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## Media Release

### **U.S. Election Result a Solid Vindication of Social Conservatism, Says Canadian Pro-Life Leader**

The results of the U.S. election is a solid vindication of social conservative and pro-life values, of which Canadian political leaders should take heed, says the leader of a national Canadian pro-life organization. "President George W. Bush and the Republican Party ran on a platform of life, family, faith and freedom and were supported by clear majority of Americans from across the social spectrum," observed Mr. Jim Hughes, president of Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) Canada.

"We are delighted that a man with the courage of his convictions, President George W. Bush, has won a clear victory," said Hughes. "He has proven that taking a stand for social conservative values is a winning position. This is a lesson for some Canadian politicians and leaders who fear taking a similar stand. They too would have the support and votes of more grassroots Canadians who long for a principled leader," he continued.

Hughes added that, despite the controversy over the war in Iraq, President Bush received more votes than any other presidential candidate in U.S. history. Meanwhile, proposals to ban gay marriage were supported in all 11 states in which they were put forth and pro-life candidates at all levels - such as in contests for governor, Congress, Senate and House of Representatives - made significant gains.

"Canadian political leaders need to realize that social conservative values are winning values," said Hughes. He pointed out that the disappointing showing of the Conservative Party in the last Canadian federal election was a direct consequence of its attempt to distance itself from social conservative values. He called on all Canadian political parties to encourage social conservatives to join their ranks.

"Opinion polls in Canada clearly show that, despite the nature of recent Canadian political discourse, social conservative values resonate with many, if not the majority, of Canadians. This needs to be recognized in the Canadian political arena," said Hughes.

***For more than 25 years Campaign Life Coalition, the political branch of the Canadian Pro-life Movement, with more than 100,000 supporters from coast to coast, has fought for human life at all stages from fertilization to natural death.***

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