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"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

Bioethics Council Disbanded

Barack Obama has disbanded the President's Council on Bioethics and replaced it with a new commission. President Bush created the council in 2001 as an advisory authority after he decided to only permit federal human embryonic stem cell research limited to existing cell lines with no more embryos to be killed. The council addressed ethical concerns for not only stem cell research, but matters such as end of life issues, newborn screening, reproductive technologies, and more.

In March of this year, ten council members issued a statement raising concerns about Barack Obama's decision to allow federal funding for unlimited embryonic stem cell research, which they said could encourage cloning human embryos who would then be killed. According to the *New York Times*, the Obama administration criticized President Bush's council for being "a philosophically leaning advisory group," while Obama's new bioethics commission is charged to be one that "offers practical policy options."

Pro-life Business as Usual

A sad but not surprising result of the murder of late-term abortionist George Tiller by a man not even connected with the pro-life movement, is death threats made on several national pro-life leaders. This includes Priests for Life's Fr. Frank Pavone, who has been voice of reason and outspoken in condemnation of such violence against abortionists.

Despite needing armed escorts at speaking engagements, however, Fr. Pavone continues to clarify what our duty is to protect innocent human life. He warns us to guard against the "enemy within" of "fear and self-doubt to which we can all too easily fall victim," making us feel guilty for standing against and speaking out truthfully that abortion is murder and a holocaust.

"This is not time to shrink back from the reality of what is going on every day in abortion. Children are being killed and the reason it continues is that too many of our fellow citizens are blind to it," he said. "Let the outcry against Tiller's murder be loud and clear, and let the outcry against the murders he committed—and that other abortionists commit—be loud and clear as well."

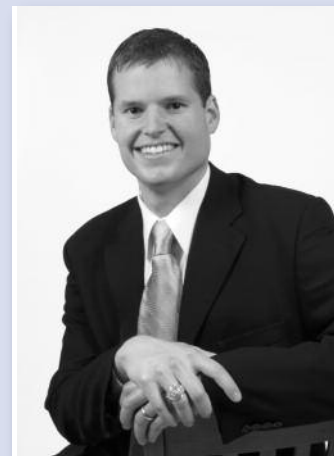
Ohio Anti-FOCA Resolution

Due to the efforts of Ohio Christian Alliance, Ohio Right to Life, and others, the Ohio Senate Health, Human Services and Aging Committee passed S.C.R. 6, Ohio's resolution against the so-called Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA) in June by a vote of 6 to 3. S.C.R. 6 is jointly sponsored by Sen. Tim Grendell and Sen. Steve Buehrer and urges Barack Obama and Congress to oppose FOCA and similar legislation.

S.C.R. 6 states that FOCA "is a radical attempt to enshrine abortion-on-demand into American law, to sweep aside existing laws that the majority of Americans support, such as requirements involving fully informed consent, parental involvement, and that licensed physicians perform abortions, and seeks to prevent states from enacting similar protective measures in the future".

The Event for Cincinnati's Pro-Life Community

Shawn Carney, one of the pro-life movement's rising young stars, will be the keynote speaker at Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's annual Evening for Life, October 8, 2009 at Xavier University's Schiff Conference



Center. Shortly after graduating from college, at the age of 23, he was named Executive Director of the Coalition for Life, a pro-life organization made up of 60 churches and thousands of individuals across Texas.

In 2007 Shawn co-founded 40 Days for Life and helped spread it nationally to over 200 cities in 47 states and five countries including England, Ireland, Canada, Brazil, and Peru. He is a regular media spokesperson on pro-life issues appearing on many radio and television programs.

This year's Life Award recipients are beloved pro-life philanthropists Tony and Barb Maas. Our popular emcee will again be Brian Patrick, host Son Rise Morning Show, Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN, 740AM. The event will close with a limited live auction. Reserve early (see back page)—*seating is limited*. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

Register to Vote

Election day is Tues., Nov. 3, 2009. The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 5. To register or request an absentee ballot, call your county Board of Elections. Hamilton, 513-632-7000; Butler, 513-887-3700; Clermont, 513-732-7275; Warren, 513-925-1358.

State Umbilical Cord Blood Bill

Also in June, the Ohio House of Representatives passed H.B. 102, Ohio's Umbilical Cord Blood Bill, 97 to 0. H.B. 102 is sponsored by Rep. Todd Book and requires the Ohio Department of Health to place information on its website on umbilical cord blood banking and donation, plus encourage health care professionals to provide the materials to pregnant women.

Umbilical cord blood is an excellent and ethical source of stem cells, obtained at no risk to mother or child. Umbilical cord blood stem cells have successfully treated over 70 diseases including sickle cell anemia, leukemia, and lymphoma. Unfortunately, most umbilical cord blood is currently discarded after birth. The bill now goes to the Ohio Senate. Thank you to Ohio Right to Life, Rep. Todd Book, and all involved in getting this positive legislation through the House.

Picketing PP in Clermont County

Regular prayer vigils have begun at the Planned Parenthood affiliate on Ohio Pike/Beechmont Avenue, a quarter mile from St. Thomas More church. This PP affiliate distributes the Morning after Pill, provides contraceptives, and refers women for abortions at the Auburn Ave. headquarters.

Currently, this location is open about 27 hours a week. A group of St. Thomas More parishioners pray outside this location on Saturdays mornings and PP now opens their doors later because of it! The goal is to cover every hour this building is open. To participate, call 513/300-5795 or see www.throughthefamily.org.

Recent Ohio Supreme Court Decisions

July 1st, the Ohio Supreme Court issued two abortion-related decisions. In *Cordray v Planned Parenthood Cincinnati Region*, the Court majority offered an opinion for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, whether or not Ohio's law regulating abortion drug RU-486 requires that abortionists comply with FDA-approved guidelines for when and how the drug can be used to cause an abortion. The Court said that abortionists must comply with the requirements for providing RU-486 included in the FDA's approval of the drug. The case is now returned to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals for decision.

In *Roe v. Planned Parenthood Southwest Ohio Region*, the plaintiffs' minor daughter became pregnant by her adult soccer coach, who took her to Cincinnati's Planned Parenthood for an abortion. The parents filed suit saying that PP failed to comply with Ohio's parental notification law plus law requiring health care providers to report known or suspected child abuse. They sought copies of medical records and child abuse reports (*without* patient ID) for other minors who had abortions at PP to show a pattern of failing to comply with these laws and to recover punitive damages.

In December 2008 the Ohio General Assembly changed the child abuse reporting law to specifically permit recovery of punitive damages and access to redacted abuse reports, and the law states that it can be applied retroactively. In this case, the Court overturned the General Assembly's decision for retroactive application.

Area Pro-Life Events

Helpers of God's Precious Infants' Prayer Vigil for Life, August 1, 8, 15 & 22; September 5, 12, 19 & 26, 8:00 a.m. Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati (513/984-6742)

First Saturday Rosary for Life, Mass, Speaker, August 1 & September 5, 9:00 a.m.; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH (513/522-7247)

Pregnancy Center West's Moonlight & Roses Dinner Dance, August 15, 6:30 p.m.; The Woodlands, 9680 Cilley Rd., dinner dance & auction (513/244-5700)

Third Friday Pro-Life Mass, August 21 & September 18, noon; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

Pro-Life Science and Technology Conf., September 19, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dayton Engineers Club, Dayton, OH; scholarships available (937/572-9193; www.prolifetechnology.org)

Healthy Beginnings' Annual Fundraising Banquet, September 22, speaker, Kathy Troccoli (513/559-3412)

Respect Life Sunday, October 4

Clermont Count Life Chain, October 4 (see below)

Evening for Life 2009, October 8 (page 1)

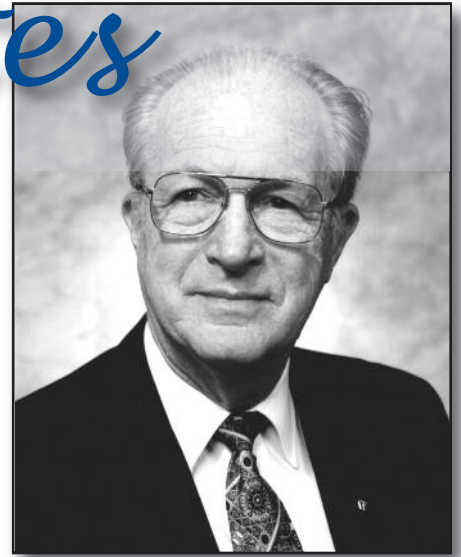
Clermont County Life Chain

All ages can participate in Clermont County's wonderful Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, October 4, 2-3:00 p.m. Participants stand on the sidewalks of Ohio Pike/St. 125, near St. Thomas More Church, 800 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245, in quiet, prayerful witness holding pro-life signs. Life Chain is a strong visual statement of pro-life truth for the Clermont County area and beyond. Event followed by a brief rally at St. Thomas More Church; parking available at the church. (513/575-0138)

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FEDERAL SOCIALIZED MEDICINE & ABORTION: At the time of this printing, the draft of Barack Obama's health care reform bill mandates abortion coverage at taxpayer's expense. It requires a "defined minimum health benefit coverage," described in broad terms. It also sets up a "Benefit's Advisory Committee," which along with Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, would define benefits under the plan that could include abortion.

DEMOCRATS LETTER TO PELOSI: In an encouraging development, 19 pro-life Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives, including Cincinnati's Steve Driehaus, signed a letter sent to Speaker Nancy Pelosi requesting that any health care legislation specifically prohibit abortion coverage or funding. Our thanks to Mr. Driehaus.

POLLS SHOW PRO-LIFE SHIFT: Five national polls taken in May confirm an unprecedented public opinion shift toward the pro-life position. These include Gallup, Rasmussen, Pew, Fox News, and Polling Company polls.

OVER THE COUNTER PLAN B CHALLENGED: The pro-life Alliance Defense Fund has challenged a federal court order against the Food and Drug Administration's decision to allow the abortifacient Morning After Pill contraceptive drug, or Plan B, to be sold to minor girls.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD ANNUAL REPORT: Planned Parenthood's report for the previous year shows that the number of contraception customers is down as is the number of clients for breast exams, prenatal care and emergency contraceptive kits. In the face of this, however, the number of babies PP has killed increased by over 15,000. We note that their abortion numbers have nearly doubled in the past ten years. While the number of affiliates that do surgical abortions went from

179 to 174, the number that perform chemical RU-486 abortions rose from 108 to 121. Note also that some small surgical abortion centers have closed while a number of mega-size abortion chambers have been opened.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OUT OF TEXAS PANHANDLE: In 1997, Planned Parenthood operated 19 clinics in the Texas Panhandle. As of now, their two remaining clinics will sever ties with Planned Parenthood and become independent.

CONDOMS NOT ABSTINENCE: President Obama's proposed fiscal year budget includes additional money for condoms and other contraceptive-only education. It has eliminated funds President Bush set aside for abstinence education programs.

ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH RESISTANCE: Paolo de Coppi *et al* have demonstrated that amniotic fluid stem cells can be used to generate many different types of body tissues, and that such cells show more promise than embryonic stem cells do. This doctor encountered "heavy resistance" to the publication of his work because it used so-called "adult" stem cells rather than embryonic. He concluded that publishing his paper was met by "a resistance to the idea of finding an alternative to embryonic stem cells because many researchers, particularly in the U.S., are so heavily invested in embryo research."

STEM CELLS & PARKINSON'S DISEASE: UCLA researchers' study results are published in the February *Bentham Open Stem Cell Journal*. They state, "We have documented the first successful neuro adult stem cell transplantation to reverse the effects of Parkinson's disease. We have demonstrated the long-term safety and therapeutic benefit of this approach by using the patient's own neu-

ron stem cells, grown in culture, differentiated and then reintroduced into the brain." Results were 80% improvement for at least 36 months.

MINNESOTA BANS FUNDING FOR ALL HUMAN CLONING: Minnesota's recently approved ban on human cloning includes cloning where the embryo is subjected to lethal experimentation (so-called "therapeutic" cloning, but in fact clone-and-kill), as well as cloning where the embryo would be brought to full term and delivered (so-called "reproductive" cloning).

CANADIAN BISHOPS & HUMANAE VITAE: In September 1968, in their "Winnipeg Statement" the Catholic bishops in Canada openly dissented from the then new papal encyclical, "Humanae Vitae," which addresses the sanctity of human life. Many believed that this dissent contributed to a sharp increase in Canadian abortions and a sharp drop in Canadian Catholics practicing their faith. Now we have a pastoral letter from the current Canadian bishops entitled "Liberating Potential," which invites all believing Catholics "to discover or to rediscover the message of the encyclical 'Humanae Vitae.'" It states "abortion, sterilization, and contraception are in opposition to the Creator's intention at the heart of sexual intercourse, preventing, if God so desires, the creation of a unique soul for the unique body that spouses help to form."

EVENING FOR LIFE 2009

Thursday, October 8, 2009

Registration 5:30 p.m. - Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Schiff Conference & Banquet Center, Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio

Sponsorship and Reservations

Please accept my reservations for Evening for Life 2009

- Platinum Sponsor \$5000 - One table for 10, full page program ad (5.5" x 8.5"), event signage.
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