

"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, among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

United State Declaration of Independence

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"Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and, under a just God, cannot long retain it."

President Abraham Lincoln, from a letter, 1859

Consumer Reports Rates Contraceptives

Under a series of articles, called "CR's Guide to Contraception," *Consumer Reports* (February 2005) rates condoms and artificial contraception. In these articles, it also discredits abstinence programs, misrepresents natural family planning, and gives advice on abortion options that includes referring to aborted babies as "uterine content."

Part of the ratings include an evaluation of 23 brands of condoms. Planned Parenthood's condoms received the worst rating for effectiveness. Planned Parenthood now says it plans to improve the quality. Call *Consumer Reports* to cancel your subscription and express your outrage (914/378-2029).

Planned Parenthood Annual Report

The Planned Parenthood Federation of America's 2003-2004 Annual Report indicate a 6.1% increase in abortions, with 244,628 performed at fewer abortion facilities last year. More than 95,000 of the RU-486 abortion pill were sold, with 49 offices not performing surgical abortions but selling RU-486 alone.

PPFA takes in 33% of its \$810 million total income from government funding through tax dollars, and its net profit was \$35.2 million. However, private donations dropped 17% last year; the income for its national headquarters dropped 19.8%; and the number of offices from 866 to 849.

Salvation Army on Abortion

The following statement is printed on the Salvation Army's Canadian and other international web sites:

"Termination of a pregnancy may be justified in those rare instances where, in the judgment of competent medical and allied staff, the pregnancy poses a serious threat to the life of the mother or could result in serious physical injury to the mother and in those instances of proven rape or legally defined incest

or where reliable diagnostic procedures determine that a fetal anomaly is present which is incompatible with post natal survival or where there is total or virtual absence of cognitive function."

Though the above is the position of the entire organization, the statement on the Salvation Army's USA web site is shortened to a private-decision-between-a-woman-and-her-significant-others:

"The Salvation Army recognizes tragic and perplexing circumstances that require difficult decisions regarding a pregnancy. Such decisions should be made only after prayerful and thoughtful consideration, with appropriate involvement of the woman's family and pastoral, medical and other counsel."

Euthanasia in the Movies

Disability groups are protesting two movies that portray disabled people and condone euthanasia. Both *Million Dollar Baby* and *The Sea Inside* involve the assisted deaths of quadriplegics, presenting these murders as selfless loving acts of mercy. Art Blaser, a reviewer for the disability group, The Ragged Edge, said of the films, "The myth [is that] nothing can be done about the undignified lives of people with disabilities (except to help them die)."

The Way of Love

"The Way of Love" second annual Lenten Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday March 6, 13, & 20 (Palm Sunday). Please meet at the Burnet Woods Bandstand at 2:00 p.m. This prayer walk for Life lasts about an hour and presents a unique opportunity for you to join others throughout the Greater Cincinnati Area who respect human life, in all forms, as they silently pray for the conversion of hearts and the salvation of souls. For additional information please visit the website: www.thewayoflove.org or email: info@thewayoflove.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 this newsletter. The Rev. Paul Huber S.J. Award honors his passion and advocacy for the sanctity of life. After over 50 years at St. Xavier Church, Father Huber left the Cincinnati area in January to reside in Michigan.

This year's Father Huber Award recipient, Mary Ann Stevenson, has been involved with pro-life activism since the early 1970s. She is a long time board member of Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, and has been involved at the grassroots level with Life chains, prayer vigils at abortion centers, cross displays, and fundraising for pro-life efforts. For years Mary Ann has marched in Washington during the January 22nd March for Life, and organizes and leads the trip from St. Gertrude parish in Madeira.



Pro-Life Projects for Everyone

Want to be involved in some pro-life projects? See the following opportunities for all ages. Due to space limitations here, call our office and check our web site for more information:

- March 2005 - Poster Contest for grades K-6
- March 2005 - Pro-Life Logo Design Contest (may end up on a t-shirt!), for grades 7-12
- March 13, 1 p.m. - Walk with Right to Life in St. Patrick's Day Parade, downtown Cincinnati
- March 19 - Oratory Contest for High School Juniors & Seniors
- May 2005 - Mother's Day Signature Ad in Cincinnati Enquirer
- May 21 - Life/Run Walk, 5k, Mt. Airy Forest

Join the Parade!

You are invited to walk with other Right to Life supporters in the Cincinnati St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 13, 2005, 1 p.m. All ages invited, including children, mothers with strollers, etc. Join the fun and show your support for Life! Call 513/598-4809 or the RTL office to sign up and receive directions.

Goodbye Dear Friend

In December our friend and long-time volunteer, Anna Mae Buller, went home to the Lord after a brief illness. Anna Mae had a relentless devotion to the sanctity of Life and we will miss her wit and sharp intellect around the workroom table.

Take Note: Pro-Life News in Brief

President Bush has named **Claude Allen** as chief consultant on U.S. policy. Allen has worked for U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, worked on health issues in Virginia, and served as deputy secretary for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He strongly opposes abortion, supports abstinence education, and went to court for a man threatened with starvation in a case similar to Terri Schiavo's.

Three key pro-life cases are headed to the U.S. Supreme Court: Norma McCorvey, "Jane Roe" in **Roe v Wade**, is seeking to overturn this 1973 decision that legalized abortion in America; Florida Governor Jeb Bush has filed a request to prevent disabled **Terri Schiavo** from being starved to death; and 28 members of the House and Senate have asked the Court to overturn three judges in three states who have nullified the 2003 federal **Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act**.

The United Nations Population Fund requested \$28 million for **tsunami assistance**, with some to go towards "reproductive health essentials." Reports indicate that part of the UNFPA's response to this tragedy has been to offer condoms, IUDs, morning-after pills, and manual vacuum aspirators for abortions to survivors.

According to Life Decision's International, **Newman's Own** is no longer a boycott target. However Operation Rescue West is calling for a boycott of **La Quinta Inn**, because a Wichita location offers discounted rates for women obtaining very late-term abortions from late-term abortion practitioner George Tiller, which involves a several day process.

CALENDAR

February 12 & 26, 8:00 a.m., Mass, Rosary Walk & Prayer Vigil for Life, Holy Name Church, Cincinnati (513/984-6742)

February 12, 7:30 p.m., St. Valentine's Love for Life Dinner Dance, KofC Hall, Bartels Rd., Newtown, 7:30 p.m., \$20 per person, benefits Right to Life. (513/232-2237)

March 6, 13 and 20, 2 p.m., The Way of Love Walk, Bandstand at Burnet Woods, Clifton (www.thewayoflove.org)

March 9, 6:00 p.m., Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati Annual Meeting

March 13, 1 p.m., Cincinnati St. Patrick Day Parade, downtown Cincinnati, Right to Life Participating

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DR. WILLKE WRITES

ADULT STEM CELLS SUCCESSES: *Arthritis and Rheumatism* (Aug. 2004) reports that a 52 year old woman with rheumatoid arthritis in 28 joints was treated with adult stem cells. Within a year her morning stiffness ceased and the researchers concluded that

the procedure "may be performed safely without the development of graft vs host disease or serious infection, and results in marked resolution of the disease manifestations of rheumatoid arthritis." Another study reported in *Journal Cell*, states that researchers at Rockefeller University have found cells in skin hair follicles that can create new cells of different types of tissues (i.e. are stem cells). Thirdly, bone marrow transplants have been used to treat leukemia for three decades, but now the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center in Cleveland has been using adult stem cells from umbilical cord blood. Since leukemia patients often cannot find suitable marrow donors, the possibility of using cord cells may be a new therapeutic breakthrough. These successes add to the long list of curative action by adult stem cells. To date not a single benefit to a human has been reported from the use of embryonic stem cells, only obtained by directly killing a five day old human embryo and cutting him or her open to obtain these cells.

ABA ON CLONING: The American Bar Association in recent years has slid rapidly down a path of radical leftist pronouncements. So much so, that hundreds of attorneys have resigned their memberships. The ABA opposes "reproductive cloning," that is cloning a human and having that human brought to term and delivered. This is not news, for everybody else opposes this too. However, the ABA also issued a resolution concerning rules for parentage of any such a clone, to "guarantee that any such human being is a person, legally separate and distinct from its biological progenitor, with all rights accorded to any other live born human being under existing law."

WHICH IS SAFER? *The American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* has published research entitled "Pregnancy Associated Mortality After Birth, Spontaneous Abortion, or Induced Abortion in Finland, 1987-2000" (1004) 190, 422-427. The result of the research shows that the mortality rate for women who have given birth was 28 per 100,000. The rate for those with a spontaneous abortion (miscarriage) was 52 per 100,000. The rate after induced abortion was 83 per

100,000. This indicates that three times as many women died from all causes in the year after their abortion, compared to the year after they delivered a baby, confirming an Elliot Institute study, published in the *Southern Medical Journal* (August 2002). Apparently because of anxiety and depression, post-abortive women are risk takers, which may explain their high rates of death from accidents, suicide and homicide, and also higher rates of cardiovascular disease and stroke.

PREMATURE SURVIVABILITY: The survivability of premature infants steadily improved over the last 20 years. An article in *World Magazine* (June 26, 2004), reports on a thousand early term infants in Minneapolis hospitals. From 1986 to 2000, babies at 26 weeks increased survival from 76% to 93%; at 25 weeks the survival rate rose from 69% to 85%; at 24 weeks up from 49% to 81%; and at 23 weeks up from 40% to 65%. Clearly this is in a highly sophisticated technical environment.

FETAL ULTRASOUND SAFE?: We have been hearing political concerns about "potential undocumented" complications from the use of ultrasound fetal photos during pregnancy. Yet the use of ultrasound has been proven safe over almost 40 years of diagnostic use and in multiple studies. Now ultrasound photo shops are opening in shopping malls. The instant popularity of such photo availability has positive parental bonding effects that can have lasting impact. We suspect that these unproven dire warnings are more ideological than medical and are probably because ultrasound is another threat to the abortion establishment. From everything now known medically, we can only smile and say, "Go ahead, get a picture and send to grandma."

TEEN PREGNANCY/ABORTION RATES DROP: Data from the National Center for Health Statistics and Alan Guttmacher (Planned Parenthood) over the last decades shows that the U.S. teen pregnancy, birth and abortion rates have been declining annually for ten years. The teen pregnancy rate fell 2% between 1999 and 2000, and 28% from 1990 to 2000. The pregnancy rate among black teenagers dropped 32% between 1990 and 2000. The high of teenage abortions was in the late 1980's at 44 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15 to 19; now 24 abortions per 1,000 girls. The teen birthrate in 2000 was 48 births per 1,000 girls; the high in 1991 at 62 births. Pro-abortion groups credit "increased use of contraceptives," although no studies or evidence support this. Pro-life groups credit new abstinence programs spreading like wildfire across the U.S.

Membership 2005

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!

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