeSiteNews.com. For the aspiring nurse it was clear that the whole point of being a nurse is that you "care for people." As a pro-life student Anne Marie was alert to the culture-of-death attitudes that permeated her college. "In my nursing classes, it was assumed that if you were 'for' women's health you were not also pro-life. In college classes in general, the pro-life point of view was not even given consideration in my classes or campus affairs."

While turning the University's nursing application over in her mind, Anne Marie decided that it was time to make a stand for her convictions. With the help of the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF), she filed a federal complaint to the Department of Health and Human Services in early January 2011.

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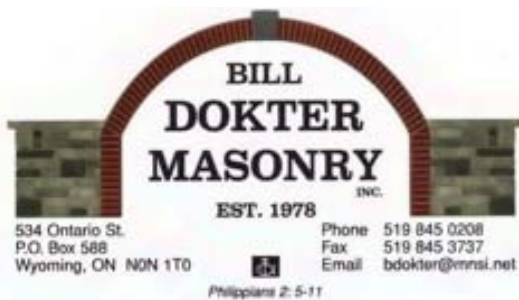
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## Young Pro-Life Nurse continued

The complaint objected to the university's "illegal discrimination" in forcing students who are serious about their pro-life beliefs to violate their "federal rights of conscience" by agreeing to assist in abortions.

ADF had solid legal ground to stand upon. Federal law prohibits schools that receive Federal grants from denying admission to applicants for training or study because of that applicant's reluctance to assist — or in any way participate — in the performance of abortions, contrary to the applicant's religious beliefs or moral convictions. Vanderbilt receives over \$300 million in federal health tax dollars each year.

Anne Marie told LSN that when she filed the complaint she initially experienced "fear" because it might lead to backlash at her school, or limit her ability to take the boards, or narrow her job prospects. "Once I decided though, there was great peace because I knew that I had done what I needed to do, and that the rest was going to depend on God's providence."

"At the end of the day you have to stand up for what is most important to you," said Anne Marie, who planned to go forward with nursing, even if it was not at Vanderbilt.

Within 26 hours of ADF's letters being sent to federal authorities, the university rescinded its policy that required students to agree to participate in abortion, said David Cortman, Senior Counsel.

In the letter addressed to all who applied to the Vanderbilt Nurse Residency Program, Debiann Peterman, Director of the program, verified that "no health care provider is required to participate in a procedure terminating a pregnancy if such participation would be contrary to an individual's religious beliefs or moral convictions."

"Not only was this a victory for Anne Marie, but it is a victory for every student that will come after her," said Cortman. Anne Marie's story has already inspired pro-life students who wish to become nurses.

"As a nursing student, it scares me that performing abortions is part of nursing school training. Like [Anne Marie] Dust, I will fight if I am expected to assist in murdering unborn children. I am becoming a nurse to care for people...not kill them," said Caitlin Ann on a LiveAction blog.

For Anne Marie, taking a stand was not about politics, or religion, but about "addressing what is best for women".

"It really just comes down to doing what you know needs to be done."

According to a recent article in the National Catholic Register, more and more nurses and medical students in the future may be forced to stand up for their rights in the same way as Anne Marie. In the article Daniel Kuebler, a professor of biology at Franciscan University of Steubenville, points to evidence that pro-life students in the medical field are being systematically discriminated against.

"This situation makes it imperative that the pro-life community speaks out to Congress and encourages the passing of strongly worded conscience-protection laws for health-care workers," said Kuebler.

But as for Anne Marie, she recently passed the nursing boards and is now a practicing nurse who helps moms on bed-rest before delivery at an Antepartum unit in Illinois.

Note: This is an American story but our own children face similar circumstances on our university and college campuses.

## National Campus Life Network

This is a national youth led organization. Promoting the pro-life message on university campuses is not an easy task. There are many obstacles and barriers to contend with, both in the classroom and out. Discrimination, censorship, and controversy are issues, but even more problematic is the student body's apathetic attitude.

If you have a student or know a pro-life student, help them get connected to other like-minded individuals at their campus.

Check out their website or pass it on. They are champions bringing the pro-life message to those who desperately need to hear it.

[www.ncln.ca](http://www.ncln.ca)

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More details on the website.

### Exposing Dalton McGuinty's Child Indoctrination Agenda: The Equity & Inclusive Education Strategy

[www.campaignlifecoalition.com/index.php?p=Equity](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com/index.php?p=Equity)

[www.peacehamilton.org](http://www.peacehamilton.org)

In April 2010, Dalton McGuinty was forced to withdraw a radicalized, explicit, Sex Ed curriculum for Ontario elementary schools (K-8) which taught young children about homosexuality, masturbation, vaginal lubrication and anal sex. But parents are not out of the woods yet! Premier McGuinty is still going ahead with the broader, but little known, "Equity & Inclusive Education Strategy" (henceforth, EIE Strategy), of which the K-8 Sex Ed curriculum was just one component.

This is a wreckless, harmful and more insidious policy that will be weaved throughout K- Gr. 12 curriculum and throughout the school environment (events, student clubs, external presentations, etc.). The EIE Strategy threatens the inherent right of parents to direct the moral values of their own children, by supplanting your values with the government's own sexual revolution ideology. It is a program of child indoctrination that may imperil your Charter right to freedom of religion and conscience by teaching your kids ideas which violate your moral and/or religious beliefs. This "Strategy" will certainly be offensive to many Christians, Muslims, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs and even people of no recognized faith, but who adhere to traditional beliefs regarding the practice of homosexuality.

You can view a detailed analysis on this strategy from the above line, showing the governments own documents.

A specialist in social policy, has carefully examined the policies and curricula that result from the expectations placed by the Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy, and expresses the following concerns:

"The policy(ies) intends to create a school culture in which all forms of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered relationships are fully accepted. The approach taken, by integrating sexual lifestyles into curriculum and programs, will sexualize the school environment and discriminate against or harass anyone who disagrees with this belief."

The new equality policy(ies) gives the Board(s) the power to establish a new, pro-homosexual culture in two ways:

1. Training programs and workshops for staff and students, and by integrating this belief system into daily curriculum beginning in Kindergarten; and
2. By disciplinary measures to be applied against children and staff who may be labeled "heterosexist" or "homophobic", ie., any who – as Scripture teaches – may perceive these kinds of relationships as being problematic for a Holy life.

These policies will result in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual positive materials at all grade levels, in all subjects. In primary grades, as part of their studies of community and families, books about alternative lifestyle situations will be read. Question: Can we be sure that the critical thinking skills of our children in Kindergarten will be able to process this information without causing conflict with their Biblical Christian values?

In unit studies starting in the primary grades, successful individuals who were often taught for their place in history will now include their sexual orientation. There is an emphasis on replacing words deemed offensive (e.g. husband, wife, Mr. Mrs.) with gay, lesbian, and transvestite activists, and introduce "gay-positive" terms (e.g. partners) into the units of study. Sex education will include introduction to sexual acts as presented in gay and lesbian resource materials.

School "Gay-Straight Alliance" clubs, often called "Positive Space Groups", led by teacher mentors, supported in high schools and in some middle schools, will support and promote "gay pride" events in schools, and the designation of "gay-friendly" zones in schools, where staff will be encouraged to post gay pride symbols on their classroom door. Some school boards have also organized Gay Conferences for students held within secondary schools. (2009 Gay Conference, Westmount Secondary School, Hamilton) High school drama productions will include musicals that celebrate homosexuality; students will be expected to portray characters of different sexual lifestyles.

If this is happening in our schools, what will be taught regarding the sanctity of life?

What is a grandparent or parent to do? Peace Hamilton has developed a letter that can be given to your school's principal/teacher stating that when these equality policies are taught, you want to be informed to determine if your child will be present during such presentations or learning time. Check out [www.peacehamilton.org](http://www.peacehamilton.org) for more information. Also go to [www.campaignlifecoalition.com](http://www.campaignlifecoalition.com) and go under the Education tab. Contact your school board trustee and talk with your children's teacher regarding this policy. Consider this subject during the upcoming Provincial election.

Note: See the following article, "Evangelicals disappointed Toronto Catholic trustees didn't stand up for faith" on site, [www.lifesitenews.org](http://www.lifesitenews.org).

## Unicef Halloween Box Donations Used to Fund Pro-Abortion Activision

www.ewtn.com/vnews/getstory.asp?number=20258

"Parents would be scandalized to know UNICEF actively promotes abortion and sexual rights to children," said Anna Halpine, president of the World Youth Alliance (WYA). "On top of that, the realization of these goals and programs are largely fueled by donations obtained from children trick-or-treating for UNICEF programs each Halloween."

Halpine, a former Campaign Life Coalition leader and WYA founder, noted that UNICEF was founded in 1946, to help starving children after the destruction of World War II, in a WYA press release last year. She noted that over the past couple of decades, however, UNICEF's mission of direct action and service to children in need has shifted towards a stated policy of child advocacy, or the promotion of controversial "child rights." This new direction, advanced by UNICEF's current executive director, continues to de-emphasize providing services to children in need, while favoring the promotion of programs that advance sexual and reproductive rights for children. This UN-speak translates to confidential abortion services for children as young as 10 years old.

This shift in direction was emphasized in 1996 when the Vatican finally had to withdraw its symbolic contribution to UNICEF. This has not been reinstated. At issue is UNICEF's collaboration and participation in programs that promote and fund abortion, contraceptive use, and sex education. UNICEF has moved far beyond its original purpose of protecting and defending children, to actively assisting in the destruction of millions of tiny lives.

"It's appalling that UNICEF exploits children to raise funds for the destruction of children and women in the developing world," Halpine added. "With a radical 'adolescent sexual rights' agenda, which seeks to limit parental involvement and which refuses to define the limits of these terms, UNICEF is abusing the trust which the public has placed in this supposedly child-centered organization."

Pro-lifers have taken to inserting notes into UNICEF boxes noting refusal to donate due to the organization's support for abortion.

Did you know that Ontario taxpayers pay a minimum of \$30 million annually to cover the cost of abortions in their province?

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Campaign Life Coalition Youth holds the position that government-funded abortions are a blatant abuse of tax dollars, are severely unjust, and that these funds can and MUST be directed away from the killing of our preborn children. This is an issue that should be held close to the hearts of young people in particular. We did not have a choice to stand-up against the Morgentaler decision, but we have a choice now. Let's use it. We are the survivors and it's our job to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Join us.

### Excerpts from the Canadian Physicians for Life stance on de-funding of abortion:

"Abortion is not an essential medical service. It is designated "medically necessary" for purely social and political, not medical, reasons. Pregnancy is not an "injury, illness or disease." There is no proof that abortion improves health. In fact it disrupts a normal physiological process, poses a risk to the mother, and ends the life of her developing child. There is no "medical necessity" where no medical benefit or health risk exists."

"To justify funding of a service, the medical necessity and therapeutic value of that service should be undisputed. "

"If the federal government had any confidence that a majority of Canadians wish to see abortion funded by the taxpayer, it could easily prove so in a referendum. Without such a democratic affirmation of national support for free abortions, the government should at least respect the diversity of provincial government approaches to abortion funding. "

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## Canada's Feds Paying Full Maternity Benefits After Abortion

By Patrick B. Crane

OTTAWA, Ontario, September 2, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Pro-life Canadians have complained for years that they are forced to pay for the direct killing of unborn children through the country's health system. It turns out they are also paying for abortive mothers to get full maternity benefits.

Canada's employment insurance guidelines reveal that a woman who aborts her child after 19 weeks gestation is eligible to receive 17 weeks of maternity leave, the same as a mother who gives birth. For an abortion occurring before 19 weeks gestation, the woman can collect sick leave for the same length of time.

"The whole situation is pretty ludicrous," said Mary Ellen Douglas, national organizer for Campaign Life Coalition. "Why should you pay for somebody killing their child, and then expect to pay for benefits if the child is no longer there?"

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation first highlighted this federal policy in 2008. John Williamson, CTF's executive director, told The Interim that maternity benefits were established by an Act of Parliament with the intention of allowing parents bonding time with their newborn child.

He said extending these benefits to a woman who aborted her child is "obscene" and a "perversion of the EI system." Campagne Quebec-Vie, the Quebec division of Campaign Life Coalition, has recently highlighted that women are also given maternity benefits under the Quebec Parental Insurance Plan.

"How is it fair that I am being asked, along with other taxpayers of good will, to not only pay for the assassination of a 'less than perfect' child, but that I am also paying for several months' 'maternity leave'?" asked Georges Buscemi, CQV's president.

Buscemi warned Americans that they could be facing similar policies if President Barack Obama, the country's most pro-abortion head-of-state in history, is elected a second time. "Not only is this the kind of nonsense that greatly in-debts states, these socialist policies are nothing but a kind of barbarism hidden under a cloak of charity and compassion. These kinds of policies are both expensive and evil," said Buscemi.

Federal government regulations note that a woman who obtained an abortion would not be eligible for parental leave, which is above and beyond maternity leave, "since the employee must have actual care and custody of a newborn child."

Douglas said abortion is not a "maternal" act and so should not warrant any maternity benefits. "Families are not taking care of their children if they're eliminating them," she said. "That's not caring for children, that's eliminating children. So it's not worthy of benefits for sure."

LifeSiteNews.com did not hear back from the office of Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Diane Finley by press time.

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## Shock: No Jail Time For Woman Who Strangled Newborn

By Patrick B. Craine

EDMONTON, Alberta, September 12, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) – 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 had 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 Friday, Effert got a three-year suspended sentence from Justice Joanne Veit of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench. As a result, she was able to walk out of court, though she will have to abide by certain conditions.

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."

"Naturally, Canadians are grieved by an infant's death, especially at the hands of the infant's mother, but Canadians also grieve for the mother," she added.

Under Canada's Criminal Code, a woman who has not "fully recovered" from the effects of birth can be found guilty of the lesser charge of infanticide. To bring forward the infanticide defense, which carries a maximum sentence of five years, there must be evidence that the woman's mind was disturbed.

According to the Crown, the evidence showed Effert was not suffering mental disturbance. They highlighted the fact that she planned for the birth by getting scissors to cut the umbilical cord and towels, and then hiding in the bathroom in her parents' basement. They suggested that she had tried to miscarry the child during pregnancy by smoking and drinking. She lied during initial police questioning, claiming she was a virgin.

But Justice Veit agreed with defense lawyer Peter Royal, saying that this was "a classic infanticide case — the killing of a newborn after a hidden pregnancy by a mother who was alone and unsupported."

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### Shock: No Jail Time continued

Pro-life advocates have warned for years that widespread acceptance of abortion will open the door to greater societal acceptance of infanticide, beginning with the euthanizing of disabled newborns. Infanticide proponent Peter Singer, a top ethicist at Princeton University, has said, for example, "there is no sharp distinction between the fetus and the newborn baby."

Though he once was considered to be on the radical fringe, Singer's views are becoming more mainstream. For example, the world's most prestigious bioethics journal, The Hastings Center Report, published in 2008 an enthusiastic defense of the Netherlands' practice of euthanizing newborns.

"Where will it end: a one month old child whose parent has decided is not worthy of life, a six month old child, a two year old child, a special needs child or how about a teenager?" asked Hughes.

"It is time that Parliament, whose duty it is to protect and legislate regarding the Constitution, examine its duty with regard to the first constitutional right - 'the right to life' and enact legislation which recognizes that life begins at conception and must be protected from that time until natural death," said Mary Ellen Douglas, national organizer of CLC. "The mother's stress cannot equate to the loss of a lifetime for the child."

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