



*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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## In Honor of Mothers

The tie which links mother and child is of such pure and immaculate strength as to be never violated.

—Washington Irving

## A Nation Condemned

Terri Schindler Schiavo died in this country under the law—executed through death by starvation. She committed no crime. She was simply disabled. May God in his love engulf and nourish Terri and uphold those who mourn her with His all-sufficient peace.

Right is repelled  
and justice stands far off;  
For truth stumbles in the public square,  
uprightness cannot enter.

Isaiah 59:14

See related editorial by Dr. Jack Willke on p. 3.

## End of Life Documents Available

No living will can cover all health care situations, and designated spokespersons are critical for ensuring humane care in severe medical circumstances. All adults should have a durable power of attorney advance medical directive, which names persons to speak for you if you cannot speak for yourself. Call our office for copies of several versions of durable power of attorney forms, or check our web site at [www.cincinnatirighttolife.org/issues/wills.asp](http://www.cincinnatirighttolife.org/issues/wills.asp).

## Komen Continues to Support Abortion

The Susan G. Komen Foundation and local affiliates nationwide distribute some funds collected from races to Planned Parenthood affiliates. Proceeds from the 2004 Komen Greater Cincinnati Race for the Cure awarded a grant of \$28,044 to Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Ohio and Northern Kentucky on Auburn Ave. in Cincinnati for its Breast Health Outreach program, nearly \$10,000 more than the previous year. Planned Parenthood is the country's primary abortion provider and the medical evidence for abortion as one cause of breast cancer is well established. Pro-life runners should contact Komen Cincinnati and request that grants be given to institutions more supportive of women's health ([www.komencincinnati.org](http://www.komencincinnati.org)).

## Lawsuit Against Planned Parenthood

Parents of a 14-year old girl are suing Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio and six employees for performing an abortion on their daughter without their notification or consent, and against their daughter's will. Attorney Tom Condit filed the suit in Hamilton County Common Pleas Court March 29, 2005.

The child was impregnated by a 21-year-old man when she was 13. The man took her to Planned Parenthood, posed as her stepbrother, and forced her to have an abortion. It is a crime for an adult to have sexual activity with a minor, and the man is serving a prison sentence for statutory rape of this teen reported by a friend. Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters has since launched an investigation of why Planned Parenthood did not initially report possible statutory rape.

Ohio has two parental laws on the books—parental notification and parental consent. Parental notification 24 hours before an abortion is in effect, although it requires notification for one parent only. The parental consent law has been tied up in the courts under a temporary injunction since 1998. This finally went to trial in February, but a decision still has not been made.

*In Memoriam:*  
Pope John Paul II  
Terri Schindler Schiavo



"America, defend life so that you may live in peace and harmony. Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life."

Pope John Paul II

## CALENDAR

**May 2, 9, 16, & 23**, New Hope Center Volunteer Training, Crestview hills or Latonia, KY (859/341-0766)

**May 8**, Mother's Day Pro-Life Signature Ad in Cincinnati Enquirer (513/728-7870)

**May 8**, 1:30 p.m., Mother Daughter Tea, Milford Spiritual Center, \$15/person (513/518-6646)

**May 21**, Right to Life Run/Walk ( p. 4)

**May 14 & 28, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23**, 8:00 a.m., Mass, Rosary Walk & Prayer Vigil for Life, Holy Name Church, Cincinnati (513/984-6742)

### Thanks to Life Run Sponsors

Join the crowd for Right to Life's annual Life Run/Walk, May 21, 10 a.m. at Mt. Airy Forest! There are different events for the serious athletes to ramblin' amblers of all ages. We thank our sponsors who have added to the fun: Jennifer and Gary Black of RE/MAX Unlimited, the Brennan Family, Merrill Lynch, Smith Barney, G.A. Angels for Life, Gerrard Brothers Construction Company, R.A. & Carole Hermes, Hoeting Realtors, Lauber Insurance, Moeller Knights of Columbus, Ripple Junction, the Schmitt Family, and Servatii Pastry Shop.

### Take Note: Pro-Life News in Brief

During Terri Schiavo's starvation, a group of **Harvard students** began a hunger strike to last until her feeding tube was reinserted or until the hour she died. The students included one from Harvard Divinity School, three from Harvard Law School, one from Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Science, one from Harvard College, and one from Weston Jesuit School of Theology.

Days after Terri's death, Senate Majority Leader **Bill Frist** told reporters that he's not interested in having the Senate penalize judges who violated a Congressional law issued during her starvation to permit her parents to take their lawsuit to federal courts. This reversed his statement before her death, "Anyone who violates this law is subject to criminal fines and imprisonment." House majority Leader **Tom DeLay** and Senator **Sam Brownback** continue to work for judicial restraint.

A **Zogby poll**, which unlike most polls during Terri's tragedy, had clear and accurate questions regarding this case, indicates that the nation supported Terri and her parents and also supports protection of other disabled people.

**Fr. Frank Pavone**, National Director of Priests for Life, is establishing a new men's religious order dedicated to defense of the unborn. Bishop John Yanta of the diocese of Amarillo Texas has granted his permission for the founding of a Society of Apostolic Life for priests and seminarians devoted to pro-life ministry.

State Representative Linda Reidelbach (R, Columbus) has introduced House Bill 179 to **prohibit human cloning** in Ohio. The bill prohibits human cloning regardless of the intended use of the cloned embryo—implantation for birth of the child or for research. Violations would be punishable by imprisonment and fines.

### Don't Forget!

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's annual Banquet for Life will be October 6, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati; reception 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. Come hear abortion survivor, Gianna Jessen's, amazing story!

### Parade Success

Many thanks to all who participated with Right to Life in the Cincinnati St. Patrick's Day parade. The day was cold but we were warm as Right to Life was well received by marchers and walkers alike. Plan to join us next year!

### Donation for Life

This beautiful two story dollhouse can be yours. It measures approximately 23" w x 27" h x 15" deep (including the front porch). The exterior is finished in brick and siding with a shingle roof. The interior is ready to be wall papered and furnished. This year's house comes with a dog house. Suggested donation is \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. Please complete the coupon below and mail with your donation to Right to Life, 1802 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239. Deadline for entry is July 29 and the drawing will be held on Monday, August 1st.

*We thank Mr. Joe Menke of Menke Hobbies for this wonderful donation!*

Enclosed is my donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets.

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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Mail coupon and donation to Right to Life, 1802 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239 No donation necessary to enter.*



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# DR. WILLKE WRITES



**TERRI'S NEED-LESS DEATH:** Terri is dead. May she rest in peace, but should she have been killed? The manner of her slow starvation death was cruel. If this had been done to a dog in Florida, the owner

would have been jailed for cruelty to animals.

As a bedside physician, I have attended many dying patients in my 40 years of practice. Admittedly, I was not at her bedside but I received a continuing stream of reports from medical and other people who attended her, all which lead me to seriously question the diagnosis of Persistent Vegetative State. Clearly she reacted to her mother's presence, voice and touch, and also to her father's kiss.

The news media constantly repeated that her brain damage was from oxygen deprivation, which was true. But was it from a potassium imbalance due to an eating disorder? Who was the supreme authority that made this one up? Was there proof?

From a distance we cannot prove or disprove all allegations, nor can we make specific accusations. What we can do is ask the obvious questions. Why did her husband not surrender custody and turn Terri's care over to loved ones who certainly would have hospitalized her, requested thorough examinations, and ensured future care? What was his motive?

The bottom line here relates to judges. Apparently they ruled on cold legalistic terms. But central to this and future cases is whether unelected, arrogant judges can claim to have power over state and national elected legislators, over a governor and the U.S. president? Something here is seriously out of whack. We desperately need a whole set of new judges who will stop making new laws and return the judiciary to its proper state, subordinate to the will of the people.

**DRUG ABUSE AFTER ABORTION:** In study published in the June issue of the *American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse*, David Reardon and his colleagues note that among women who had unintended first pregnancies, those who had abortions were likely to report (four years

later) more frequent and more recent use of alcohol, marijuana and cocaine. Women who had never been pregnant or those with unintended pregnancies who went on to deliver, had notable lower frequency of drug abuse. Dr. Reardon emphasized, "...that these new findings show that a history of unintended pregnancies alone is not linked to higher rates of substance use. The link only appears when the unintended pregnancy is aborted."

**MEDICAL TRAINING FOR ABORTIONS:** An article in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (10-1-03; Vol. 290 #13, 1777-78) notes that in 2000, 87% of US counties had no abortion service, and that 99% of all facilities that kill more than 400 babies a year were located in metropolitan areas. In 2000, there were 1,819 sites where abortions were performed—a 37% decrease since 1982. This has coincided with the decline in routine abortion training in residency programs, i.e., 23% in 1985 to 12% in 1991 for first trimester abortions. Second trimester abortion training dropped from 21% to 7%. Following this, New York City and California passed legislation requiring such training. However, all such programs have been limited by low response rates. Happily, in every program, a conscience clause allows the physician in training to opt out, so the actual prevalence today is unknown.

**THOSE WONDERFUL ADULT STEM CELLS:** Noting the claims of human cloning in South Korea and their further claims of the potential success that may be achieved by using embryonic stem cells, we're pleased that a recent report from Duke University documents studies showing that adult stem cells from umbilical cord blood can rebuild damaged heart tissue. There had been evidence that such adult stem cells could help heart tissue, but this new study shows "convincing clinical evidence" that these stem cells are actually "differentiating themselves into brain, heart, liver and bone cells." The director of this program, Joanne Kurtzberg said, "Now we have examined heart tissue on a cellular level and have proven that these donor cells are not only present in heart tissue but they have become heart muscle cells." Here we have another example of therapeutic cures proven from adult stem cells, while still to-date there have been no cures from embryonic stem cells.

# 23rd ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE RUN

Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 10 a.m.

Mt. Airy Forest, Cincinnati, Ohio



New This Year:

❖ 5k Run ❖ 5k Competitive Walk ❖ 1.0 Mile Family Fun Walk

Race Director: Don Connolly



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PRE-REGISTRATION deadline-Tuesday, May 10, 2005

\$18-Individual, includes all cotton shirt

\$12-Individual, no shirt

\$18-Family of 3 or more\*, no shirts

RACE DAY REGISTRATION 8:00-9:30 a.m. Stone Steps Ridge shelter area, Mt. Airy Forest

\$14-Individual, no shirt

\$20-Family of 3 or more\*, no shirts

\*Family Member pre-registration - each family member must fill out a separate forms and mail together in one envelope. \$10 per shirt purchased separately.

To register send check or money order along with registration form(s) below to: Right to Life, 1802 W. Galbraith Rd., Cinti, Oh 45239.

### LIFE RUN 2005 REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for the:  5k Run  5k Walk  1 Mile Family Fun Run

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In consideration of the foregoing, I for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge all sponsors for all claims of damages, demands and actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in said run.

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