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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, among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

United State Declaration of Independence



In these eyes you can see a life full of wonder and beauty. You see it because you know the potential of every life. Remember this January 22 all the little ones in heaven who can never fulfill their potential.

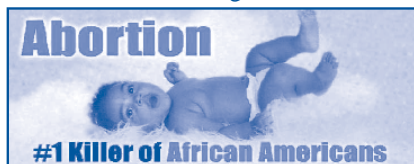
We cannot forget 44.7 million killed by abortion **Roe v. Wade 1973-2005**

Black Americans for Life

We have launched a new billboard and information campaign in Cincinnati to highlight the disproportionately high numbers of abortions among African American women. Black pro-life activists call this a genocide. Some statistics include:

- Since 1973, abortion has taken more African American lives than crime, accidents, cancer, heart disease, and AIDS put together. Because of abortion, thirteen million black children have not been born.
- Thirty six percent of all abortions in the United States are performed on African American women, even though African American women make up only 13% of the female population.
- In 1990, African Americans comprised the largest minority group in the U.S. Hispanics are now the largest.
- Black women who abort their first pregnancy have a 2.8 to 4.7 times greater risk of developing breast cancer.

Spokeswoman for the project is Karen Harris, Director of Dayton Black Americans for Life. Karen's work reaches beyond Dayton across Ohio and the nation. This past summer she spearheaded the challenge to the NAACP at their National



Convention in Philadelphia regarding their announcement of a pro-abortion stance, since reversed.

"Choose Life" License Plates for Ohio

Wednesday, December 8, 2004, the Ohio House of Representatives voted 82-15 to pass S.B. 156, a bill that included amendments authorizing issuance of "Choose Life" license plates. Early December 9, the Ohio Senate voted 19 -10 to concur with the House amendments, including the "Choose Life" language.

The bill authorizes the sale of specialty license plates with the message "Choose Life" on them. The proceeds derived from the extra fees collected for these plates will benefit non-profit organizations that counsel and provide material assistance to pregnant women interested in placing their children for adoption. As of this printing, the bill is to go to Governor Bob Taft, who is expected to sign it.

Giving Index Revealing

The Catalogue for Philanthropy ranks each of the United States on income compared to personal giving. Connecticut ranks first in having money, but is at the bottom of the ranking for charitable giving. New Jersey had the 2nd highest income but was 34th in giving; Massachusetts had the 3rd highest income but 39th for giving. For the third year in a row, Mississippi was ranked the poorest state, but had the 5th highest giving rank. Wyoming was first for giving, but 21st for income; Utah 2nd for giving but 31st for income; and Tennessee 3rd for giving but 34th for income.

The top 25 states for giving all voted for President Bush in the last election.

ORTL Election Winners

According to Ohio Right to Life, in races during the last election where ORTL endorsed, preferred or recommended only one candidate, the ORTL candidates won 86 and lost 18. ORTL endorsed or recommended both candidates in four races. Adding in these four races, ORTL had 90 candidates who won and 22 who lost. This is an 80% success.

Billboards Across the Nation

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati is a national supplier of pro-life billboards. One hundred five were sold in 2004 and appeared in these states: Hawaii, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. For more information call our office for a copy of our product brochure, or see the Products page on our web site.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

Helpers of God's Precious Infants is an international organization established by Monsignor Philip Reilly to conduct peaceful, prayerful public witness at abortion sites. The local organization regularly conducts a Mass, rosary walk, and prayer vigil at the Auburn Avenue Planned Parenthood on the second Saturday of every month.

This year these weekend vigils have been increased to two Saturdays per month, with efforts in progress to recruit more prayer warriors who can serve during the week. See the Calendar and our web site Events page for the weekend dates. Call 513/984-6742 for more information.

Goodbye Dear Friend

In early December we said goodbye to volunteer and friend, Sue Bruder, who is now with her Lord after a brief illness. Sue's cheerful smile and wry humor livened the office, and cinnamon sugar coffeeecake won't be the same without her.

Harvest Home Thank You

Thank you to the Harrison, Mother Seton, and Archbishop Purcell Knights of Columbus Councils for their donations to help Right to Life exhibit at Cheviot's Harvest Home Festival, Sept. 10-12, 2004. A great deal of pro-life information and materials were distributed and well-received at this year's event.

Local Sweepstakes Winners

Cincinnati winners in the Ohio Right to Life Sweepstakes include: June Brady, \$500; Ruth Berrsenbruegge, \$100; Ann Kintner, \$100; Jean Kreutz, \$100; and Richard Dagenbach, \$100. A complete list is available from our office. Congratulations winners!

Take Note: Pro-Life News in Brief

President Bush signed a large government spending bill in December that included the **Hyde-Weldon measure**, a pro-life provision that protects hospitals, medical professionals, medical students, and health insurance providers from being forced to perform or pay for abortions. Pro-abortion groups have filed several lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of this conscience clause.

Gary Heavin, founder of **Curves** exercise studios, stopped contributing to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation when he learned that Komen contributes to Planned Parenthood. Heavin, a Christian who supports pro-life endeavors, is receiving criticism from pro-abortion women for being "anti-choice."

Pro-euthanasia groups, **Compassion in Dying Federation** and **End-of-Life Choices** (former Hemlock Society) have merged to become **Compassion & Choices**. The goal for the larger organization is more lobbying power for assisted suicide legislation.

The pro-abortion film, **Vera Drake**, lauds a woman who helps others obtain illegal abortions. It received best film, best director, best actress, best actor, and best supporting actor from the British Independent Film Awards, and was also named best film at the Venice Film Festival of 2004.

The **Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati** has awarded a \$45,000 grant to the Cincinnati Region of Planned Parenthood to help provide increased access to reproductive health services for area Hispanics. Planned Parenthood's "reproductive health" policies are known to include access to abortion. And while the Health Foundation and other organizations might claim they do not take a position on abortion, funds given to Planned Parenthood for one program frees funds for other activities.

According to the latest **2003 abortion statistics** from the Ohio Department of Health, the number of abortions in Ohio decreased from 35,830 in 2002 to 35,319 (511 less). However, the number of RU-486 chemical abortions has increased from 2,265 to 3,296—nearly 10% of all abortions performed in 2003.

CALENDAR

- Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** and **Feb. 7**— 7:30 p.m., Birthright Child Preparation Classes, Bethesda Oak, free (513/241-5433)
Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31 or **Feb. 8, 15, 22 & March 1** — 6:30 p.m., New Hope Center Volunteer Training, No. Ky. (859/341-0766)
Jan. 8 & 22 — 8:00 a.m., Mass, Rosary Walk & Prayer Vigil for Life, Holy Name Church, Cincinnati (513/984-6742)
Jan. 22 — 11:00 a.m., Rosary Procession & Fountain Square Rally, Cincinnati Court House (Note: Court House *not* City Hall)
Jan. 23-25 — Buses to March for Life in Washington DC
Jan. 23 — 7:30 p.m., send-off service Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood (513/531-3738)
Feb. 12 and **26** — 8:00 a.m., Mass, Rosary Walk & Prayer Vigil for Life, Holy Name Church, Cincinnati (513/984-6742)
March — Oratory Contest for high school juniors and seniors (more information to come)
March — Poster Contest For grades K-6 (more information to come)

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Dr. Willke Writes:

The First Week of Life, Words We Use

"Stem cells," "cloning," "emergency contraception," all of these are being discussed to a degree and with an intensity that has never before existed. Inappropriate or flatly deceptive wording is clouding much of it.

Therefore, it is of extreme

importance that we consistently use the right pro-life language and not fall into their semantic shadings and distortion. Let's review some of this wording.

"Stem Cells"

They like to say these cells are "harvested," but harvest is a positive word—the end of a growing season, a successful planting or a bountiful harvest is what we think of, and none of these apply here.

They sometimes, and sadly most of us almost all of the time, speak of "destroying" stem cells. But that is not the best word either. We destroy things. We kill people. When you use the word destroy, you subtly undermine their humanness, reducing them to an inanimate "it." When we speak of killing human embryos, we bring the reader up very short, for it is obvious that you only kill humans, therefore you are testifying to their humanity. While we are at it, human embryos are not an "it." A human embryo is already a him or her from the first cell stage (X and Y chromosomes). In referring to a human embryo it is best to say, "kill him or her, or he or she implants."

"Fertilized Egg"

Pro-lifers make this mistake inadvertently while pro-abortion people do it with clever calculation. A fertilized egg, or zygote, is the first cell stage and exists for only 24 hours. After cell division, this is no longer a fertilized egg. We then use several other names, which are incomprehensible to the general public, but one name covers them all and that is "embryo." So after the first day, he or she is a "living human embryo." Most importantly, "fertilized eggs" do not implant within the womb. There is a certain power to their sneering comment, "Why would you want to protect a fertilized egg from planting?" It makes a difference if you say, "Why would you want to prevent a living human embryo from planting?"

"Cloning"

We hear there are two types. This is incorrect; there is only one type. They speak of reproductive and therapeutic cloning, "reproductive" being when the new living human is planted and carried to term and delivered. "Therapeutic" is when "it" will not be planted in a womb, but will be experimented upon and then "destroyed." We can accept the term "cloning for reproductive purposes," but it is best not to use "reproductive cloning," for that indicates there are other types.

"Therapeutic" cloning is a total lie, for there is nothing therapeutic about this. President Bush uses the term "research cloning" which is quite adequate and accurate. But since they don't allow these tiny humans to live when they are done with their destructive research, very commonly the best words to use are "clone and kill." Finally, they often now don't use the word "cloning" at all because it is too negative. They use the term "somatic cell nuclear transfer." This is the scientific term for cloning, however it does confuse the public and sounds awfully important and scientific. From our standpoint we should not use those four words. Let's call it "cloning."

"Embryonic Stem Cells"

This is a perfectly legitimate way of describing these cells. The other types are "adult" stem cells or, better, "non-embryonic stem cells," which includes stem cells from the umbilical cord. Never pass up the opportunity of describing how embryonic stem cells are obtained. You take a five-day-old living human embryo, cut him or her open, and extract embryonic stem cells from the inside. Obviously, to obtain these cells you must kill a living human embryo.

"Human Life"

But does human life begin at the first cell stage? We have all been asked this question and will be in the future. Your answer must be very scientific. Each one of us was a zygote, a fertilized egg, a single cell; and all we have done has been to grow up. At that first cell stage, we were alive. We were not dead. Our single cell body was programmed by nature to proceed in an ongoing, self-controlled pattern of growth and maturation, ending only when the old man dies. We were human as identified by human chromosomes. We were not a carrot nor a rabbit. We were sexed, i.e. male or female, as shown by X and Y chromosomes at the beginning. Very importantly, we were complete, for nothing has been added to the single cell whom each of us once was, nothing but nutrition and oxygen. All we have done since we were a single cell is to grow up. There is no scientific way of drawing a line in time before which you can say, "He was not human," and after which you can say, "He is."

Conclusion

So, in your debate, your opponent has no answer; they cannot dispute when you say, "You and I each once were a single cell, a zygote." This is a medical fact, which is undeniable. What your opponent wants to do is assign a different value to an existing human life at whatever stage your opponent chooses. So the argument is not about whether human life exists, it does. The argument is about the value that you, they or our government places on human life and at what stage in his or her growth. Words are of immense importance. They are, when face to face in direct discourse. They also affect the listener's unconscious. Use them wisely. They are tremendous tools.

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