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Rally for Life

Madonna University

(on the campus at Schoolcraft and Levan, Livonia)

January 15, 2006 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Stand Up! Speak Out! Be Counted on the Side of LIFE!

Hear motivating speakers:

Alvin Weathersby - Emcee, Lifespan Member

Theresa Milhizer, Co-chairman, Madonna University, Respect Life Committee

Joanie Barrett, Wayne State University, Students for Life

Cindy Rose-Guette, Silent No More

Cindy Smith and Jacob Smith, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Wixom

Minister Kevin Reynolds, The Sure Foundation

This is an OUTDOOR Rally; please dress warmly!

Refreshments inside following Rally

Bring your families, friends, neighbors, co-workers!



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For more information, call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230

Seeking Mother of the Year 2006

All mothers may qualify for this honor, including your mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, daughter, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, niece, neighbor or very dear friend. Nominations must be submitted in writing, in a minimum of 1000 words, explaining why the nominated person qualifies for "Mother of the Year." Nominations must be received no later than noon, Wednesday, March 8, 2006. No nomination by or for Right to Life - LIFESPAN board members will be considered. The "Mother of the Year" must be a resident of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston County or be a member of Lifespan, regardless of residency, and able to attend the awards dinner. She will be an honored guest at Lifespan's Mother's Day Dinner on **Tuesday, May 9th, at the San Marino Club, in Troy**, where she will be awarded a plaque, a dozen long-stemmed roses and a gift certificate to Marshall-Field's (Macy's). If your nominee is chosen, you will also receive a free ticket to the dinner. If the "Mother of the Year" is nominated by two or more individuals, the first one received will be eligible for the free ticket, and the nomination letter will be printed in the dinner program and *Lifespan News*. You, or someone you select, will read your nomination letter at the dinner. In nominating the Mother of the Year 2006, please include your name, address and phone number and also the name, address and phone number of your nominee. **Mail or deliver your nomination for "Mother of the Year 2006" to be received on Wednesday, March 8th to: Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152; 248-478-8878.**

Shower time!

Lifespan is planning its 17th annual Baby Shower for crisis pregnancy centers on **Sunday, March 12**. Continuing this tradition of caring for mothers and their babies, born and yet to be born, Lifespan will host approximately 50 baby showers simultaneously at different locations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston Counties. Showers are usually held from 2:00-3:30 p.m., but may also be held after church services or simply as a gift drop-off shower. If you or your church are interested in co-hosting a baby shower, please call us at **248-478-8878**.

March for Life—Fly with us to Washington, D.C.

Seats are still available for \$190 in Lifespan's group flight on Spirit Airlines, January 23. Call **248-478-8878**.

USED BOOK SALE!

Start saving your old books!

Lifespan is planning a **Used Book Sale** this coming summer. We are looking for a facility (on the west side) where we could store the books, sort the books and where we could hold the sale. Would your church or organization be willing to help us? Please call **248-478-8878**. We would greatly appreciate it!

33rd Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*
Mass for the Unborn with Rose Ceremony
Thursday, January 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd.,
Farmington (btwn. Eight and Nine Mile Rds.)

What's Up With the Youth?

Hello Teens, Parents of Teens, College Students, Youth Group Ministers and Coordinators, Jr. High and High School Teachers, Pro-Life Youth Groups and Adult Volunteers for Youth Activities!

I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

The *Movement in Motion* buses are ready to roll out of the metro Detroit area on January 21st to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life.

To get the New Year started off on the right track of building up the Culture of Life, here are some activities you can participate in...

1) The annual Rally for Life, sponsored by Right to Life - LIFESPAN, is on Sunday, January 15; see front page. **If you want to stand up, speak out, and be counted on the side of LIFE, then come join us for the Rally!**

2) The annual Candle Luminary Project, is a memorial to honor our unborn brothers and sisters who have lost their lives through abortion since January 1973. Participants light candles outdoors on the evening of January 21st. To order candle luminary kits, call 734-422-6230 or 248-816-1546.

3) The 3rd annual Building Bridges to a Culture of Life Pro-Life Youth Conference, "Exposing the Lies that Destroy Lives," sponsored by the student Christian Life Group, will be Saturday, February 4, at Catholic Central High School, 27225 Wixom Rd., Novi, (south of Grand River Ave. and north of 11 Mile Rd.) The Conference will include speakers, bands, food, t-shirts and Mass. All are welcome! You can sign up at www.prolifeyouth.com.

—Lynn Gura, Youth Connections

American Girl

Pro-lifers are protesting the American Girl store's ties to a girls' group that backs abortion. Despite a several months-long boycott, American Girl is still working in partnership with Girls Inc., a youth group that supports *Roe v. Wade*. The protests have included many pro-life girls who would normally purchase the heritage-based dolls, which are popular nationwide. They have picketed American Girl Place in Chicago and New York, holding "Girls for Life" signs—along with their Samantha, Kit, Molly and other American Girl dolls, each holding her own miniature picket sign. In August, American Girl launched the "I Can" bracelet program, pledging to support Girls Inc. with 70¢ for every \$1 bracelet sold, plus a \$50,000 donation. Girls Inc. supports abortion and opposes abstinence education.

—LifeNews.com, November 29, 2005

Write: Ellen L. Brothers, President, American Girl, 8400 Fairway Place; Middleton, Wisconsin 53562; phone: 800-360-1861; e-mail: service@americangirl.com

Pro-Life Student Essay Contest Winners

Three metro Detroit teens won savings bonds in Lifespan's Pro-Life Student Essay Contest on Abortion, Infanticide, Euthanasia, Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research or Human Cloning. The first-place prize of a \$1,000 savings bond will be awarded to **Monika Grzesiak**, 17, of Macomb Twp., a senior, at Notre Dame Preparatory School. Monika is the daughter of Krzysztof and Anna Grzesiak. The second-place winner, **Renee Knudsen**, 14, of Whitmore Lake, is a sophomore who is homeschooled; she will be presented with a \$400 savings bond. Renee's parents are Mark and Michelle Knudsen. The third-place winner of a \$200 bond is **Luke Bueche**, 17, of Shelby Twp., a senior who is homeschooled. Luke's parents are Bill and Becky Bueche. The savings bonds will be awarded at the Rally for Life at Madonna University, in Livonia, on Sunday, January 15.

We want to thank the judges who had the difficult job of choosing winners from the many excellent entries: **Stefanie Lawler** is married and lives in Birmingham. She has six children and 11 grandchildren. Stefanie is originally from Ohio where she was a public health nurse; she also worked in nursing homes. **Carol Mahon**, is a wife and mother of two. She is a bookkeeper for a small Catholic school in Livingston County. She felt privileged to be a judge—there were many heartfelt stories, and the essays were an amazing testament to how the next generation feels about abortion. **Kathleen Peters** is a recent Catholic convert. This is her third year of homeschooling her three children, ages 13, 11 and 9. **Charity Wright** received her bachelor of art degree and teacher certification in secondary education from Michigan State University. She obtained her masters degree in teaching and curriculum with a focus in writing and reading. Charity is her church's liaison for Lifespan's Wayne West/Downriver Chapter. She lives in Dearborn with her husband, Kevin and daughter, Blythe.

First-Place Essay

Goodnight Broken Child

I walk on the cold ground, a mosaic of stone and white crosses. I only wish you lay asleep here, beneath the dirt, to rest your tired limbs. Maybe then I could feel your presence in the rustling of blades of grass or the gentle shower of sunlight that warms the earth. But you were not even given a proper burial. I do not know where to find you.



*Monika Grzesiak
17, is a senior
at Notre Dame
Preparatory School*

I could investigate a thousand fields of waste or turn upside down every dumpster of the city. Perhaps then I could hold your broken pieces in my arms—your little hands, which could have reached out to caress your mother's tearful face, your perfect tiny toes, which could have carried you across this desert of injustice, and your baby heart, which could have warmed those who are cold inside, if only it had not stopped beating before you took your first breath. Before those immaculate white gloves and a blade of steel closed around you.

But they tell me now you felt no pain. For they know you cannot bring yourself to life and tell us how it felt when your broken limbs were removed one by bone from your mother's womb. To have your brains suctioned from the back of your head as life escaped you and left you as a tiny corpse in a room of whiteness. To die a death that has pushed the barrier of "cruel and unusual" beyond human comprehension.

And for *what* crime?

We often wonder how human beings can be so cruel as to instigate holocaust solely for the sake of hatred, creating godforsaken camps of grueling labor and slow, inhumane death. We shudder to think that human beings' lives in Nazi camps were reduced to working in moth-eaten clothes through days of scorching heat or frigid ice. Their only reward was a crumb of stale bread and a half-cup of caked soup thrown at their feet. Ignorance, prejudice and apathy led to a holocaust of human beings. Now we feel the shame of past generations' sins and cry out that the lesson be learned.

And yet another war is beginning in our midst, this time waged not overseas, but in our very own hearts. It teaches us to question our common sense, to put our freedoms over life, to play God and choose who will live and who will die. It tells each mother that her right over her body must be defended to the point of death of her very own child. It tells each politician that a few million children can be sacrificed upon an altar of freedom to ensure the votes of women who equate the freedom to vote with the freedom to destroy life. It tells every American to shield his or her eyes from the gruesome images of abortion seen on trucks and billboards, as if a billion broken limbs smaller than the head of a coin could tell lies.

And for what purpose, I ask? What benefit is there in taking away a woman's "right" to kill her child? How much money is there in my pocket for speaking for thousands of murdered children, for crying over them? And how much money has been made by the "doctors" who are licensed to kill? Who is really in this for the comfort and money, though hidden behind a mask of a crusade for

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freedom? Who represents the common good of the “people,” and who represents all of God’s children, whether eight months or 80 years old? Didn’t He say, “Choose life, and you and your descendants may live”? Is this really a question of life or death...or simply one of power?

When will we allow the children to live despite their deformities, their poverty, their imperfect circumstances? Allowing a child to live is the bravest and most unselfish thing a woman could possibly do, and one day, a child somewhere will understand how she burdened herself to let him live. I ask every woman considering abortion...can you give of yourself to let someone else live?

It reminds me of someone who lived long ago. ■

Second-Place Essay

Choices: Do They Matter?

“Today, a baby is a baby when convenient. It is tissue or otherwise when the time is not right. Why is that?”

—Gianna Jessen, an abortion survivor

Early in the morning on April 6, 1977, a 17-year-old girl walked into an abortion clinic to have a saline abortion. She was seven months pregnant. The process for this particular abortion began in the usual fashion and everyone expected the usual result. Close to midnight, the mother’s water broke. Waiting for the tissue to pass, the mother was surprised to feel the curve of a baby’s head. Moments later when the mother heard the crying of a baby she realized her daughter had lived through the abortion. Miraculously, this baby had survived the procedure! The mother named her daughter Gianna. After spending four years in foster homes, she was adopted into a family. Unfortunately, Gianna had cerebral palsy because she was deprived of oxygen when she gulped the saline solution during the abortion. Despite doctors’ assertions that she would never walk, Gianna successfully completed the Boston marathon this year. Gianna Jessen, a vibrant young lady, continues to travel around the country urging others not to take away a precious life because it might be inconvenient. I would like to expand on her message and look at three aspects of abortion. Why do some say a fetus is not a child? Is it wrong to murder someone? Finally, why is abortion wrong?

Why do some say a fetus is not a child?

Some people would like to believe this in order not to feel guilty for an abortion. Others may want to believe this because performing abortions is profitable. A recent study by National Right to Life (NRL) has shown that the abortion industry is very lucrative. The truth is that what people want to believe is irrelevant to the facts. According to David Rorvik in the article *Human Life Begins at Conception*, “The embryo is a person from the moment of conception. Scientists identify the first moment of human life as that instant when a sperm cell unites with an ovum or egg cell.” There is no doubt a baby is a human being at the

moment of conception. Former President Ronald Reagan said, “The real question today is not when human life begins, but, “What is the value of human life?” The abortionist who reassembles the arms and legs of a tiny baby to make sure all its parts have been torn from its mother’s body can hardly doubt whether it is a human being.”



*Renee Knudsen
14, of Whitmore Lake,
is homeschooled*

Is it wrong to murder someone?

Currently, a woman is on trial for the murder of her three sons. Jordan Robertson, *Associated Press* writer, wrote, “The woman seen dropping her young sons into San Francisco Bay pleaded innocent Friday to three counts of murder...Harris, 23, faces three counts of murder with the “special circumstance” of multiple murder. A claim of special circumstances means a murder defendant could be eligible for the death penalty.” Why is this woman on trial for murder with the possibility of the death penalty for what she did, but every abortionist is not? What is the difference? One type of murder is legal. The other is not. Is it right to make murder legal? If every type of crime was made legal, there would be fewer people breaking the law. However, would that be the solution? The answer is, obviously, no. Murder is not right and should be illegal.

Why is abortion wrong?

One of the national capital buildings has a quotation that says, “Whatever is morally wrong is not politically correct.” Murder is morally wrong. Furthermore, J. Foster in the article, *Personhood and the ethics of abortion*, wrote, “Abortion has become morally acceptable to some simply because it is currently legal. Legality does not necessarily imply morality. Slavery was once legal in the United States, even though it clearly was not moral.” Legality does not imply morality.

Abortion is also wrong because it sets a perilous precedent. If it is acceptable to kill a baby, why not an older person who would die of old age? Noting this, co-authors Olivia Gans and Mary Spaulding Balch, wrote, “When you reach this point (that some people have a right to life while others do not), remind your listeners that this way of reasoning threatens everyone’s right to life. Determining who shall live and who shall die has become completely

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I pray the New Year finds our pro-life members well, at peace and ready for a new year.

The year is starting, unfortunately, with another super lie from pro-abortion advocates. The lie says that "the morning-after pill (generic name: Levonorgestrel) is not dangerous; it is safe to take as an over-the-counter medication." This medication is potent, and if taken indiscriminately, could be lethal. (*Physicians Desk Reference* and *Nurses Drug Guide 2005* list the possible complications of using this type of medication.)

This is another indication of how women are used for social experimentation—they are being lied to at a time when they are most vulnerable. Can you imagine a young girl of 14, 15 or 16 years of age having intercourse and then buying this medication? What if they decide to have sex often and take this medication 3, 9, 16 times a month, unaware of the side effects?

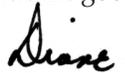
So many of the past claims on the issues of reproductive health have been lies in order to promote the anti-life agenda. Remember the lie: abortions were going to give us only "planned and wanted" babies? Today, 35 years later, we have more "unplanned" babies than ever in our history, more

abuse of children than ever before and more babies being raised by single mothers. Remember the lie: abortion helps women? We know that it not only causes the death of a small human person (half of them women), but it also causes physical and mental complications—just ask the members of Silent No More—all of whom have experienced abortion and found it more than a minor medical procedure.

There are so many lies, but the latest one shows just how these anti-life organizations "speak with a forked tongue." They do not really care about women or they would not be pushing this newest attack on young women. What they really want is the freedom to do what they want, when they want, not caring what the consequence is to human life and society.

To help you distinguish between the lies of the enemy and the truth, we are expanding our newsletter to include a *Pearls of Wisdom* section to give you more information on current issues. Our first article, *How lying marketers sold Roe v. Wade to America*, begins on the back page, and will be reprinted in two parts, the second part will appear in the February / March issue of *Lifespan News*. If there are any pro-life issues you wish us to cover, please call Lifespan's Main Office, **248-478-8878**.

We hope you will use this information to continue the good fight of saving human lives in the new year.



STUDENT ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006

PRIZES:

First: \$500 Savings Bond; Second: \$200 Savings Bond; Third: \$100 Savings Bond.

RULES:

1. Any student in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12, in public, private or homeschool, who resides in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston County and / or is a member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, regardless of residency, is eligible for the contest, except for students in the immediate family of a board member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
2. The theme of the pro-life art contest entry is: "Celebration of Life." Entries might reflect pro-life issues involving family life, children, babies, the handicapped or the elderly.
3. Each entry must include, on a separate sheet of paper, neatly printed, the title of the artwork, the student's name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school and the names of his/her parents or guardian.
4. A student may submit more than one entry. Each entry must be the student's own original concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.
5. Artwork must be 8" x 10" and oriented vertically for possible reproduction on the cover of Lifespan's Resource Book. The artwork must be submitted on regular art stock paper and be matted or mounted. Acceptable media will be watercolor, pencil, pastel, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or photography.
6. The winning entries become the property of Right to Life - LIFESPAN and will not be returned. Each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
7. Artwork entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience and knowledge of art.
8. Entries will be judged on originality of concept, presentation, composition and how they relate to pro-life issues, adherence to contest guidelines and design technique.
9. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize. Decisions of the judges will be final.
10. **All entries must be received by Wednesday, March 15, 2006, and mailed or delivered to Student Art Contest 2006, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.**

Winners will be notified by phone by March 30. The first-prize entry is also eligible for reproduction on the cover of Right to Life - LIFESPAN'S *Resource Book 2006*, distributed throughout the year as an educational resource on pro-life issues to teachers, legislators, pro-life leaders and others. The winning entries may also appear in an issue of *Lifespan News*. For more information, call Lifespan's Main Office **248-478-8878**.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Dear Representative (last name):

Morning After Pill

A Michigan state lawmaker has introduced legislation that would ban sales of the morning after pill over the counter. The bill comes as the FDA is considering whether or not to allow that to happen nationwide for women over the age of 16. Rep. John Stahl, a Republican from North Branch filed the legislation to limit the sales of the Plan B drug, which can sometimes cause an abortion. His measure comes as Target retail stores are coming under fire from abortion advocates for supporting a Missouri pharmacist who refused to fill a prescription for the drugs. Stahl wants his bill to be approved before the FDA steps in and allows sales of the drug without a doctor's visit. He said more research needs to be done before that happens. "I don't think there's enough scientific evidence to allow that," Stahl told the *Detroit News*. He said he worries that the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases will increase because the drug doesn't protect against them and couples may falsely think they are protected.

—*LifeNews.com*, November 26, 2005

Petition Drive

On December 7, 2005, the Board of Canvassers approved for circulation a petition submitted by Michigan Citizens for Life intending to define, for the purposes of the laws, that a person exists from the moment of conception. The petition intends to amend the Michigan State Constitution. Michigan Citizens for Life will need well over 300,000 signatures. Like all petition drives, the time limit is six months from the date of the first signature. Taken directly from the approved petition, it reads:

A proposal to amend the Michigan Constitution by adding new Sections 26 and 27 to Article I (or if Sections 26 and 27 already exist, then this proposal shall add new sections to Article 1 in the next available numeric code) to read as follows: Section 26: "The right to due process, whereby no person shall be deprived of

life, liberty, or property without due process of law, guaranteed in Article I Section 17, and the right to equal protection of this law, guaranteed in Article I, Section 2, vests at conception." Section 27: "A person, for purposes of the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, exists from the moment of conception."

A coalition of individuals and groups are needed to circulate petitions. Call Cal Zastrow, chairman, Michigan Citizens for Life, 989-859-4482.

Abortion Notification

Members of the Supreme Court focused on the lack of a health exception in a case regarding a New Hampshire parental notification law during hearings November 30. Pro-abortion justices were concerned the statute didn't have one, but pro-life justices said it wasn't necessary.

Parents who are concerned about knowing whether their daughters are considering an abortion are hoping the Supreme Court will consider their views. Eileen Roberts, the president of Mothers and Advocates for Mothers Alone, understands the pain parents face when they find out about their daughter having an abortion after the fact. Eileen's 14-year-old daughter underwent an abortion without her knowledge and suffered physical and emotional consequences. Eileen had to sign a consent form for follow-up surgery to repair the damage done by the abortion practitioner without her knowing. The medical bills from the botched abortion totaled \$27,000. "Hopefully, this time the Supreme Court will allow parents the right to know their daughter is seeking an abortion and let us put our arms around our daughters and say I love you, we can work this out together," Roberts said.

—*LifeNews.com*, November 30, 2005

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN RESOURCE BOOK 2006

Advertising Contract

This book will contain pro-life informational material that will be used throughout the year. Your ad represents support for Lifespan's educational efforts. Fill out the form below and send it to us with your remittance included. **Deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 8, 2006.**

Advertising Contract: I wish to publish _____ page ad for the sum of \$ _____
 Please run _____ last year's ad _____ enclosed, new ad
 _____ E-mailed ad

Full page (7 x 10) \$275	1/4 page (3.5 x 5) \$110	1/8 page (3.5 x 2.5) \$60
Back cover (inside) \$300	Half page (7 x 5) \$160	
Back cover (outside) \$500		

Because of the difficulty of various different formats, we prefer to work with a hard copy, camera-ready ad or pdf files at 300 dpi, all fonts embedded. (In the case of electronic submissions, please e-mail file to mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org indicating "Lifespan Resource Book Ad" in subject line; send contract and check by post.) If you are not able to submit camera-ready art work, we will help you with your ad; call us. Payment must accompany ad and contract. Advertisers will automatically receive a copy of the Resource Book. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable.

A **complimentary dinner ticket** to the 2006 Mother's Day Dinner on Tuesday, May 9 will be given to any individual for every **\$200** worth of **new** ads obtained for the Resource Book. The ad seller's signature must appear on the contract below when the ad and remittance is received by Right to Life - LIFESPAN.

Contact Person _____	Area Code/Phone _____
Name of Advertiser _____	E-mail _____
Address _____	City _____ Zip _____
Ad Seller's Signature _____	Area Code/Phone _____

Make checks payable and mail to:

Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152

For further information, call 248-478-8878 or e-mail: mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org

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Thank you faithful church reps

To all of you who worked so hard to sell our Christmas Cards and Entertainment Books and to all of you who bought them, we extend our heart felt thanks. May the New Year bring all of you the best of health and happiness.

Rally for Life

LIFESPAN needs you, your family, your friends, your church and your organizations to come to our Rally For Life. We must send a powerful message to the people of metro Detroit that..."No! After 33 long years, we are NOT discouraged. We will NOT give up our struggle until all our citizens are guaranteed the Right to Life which is stated in our Constitution." If you consider yourself pro-life, it is now time to act on your convictions and come

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Judy Zabik, Jane Thierfeldt, Co-Directors

Church representatives needed

We are seeking representatives from area churches to work with Lifespan in Livingston County. You would actively seek opportunities for PRO-LIFE speakers to come to your church in addition to selling PRO-LIFE Christmas Cards, Mother's Day Flowers and participate at the Lifespan booth at the county fair, plus many other PRO-LIFE opportunities to help in the community. Please call our office to volunteer.

Resource Book 2006 ads

Our new PRO-LIFE Resource Book will be going to press soon. If you would like your company's advertisement to be prominently displayed in it, see page 7 for the ad form.

PRO-LIFE New Year's Resolutions

This year, make a PRO-LIFE New Year's Resolution! You can write PRO-LIFE letters to the local paper when you feel someone or some

out to the Rally. It will only be an hour of your time, but it will send a message to the public that we will not go away until justice is done. God will surely bless you for publicly proclaiming your pro-life convictions.

Ask a friend to become a member

Make it a New Year's Resolution to renew your membership to LIFESPAN and ask a family member or friend to join. Let your friends know that with a membership, they will receive our top-notch *LIFESPAN NEWS* which will keep them up to date on all pro-life issues. If you would like information sent to anyone about the LIFESPAN organization—who we are, what we stand for and our many ongoing educational programs, and a membership envelope, call **313-640-8534**; leave their name and address on my answering machine. Thanks for your help.

Thought to ponder

"If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. If you forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If you say, behold, we knew it not; does not He that ponders the heart consider it? And shall not He render to every man according to his works?" —Prov. 24: 10-12
How can we sit idly by while 1.5 million are aborted every year? Come and speak out against this injustice! Become an active member of LIFESPAN. Come, help bring about a world where "Justice and Peace shall kiss."

company has expressed their pro-abortion views. Display a PRO-LIFE sign in the window of your home or business. You can become the Lifespan representative in your church. Start a Respect Life Committee in your church, and set up a dresser or crib to be filled with baby items for a needy mother. You can vow to make monthly donations to Lifespan - Livingston County.

Let us know if you come up with your own unique PRO-LIFE New Year's Resolutions!

March for Life in Washington, D.C.

If you would like to be one of the thousands of people marching for LIFE in Washington this January, we have buses reserved and plane tickets available for the trip! Please call our office for additional information regarding this wonderful annual event.

Rally for Life

A Rally for LIFE will be held at Madonna College, corner of Schoolcraft and Levan, in Livonia from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. on January 15. We urge everyone who values human life to attend. Let's show the media how we can rally for a PRO-LIFE, PRO-FAMILY cause! Come spend one hour with us, and help save lives.



Pray to Stop Abortion!

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H—health, happiness and a hand to hold

A—always being in the right line at the bank

P—pursuing an interest for which you never had time before

P—practicing patience with the young, the impetuous, and the headstrong

Y—yards that are weed-free and green

N—not having to go to the dentist except for regular teeth cleaning

E—enough of God's blessings to be able to share them

W—wisdom enough to know when to speak and when to remain silent

Y—yes to life, to those in need and to the quiet voice that leads you in the way to go

E—energy enough to do what needs to be done, cheerfully and with good humor

A—allowing the voice of love to guide your actions

R—remembering that the board and office staff of the Oakland/Macomb Chapter wish you a wonderful New Year—one, that upon reflection, can be called a very good year!

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Have you made all your New Year's resolutions? If not, would you consider being more active in pro-life activities? Following are a few suggestions where you can help:

Buy a 2006 Entertainment Book; lots of 50% off coupons—at the reduced price of \$25.

Attend the Right to Life Rally on Madonna University campus. We always need more live bodies, and it's only for one hour. See front page.

Go on the reserved youth buses to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, or fly, using the seats arranged for by Lifespan. If you've never gone it's a MUST!

Help in the Wee Care office; organize gifts for babies from churches or organizations' Giving Trees.

Urge students to attend Youth Concerts/Outreach Programs.

Encourage teens to enter the Pro-Life Essay Contest; see page 3 for 2005 winners. Also, make teens aware of the Student Art Contest, see page 5.

Reserve the 2000 Cross Display for your church grounds; each of the 2000 crosses represents two babies who die by abortion each day.

Renew your membership in Lifespan and sign up one new member; our lobbying efforts could double; think of the clout we'd have in passing pro-life legislation.

Offer to bake; we always need the extra income from bake sales.

Work at our booth at County and State Fairs; new faces are always welcome.

Volunteer to work in the office with mailings and computer work; many hands make light work.

Become a church representative; you'd be the liaison between Lifespan and your church.

Arrange for a baby shower at your church for the crisis pregnancy centers. Lifespan hosts approximately 50 showers annually on the second Sunday in March.

Attend the Mother's Day Dinner with guest speaker Sandy Rios, past president of Concerned Women for America; enjoy an evening out; become motivated.

Take out a business or personal ad in our Annual Resource Book; see page 7.

Nominate someone for Mother of the Year; see page 2.

Have Breakfast with your legislators and talk to them about your pro-life concerns; this event usually occurs in September or October.

Request a speaker for any event; hear the experts tell the pro-life story.

Save and donate your old books for our Summer Book Sale, see page 2.

The list goes on and on; call us to find your "special place" in the right to life movement, and help to end abortions.

Have a Blessed New Year filled with Peace, Love and Hope!

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arbitrary." It is this type of thinking that has led people to question whether or not such as euthanasia and infanticide are acceptable. This type of reasoning is a deadly thought process that has absolutely devastating results. According to NRL, the consequences of *Roe v. Wade* have resulted in 45, 951,133 total abortions from 1973 through October 20, 2004. Abortion is wrong because it is immoral, kills children and hurts others.

In conclusion, consider the lives lost as a result of abortion. One recent study by NRL states, "In 2000, more children died from abortion than Americans died in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars combined." More children have been killed as a result of abortion than soldiers killed in every major war since the landing of the pilgrims in 1620. Only by changing the laws of our land is there any hope for the future children of America. According to Gianna Jessen, "Abortion is morally wrong. Our country is shedding the blood of the innocent. America is killing its future. All life is valuable. All life is a gift from our Creator. We must receive and cherish the gifts we are given. We must honor the right to life." ■

Third-Place Essay

The Evil of Abortion

On January 22, 1973, in the case of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court ruled: "We therefore conclude that the right of personal privacy includes the abortion decision..." legalizing abortion in the United States. Since that day, it has spread through America like a ravaging storm, leaving terrible damage in its wake. This desolation includes the destruction of the family, the devastation of the mother and the murder of innocent life.

Abortion affects many facets of societies, but none more devastatingly than the family. First and most obviously, abortion physically destroys the family. Convinced it is their right, "preoccupied" parents, interested solely in their own earthly pleasure, selfishly abort their children. Consequently, the family is being eliminated.

Although seen primarily in the family as a whole, the effects of abortion seriously mar the mother, both mentally and physically. The aftermath of abortion remains with the mother long after the abortion. Many women experience mental disorders and suffer physically for the rest of their lives. The most commonly known disorder is Post Abortion Syndrome.

There are several reasons why abortion causes such a disorder. One is that abortion is an abominable sin. The intended taking of an innocent human life is the epitome of evil, which permanently scars a responsible woman. Also, the abortion procedure is barbaric and brutal, and disrupts the natural order of a woman's body which is

being prepared to nurture a child. Further, despite even intense rationalization, every woman knows that a baby is being killed. Even more, the abortion negatively impacts friendships and communication. Shame, guilt, fear, depression and grief coalesce to retard healing and cause emotional disorders.

A survey of women who have had abortions published by American Life League related that 31% of the women felt suicidal urgings and 28% attempted suicide; 50% experienced emotional and psychological disorders; 60% said that the abortion worsened their lives; and 94% regretted the abortion. Without question, abortion seriously devastates the mental health of the mother.

The effects of abortion do not merely injure the mind; they wound the body as well. Abortion is not a gentle procedure, and the surgery is sometimes lethal to women. Its very technique is often deadly.

Carol Everett, who once operated two abortion clinics, but since has joined the pro-life cause, maintains that gross malpractice is a common phenomena at the clinics. "We were maiming or killing one woman in every 500. A beauty of 21 came into the operating room. I'll never forget. My left hand held the baby in place. First the doctor pulled out the placenta, then her bowel. She had to have a colostomy."

But abortion works in more subtle ways as well. At conception, the body begins producing estrogen, which causes the breasts to proliferate to nourish the child when he is born. After 32 weeks of gestation, the breasts begin producing milk. When this process is interrupted by abortion, it leaves the breasts with high amounts of cancer-vulnerable cells: more than before conception or after birth.



*Luke Bueche
17, of Shelby Twp.,
is homeschooled*

Dr. Janet Daling and her colleagues at a cancer research center in Washington found the abortion link to breast cancer very strong. They discovered a 50% increase in breast cancer among women under 45 years of age who had had an induced abortion; an 80% increase in women who had had an abortion with a family history of breast cancer; an over 100% risk for those who had an abortion before 18 years of age or who were older than 30; and an "incalculably high" risk for those who had an abortion

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gynecology and was impressed with the number of women who were coming into our clinics, wards and hospitals suffering from illegal, infected, botched abortions.

"Lader and I were perfect for each other. We sat down and plotted out the organization now known as NARAL. With Betty Friedan, we set up this organization and began working on the strategy."

"We persuaded the media that the cause of permissive abortion was a liberal, enlightened, sophisticated one," recalls the movement's co-founder. "Knowing that if a true poll were taken, we would be soundly defeated, we simply fabricated the results of fictional polls. We announced to the media that we had taken polls and that 60 percent of Americans were in favor of permissive abortion. This is the tactic of the self-fulfilling lie. Few people care to be in the minority. We aroused enough sympathy to sell our program of permissive abortion by fabricating the number of illegal abortions done annually in the U.S. The actual figure was approaching 100,000, but the figure we gave to the media repeatedly was 1 million.

"Repeating the big lie often enough convinces the public. The number of women dying from illegal abortions was around 200-250 annually. The figure we constantly fed to the media was 10,000. These false figures took root in the consciousness of Americans, convincing many that we needed to crack the abortion law.

"Another myth we fed to the public through the media was that legalizing abortion would only mean that the abortions taking place illegally would then be done legally. In fact, of course, abortion is now being used as a primary method of birth control in the U.S. and the annual number of abortions has increased by 1,500 percent since legalization."

NARAL's brilliantly deceitful marketing campaign, bolstered by fraudulent "research," was uncannily successful. In New York, the law outlawing abortion had been on the books for 140 years. "In two years of work, we at NARAL struck that law down," says Nathanson. "We lobbied the legislature, we captured the media, we spent money on public relations...Our first year's budget was \$7,500. Of that, \$5,000 was allotted to a public relations firm to persuade the media of the correctness of our position. That was in 1969."

New York immediately became the abortion capital for the eastern half of the United States.

"We were inundated with applicants for abortion," says Nathanson. "To that end, I set up a clinic, the Center for Reproductive And Sexual Health (C.R.A.S.H.), which operated in the east side of Manhattan. It had 10 operating rooms, 35 doctors, 85 nurses. It operated seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to midnight. We did 120 abortions every day in that clinic. At the end of the two years that I was the director, we had done 60,000 abortions. I myself, with my own hands, have done 5,000 abortions. I have supervised another 10,000 that residents have done under my direc-

tion. So I have 75,000 abortions in my life. Those are pretty good credentials to speak on the subject of abortion."

'A window into the womb'

After two years, Nathanson resigned from C.R.A.S.H. and became chief of the obstetrical service at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City, a major teaching center for Columbia University Medical School. At that time, in 1973, a raft of new technologies and apparatuses had just become available, all designed to afford physicians a "window into the womb."

Nathanson recalls the dazzling array of cutting-edge technologies back then:

Real-time ultrasound: an instrument which beams high frequency sound into the mother's abdomen. The echoes that come back are collected by a computer and assembled into a moving picture;

Electronic fetal heart monitoring: We clamp an apparatus on the mother's abdomen, and then continuously record the fetal heart rate, instant by instant;

Fetoscopy: an optical instrument put directly into the womb. We could watch that baby, actually eyeball it.

Cordocentesis: *taking a needle, sticking it into the pregnant mother's uterus and, under ultrasound, locating the umbilical arteries and actually putting a needle into the cord, taking the baby's blood, diagnosing its illnesses, and treating it by giving it medicine. Today, surgery is actually performed on the unborn!*

"Anyway," says Nathanson, "as a result of all of this technology—looking at this baby, examining it, investigating it, watching its metabolic functions, watching it urinate, swallow, move and sleep, watching it dream, which you could see by its rapid eye movements via ultrasound, treating it, operating on it—I finally came to the conviction that this was my patient. This was a person! I was a physician, pledged to save my patients' lives, not to destroy them. So I changed my mind on the subject of abortion."

"There was nothing religious about it," he hastens to add. "This was purely a change of mind as a result of this fantastic technology, and the new insights and perceptions I had into the nature of the unborn child."

Nathanson expressed some doubts about abortion then, in an editorial in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. "I was immediately summoned to a kangaroo court and was discharged from the pro-abortion movement, something I do not lose sleep over."

In 1985, intrigued by the question of what really happens during an abortion in the first three months of a pregnancy, Nathanson decided to put an ultrasound machine on the abdomen of a woman undergoing an abortion and to videotape what happens.

"We got a film that was astonishing, shocking, frightening," he says.

It was made into a film called "The Silent Scream." It was shattering, and the pro-abortion people panicked. Because at this point, we had moved the abortion debate away from moralizing,

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sermonizing, sloganeering and pamphleteering into a high-tech argument. For the first time, the pro-life movement now had all of the technology and all of the smarts, and the pro-abortion people were on the defensive.

Nathanson's film provoked a massive campaign of defamation on the part of the pro-abortion movement, including charges that he had doctored the film. He hadn't. "I was accused of everything from pederasty to nepotism. But the American public saw the film."

In 1987, Nathanson released another, even stronger film called "Eclipse of Reason," introduced by Charlton Heston. "'The Silent Scream' dealt with a child who was aborted at 12 weeks," said Nathanson. "But there are 400 abortions every day in this country that are done after the third month of pregnancy. Contrary to popular misconception, *Roe v. Wade* makes abortion permissible up to and including the ninth month of pregnancy. I wanted to dramatize what happens in one of these late abortions, after the third month.

They took a fetuscope, which is a long optical instrument with a lens at one end and a strong light at the other. They inserted the fetuscope into the womb of a woman at 19-1/2 weeks, and a camera was clamped on the eyepiece and then the abortionist went to work.

This procedure was known as a D&E (dilation and evacuation). It involves dilating the cervix, rupturing the bag of waters, taking a large crushing instrument and introducing it way high up into the uterus, grabbing a piece of the baby, pulling it off the baby, and just repeating this procedure until the baby has been pulled apart piece by piece.

Then the pieces are assembled on a table, put together like a jigsaw puzzle, so the abortionist can be sure that the entire baby has been removed. We photographed all this through the fetuscope. This is a shattering film.

Thus did Bernard Nathanson, once a founder and top strategist of the pro-abortion movement, come to be staunchly committed to the cause of ending legalized abortion in America.

Nathanson is by no means the only abortionist to switch sides in the abortion war. Indeed, in recent years hundreds of abortion providers have left their profession. On its website, NARAL bemoans "the dwindling number of doctors willing or trained to perform abortions."

If we really want to understand how abortion has been so successfully marketed, there's no better source than those who have worked in the abortion industry. They, like no one else, really know first-hand what it's like to sell and perform abortions for a living.

Take a deep breath, and prepare to be deeply affected by what you read next.

Deceptive counseling

Carol Everett of Dallas, Texas, got involved in the abortion industry in 1973, the year of *Roe v. Wade*, after having an

abortion herself. She set up referral clinics in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, then worked in two clinics in which 800 abortions were performed monthly, and eventually ran five abortion clinics. She describes how women coming to her clinics were counseled:

Those kids, when they find out that they are pregnant, may not want an abortion; they may want information. But when they call that number, which is paid for by abortion money, what kind of information do you think they're going to get? Remember, they sell abortions—they don't sell keeping the baby, or giving the baby up for adoption, or delivering that baby. They only sell abortions.

The counselor asks, "How far along are you? What's the first day of your last normal period?"

They've got their wheel there and they figure it out. The counselor is paid to be this girl's friend and authority figure. She is supposed to seduce her into a friendship of sorts — to sell her the abortion.

Surprisingly, professional public relations firms are commonly brought in to train clinic personnel to sell women on the abortion option.

Nita Whitten worked as chief secretary at another Dallas abortion clinic, that of Dr. Curtis Boyd. Whitten concurs with Everett about the often-obsessive profit motive of abortion clinics:

I was trained by a professional marketing director in how to sell abortions over the telephone," she said. "He took every one of our receptionists, nurses, and anyone else who would deal with people over the phone through an extensive training period. The object was, when the girl called, to hook the sale so she wouldn't get an abortion somewhere else, or adopt out her baby, or change her mind.

With disarming candor, Whitten adds: "We were doing it for the money."

Kathy Sparks, who worked in a Granite City, Ill., abortion clinic, describes the manipulative counseling practices used at her clinic:

One particular worker was very good. She could sit down with these girls during counseling and cry with them at the drop of a pin. She would immediately draw them out, asking them all kinds of good questions, to find out what their pressure point was—what was driving them to want the abortion.

Whatever that pressure point was, she would magnify it. If the girl was afraid her parents would kill her, and didn't know how to tell them, the counselor would proceed by saying, "Well, that's why abortion is here, we want to help you; this is the answer to your problems."

If it was money, she would tell the girl how much baby items cost: "You know it costs \$3,000 to have a baby now," or "You know, baby shoes are \$28. Sleepers are \$15. But you know, that's what's so wonderful about abortion. We can take care of this problem and you don't have to worry about it until you are financially prepared to have a child."

The salesmanship at her abortion clinic was so effective, says Sparks, that 99 out of every 100 women would go ahead and have an abortion.

Abortion clinics, and particularly Planned Parenthood, the world's largest abortion provider, insist publicly that they offer all alternatives—keeping the baby, adoption, abortion—without coercion or preference.

"The women were never given any type of alternatives to abortions," says Debra Henry, who worked as an assistant and counselor for six months at an OB/GYN office in Livonia, Mich. "They were never told about adoption agencies, that there were people out there willing to help them, to give them homes to live in, to provide them with care, and even financial support."

Everett relates what happens after the initial counseling of her clinic's clients: After the basic questions, the girls were told briefly about what was to happen to them after the procedure. All they were told about the procedure itself was that they would experience slight cramping, similar to menstrual cramps. They were not told about the development of the baby, or about the pain that the baby would be experiencing, or about the physical or emotional effects the abortion would have on them.

The two questions they always ask are: No. 1, "Does it hurt?" And the answer would always be, "Oh, no. Your uterus is a muscle. It's a cramp to open it, a cramp to close it—just a slight cramping sensation." And the girl thinks, "That's no problem. I can stand that. I've been through it before." Then the client asks question No. 2: "Is it a baby?"

"No," would come the answer, "it's a product of conception," or "it's a blood clot," or "it's a piece of tissue." They don't even call it a fetus, because that almost humanizes it too much, but it's never a baby."

There are two standard reactions in the recovery room, says Everett:

The first is: "I've killed my baby." It amazed me that this was the first time the patients called it a baby, and the first time they called it murder. But the second reaction is: "I am hungry. You kept me in here for four hours and you told me I'd only be here for two. Let me out of here." That woman is doing what I did when I had my abortion. She's running from her abortion, not dealing with it.

Why doctors do abortions

Many doctors who perform abortions cite the same contributory factors to their getting started—the media, women's-rights groups and their medical training itself. In addition, doing abortions makes for a very lucrative practice.

Joseph Randall, M.D., of Atlanta, Ga., frankly admits that he was attracted to the large income potential that abortions offered. Over the 10 years that he did abortions, Randall estimates that he performed 32,000 of them.

"The media were very active early on," recalls Randall. "They were probably one of the major influences on us, telling us that abortion was not only legal, but that it was to serve women. It was to give women a choice, more or less give them a freedom to grow and to take their rightful place in society where they had been kind of pushed down prior to that. We also believed the lie that there were tens of thousands of women being maimed and killed from

illegal abortions prior to legalization of abortion law."

In 1972, the year prior to *Roe v. Wade*, 28 deaths were reported from illegal abortions in the U.S.

"As part of our medical training," added Randall, "abortions became a necessary procedure, according to the chief of my department. This was in 1971, before the law had changed in the country, but it had changed in New York a few years before. We needed to serve women, we needed to know all the procedures that we had to do for women, and we had to know how to do them well. Otherwise, we weren't considered effectively trained. Our chief said that if we didn't do the abortions, we might as well get out of obstetrics and gynecology because we just wouldn't be complete physicians."

"Why do doctors do abortions?" asks Anthony Levantino, M.D., an OB/GYN who provided abortions for his patients in his Albany, N.Y., office for eight years. "Why did I do abortions? If you are pro-choice, or, as a lot of people like to say, 'morally neutral' on the subject, and you happen to be a gynecologist, then it's up to you to take the instruments in hand and actively perform abortions. It's part of your training. I've heard it many times from other obstetricians: Well, I'm not really pro-abortion, I'm pro-woman."

"The women's groups in this country have done a very good job of selling that bill of goods to the population, that somehow destroying a life is being pro-women. I can tell you a lot of obstetricians believe it. I used to.

"Along the way," says Levantino, "you find out that you can make a lot of money doing abortions. I worked 9 to 5. I was never bothered at night. I never had to go out on weekends. And I made more money than my obstetrician brethren. And I didn't have to face the liability. That's a big factor, a huge perk. I almost never, ever had to worry about her lawyer bothering me.

"In my practice, we were averaging between \$250 and \$500 per abortion—and it was cash. It's the one time as a doctor you can say, 'Either pay me up front or I'm not going to take care of you.' Abortion is totally elective. Either you have the money or you don't. And they get it." Cash payment is common in the abortion industry, says Everett.

"I've seen doctors walk out after three hours' work and split \$4,500 dollars between them on a Saturday morning—more if you go longer into the day," she said. "Of the four clinics I've worked in, none of them ever showed that they collected the doctors' money; they collect it separately, and do not show it on any of the records in those clinics. That way, the doctors are independent contractors and the clinic doesn't have to be concerned with their malpractice insurance, and doesn't have to report their income to the IRS."

"Every single transaction that we did," adds Whitten, "was cash money. We wouldn't take a check, or even a credit card. If you didn't have the money, forget it. It wasn't unusual at all for me to take \$10,000 to \$15,000 a day to the bank—in cash."

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Beverly McMillan, M.D., founded the first abortion clinic in Mississippi and did a large volume of business. She makes the provocative observation that not only do many abortion clinics require payment in cash, but also do not report that income to the government.

“A lot of these folks do not declare all their income,” she says flatly. “When you’re dealing in cash, unless you’re honest you can just not have a record for that patient, not make an entry on your ledger. I know some people who were paid under the counter. They would get half of their salary in cash, and they never had to pay taxes on that. Why the IRS doesn’t go after these guys, I don’t understand.”

—*To be continued in Lifespan News, February/March 2006*

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Post-Abortion Recovery and Healing

Brighton Pregnancy Hotline: Her Choice to Heal
Brighton, MI; 810-494-LIFE (24 hr. answering service)

Family Life Services: Forgiven and Set Free
Ypsilanti; 734-434-3088; 734-434-3109

Another Way Pregnancy Center:
Forgiven and Set Free, Her Choice to Heal
Farmington; 248-471-5858

Compassion Pregnancy Center: Her Choice to Heal
Clinton Township; 586-783-2229

Healing Hearts Ministries: P.A.C.E.
(Post Abortion Counseling and Education)
Berkley; 248-545-3542

Christine Elwart MA, LLP :
One-on-one professional counseling
Royal Oak; 248-545-8510

Valerie J. Lukasik PHD.,LLC:
One on one professional counseling
Farmington Hills; 313-682-4699
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Blue Water Pregnancy Care Center: Her Choice to Heal
Port Huron; 810-985-4673

Lapeer Pregnancy and Family Care Center: P.A.C.E
Lapeer; 810-667-0055

Oxford Problem Pregnancy Center: P.A.C.E.
Oxford; 248-969-2177

Northridge Church; P.A.C.E., Forgiven and Set Free
Plymouth; 734-737-9303

The Lennon Center: P.A.C.E.
Dearborn Heights; 313-277-5637

Project Rachel
Detroit; 1-888-RACHEL5

National Ofc. of Post-Abortion Reconciliation & Healing
1-800-5WE-CARE

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before 18 with a family history of breast cancer. Clearly, abortion multiplies a problem, instead of solving it. It causes immediate and far-reaching complications, both mental and physical.

While seriously affecting the family and the mother, abortion profoundly impacts the baby. Effectively denying a person an entire lifetime of happiness, abortion tortures and kills a baby.

There are several methods of abortion, all equally barbaric. Two examples include the saline solution method in which the baby is burned by a saline solution dumped in the womb, or the dilation and evacuation method in which the doctor tears the baby apart with forceps and then “vacuums” the pieces from the womb. Abortion brutally murders the baby, who dies in excruciating pain.

Many attempt to justify this by denying that what they are killing is a baby. But Dr. Joseph Randall, a former abortionist who did ultrasounds before the abortion to determine the status of a baby’s development, confirms, “When you looked at an ultrasound, there was no mistaking that this was a baby.” There is also conclusive scientific evidence proving that from the moment of conception, the baby is a unique individual. Abortion injures the child most of anyone involved in the abortion, because it kills, brutally and painfully.

Abortion has been legal in the U.S. for over thirty years, during which time, it has destroyed millions of families, women and babies. Because abortion is portrayed as a free choice, a right for women and a solution to their problems, it deludes women into believing a lie from which they are rudely jolted to find themselves injured for life and their babies dead. Abortion is nothing more than a lie, perhaps the greatest lie ever [told].

To conquer abortion, we must firmly resolve to counter this lie with the truth. I am reminded here of the Spanish conquistador, Hernando Cortez, who conquered the mighty Aztec empire in less than a year armed with only 300 men and the truth.

Likewise, armed with truth, let us fight abortion for the good of women, their families and their children. ■

A bequest has been made—

In loving memory of:

Rosalie Russo

Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because...

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts. Send donations to your local Lifespan office.

Interfaith memorial service

Right to Life - Warren/Center Line will sponsor an Interfaith Memorial Service on Sunday, January 15, at 5:00 p.m., to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, and to remember the millions of lives lost to legalized abortion because of this decision. The service will be held at Our Lady of Redemption Church (Melkite), 29293 Lorraine St., Warren. For more information, call 586-754-5251 or 586-756-1945.

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Happy New Year everyone!

Just like the arrival of a new baby—may the arrival of the New Year bring you tender moments, much love and laughter, a deeper awareness of God's love and indescribable joy.

Love, Karen

*Karen Patrosso, Director 248-478-8884
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Did you know?

Unborn babies can cry

Babies still in the womb appear to have the ability to cry, according to the surprising and fortuitous findings published in the *Archives of Disease in Childhood—Fetal and Neonatal Edition*. While conducting research into the effects of maternal smoking and cocaine use during pregnancy, Gingras et al observed fetal activity that they first mistook for seizures. However, they later realized that the behavior—described as “an initial exhalation movement associated with mouth opening and tongue depression, followed by a series of three augmented breaths, the last breath ending in an inspiratory pause followed by an expiration and settling”—was consistent with crying. The phenomenon was observed in 11 fetuses that had reached at least 28 weeks' gestation.

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Pearls of Wisdom

How lying marketers sold Roe v. Wade to America

By David Kupelian

"Women must have control over their own bodies."

"Safe and legal abortion is every woman's right."

"Who decides? You decide!"

"Abortion is a personal decision between a woman and her doctor."

"Who will make this most personal decision of a woman's life? Will women decide, or will the politicians and bureaucrats in Washington?"

"Freedom of choice—a basic American right."

In one of the most successful marketing campaigns in modern political history, the "abortion rights movement"—with all of its emotionally compelling catch-phrases and powerful political slogans—has succeeded in turning what once was a heinous crime into a fiercely defended constitutional right.

During the tumultuous 1960s, after centuries of legal prohibition and moral condemnation of abortion, a handful of dedicated activists launched an unprecedented marketing campaign. Their aim was twofold: first, to capture the news media and thus public opinion, and then, to change the nation's abortion laws.

Their success was rapid and total—resulting in abortion being legalized

in all 50 states, for virtually any reason, and throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Since the Supreme Court's controversial *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, American doctors have performed well over 40 million abortions.

Although polls consistently show a clear majority of Americans *disapprove* of unfettered abortion-on-demand, the movement's well-crafted, almost magical slogans—appealing to Americans' deeply rooted inclination toward tolerance, privacy and individual rights—have provided the abortion camp a powerful rhetorical arsenal with which to fight off efforts to reverse *Roe*, which struck down all state laws outlawing abortion.

In marketing wars, the party that frames the terms of the debate almost always wins. And the early abortion marketers brilliantly succeeded in doing exactly that—diverting attention away from the core issues of exactly what abortion does to both the unborn child and the mother, and focusing the debate instead on a newly created issue: "choice." No longer was the morality of killing the unborn at issue, but rather, "who decides."

The original abortion-rights slogans from the early '70s—they remain virtual articles of faith and rallying cries of the "pro-choice" movement to this

day—were "Freedom of choice" and "Women must have control over their own bodies."

"I remember laughing when we made those slogans up," recalls Bernard Nathanson, M.D., co-founder of pro-abortion vanguard group NARAL, reminiscing about the early days of the abortion-rights movement in the late '60s and early '70s. "We were looking for some sexy, catchy slogans to capture public opinion. They were very cynical slogans then, just as all of these slogans today are very, very cynical."

Besides having served as chairman of the executive committee of NARAL—originally, the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, and later renamed the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League—as well as its medical committee, Nathanson was one of the principal architects and strategists of the abortion movement in the United States. He tells an astonishing story.

Changing the law on abortion

"In 1968 I met Lawrence Lader," says Nathanson. "Lader had just finished a book called 'Abortion,' and in it had made the audacious demand that abortion should be legalized throughout the country. I had just finished a residency in obstetrics and

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