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We Cannot Forget

Too many children gone - Too many lives broken

Juvenile Courts' Pro-Abortion Bias

Ohio law requires that an abortionist must notify the parents if a girl younger than 18 wants an abortion. But this same minor can obtain a judicial bypass from parental notification if she can prove she's mature enough to make an abortion decision herself, that this notification would hurt her in some way, or if she is a family abuse victim.

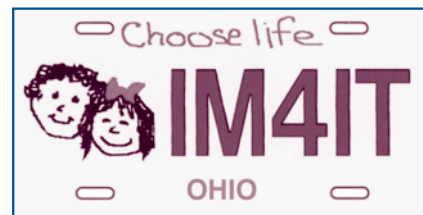
Recently released statistics from an *Akron Beacon Journal* survey of Ohio juvenile court judges shows that nine times out of ten, judges are approving minors' requests for abortions without notifying parents. Survey statistics indicate that Ohio minors requested judicial bypass 515 times in the past three years. Only 73 requests were denied.

According to the survey, abortion providers also steer their clients to the most abortion-permissive judges. Hamilton County has the lowest judicial bypass rate in the state, but this does not reveal those who go to other counties to obtain one. (For another perspective on protection of minors, see *President's Comments*, p. 2.)

"Choose Life" License Plate Bill Passes Ohio House

The Ohio House of Representatives passed the "Choose Life" license plate bill November 13, 2003 by a vote of 67 to 25. The extra fees collected for these plates will benefit non-profit corporations that counsel and provide material assistance to pregnant women interested in placing their children for adoption.

All Southwestern Ohio members of the House voted pro-life except Tyrone Yates, who voted against the plates. Steve Driehaus was absent. The bill now goes to the Ohio Senate. *Please contact your Ohio state senator and encourage support of this bill (see www.senate.state.oh.us for contact information).*



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President's Comments:

Protecting Our Children

by J. Patrick Conroy

With all the media coverage of Michael Jackson's celebrity child abuse case we cannot help but ask, "Why do parents let their children stay at a 'Neverland' owned by a man of Jackson's character and reputation?" But as I read Ohio abortion statistics from the Ohio Board of Health I similarly wonder, "Why don't school nurses, counselors, and administrators report or inquire into circumstances regarding pregnant minors?"

Of the 32,687 surgical abortions reported as performed in Ohio in 2002, 573 were performed on girls between the ages of ten and 19 in Hamilton County alone. In the 15-19 age group in Hamilton County, 22 girls had three or more previous abortions.*

Ohio law *mandates* that a minor's pregnancy be reported as child sexual abuse. The law defines this abuse under different levels, depending on the ages of

those involved and whether the male involved is an authority figure, parent, etc.

Focus on the Family reports that 80% of the fathers in the cases of pregnant minors are older men, which under Ohio law increases the severity of the offense. But there is virtually no record of any prosecution in such cases. State, county and city officials assert that they must follow federal mandates, even at financial loss. How can they then ignore this state mandate to report child sexual abuse?

It is time that parents demand that school boards adhere to the law and require that school personnel report such child abuse cases. A few prison sentences might chill such predatory activity. Otherwise, we are supporting our own Neverland.

* *Ohio 2002: Induced Abortions in Ohio, Ohio Department of Health, p.22 and p. 33*

CALENDAR

Jan. 21-22: March for Life 2004, \$90/person; includes bus trip and breakfast with legislators; registration deadline December 18; 513/531-3738

January 24: Annual Pro-Life Rosary Procession; begins 11 a.m. at Cincinnati City Hall; Fountain Square Rally at noon; speakers, City Councilman Sam Malone, former City Councilman Chris Monzel and past City Council candidate Barbara Trauth

March 2003: Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's *Oratory Contest* for high school juniors and seniors and *Poster Contest* for elementary school students; watch for more information in February!

Planned Parenthood Facility Closes

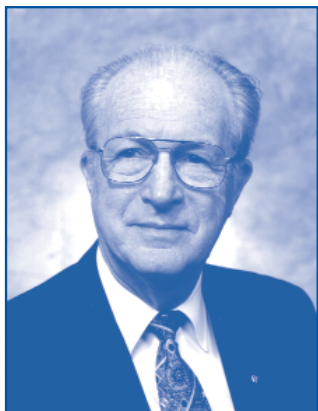
Planned Parenthood of Central Ohio closed its London facility in Madison County December 24, reporting rising costs and reduced state financial support for family planning. The facility had been in operation 25 years. The decision falls on the heels of new Ohio legislation, which now gives priority to state health departments to receive family planning funding over federal Title X grantees. However, according to Ohio Right to Life Legislative Counsel, Mark Lally, the facility lost a \$63,317 family planning grant yet its 2001 IRS Form 990 showed \$3,063,177 in cash and investments and only \$247,173 in liabilities.

Patients were referred to Planned Parenthood in Franklinton and were given priority appointment scheduling plus \$10 gas cards for transportation.

Correction: The news item "Builders Flex Muscle" in the November newsletter incorrectly listed the cost of a new Planned Parenthood building in Texas at \$62 million, rather than \$6.2 million.

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DR. WILLKE WRITES



TUBAL PREGNANCY COMMON IN IVF: Startling results regarding In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) were announced at the annual conference of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Dr. David Keefe *et al* from Brown University

in Providence, Rhode Island, reported that 31% of the women who had IVF treatment using frozen embryos developed tubal or ectopic pregnancies, compared to 2% of women who underwent IVF with fresh embryos. This amounted to "nearly one-third of frozen embryo transfer pregnancies, 17 times more frequent than those seen with fresh IVF cycles." The researchers were unable to give a reason for this startling increase, but did say, "This study raises serious concerns and needs to be investigated." *The Times* in London (14 October) suggested evidence that freezing could alter the functioning of certain genes.

GALLUP'S ANNUAL POLL: This year's Gallup Poll results indicate that those polled believe abortion should be legal:

- Under any circumstances—23%
- Under most circumstances—15%
- Legal in a few circumstances—42%
- Illegal in all circumstances—19%

The Gallup Poll has been conducted annually for several decades. This year's results are the most pro-life the poll has ever recorded.

HUMAN LIFE? A public opinion poll published in *WorldNetDaily*, June 2, 2003 shows that those polled believe that human life is present: in a fertilized egg—58%, at implantation—7%, at viability—24%, and at birth—11%.

ABORTION INCREASES PREMATURE DELIVERIES: In the summer issue of the *Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons* 2003:8(2):46, Doctors B. Rooney and B. Calhoun report that, "At least 49 studies have demonstrated a statistically significant increase in premature births or low birth weight at delivery." This is true for women with prior induced abortion compared to non-aborted women.

They noted large studies finding a doubling of early premature births in women who had two previous abortions. In women with four or more abortions, the risk was increased by 800%. Note that the March of Dimes pointedly omits previous abortion as an associated risk factor when listing causes of premature births.

THE NEW YORK TIMES—INCREDIBLE BIAS: *The New York Times'* pro-abortion bias was very evident in an editorial published after President Bush signed the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, which labeled the bill as a "stealthy attempt to roll back *Roe v. Wade*." Stealthy? It has been debated in the public arena for the last six years. Let us further examine their reporting on the ban legislation: "in lieu of the constitutionally required exception for health"—which is not in the Constitution but exists only by a majority vote of the Supreme Court; "the law substitutes weakly supported legislative 'findings'"—many pages of medical documentation are attached to the bill; "that the ill-defined procedures"—the wording is extremely clear. The editorial repeats the false charge that the ban's "imprecise wording would in fact outlaw common methods of abortion...before fetal viability." Under no stretch of legal imagination could the wording in this bill be confused with other methods of abortion. This editorial was titled "Challenging a Mendacious Law." According to Webster's Dictionary, "mendacious" is defined as lying, not truthful. (For our European friends, note that the commonly read *New York Herald Tribune* is the European edition of *The New York Times*, with the same unabashed pro-abortion bias.)

HOME SCHOOLERS MORE PRO-LIFE: It is increasingly evident that those who are home schooled are far more pro-life than those educated in public schools. According to Michael Farris, founder of the Home School Legal Defense Association, 29% of 18 to 24 year olds nationwide voted over the last five years. Among former home school students in this age bracket, 74% went to the polls. In the 25 to 29 year old age bracket in the population at large, 40% voted compared to former home schoolers at 93%. Former home schoolers are two to three times more likely to be financial contributors to political candidate's causes and parties, as well as being two to ten times more likely to be ground workers for political candidates parties and causes. Watch out, here they come!

AN RU-486 DEATH: We've previously reported that 18-year-old Holly Patterson died as a result of complications from taking the abortion drug, RU-486. The Alameda County, California coroner's office has now released his official autopsy report stating that Holly died because the drug did not produce a complete abortion. This caused a massive systemic infection, septic shock and her death. Holly obtained this dangerous drug from a Planned Parenthood office several days earlier. Despite her death, this Planned Parenthood abortion mill is still giving this drug to women. Pro-life Representatives Jim DeMint (R-SC) and Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD), and Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) are sponsoring legislation to review RU-486, unofficially called "Holly's Law." Holly's parents have endorsed this legislation in an open letter to members of Congress.

UNICEF AND CHILD SEXUALITY: The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) was founded as a major United Nations effort to help children and to improve child survival worldwide. In recent years it has moved steadily in the direction of radical anti-life and anti-family policies. Recently, Urban Jonsson, a high-ranking UNICEF official, called for the legalization of prostitution and for UNICEF to "make condoms available for everybody, everywhere and at all times." Specifically, Jonsson urged UNICEF to take actions to "decriminalize sex work and facilitate the organization of sex workers." He stated that such moves must be made in the near future if we are to win the war against HIV/AIDS. Remember this when UNICEF's Halloween and Christmas collections are conducted, and instead donate to groups that truly protect and nurture children.

UNESCO STRONGLY PRO-ABORTION: A United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) document entitled, "Unwanted Pregnancy and Unsafe Abortion" states, "governments should make abortion legal, safe and affordable." Further, "Legislature should remove legal restrictions to access of abortion and family planning services to adolescents." And further, "Wherever the law allows, government should guarantee the privacy of those seeking abortion services, especially adolescent women." It also states, "It is common to require adolescents to obtain parental consent for abortion...this alone can dissuade an adolescent from

seeking a proper medical procedure...." In an accompanying document entitled, "Review of International Standards for Rights of the Child and Adolescent Rights," UNESCO describes how to pressure a nation into embracing this "adolescent reproductive rights" revolution. It states that it is now possible "to hold countries accountable on the basis of human rights violations at the UN office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and through its Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women." For further detailed information, email the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute (C-FAM) at c-fam@c-fam.org.

SCHWARZENEGGER ECONOMICS: Arnold Schwarzenegger has selected Warren Buffett to be one of his economic advisors. Note that in 2001, his Buffett Foundation gave 21 million dollars, three-fourths of its total giving, to pro-abortion organizations.

KENTUCKY SUCCESS: In 1991, in Kentucky, 9,590 abortions were reported. In 2002, 3,502 preborn babies lost their lives, with almost 50% repeat abortions. Another success is the recent election of pro-life Ernie Fletcher as governor.

KANSAS—POST VIABLE BABIES: Kansas is one of the states where more late-term abortions are performed than in other states. In the last five years, 2,639 abortions performed later than 22 weeks were reported. Some babies survive if born at this age. In Kansas, the abortionist must evaluate and state whether the baby is viable or not. Accordingly, 1,524 of these pregnancies (58%) were judged by the abortionist to be viable. None of these abortions were performed "to prevent the death of the mother." During this time, 240 partial-birth abortions were performed, all on viable babies, all for the "mental health" of the mother.

NEBRASKA—NO FOR PLANNED PARENTHOOD: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services has announced that it will stop giving money to Planned Parenthood in the cities of Lincoln and Hastings. This is because Planned Parenthood refers women to abortion facilities and Nebraska law forbids taxpayer funding of groups that refer for abortions.

MONTANA "CHOOSE LIFE" LICENSE PLATE:

As of November 2003, Montana residents have been able to purchase a "choose life" license plate. Funds raised go to the Montana Right to Life Educational Fund. States selling such plates now include, MD, AR, CN, AL, HI, LA, MS and OK. Four other states have passed legislation, which is being challenged in the courts. The originator, Florida, now raises \$70,000 per month, which is distributed to pregnancy help centers, maternity homes and adoption agencies.

U.S. SUPREME COURT NOMINEE:

California Supreme Court Justice Janice Rogers Brown is a highly qualified judicial nominee, as well as being female and black. President Bush has nominated her for the federal bench. During Rogers' Senate hearing she was treated with contempt by most of the Senate liberals. She is now the fifth qualified nominee to be filibustered. And why? The pro-abortion, anti-family liberal senators cannot stomach the fact that she, an African American woman, will not toe the liberal line as expected. Hang in there, lady.

Pastor Praise Continues



Thank you to Rev. William Jenkins and Rev. Joseph Greenwell, Immaculate Conception Church, Norwood; and Rev. James Costello, Holy Family Catholic Church, Parma, OH. who were recently nominated for recognition through our Pastor Praise program. We appreciate these pastors' strong and consistent stand for the sanctity of Life!

Boycott List Update

Life Decisions International has published a new Boycott list. Here are some new and unfortunate additions that you can help do something about. **Ben & Jerry's ice cream, Blimpie, and The Home Depot,** and two oldies but big ones—**Gannett**, owner of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* and **Johnson & Johnson**, pharmaceuticals and baby care products.

Remember, when boycotting, contact the company president or CEO and tell them why. This has made a great impact on 98 other companies who have been taken off the boycott list!

Congratulations to Michelle Bratton, the winner of our dollhouse drawing! Thanks so much to Mr. Joe Menke of Menke Hobbies for the donation of the beautiful doll house.

For a complete list, contact Life Decisions International, P.O. Box 75161, Washington, D.C. 20013-0161, 540/631-0380, www.fightpp.org.

Remembering Right to Life

Our donors make it possible for us to continue to work to ensure that pro-life principles of protection and dignity for all human life are upheld and kept before the public. There are several ways to donate (your savings and deductions will depend on your tax rate and other factors*).

Cash Gifts: Most common donation

Securities: A gift of appreciated publicly traded securities such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds

Property: Appreciated properties such as real estate collections, antiques, etc.

Matching Gifts: If your employer matches charitable contributions, you can request that Right to Life be included in the program

Business Gifts: Gifts of services or material inventory

Insurance: You can name Right to Life as a beneficiary of your insurance policy and receive a tax deduction for the amount of your premium

Will/Estate Planning: Include Right to Life in your will and estate planning

* **NOTE:** *Donations to the Cincinnati Right to Life Educational Foundation support educational programs and services and are tax deductible. Donations to Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati support efforts to change laws and influence government and according to federal law are not tax deductible.*

Right2Life Office Notes

Paula Westwood, Executive Director

Eugenic Reality

The Virginia-based Genetics and IVP Institute (GIVP) has been running ads in the *New York Times* offering parents the ability to choose the sex of their babies. For a fee of \$2,300, parents can choose boys or girls under a sperm-sorting, sex-selection procedure the GIVP calls "MicroSort." The GIVP web site also offers shopping options for human eggs according to race, eye and hair color, and donors' education. The institute claims that MicroSort helps balance a family's composition and avoids conception of babies with gender-linked diseases.

Pro-Life Teens

A new Gallup Youth Survey of teens aged 13 to 17, indicates that 72% of American teenagers agree that abortion is morally wrong. Thirty two percent said abortions should be illegal under all circumstances; 47% under certain circumstances; and 19% always legal. Churchgoing teens, as with churchgoing adults, tend to be more pro-life than those who do not attend church.

Pro-Abortion Politics

For the first time, Planned Parenthood's political action committee plans to endorse a presidential candidate in the next election. It is estimated that the organization spent \$7 to \$10 million dollars on negative advertising regarding George W. Bush's pro-life position in the last election. Meanwhile, pro-abortion groups, including Planned Parenthood and NARAL, are planning to launch high-dollar advertising against President Bush for signing the partial-birth abortion ban legislation.

Condemning Memos

The Washington Post and *Wall Street Journal* have publicized the discovery of internal memos from

pro-abortion special interest groups to Democratic senators that offer incentives for opposing President Bush's judicial nominees. Republicans want to emphasize the content of the documents, while Democrats are shifting focus to how the memos were uncovered. The memos were written during Democratic leadership of the Senate Judiciary Committee in 2001-02.

Another ABC Endorsement

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons is the fifth medical organization to advocate informing women considering abortion of the related risk of breast cancer due to abortion. Also supporting this disclosure is the National Physicians Center for Family Resources, Catholic Medical Association, American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Polycarp Research Institute, and the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute.

Tools for Life

For anyone concerned about medical treatment that encourages death, the watchdog group Hospice Patients Alliance (www.hospicepatients.org) recommends the following Tools for Life: revoke any Do Not Resuscitate orders (DNR); revoke hospice if hospice is hastening death; instruct that no narcotics or sedatives be given without permission of a Power of Attorney (POA); and have an advance directive that specifies unwanted treatment and name a person to speak for you.

Campus Change

Lori Brannigan Kelly has documented inspiring pro-life efforts on unlikely college campuses such as Wellesley, Brown, Cornell, Harvard, Berkeley, and Stanford in "Pro-Life on Campus," *Human Life Review*, Summer 2003. These

efforts are sparked by college activists who believe the pro-life message deserves recognition and who focus on spreading the truth primarily through education, outreach, and pregnancy support. The full article is available at www.humanlifereview.com and includes an interview with Serrin Foster regarding Feminists for Life's College Outreach program.

Two Special Volunteers

We at Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati treasure all our volunteers, both in-office and throughout the area, who help in ways large and small. We want to express our appreciation here for Les Bertke who until recently worked for so many years to ensure that this newsletter was delivered and distributed at St. Antoninus church, and also for the late Ginny Motz who ensured that our newsletter was delivered and distributed at St. Xavier church. The work of God is done by people like Les and Ginny—tireless servants for His Kingdom.

Keeping Life Visible

To increase pro-life awareness, Cincinnati Right to Life Educational Foundation had a busy exhibiting schedule in 2003 at various events and conferences, where we were well received. Exhibiting was covered by staff and/or volunteers at the Embraced by Love women's conference, Answer the Call men's conference, Cincinnati's Child Wellness Fair, National Right to Life Committee conference, National Missionary Convention, Harvest Home, Ohio Catholic Educators Association conference, our own Life Walk/Run, Ohio Right to Life's Convention, Convoy of Hope's Serve Cincinnati, a Minority Women's Health Fair, Clermont County fair, and various church festivals. We hope to continue the trend in 2004!

NEW BILLBOARDS FOR 2004



We have two new billboards available. Each billboard shown is available in 36 SHEET BLEED size, 22'8" w x 10'5" h. For more information please call the RTL office at 513/728-7870.

We thank all who have given a gift in honor or memory of loved ones

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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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