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37 years - 50,000,000 lives lost

see Calendar for local events



Healthcare for Every Age and Every Stage

As of this printing the U.S. House and Senate continue to debate federal healthcare legislation, and Cincinnati Right to Life will continue to work for pro-life amendments to any version of this socialized medicine, to protect who we can should it become law. But while we appreciate, for example, the pro-life Stupak-Pitts amendment the House version, serious life issues remain unaddressed.

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati opposes a full healthcare bill that includes any of the following assaults on human beings:

- Abortion that is federally funded, subsidized, or otherwise promoted in federal programs or education
- Assisted suicide or euthanasia promoted or encouraged through "end-of-life planning" mandates or other means
- Healthcare rationing for the elderly and other vulnerable people
- Weak or non-existent conscience protections for healthcare workers who do not want to participate in abortions or other immoral practices
- Any other healthcare restrictions based on "quality of life" determined according to disability, dependency, economics, age, or stage of development

Protections against these assaults on human beings must be explicitly included, in writing, within the final bill. Genuine American healthcare must protect all its citizens — from conception through natural death.

Cincinnati City Council Restricts Free Speech

December 16th, Cincinnati City Council voted to enact new "Right of Way" sign ordinance legislation (sponsor, Chris Bortz), that on the surface addresses only vendors but will also be applied to social justice demonstrators.

Current discussions involving demonstrators date back at

least to 2007 in the Law & Public Safety Committee. In this committee and subsequent hearings, those witnessing against abortion in front of Planned Parenthood on Auburn Avenue were specifically targeted, with a clear goal to decrease their visibility and weaken their message.

Pro-life citizens attended the December meeting, and at least 14 presented compelling testimony from personal, analytical, and legal perspectives. They questioned the constitutionality of the absence of clear written guidelines for social justice demonstrators, plus the covert suppression of free speech rights in a bill supposedly for vendors.

Council members Cecil Thomas, Leslie Ghiz, and Chris Monzel argued in support of free speech and against the confusion of including social justice demonstrators in this Right of Way ordinance. They, plus new member Charles Winburn, voted against the ordinance, which passed 5-4.

Next step: Council member Chris Monzel pledged on the floor to work to amend this legislation with provisions to include exemptions for social justice demonstrators.

2008 Abortion Statistics—Some Highs, Some Lows

The Ohio Department of Health has released its *Induced Abortions in Ohio* report — the latest statistics from 2008.

According to the report, abortion numbers statewide are the lowest in 12 years at 29,613 for 2008 (30,859 for 2007). This is the good news. But for the local area counties:

- Hamilton Co. still has the third highest abortion total after Cuyahoga and Franklin Counties, with an increase of 3125 abortions in this county in 2008 (2990 in 2007)
- Butler Co. numbers also increased to 754 in 2008 (720 in 2007), Clermont Co. increased to 321 (289 in 2007). Warren Co. saw a slight drop to 270 (272 in 2007).

The full 2008 report is available from our office.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

United States Declaration of Independence

Area Pro-Life Events

Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Prayer Vigil for Life, Jan. 2, 16, 23 & Feb. 6, 20, 27, 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati; Jan. 9 & Feb. 18, 8:30 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Western Hills (513/984-6742)

First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary & Mass, Jan. 2 & Feb. 6, 9 a.m., followed by coffee and speaker; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH; Feb. 6th speaker, CRTL Executive Director Paula Westwood (513/522-7247)

Third Friday Pro-Life Mass, Jan. 15 & Feb. 19, noon; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

March for Life Sendoff Prayer Service, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., Good Shepherd Parish, 8815 East Kemper Rd. in Montgomery; Coadjutor Archbishop Dennis Schnurr presiding, open to the public along with students and adults from 16 Cincinnati area high schools & parishes going to the March in Washington, DC

March for Life 2010, Jan. 22, Washington, DC

Cincinnati March for Life Memorial, Jan. 22, All Saints Church, 8939 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati; Mass 2 p.m. with Benediction; outdoor Rosary march at 3:15 p.m. with bonfire and hot chocolate, followed by prayer service in church at 6 p.m.; for all ages; sponsored by All Saints, St. Vincent Ferrer, and St. Savior Youth Groups.

26th Annual Pro-Life Rosary Procession, Jan. 23, 2010, Sat. 11 a.m., Cincinnati City Hall to Fountain Square Rally at noon; speakers Cincinnati City Councilman Chris Monzel, Jack Gruber, Chairman Family First; Atty. Bob Cetrulo, President NKY Right to Life; and emcee former State Rep. Tom Brinkman (www.CincinnatiProLife.org)

Sanctity of Life Sunday, January 24, 2010

Thank you Auction Donors!!

We must thank our wonderful Evening for Life auction donors. These generous supporters added to the fun of this annual event with their much-appreciated items.

Please patronize those who are pro-life businesses:

XU Basketball Tickets - Donated by Dr. Robert Burger & Jim Schuermann
Watson's Gift Certificate - Donated by Jim & Peg Kathmann
Golf & Lunch at TPC River's Bend Golf Course - Donated by Chuck Donabedian
Indoor Nativity Set - Donated by Dan Giroux, The Catholic Shop
Romantic Christmas Package - Donated by Joseph & Jane Platt
Pope John Paul II Limited Edition Print - Donated by John DuMont
Pope Benedict XVI Limited Edition Print - Donated by John DuMont
Capitol Flag - Donated by Congresswoman Jean Schmidt
Folly Beach Getaway Week - Donated by Maggie & Pete Beckmeyer
Dinner for 10 with Dr. and Mrs. Jack Willke - Hosted by Barbara & Joe Trauth
Gold Earrings and Bracelet Set - Donated by Rick Fehr, Richter & Phillips Co.
Italian Lunch for Four in the LaRosa Kitchens - Donated by Buddy LaRosa
Thank you Maggie Beckmeyer, Auctions by Maggie for donating her time and talent!

In Memoriam – Helen Kelsey

November 29, we said good-bye to longtime volunteer Helen Kelsey. She was 98 and even up till this year was coming to the office to help sometimes with her sister Pat. Helen was beloved for her quirky humor and energetic spunk. Though never married, nieces and nephews in her large extended family considered her another mother. She loved the Lord and His precious little ones for whom she worked to protect.

Ours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ looks out upon the world, ours are the feet with which he goes about doing good, ours are the hands with which he blesses his people.

St. Teresa of Avila

Thank you to all who donate in Memory of loved ones.

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Dr. Willke Writes

OBAMA SIGNS HUGE ABORTION BILL:

In December Barack Obama signed a \$1.1 trillion spending package, which includes financing abortion. The bill allows your tax money to be spent to fund abortions in the District of Columbia, which had been forbidden under the Dornan Amendment. It provides \$55 million for the UNFPA, which supports China's one-child policy plus forced abortion and sterilization. It provides \$648 million for "international family planning," which goes to abortion advocacy groups and providers overseas. Human Life International has condemned this, saying that it has "opened up the flood gates for murderous population controllers to use every means necessary to eliminate the weakest and poorest in developing nations."

PRO-LIFE BILL IN NORTH DAKOTA:

Recently passed in North Dakota are laws requiring abortionists to inform a patient that: "this abortion will terminate the life of a separate unique living human being." Also passed is a requirement for the abortionist to perform an ultrasound with the mother having the option to view the image of her unborn child. Further, a Senate resolution urges the U.S. Congress to strike down the Freedom of Choice Act. Finally, a bill to grant full legal personhood status from the time of conception did not pass.

AMA RESIGNATION: Dr. David Stevens, head of the 17,000 member Christian Medical Association has resigned from the American Medical Association over its continuing pro-abortion advocacy. He states, "I can no longer associate myself with an organization that is unscientific, unprofessional, and controlled by special interests." He is advising his organization's 17,000 members to "carefully consider if they should continue their membership in the AMA." [Dr. Willke did so years ago.] In the early 1970s, the AMA represented 75% of the nation's doctors. Today only 17% are AMA members. Nearly 30% of these are students so in actuality, the AMA only represents 160,000 out of over 1,000,000 doctors in the U.S. Even among these, there is a significant percent who don't always agree with AMA policy—the federal health bill a prime example.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD KILLED OVER 300,000:

In its official 2007-2008 report, PP notes that it killed 305,310 developing unborn babies by chemical, medical, and surgical abortions the previous year. The report also notes that total taxpayer money received by its affiliates increased to \$350 million.

DISTRESS AFTER ABORTION:

A recent paper in the *British Journal of Psychology* reported that over 85% of aborted women reported at least one negative reaction such as sorrow, grief, regret, and disappointment. About one-third of those overall reported five or more negative reactions. These numbers were 40-80% higher than among women who did not abort.

NEW NATIONAL VITAL STATISTICS:

According to a report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in 2005, 6.408 million pregnancies ended in 4.14 million live births, 1.21 million induced abortions, and 1.06 million fetal losses. This latest

pregnancy rate is 11% below the 1990 peak. Teenage pregnancies are down 40%, with rates falling further among younger as compared to older teenagers.

NO ABORTION COVERAGE FOR RNC:

Upon learning that the Republican National Committee's insurance plan for employees covered abortions, RNC Chairman Michael Steele opted out of abortion coverage in the policy. "Monies from our loyal donors should not be used for this purpose," Steele stated.

ADULT STEM CELLS HELP HEART ATTACKS:

In the Dec. 8, 2009, *Journal of American College of Cardiology*, a report of a ten university study shows definite benefit to heart attack patients after intravenous injection of adult stem cells. The cells migrated to the damaged heart and began repair.

NEW EMBRYO STEM CELL LINES APPROVED:

Because of Barack Obama's executive order last March, the National Institute of Health has now approved thirteen new human embryonic stem cell lines for use in medical research. To date, such cells have produced a grand total of no medical advances.

OHIO UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD BILL:

As of this printing, Ohio Senate president, Bill Harris, has not brought the Umbilical Cord Blood Bill, HB102 to the Senate floor for a vote. In June, it passed the Ohio House by a vote of 97-0. Then it passed the Senate Health and Human Services and Aging Committee by a vote of 9-0. The bill would require the Ohio Department of Health to place on its web site information on cord blood banking and donation. Cord blood is an excellent and ethical source of stem cells that can be obtained at no risk. These cells have been used to successfully treat over 70 diseases. At present, such blood is currently discarded after birth.

Membership 2010

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati exists to educate and inform the seven-county area of pro-life issues and concerns. Please renew or begin your membership today, as well as encourage others to do so. Membership levels start at \$10 individual, \$15 family, \$25 honorary, and \$100 patron. Your contribution will be used for Right to Life efforts, and all donors receive our monthly newsletter, all special mailings, and free use of the Right to Life resource libraries. Mail your membership today!

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80th - George Rogers
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Dr. Kenneth Amend

IN HONOR OF:

Nicole, Andrew & Noelle
the Staff of St. Vivian Church

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Tony & Jo Marie DeCristofora
Mrs. Lois Johnningman

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Vonderhaar
5th - Fr. Kyle Schnippel

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40th Mr. & Mrs. Jim Burke

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