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LIFE VOTES

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In this issue, we are including responses from candidates in contested races in the May 7th Primary. Right to Life sent questionnaires by certified mail to candidates for non-judicial races.

I want to impress upon you the importance of voting in primary and general elections. It is our duty to make a difference in our society, and voting is an important means of doing so. Electing pro-life candidates is imperative if we are ever to see a reversal of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, if we want to see laws against partial birth abortion, embryonic stem cell research, cloning and assisted suicide. Any official can play an important role in promoting the sanctity of life whether a township trustee, county commissioner, state representative, congressman or governor. Even officials who are not in a law making capacity, can set policy or use the bully pulpit to advance pro-life views. Many congressmen and governors begin their political careers in a local office. Election to city council can be the first step on the road to the White House.

Is abortion a litmus test? Yes; it is a vital litmus test.

Is abortion the only issue we should consider at election time? Abortion is not the only issue; rather it is the defining issue. Why would we want to put someone in office that does not respect the sanctity of human life? Do you want to trust your life or that of your loved ones to a doctor who does not respect the dignity of a person? Would you want to be married to someone who has a callous disregard for life? Do you want to be governed by someone who supports the killing of pre-born babies or the elimination of the disabled or infirm?

Think about it and let your vote speak for life.

VOTE MAY 7
INSIDE 
Candidates views
on pro-life issues.

Happy Mothers Day

The most important person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any Cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.

The angels have not been blessed with such grace. They cannot share in god's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the creator than any other creature. God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation.

What on God's Good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?

Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty



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LOOKING AHEAD

CHAPTER MEETINGS

RTL of Butler County has monthly meetings at the Hamilton Christian Center, 1940 Millville Ave. For more information call Linda, 513-896-6580.

Warren County RTL meets the 1st Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. at the Lebanon Christian School, 1436 Deerfield Rd. For information call Lori, 513-932-3554.

LOCAL EVENTS

Daily Prayer Vigil - Join the Fathers & Brothers of Pentecost and pray the rosary Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. - noon outside Planned Parenthood Abortion mill, 2314 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Pray to End Abortion - Every second Sat. at 8 a.m., Holy Name Church, Mass for God's Precious Infants. Procession follows to local abortion mill.

SAVE THE DATE

An Evening for Life, Right to Life's Annual Banquet, will be held on Thursday, October 17. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

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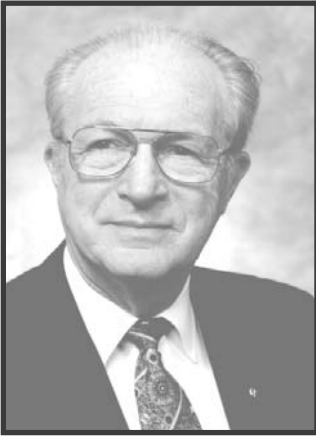
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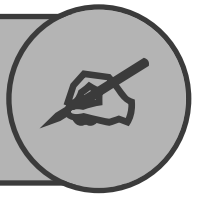
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DR. WILLKE WRITES



CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND THE MEDIA:

A major private agenda underlying all of the push for campaign finance “reform” is how it relates to our liberal media. It is

major media outlets who will reap the greatest benefit from the proposed campaign finance bill. As we have said many times, it will restrict and restrain citizen voices prior to campaigns. Yes, it allows political action committees to speak, but it binds them up in red tape. Furthermore, if they are cash-strapped, which is common, then the liberal, pro-abortion, anti-family media will have an even greater sway in political elections. Our left-wing media will then be completely unrestrained—the only voice in our country that will not have been kneecapped by so-called campaign reform. So, at the expense of loss of liberty and freedom of speech, by you and me, our radical, liberal media will have free reign. This is just the opposite of what should happen.

CAMPAIGN REFORM?? George Will, in analyzing the misnamed Campaign Reform Bill, said this: “It will be a system in which the media exercise an unabridged freedom of political speech, while championing successive weakening of the Constitutional protection of rival voices.” He notes further that under it there will be no restriction on political advocacy by the *New York Times* or the *Washington Post*, which in the last five years have editorialized, on average, once every five days for additional restrictions on political advocacy by others.

NEW YORK CPC’S COUNTERATTACK: New York’s Attorney General, Eliot Spitzer, has launched a vicious, bigoted attack against pregnancy help centers in that state. He has issued subpoenas accusing them of practicing medicine without a license and is asking for literally every piece of printed paper that has passed through their offices in the last decade. Three national organizations, Heartbeat International, The National Institute of Family and Life Advocates, and CARE Net

have called upon him to withdraw. The Attorney General of South Carolina has pointedly criticized Spitzer and asked him to withdraw. Several of the centers have filed lawsuits seeking to quash his subpoenas, and now the heavyweight legal defense fund, The American Center of Law and Justice, has taken the case. This attempt by Mr. Spitzer could have national repercussions. Incidentally, what he’s doing is to follow almost, page by page, a detailed attack plan published by the National Abortion Rights Action League.

CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT: Cincinnati’s Congressman Steve Chabot, Chairman of the Judiciary Constitution Subcommittee, shepherded this pro-life bill successfully through his committee by a vote of 19 to 6. He stated that the bill “aims to protect the health and safety of young girls and the parents’ right to be involved in the medical decisions of a minor daughter... that it would protect state’s rights by insuring that each state’s policy aims regarding the issue are not frustrated.”

BUSH ON ABSTINENCE: On February 26, President Bush stated the following: “Abstinence is the surest way and the only completely effective way to prevent unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases. When our children face a choice between self-restraint and self-destruction, government should not be neutral. Government should not sell children short by assuming that they are incapable of acting responsibly. We must promote the good choices.”

HEAD OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH NOMINATED: Filling a spot that had been vacant for two years, Bush has nominated to head the NIH, Dr. Elias Zerhouni from John Hopkins Medical School. The administration states that Zerhouni “met the administration’s twin goals of a respected scientist who could live within Bush’s ethical constraints on controversial research involving cloning and embryonic stem cells.” Dr. Zerhouni has been a driving force behind Hopkins’ New Cell Engineering Institute. He supports the Brownback Senate bill to forbid all types of human cloning.

CANDIDATES POSITIONS ON THE PRO-LIFE ISSUES

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

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

1. In 1973 the Supreme Court struck down all existing statutes prohibiting abortion. As a consequence of the Roe v. Wade decision and its counterpart, Doe v. Bolton, abortion can now be performed legally throughout the full nine (9) months of pregnancy. Do you **oppose** the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade?
2. Do you **oppose** the use of public tax monies to fund abortion?
3. Do you **oppose** the use of tax money for organizations that are involved in promoting abortions domestically as well as in foreign countries?
4. Do you **support** legislation prohibiting assisted suicide?
5. Do you **oppose** embryonic stem cell research and cloning of human beings?

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	COMMENTS
2ND DISTRICT						
Ray Mitchell (D)						Refused to respond
Charles W. Sanders (D)						Refused to respond
Tony Stephens (D)	Y&N	YES	YES	NO	NO	call the RTL office for his comments.
8TH DISTRICT						
John A. Boehner (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Roger A. Thomas (R)						Refused to respond

TREASURER OF STATE

Questions 1 & 2 same as above.

3. Do you **support** medical standards, regulations, and inspection of abortion facilities?
4. Do you **support** legislation prohibiting assisted suicide in Ohio?
5. Do you **oppose** the use of tax money for organizations that are involved in promoting abortions?

TREASURER OF STATE	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	COMMENTS
Willis E. Blackshear (D)						Refused to respond
Mary O. Boyle (D)						Refused to respond

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Same questions as above.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	COMMENTS
28TH DISTRICT						
Douglas Mink (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Jim Raussen (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	"We need solid pro-life people in government, ...need to support... individuals who have the best chance of defeating...pro-abortion opponents."
33RD DISTRICT						
Minette Cooper (D)						Refused to respond
Leroy Hopkins (D)						Refused to respond
Tyrone K. Yates (D)						Refused to respond

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Questions 1 & 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 the exclusion of abortion coverage from indigent care or other county-wide tax levies?

COUNTY COMMISSIONER	#1	#2	#3	#4	COMMENTS
CLERMONT COUNTY					
David R. Caudill (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Robert Scott Crosswell, III (R)					Refused to respond
HAMILTON COUNTY					
Phil Heimlich (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Roy L. McGrath (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	“Degrading ‘oversight’ committee is opening door for ‘levie abuse’ and permissive abortion to detriment of citizens/voters.”

CDC REPORT SHOWS EARLY INFANTICIDES MORE LIKELY

Americans are at least 10 times more likely to be murdered on the day of their birth than at any other point in their lives, according to a recent study released by federal health officials.

A startling 243, or 7.3 percent, of the 3,312 infant homicides recorded between 1989 and 1998 occurred on the date of birth, according to data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

When based on years of exposure per person, the homicide rate for infants on the first day of life was about 10 times greater than the next most vulnerable group — adults between the ages of 20 and 24.

Dr. Len Paulozzi of the CDC’s National Center for Injury Prevention and Control noted that the actual rate of infanticide among newborns on the first day of life might be even higher because of the potential for underreporting of such murders.

“Sometimes a homicide actually occurred, but it is reported and recorded on the death certificate as an unintentional injury, such as a fall or as a

case of sudden infant death syndrome,” Paulozzi said.

The CDC data, which was based on death certificates collected from the 50 states and the District of Columbia, also showed that the infanticide rate dropped sharply after the first week of a baby’s life. Infant murders, however, hit a second peak in the eighth week, which the Atlanta-based CDC said might coincide with a peak in the daily duration of crying among normal babies at that age.

“A startling 243, or 7.3 percent, of the 3,312 infant homicides recorded between 1989 and 1998 occurred on the date of birth. . .”

The CDC noted that 89 percent of those who kill infants are female and tend to be the mother of the infant. Mothers who kill their children are more likely to be adolescents and have a history of mental illness, the agency said.

The study was released during the murder trial of Andrea Yates, a Texas mother who drowned her five young children in the bathtub of her Houston home. The youngest was six months old.

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2002 ORATORY CONTEST

On March 14th nine teenagers presented their pro-life views about abortion, infanticide and euthanasia to an audience of their peers, friends, family, teachers and a panel of judges. Judges were Linda Cagnetti (Cincinnati Enquirer), Jack Hart (Right to Life Board member), Joan Loebker (Pregnancy Center West Board President), and Chris Monzel (Cincinnati City Councilman). This contest was held at Immaculate Conception Academy in Norwood, Ohio.

All participants received prizes and the top four point scorers received cash awards. These winners were Laura Reist, Morgan Theriot, Monica Federspiel, and Joseph King. Laura will represent Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati at Ohio Right to Life's Oratory Contest to be held in Columbus on April 27, 2002.



Front Row: Monica Federspiel, Jean Jaindl, Joseph King, Alicia Morris, Morgan Theriot
Back Row: Susan Ayers, Kathleen Wittman, Laura Reist, Nick Reist

We wish to thank all of you have gave a gift in honor or memory of your loved ones.

In memory of:

Frank Albers
Rose Aufdenkampe
Clara Becker
Jack Behler
Evelyn Belcuore
Doug Bergmann
Michael Block
Cyril Bresser
Jack Carey
Charlotte Caldiron
Anne Cotteral
William Curran
Angela Dattoma
Suzanne Davidson
Anna Deely
Marilyn Dittgen
Ella
Angela Fallon
Bob Farrel
Bria French
Walter Gerdeman
John Gilligan
Frank Girmann
Ruth Goebel

Bob Hagerty
Stephen Hamilton
Robert Hartman
Leo Hession
Patricia Haekstra
Sister of Gloria Holland
Barbara Holt
Alex Jackson
Joyce Jacobs
Marie Janzen
Jackie Jalley
Jeanne Jones
Mark Kemper
Lawrence Kerley
Daniel Kernen
Eleanor Klein
Rose Kleingers
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Cathi Ranz
Mary Renner
James Salsman
Edna Salt
Edward Schutte
Ruth Schaller
Edward Schultz
Thelma Schwartz
George Shaefer, Sr.
Mary Pat Sherman
Clementine Specht

Jane Stander
Audrey Stultz
Betty Thomas
Raymond Thome
John Torak
Frances Weinholt

In Remebrance of:
Jennifer Klapper
Mary Lou Klapper
Linsay Ann Quitter

Happy Birthday to:
Bill Reyering
Ray Sturwald

In Honor of:
Loretta Holden
Debbie Graham
Nancy Dudera
Penny Stove
Mary Ann Stevenson
Millie

For successful pregnancy
for neice of Rose Goetz

THE WHY REPORT

comments & info for generation next

I received an invitation to an open house. Recognizing the name of the organization as one I support, and with a quick check through my date book, I made the RSVP call. It was then I made a split-second decision to ditch my planned agenda for this month's newsletter and write about H.E.A.R.T.—one of the hardest working organizations in the arsenal of abortion recovery for men, women, and teens.

My faithful ministry *compadre* Cinny Roy is the bright, outspoken, and piercingly direct leader of this organization that the world would like you to believe is unnecessary. Founded in 1991, H.E.A.R.T., the open-armed acronym for "Helping and Educating in Abortion Related Trauma," declares and validates the truth about abortion and its scarring affects on the men and women involved. These scars are known to disfigure each individual emotionally, if not physically—possibly for their entire lives—and in ways that some people "just don't get over." H.E.A.R.T. facilitates classes, support groups, counseling sessions, training, and a myriad of confidential, non-judgmental avenues to help these special people into recovery. H.E.A.R.T. begins where other groups often end, picking up the broken pieces of a soul torn in two by a bad decision to abort.

Cinny dutifully faxed over my requested information about H.E.A.R.T., along with a tongue-in-cheek jab at my disorganized "work at the last minute" on my articles. (She was right!) What I found in her two-pages of candid, bulleted points about her organization astounded me. After the description of services, there appeared a listing of post-abortion distress symptoms, or what a person might experience when he or she "just can't get over" the abortion: Nightmares, disrupted sleep, anxiety, self destructive behaviors (such as overeating, undereating, drinking, drugs, promiscuity, asexuality) and a belief in "deserving punishments" such as abusive relationships, poor relationships, handicapped children, or remaining childless. The list went on to include what I consider even darker plagues: Overprotective of living children, inability to bond with children, hatred of men and doctors, hatred of self and distance from God, indecisiveness, guilt, shame, and difficulty staying employed. I reminded myself at the end of that list that there are post-abortive men out there as well who live with these symptoms daily. . . did I know any? My mind wondered.

Cinny's fact sheet went on to reveal, "The youngest person I've worked with was fifteen and the oldest was 74. They had

had anywhere from one to seven abortions. I've seen a wide mix of races, economic status, and religious denominations." Evidence of Cinny's compassion and drive poured out in her own acute recall: "As a post abortive woman myself, I will never forget who would have been my firstborn child. But I am no longer in bondage to shame and blame about it." This freedom that she lives in is the ultimate *gift* H.E.A.R.T. brings to this world of brokenness.

A gift Cinny Roy is devoting her life to offer you. If you have experienced an abortion, please make contact with H.E.A.R.T. and begin the process of putting that decision behind you forever.

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by
Adrienne Greene

FETAL PAIN A REALITY

Doctors say unborn children feel pain early in pregnancy. In 1994, an article in the prestigious British medical journal, the Lancet, revealed hormonal stress reactions in the fetus. The article concluded with the recommendation that painkillers be used when surgery is done on the fetus.

The authors wrote, "This applies not just to diagnostic and therapeutic procedures on the fetus, but possibly also to termination of pregnancy, especially by surgical techniques involving dismemberment."

In 1991, scientific advisors to the Federal Medical Council in Germany made a similar recommendation. And the Australian national Health and Medical Research Council requires painkillers to be used on the fetuses of animals.

In 1997, the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists reported that the fetus could not feel pain until 26 weeks, but urged anesthesia from 24 weeks. In August 2001, however, Great Britain's Medical Research Council revised that conclusion and said that pain perception may be as early as 20 weeks.

Another Parliamentary group of 15 scientists from Britain, Ireland and Australia concluded that the mechanisms for pain perception are in place and functional before the 10th week of gestation.

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