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Candidate Survey Issue

Remember to Vote

Ohio Primary Tuesday, March 2, 2004

Ohio Ban Back to the Courts

In what has become a familiar turn of events, the celebration of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals' December 17th decision upholding Ohio's Partial Birth Abortion ban is over. Monday, January 5, attorneys for Women's Medical Professional Corp. and its owner, abortionist Martin Haskell, filed a petition for rehearing by the full panel of this court's judges. As of this printing, the court's decision to hear the petition for rehearing in *Women's Medical Professional Corp. v. Taft* is not known, but even if denied, Haskell can file a petition for discretionary appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Ohio ban is thus not in effect.

High School Oratory Contest

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's annual Oratory Contest will be held Sat., March 27, 10 a.m. at the city building in North College Hill. The contest is open to all high school juniors and seniors. Students will present five to seven minute speeches on abortion, infanticide, or euthanasia. Cash prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25 will be given to the 1st-4th place winners respectively, and the 1st place winner will compete in the Ohio Right to Life Oratory Contest. The state winner competes in the National Right to Life Committee contest in July. Contact our office for a registration form and contest rules. Registration deadline is March 22.

City Insurance and Abortion Coverage

In 2001, Cincinnati City Council passed a ban on abortion coverage as part of city employees' health benefits. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Ohio Council 8 filed a grievance. In December 2003, Arbitrator James Mancini rejected the council's ruling and ordered the city to restore the coverage and reimburse any employee who has had an abortion since 2001. On January 7, City council members Sam Malone and Pat DeWine introduced a motion to ensure that future union contracts don't permit abortion funding as part of insurance coverage so that taxpayers are not forced to subsidize this procedure. On January 23 the motion was defeated.

Elementary Poster Contest

All elementary students in grades K-8 can participate now in Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's second annual Poster Contest. Posters must be created on 11x14 inch poster board using any medium and illustrating the theme, "Awesome From the Beginning!" A \$25 cash prize will be awarded to one winner in each of three categories: grades K-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th. Winning posters will be pictured in this newsletter. Send entries to our office with student name, age, grade, school or home school, home address and phone number. Submission deadline is March 24.

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President's Comments:

Visible Reminders

by J. Patrick Conroy

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) has grappled with the abortion issue since the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision in 1973. The NCCB has tried to educate the public on the malice and magnitude of this problem, in accordance with the directives of Pope John Paul II.

One of the most effective and compelling education methods recommended by the NCCB has been the display of several thousand small white crosses, which represent the average number of babies lost to abortion per day in the United States. Churches of different denominations, schools and universities, and even families have used this simple memorial to quietly portray the immensity of abortion's tragedy.

However, this memorial offends some Christians. We wonder how this can be so, especially since these same Christians honor the image of a cross because of its reminder of the One who gave it significance through his sacrificial love.

The bishops and others realize that sometimes a visible witness to the truth of an evil is necessary for our generation and future generations to make a change for good. We demonize the Nazi's for a Holocaust that killed six million Jews, yet abortion in this country has claimed over 43 million lives. Several thousand small white crosses can be a painful reminder of this tragedy, but it can also remind us that we in America can work for change and inspire us to do so.

CALENDAR

February 4: Pro-life Power Session for high school students, 6:00 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Church; 513/244-1097

March 10: Annual Meeting of the Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati Board of Directors, 7:30 p.m., 1802 W. Galbraith Road; open to the public

March 15: Jennifer O'Neill at Xavier University, 7:00 p.m., Schiff Family Conference Center; 513/290-7275 (see page 7)

March 27: Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's Oratory Contest (see page 1)

March 21 and 28, April 4: Way of Love Walk

May 22: Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's Life Run/Walk, Saturday, May 22, 2004

In January, Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati said goodbye to long-time volunteer Anna Martin who passed on to a better life.

Anna, with her sisters, faithfully helped with mailings and projects for many years in our office. We will miss her quiet and gentle presence.

Life. 
Take a Stand

"The Way of Love"

Pro-Life Prayer Walk

Join a multitude of others who are standing up for life!

Sundays 2:00-3:00 p.m.

March 21st, March 28th, & April 4th

Bandstand at Burnet Woods in Clifton

We remember the spiritually wounded parents and families and their 42+ million babies who have died these past 31 years in our country since abortion was legalized.

Need more info or directions?

Call us at 513-588-6798 or visit us at www.thewayoflove.org

Participating groups include: Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Knights of Columbus, Blacks for Life, Pregnancy Center West, Pregnancy Center East, C14 St. Mary's Pregnancy Center.

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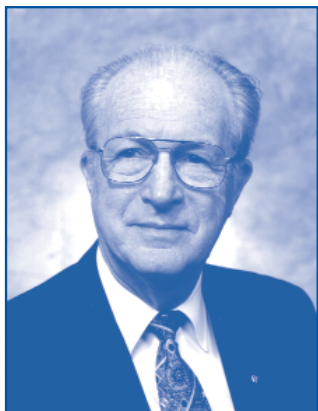
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DR. WILLKE WRITES

UPCOMING PRO-LIFE LEGISLATION:

Seven pro-life bills have been introduced in Congress:

1. Child Custody Protection Act - prohibits a minor from being transported across state lines for an

abortion without parental consent

2. Unborn Victims of Violence Act - adds penalties for federal crimes against pregnant women

3. Abortion Non-Discrimination Act - allows medical professionals to opt out of participating in abortions or referring for abortions without being penalized

4. Human Cloning Prohibition Act - prohibits cloning of human beings for any reason

5. Informed Choice Act - provides federal funds for purchase of ultrasound equipment

6. Amendment to Commerce Department appropriations bill - would prohibit the patenting of human embryos

7. RU-486 Suspension and Review Act - suspends the sale of the abortifacient drug RU-486 to review its safety after the death of Holly Patterson in California

PROVISION BANS PATENTS ON HUMAN BEINGS:

The U.S. House of Representatives recently approved a provision that would prohibit patenting human beings. The measure is attached to a package of budget bills and codifies current Patent Office policy that prevents biotechnology firms from obtaining patents on human beings, including human embryos. Pro-life groups say a patent is a government-conferred property right and human beings shouldn't be considered "property." Members of the Senate and House have met to resolve differences in their two versions of the bill, and the provision will remain intact. As of this printing, the bill is yet to be sent to President Bush for his signature.

PENNSYLVANIA ABORTION NUMBERS DROP:

After inching up in the years 2000 and 2001, the number of abortions in Pennsylvania fell 5% to a total of 35,167 in 2003.

PREGNANT DOLL BEST SELLER: The top ten best selling toys this past Christmas season included one doll. Not Barbie, but a pregnant Midge along with her husband Allan and their three-year-old son, Ryan. If you lift Midge's dress, you can remove her protruding belly, held in place by two magnets. In its shell is a tiny little baby girl. Both partners wear wedding rings. The title of this little foursome is "Happy Family." Barbie, by the way, is a baby doctor who takes care of this happy family. The family is described on the back of the box, mentioning that little Ryan "can't wait until the day arrives when they can bring his little sister home. We haven't decided on a name yet. What would you name her?" This pregnant doll was introduced last year but there was such a storm of protest from you-probably-know-who, that Wal-Mart and others pulled it from their shelves. This year she outsold Barbie and was one of the top ten best selling toys. For more information, check Barbie.com/parents/products, and ask your store for "Happy Family."

PRO-LIFERS WINNING DEMOGRAPHIC BATTLE:

We're not surprised, but according to a new poll, for every one child that married pro-abortionists have, pro-lifers have three children. Brian Clowes of Human Life International, who conducted the study, noted that there were significant, even striking, differences in fertility between the two groups.

NEW JERSEY "FETUS FARM" LAW SIGNED:

On January 4th, New Jersey Governor James McGreevey signed a bill legalizing lethal experimentation and direct killing of living cloned human babies throughout all nine months of development. Under this law, human beings may be cloned then the human embryos grown outside a mother even up into late fetal life. Scientists are then permitted to kill these children and harvest cells and tissues for research purposes. Cathy Cleaver-Ruse, of the U.S. Catholic Conference, stated that this law will "encourage government sanctioned human fetus farms." Ruse said, "This is the most extreme, inhumane pro-cloning legislation—it should be scorned by every American who believes in common decency and basic rights for all living humans."

CANDIDATES POSITIONS ON LIFE ISSUES

Determining the position of each candidate in regard to the passage of laws to protect women and their unborn babies, and the care of people with disabilities and the terminally ill is of utmost importance. We, therefore, publish the candidates' answers to the following questions for your information. Candidates can briefly clarify their position in twenty (20) words or less (due to limited space). Please note: only contested candidates for this election were polled.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

1. As a consequence of the 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, and its counterpart, *Doe v. Bolton*, abortion can be performed legally throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Do you **oppose** the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*?
2. Do you **oppose** use of public tax monies to fund abortion?
3. Do you **oppose** use of tax money for organizations that promote abortions domestically as well as in foreign countries?
4. Do you **oppose** embryonic stem cell research and all cloning of human beings?
5. Do you **support** legislation prohibiting assisted suicide?

	1	2	3	4	5
1st Congressional District					
Greg Harris (D)	Refused to respond				
Richard Lerner (D)	Refused to respond				
2nd Congressional District					
Mark Crummie (D)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Charles W. Sanders (D)	Refused to respond				

OHIO SENATE

1. As a consequence of the 1973 the U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, and its counterpart, *Doe v. Bolton*, abortion can be performed legally throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Do you **oppose** the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*?
2. Do you **oppose** use of public tax monies to fund abortion?
3. Do you **oppose** use of tax money for organizations that promote abortions?
4. Do you **support** medical standards, regulations, and inspection of abortion facilities?
5. Do you **oppose** embryonic stem cell research and all cloning of human beings?
6. Do you **support** legislation prohibiting assisted suicide?

	1	2	3	4	5	6
14th District						
Thomas E. Neihaus (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Jean Schmidt (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
"My record on life issues is clear. ...it was my amendment(s)... that took \$1.7m away from Planned Parenthood and...restored abstinence education."						

OHIO REPRESENTATIVE

Questions are the same as Ohio Senate

	1	2	3	4	5	6
29th District						
Louis W. Blessing (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
"I always vote pro Life and lead the fight. I managed the bill banning partial birth abortions in the Senate."						
Keith N. Corman (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
John Waksmundski (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
34th District						
Tom Brinkman (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
"I will work and vote for legislation that would prohibit abortion in Ohio."						
Greg Delev (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
54th District						
Courtney E. Combs (R)	Refused to respond					
Joseph Lee Statzer (R)	Refused to respond					

OHIO REPRESENTATIVE continued

Questions are the same as for Ohio Senate

	1	2	3	4	5	6
66th District						
Mark J. Daniels (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Donovan L. Donohoo, Sr. (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Carl Dorsch (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
"I've long supported the Right to Life issue, and worked for several years to elect like-minded candidates."						
Jeffrey A. Hardin (R)	Refused to respond					
Joseph W. Uecker (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
"I do not just claim to be pro-life. ...You'll never find me without my 'little feet'. I walk the walk!"						
88th District						
Danny R. Bulp (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
"As a Christian and Pro-life supporter I applaud your continuing protection of the unborn and opposition to euthanasia in Ohio!"						
Curt Carl Hartman (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
"Thomas Jefferson said, 'The first and only legitimate object of good government is the care of human life, not its destruction!' I agree."						
Harry Cooper Snyder (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
"I believe in preserving the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death."						

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

1. and 2. same as above
3. Do you **support removal or prevention** of county provided health insurance benefits from including abortion coverage?
4. Do you **support exclusion** of abortion coverage from indigent care or other countywide tax levies?

	1	2	3	4
Butler Co.				
Michael A. Fox (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES
"Life is precious and God given. It should be protected."				
Gregory V. Jolivette (R)	YES	YES	UNSURE	YES
Hamilton Co.				
David E. Grossmann (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES
"I have been a strong supporter of Right to Life for many years."				
Sandra F. Hall (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Russell L. Jackson (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES
"Tax dollars should not be used...to fund abortion. ...I was responsible for the deletion from the Anderson Township health insurance policy of a 'standard' clause covering elective abortion."				
Chris Monzel (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES
"While on Cincinnati City Council, I got passed an ordinance removing tax-payer funded abortion coverage from city employees' health insurance."				
Jim Sumner (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES
Pat DeWine (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES
John S. Dowlin (R)	Refused to Respond			
Kabaka Oba (D)	YES	NO	NO	NO
"Abortion is murder and also the death penalty, but if your little 13 year old baby girl was raped and was pregnant and ask you for a abortion 'What would you do'."				
Erich A. Streckfuss(D)	Refused to respond			

Right2Life Office Notes

Paula Westwood, Executive Director

Ave Maria PAC

Former Domino's Pizza owner, Tom Monaghan, and former Major League Baseball Commissioner, Bowie Kuhn, have formed a new lay-Catholic political action committee called Ave Maria List. Ave Maria List was created in response to a speech by Pope John Paul II entitled "Reaffirm the Culture of Life." The PAC is established to support anti-abortion, conservative Republican, pro-family candidates, with a focus on key Senate races in 2004. Ave Maria List has raised nearly \$325,000 since its creation in May 2002.

(www.avemarialist.org)

Voter Drive Sundays

Priests for Life, along with co-sponsors the Christian Coalition and the National Pro-life Religious Council, is sponsoring "National Christian Voter Registration Sundays" during 2004 to register pro-life, Christian voters and encourage involvement in elections. The drive is non-partisan, and according to Priests for Life, falls within both federal law and Internal Revenue Service guidelines for activities permissible for tax-exempt organizations and churches. The designated Sundays for this year are January 18, March 7, May 2, July 4, and September 5.

(www.priestsforlife.org)

Restricting Campaign Finances

The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law restricting ads run by advocacy groups immediately before a federal election. The law includes bans on both unlimited campaign contributions to national political parties (soft money) and issue-oriented advertisements mentioning a candidate's name and sponsored by a

special interest group in the weeks leading up to an election. Such ads may not mention a candidate's name within 30 days of any state's primary election and 60 days of a general election. This rules out, for example, ads concerning candidates' voting records or what a candidate says about an issue, ads promoting legislation, ads encouraging a named legislator to support pro-life legislation, and more. The legislation does not include political action committees.

Pro-Abortion Secret Memos

The Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM) has exposed secret memos that reveal the Center for Reproductive Rights' (CRR) multi-year strategy to establish international reproductive rights laws, primarily girls' and women's right to state-financed abortion on demand. CRR's plan is to work to expand interpretations of already-accepted international rights to include reproductive rights, create new customary international laws including abortion and sexual autonomy, and strengthen enforcement of these laws. C-FAM and other organizations that publicized these memos received threatening letters of possible legal action from the CRR. Consequently, in December 2003, U.S. Rep. Chris Smith entered these documents into the Congressional Record, making the memos publicly available. (www.c-fam.org)

Morning After Pill Status

A panel of government advisors voted 23-4 in December to recommend that the Food and Drug Administration make the Plan B contraceptive drug, more commonly known as the Morning After Pill, available without a prescription. The contraceptive is touted as pre-

venting pregnancy if taken no later than 120 hours after unprotected intercourse, but many medical authorities say the product does not prevent pregnancy, and in some cases kills a developing embryo. The FDA's decision is expected this February.

Bioethics Graduate Certificate

The Center for Bioethics and Culture has partnered with Covenant Seminary in St. Louis, MO to offer a graduate certificate program in bioethics. The program is to prepare professionals and laymen with the tools necessary to deal with current and emerging medical and biotechnological issues. Course work does not require relocation to St. Louis. (www.covenantseminary.edu)

Hope Through P.A.T.H.

PATH (Post Abortion Transition to Healing) of Greater Cincinnati is a network of individuals and organizations committed to providing support, healing, and Judeo-Christian counseling to men and women experiencing post-abortion trauma. The organization also provides training resources and education for those involved with this ministry, such as pregnancy care center counselors, pastors, educators, and more. Call 513/588-9669 for more information.

New Crisis Intervention Center

The Eve Center is a new non-profit organization in greater Cincinnati offering crisis intervention with a spiritual emphasis for women by women. The center offers free programs for women age 13 and over. Cinny Roy, former director of H.E.A.R.T. post-abortion ministry, is founder and director. (www.eve-center.org)



Father Huber Award Recipient

Rev. Paul Huber served as the spiritual advisor for St. Xavier High School's youth L.I.F.E. group and board member for Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, and also helped initiate the Right To Life newsletter and bulletin. The Rev. Paul Huber S.J. Award honors his passion and advocacy for the sanctity of life. It is awarded each year at the prayer service on January 21st before March for Life participants leave for Washington, D.C.

This year's Father Huber Award recipient, J. Patrick Conroy, has served as Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's president since 1998. Pat is known and respected for his unwavering convictions and genuine interest in people of every background. He is actively involved in St. Vincent de Paul and pro-life parish outreach, and is a veteran, retired Cincinnati businessman, and devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

Jennifer O'Neill Coming to Xavier

Xavier Students for Life are bringing former model and actress, Jennifer O'Neill to Xavier University Monday, March 15, 7 p.m. at the Schiff Family Conference Center at the Cintas Center on the Xavier University campus. Ms. O'Neill is a spokeswoman for the National Silent No More Awareness Campaign for post-abortive women. She will speak about her own abortion experience, abortion and women today, and forgiveness and healing.

The event is free and open to the public. Underwriters are Xavier University, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, and Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. More information about Ms. O'Neill is available from www.jenniferoneill.com. Call 513/290-7275 or the Right to Life office with questions.



More Praise for Pastors



Rev. Robert Schmitz, Good Shepherd Church, Rev. Paul Edrich (retired), and Rev. Michael Graham, President, Xavier University have been nominated under our Pastor Praise program for their consistent pro-life leadership. We are grateful for their inspiration and example.

Northern Kentucky Pro-Life Mass

Almost every month, Northern Kentucky Right to Life arranges for a pro-life mass to be celebrated at one of the churches in the Diocese of Covington. The next mass will be February 17 at St. Therese Church, 11 Temple Place, Southgate, KY, beginning with a rosary at 6:45 p.m. followed by the mass at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and pray for all life from conception to natural death.

Voter Registration

If you or someone you know is not registered to vote, we have Ohio voter registration forms available from our office (513/728-7870). They are also available from the Board of Elections, 824 Broadway, in downtown Cincinnati (513/632-7000).



Pro-Life Speakers Bureau

Need a pro-life speaker for your church, club, or event? Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati now has a speakers bureau of pro-life advocates from the Greater Cincinnati area who can address a wide variety of topics for any size group. Most of the speakers are affiliated with various pro-life organizations and agencies in the area and this experience fuels their speaking. Topics include abortion, post-abortion, euthanasia, legislation, counseling, abstinence, activism, and more. Call our office for an information kit.

Membership 2004

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 entire 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!

Yes! Please include my name on this year's membership list.

\$10 Regular \$15 Family \$25 Honorary \$100 Patron Other _____

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