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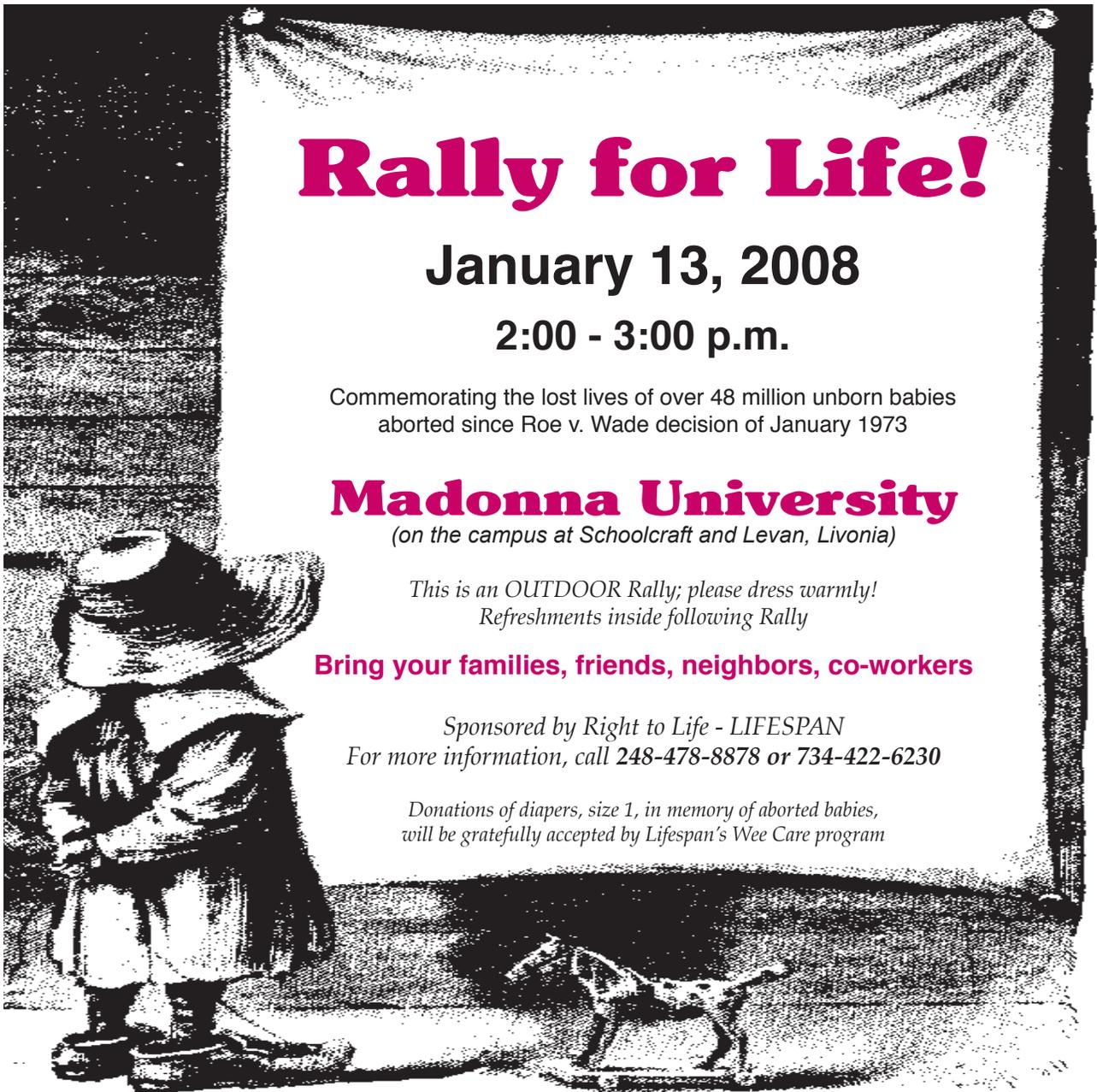
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News Notes

Verizon Wireless allows abortion texts

Reversing course, Verizon Wireless has said it will allow an abortion rights group to use its mobile network for a sign-up text messaging program. The announcement came a day after the Basking Ridge-based unit of Verizon Communications Inc. said it had denied a request by Nara Pro-Choice America for the program.

"The decision to not allow text messaging on an important, though sensitive, public policy issue was incorrect, and we have fixed the process that led to this isolated incident," Verizon Wireless spokesman Jeffrey Nelson said in a statement. "Upon learning about this situation, senior Verizon Wireless executives immediately reviewed the decision and determined it was an incorrect interpretation of a dusty internal policy," Nelson said. "That policy, developed before text messaging protections such as spam filters adequately protected customers from unwanted messages, was designed to ward against communications such as anonymous hate messaging and adult materials sent to children."

—Associated Press, September 27, 2007

Nobel prize in medicine awarded to embryonic stem cell researchers

Three researchers who work with controversial embryonic stem cells share the Nobel Prize in medicine for their role in looking at mouse genes and using their studies to determine the human genes that cause diabetes, heart disease and cancer. Pro-life advocates oppose embryonic stem cell research on human beings because days-old unborn children must be killed to obtain their cells. They support the use of animal and adult stem cells.

Americans Mario Capecchi and Oliver Smithies and British scientist Sir Martin Evans split the prestigious award and its prize of \$1.5 million.

They were honored for a technique called gene targeting which lets scientists identify and alter the genes in mice. It allows them to study how the genes play a role in diseases.

The Nobel prize committee mentioned embryonic stem cell research in their citation to the scientists and said, they had discovered "principles for introducing specific gene modification in mice by the use of embryonic stem cells."

—LifeNews.com, September 9, 2007

Illegal abortion study relies on bogus and biased statistics by Steven Mosher

The abortion fundamentalists at the Alan Guttmacher Institute have an ax to grind. Guttmacher styles itself the "research arm of Planned Parenthood," but it may more properly be called its lobbying arm.

Guttmacher claims that the number of induced abortions worldwide declined from nearly 46 million to under 42 million between 1995 and 2003. "Significantly, the abortion rate for 2003 was roughly equal in developed and developing regions ... despite abortion being largely illegal in developing regions."

In actual fact, neither Guttmacher nor anyone else knows how many abortions have been performed worldwide in this year or any other year. Guttmacher's numbers may be reasonably accurate for countries with socialized medicine, like Great Britain, where accurate records are kept. But for other developed countries, like the United States, they are at best educated guesses.

—LifeNews.com, October 15, 2007

Majority of Americans are pro-life on abortion

A second poll in as many weeks is showing that a majority of Americans are pro-life when it comes to abortion. [During the week of October 8], a CBS News survey showed over half of the public opposes most or all abortions

and now a new poll from *Bloomberg News* and the *Los Angeles Times* has found the same thing.

The new media survey asked respondents which of four positions "comes closest to your view on abortion."

Some 40 percent of those polled said abortion should be illegal 98 percent of the time— "except in cases of rape, incest and to save the mother's life." Another 10 percent took a pro-life position that "abortion should be made illegal without any exceptions." Only 44 percent of Americans favor legal abortions, according to the survey, with 31 percent saying they should be "always legal" and just 13 percent saying they should be legal "most of the time."

The two media outlets interviewed 1,209 American adults from Oct. 19 to Oct. 22 and their poll has a three percent margin of error.

A CBS News poll had found 54 percent of Americans take one of three pro-life positions opposing all or almost all abortions and another 16 percent want more restrictions on it.

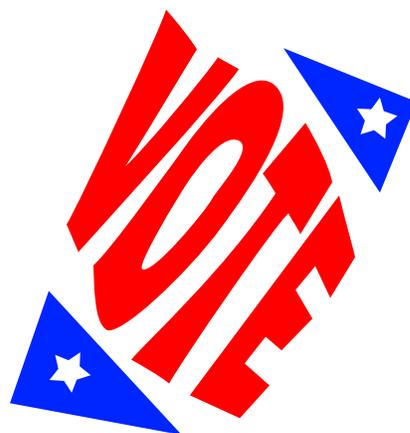
The October 12-16 poll asked Americans to tell CBS News their "personal feelings" on abortion. The survey found that 16 percent of the public only favors allowing abortions "only to save a woman's life" and another 34 percent think abortions should just be allowed in the very rare cases of rape, incest or to save the mother's life. Another four percent of Americans want all abortions to be made illegal.

According to the survey, just 26 percent of the public wants abortions permitted in all cases. Another 16 percent want abortions to remain legal, but to be subject to greater restrictions than they currently face. In total, 70 percent of those polled want abortions illegal in most or all cases or subject to greater restrictions.

—LifeNews.com, October 29, 2007

Lifespan's Candidate Survey

Vote January 15 - Primary Election



It has long been the practice of Right to Life - LIFESPAN to publish a Primary Election issue in *LIFESPAN News*. Since the primaries determine which candidates will appear on the ballots of the next election, the information contained in this issue is very important.

Given the rather confusing state of the Primary Election here in our state, and the lateness of the decision to hold a January primary, we will have to make some changes to our usual practice.

We will contact all candidates and ask that they complete our questionnaire and return it to our office. Since there will not be time to prepare the results and publish them in a newsletter, the candidate responses will be on file in our Chapter offices, at the Main Office and on our website. Remember, as a 501 (c) 4 organization, Right to Life - LIFESPAN is prohibited from endorsing or recommending a candidate for political office. However, we are permitted to share their answers to our questionnaire with you, so, please, do call and ask about your candidate's position on the life issues.

Henry Hyde gets Presidential Medal of Freedom

Former member of Congress Henry Hyde received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in November for his work opposing abortion. For decades, after his landmark Hyde Amendment stopped federal funding of virtually all abortions, Hyde became the pro-life movement's elder statesman on Capitol Hill.

Hyde was first elected to the House in 1974 and served as chairman of the House International Relations Committee and the House Judiciary Committee from 1995 to 2001. In those positions, Hyde advanced pro-life legislation and worked to stop using taxpayer dollars to subsidize abortions in other countries.

Hyde's lasting legacy will be the federal Hyde amendment, which has prevented federal tax dollars from being used to fund almost all abortions since 1976. The Supreme Court heard a case in 1980 challenging the law and upheld it as constitutional.

In a statement about Hyde, the White House said he has "served America with distinction." "During his career in the House of Representatives, he was a powerful defender of life and a leading advocate for a strong national defense and for freedom around the world," the Bush administration added.

In comments about his retirement from public office, Hyde, who turned 83 in April, said, "I just want to be remembered as a good man who did some good."

The Presidential Medal of Freedom, first established in 1963, is the nation's highest civil award. The President gives the award to "any person who has made an especially meritorious contribution to (1) the security or national interests of the United States, or (2) world peace, or (3) cultural or other significant public or private endeavors."

—*LifeNews.com*, October 30, 2007

As this newsletter was going to print, we received the sad news that Congressman Henry Hyde has died.

We "think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard very beautifully and very loudly in the next world" welcoming Mr. Hyde home.

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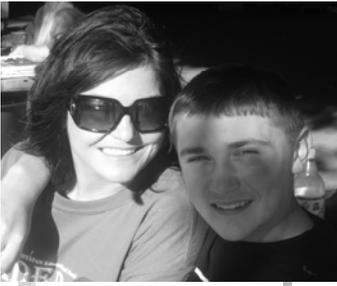
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THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT For the CIDER Walk 2007!

Our first CIDER Walk, on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2007, was a huge success! As you can see from the photos, we had beautiful blue skies, 78 degrees, and 140 walkers, including over 25 students from Bishop Foley High School! The cider and donuts were so appealing we had strangers asking for them, and we sold most of the t-shirts.



We received over \$5000 in pledges for LIFESPAN's Educational Fund. WOW!! This will enable us to provide even *more* for pregnant mothers in need, post *more* billboards in our Black Americans for Life Billboard Campaign, and put on even *more* fun activities for youth to learn how to defend their most defenseless fellow citizens, just to name a few ways our new funds will be put to good use.



All of us at Right to Life—LIFESPAN sincerely THANK YOU for helping to make this walk possible.

It is a way to quietly and peacefully —and with plenty of smiles to go around! — build up our families and youth in a culture of life.

Please call LIFESPAN's Main Office at 248-478-8878 if you would like to be part of the 2008 planning committee. **Together, we'll make next year even better!**



Sincerely yours, for LIFE,
Gayle Mazurkiewicz, CIDER Walk coordinator, and
Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN



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STUDENT ART CONTEST

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2008

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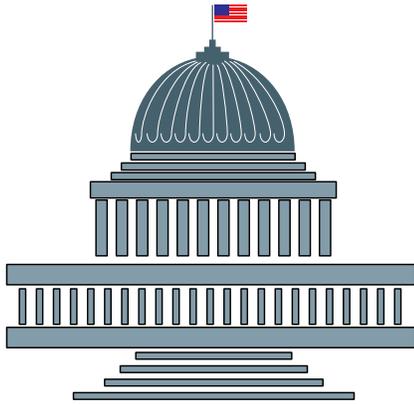
First: \$1000 Savings Bond! Second: \$400 Savings Bond! Third: \$200 Savings Bond!



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. **Entrants are required to submit, on a separate sheet of paper, a written explanation of their art work, in no more than 50 words, answering the following three questions:**
 1. **What pro-life message are you expressing?**
 2. **How did you impart this message through your art?**
 3. **Why is this message important to you and your work?**Each entry must include, on this same 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. No photographic entries will be accepted.
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 12, 2008, and mailed or delivered to Student Art Contest 2008, Right to Life – LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar, Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152.**

Winners will be notified by phone. The first-prize entry is also eligible for reproduction on the cover of Right to Life – LIFESPAN'S Resource Book 2008, 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 248-478-8878.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

U.S. House Bill Threatens Rationing Of Medicare

In August, the U.S. House made extensive cuts to the part of the Medicare program that allows citizens to choose among private plans, currently known as "Medicare Advantage." Beyond these cuts, the House adopted by a vote of 225 to 204, a bill which contained provisions that effectively end the private fee-for-service alternative that now gives older Americans the legal right to add their own money, if they choose, on top of the government contribution in order to obtain health insurance less likely to ration life-saving treatment. These plans can currently set premiums and reimbursement rates for providers without upward limits set by government regulation. Over 1 million older Americans are now enrolled in private fee-for-service plans.

Government-imposed denial of life-saving medical treatment is a form of involuntary euthanasia. Because Medicare is mandatory health insurance for older Americans, the government must not limit the ability of senior citizens to use their own money, if they wish, to get unrationed insurance for life-saving medical treatment under Medicare.

National Right to Life Committee sent a letter opposing the rationing provisions to the House members. These provisions are part of the Children' Health and Medicare Protection Act (CHAMP). The Senate version of the bill does not contain the Medicare rationing provisions. The House and Senate versions now go to a conference committee containing both Senators and House Members. It is critically important that the House provisions attacking the private fee-for-service option be dropped by the conference committee.

"Grassroots Americans must insist that the private fee-for-service option be preserved in Medicare in a form that effectively allows senior citizens, if they wish, to add their own funds on top of the government contribution

in order to get insurance that avoids rationing," stated Burke Balch, NRLC Medical Ethics Director. "Otherwise, we are all likely to face the slow strangulation of involuntary death for want of necessary medical treatment, denied the right even to use our own money to save our own lives.

ACTION: Please contact your U.S. Representative and both U.S. Senators, and urge them to drop the House bill's attack on the Medicare private fee-for-service option.

—Choose Life, September/October, 2007

Senate Rejects Cutting Funds to Abortion Facilities for Family Planning

The U.S. Senate on October 18 *rejected* an effort by pro-life lawmakers to cut federal funding for family planning efforts carried out by abortion facilities. Backers of an amendment to do that said their goal was not to cut such efforts but to make sure taxpayer dollars aren't sent to abortion businesses.

However, the Senate voted 52-41 against the amendment pro-life Sen. David Vitter, a Louisiana Republican, offered to the fiscal year 2008 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill (S 1710). The federal funds don't directly fund abortions, as the annual Hyde amendment prohibits federal taxpayer funding of virtually all abortions. But the Vitter amendment focused on what pro-life advocates call fungible funds—money meant for non-abortion purposes that allows abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood to more easily pay for abortions.

During the debate on his amendment, Vitter said it is a "very reasonable mainstream policy to say" that the government is not going to "support groups that perform abortions." Vitter added that federal funds subsidize abortion by supporting organizations that provide them, even if the groups do not use federal funding to perform abortions.

—LifeNews.com, October 19, 2007



Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

RESOURCE BOOK 2008

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 5, 2008.**

Advertising Contract: I wish to publish _____ page ad for the sum of \$_____

Please run _____ last year's ad _____ enclosed, new ad

_____ E-mailed ad

<p>Full page (7 x 10) \$275</p> <p>Inside front cover \$300</p> <p>Back cover (inside) \$300</p> <p>Back cover (outside) \$500</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> <p>1/4 page (3.5 x 5) \$110</p> </td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> <p>1/8 page (3.5 x 2.5) \$60</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: center; vertical-align: top;"> <p>Half page (7 x 5) \$160</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>1/4 page (3.5 x 5) \$110</p>	<p>1/8 page (3.5 x 2.5) \$60</p>	<p>Half page (7 x 5) \$160</p>	
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Because of the difficulty of working with various formats, we prefer to receive pdf files, at 300 dpi, all fonts embedded, sent by e-mail to mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org, indicating "Lifespan Resource Book Ad" in the subject line. In the case of electronic submissions, please send contract and check by post. You may also send a hard copy, camera-ready ad. 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 2008 Mother's Day Dinner on Tuesday, May 6 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 Educational Fund**.

Contact Person _____	Area Code/Phone _____
Name of Advertiser _____	E-mail _____
Address _____	City _____ Zip _____
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Make checks payable and mail to:
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“Bella” experience

What a wonderful time my family had going to the movie *Bella*. It was so nice sitting in a crowd of pro-life people of all ages and faiths. The only time I have experienced a similar feeling was at the showing of *The Passion of the Christ* a few years ago. I hope all of you have seen the movie and have told all your relatives and friends to go see it. If you have been complaining about how much garbage has been coming out of Hollywood... now is the time to act. If we do not support the good movies, Hollywood will continue to put out junk with the excuse that no one comes to the good ones. Remember that money is the bottom line for moviemakers. Let's support the good movies, and make sure that all our family and friends do the same.

New Year's resolution

“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 He that keeps your soul, does not He know it? and shall not He render to every man according to his work?” (*Prov. 24; 10-12*) How shall we who oppose abortion respond to this pressing moral problem?... We must respond to abortion in a way that pleases our Lord, and neither criminal acts nor “cop-outs” please Him. How can we sit by idly while 1.5 million are aborted every year? Our unconcern condemns us... God will not except “ignorance” as a reason for inaction... He never accepts ignorance as a reason for disobedience or lack of involvement in His work here on earth. (*The Sanctity of Human Life, Richard Seefried*)

When we stand before our God at the Last Judgement, we will be asked, “What did you do to the least of My Children, and what did you fail to do for the least of My Children.”

May we prayerfully consider what we can do for the least of “My children”—the unborn, handicapped and elderly. Consider these New Year's Resolutions:

Be resolved that I will do my best to promote the pro-life cause in everything I do this year whether it will be:

- ◆ *treating my family with love and life-affirming examples*
- ◆ *praying regularly for pro-life causes*
- ◆ *participating in pro-life rallies and events*
- ◆ *voting 100 % pro-life*
- ◆ *writing to editors on pro-life issues*
- ◆ *writing to state/national officials about pro-life legislation*
- ◆ *becoming a church representative for Detroit LIFESPAN*
- ◆ *volunteering for a pregnancy center*
- ◆ *inviting a friend to become a LIFESPAN member*
- ◆ *putting a pro-life sticker on my car*

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Judy Zabik, Director

Shoppers, beware!

In doing your Christmas shopping, please remember that many corporations are ardent supporters of Planned Parenthood, the world's largest promoter and provider of abortion. You may be unpleasantly surprised to know that among these companies are:

Disney—operations include apparel, broadcasting, games/ toys, theme parks, publishing, restaurants, retail outlets. *Write: Mr. Robert A. Iger, President & CEO, The Walt Disney Co., 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91521-1010; 818-560-1000; disney.com*

eBay—operations include financial services (PayPal), Internet (Skype), online marketplaces. *Write: Ms. Meg Whitman, President & CEO, eBay, Inc., 2145 Hamilton Ave., San Jose, CA 95125; 800-322-9266 or 408-376-7400; ebay.com*

Nike—operations include apparel, eyewear, recreation, retail outlets. *Write: Mr. Mark G. Parker, President, CEO & Director, NIKE Inc., 1 Bowerman Dr., Beaverton, OR 97005-6453; 800-344-6453 or 503-671-6453; nike.com*

Whole Foods Market—operations include beverages, supermarkets. *Write: Mr. John P. Mackey, Chairman, President & CEO, Whole Foods Market Inc., 550 Bowie St., Austin, TX 78703-4644; 512-477-4455; wholefoods.com*

It is essential that you write to corporations which support Planned Parenthood; all letters should be brief and demonstrate kindness and respect. Simply say you are participating in Life Decision International's boycott of the corporation because of its donations to Planned Parenthood. Urge the corporate official to end the association. Include some information about why you oppose Planned Parenthood. Most corporations will not respond to your correspondence and those that do will usually send a form letter, which will probably evade the issue, rationalize actions or even deny guilt outright. LDI never places a corporation on its List unless they have indisputable proof to back its claims. For complete information on the Corporate Funding Project and a full copy of the Boycott List, send a check for \$19.95 to: *Life Decisions International, P.O. Box 439, Front Royal, VA 22630-0009; or call 540-631-0380; www.fightpp.org; email: ldi@fightpp.org*

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*M*usic, joyful and familiar
*E*dible goodies, no dieting now
*R*ising star, shining bright
*R*elatives, writing, calling, visiting
*Y*ellow-haired angels atop the tree

*C*hildren, on very best behavior
*H*osannas, sung by choirs
*R*ibbons, stickers and glittery wrappings
*I*ntrepid shoppers, selecting special gifts
*S*inging Christmas songs with grandchildren
*T*ravelers arriving, from near and far
*M*emories, shared and treasured
*A*wareness of the Reason for the Season
*S*now, softly falling

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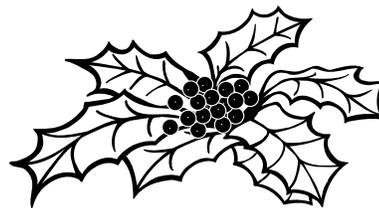
In appreciation

My thanks to the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter Board of Directors and our many members and volunteers who have persevered through another year of legal abortions. The assault on the unborn and their mothers continues. Along with abortion, we now have euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, cloning, assisted suicide, etc. to worry about, all of which originate from the acceptance of legalized abortion. In 2008 the pro-life ranks will have to dig in our heels and stand firm. We must and will remain watchful, diligent and always prayerful.

Thank you

The 2007 Christmas card season was successful mainly due to the cooperation of many pastors, church representatives, distributors and helpers who spent many hours making Lifespan cards available. And lastly, to those who purchased cards, we thank you for your loyalty to Lifespan by supporting necessary fundraising.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



AND...

*H*ope for the future
*A*nticipation of things to come
*P*rayers for peace
*P*arties, celebrating the old and the new
*Y*ears passed, remembered and cherished

*N*oise at midnight, whistles and horns
*E*xchanging wishes for happiness with neighbors
and friends
*W*aiting for the clock to turn and the ball to drop

*Y*es to Life!—each and every year
*E*xpectations for the year to come
*A*nnual traditions, preserved and protected
*R*esolutions, promised and kept

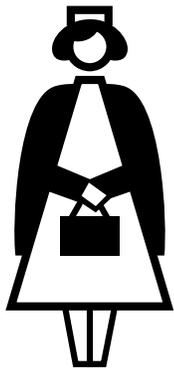
Mass for the Unborn

A *Mass for the Unborn and To End Abortion* will be offered at St. Michael Church, 11441 Hubbard in Livonia on Friday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. The celebrant will be Rev. William Tindall, pastor. This year, 2008, marks the 35th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* abortion decisions.

A rose ceremony will take place during Mass. In our ceremony, persons representing each year since the 1973 supreme court decisions, will bring a rose to the cradle placed before the altar in memory of the women who have suffered...and the unborn children who have died...as a result of abortion. A short reflection will be read for each year. This is a very inspiring experience. If you were born after January 22, 1973, and would like to participate in the rose ceremony, call Lifespan 734-422-6230. Following the Mass, there will be a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Sanctity of Life Sunday

On January 20, Sanctity of Life Sunday, First Assembly of God Church, in Dearborn Heights, will hold a pro-life service to remember the 48 million babies who have been legally aborted since the infamous 1973 Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*. There will be pro-life speakers, special music and a Life booth. In his sermon Pastor Scott Harper will preach a powerful message on the Sanctity of Life. The church is on the corner of Telegraph and Van Born. Morning worship is at 10:30 a.m. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Michigan student nurse wins national nursing scholarship

Chaunie Saelens, nursing student at Saginaw Valley State University, has been awarded a \$1000.00 scholarship from the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses.

The selection criteria for the scholarship are based on the student's essay, academic achievements, demonstration of leadership and participation in pro-life activities.

Chaunie exhibited achievements in all of these areas, including working toward her BSN, interning with Feminists for Life of America, starting an on-campus pro-life organization and undertaking a summer externship in labor and delivery.

In writing her essay on "What Nurses Can Do To Promote A Positive Respect for Life," she noted that, "We must advocate for the true respect and hope that life entails. Our patients need to know that their lives do have worth, no matter how imperfect their bodies."

The board of directors of Michigan Nurses for Life offers our sincere congratulations to Chaunie Saelens.

YWCA Fires African American Pro-Life Employee—Women no longer being presented all their "choices"

An injustice was committed by the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati, when they fired Ms. Shannon Nixson, an African American case manager and graduate student, on November 1, 2007. Among those the YWCA serves, are low-income women, some of whom are pregnant. Ms. Nixson, given authorization by YWCA management, invited Arnold Culbreath, Protecting Black Life's Urban Outreach Director to conduct life-affirming presentations to equip the women with knowledge and empower them to make the most informed decision concerning the future of their pregnancies. Although some of the women have chosen life for their pre-born babies as a result of the presentations, Ms. Nixson was fired and Mr. Culbreath will no longer be permitted to conduct future pro-life presentations at the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati.

Ms. Nixson stated, "It is questionable and possibly illegal to be terminated because a pro-life message was presented to the participants in the program. I feel that my termination needs to be exposed to the community, because an injustice has been done to me and to the women in the program. So I wonder; does the YWCA really empower women and eliminate racism?"

Based on data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the Alan Guttmacher Institute (i.e., the research arm of Planned Parenthood), abortion is the leading cause of death in the black community...higher than AIDS, crime, accidents, cancer and heart disease combined. Research reveals that Planned Parenthood targets African Americans by intentionally locating 62.5% of their abortion mills within black communities, resulting in black women being three times more likely to have an abortion than white women. Although black women represent only 13% of the female population, they account for 37% of abortions performed. Reproductive racism, population control and abortion have taken a devastating toll on the African American community resulting in the deaths of more than 14 million black babies since 1973.

Mr. Culbreath stated, "The YWCA claims to be pro-choice. If that were the case, they should allow all perspectives to be presented, not just the abortion choice. By banning me from conducting pro-life presentations for these predominately black women's groups, but continuing to allow Planned Parenthood, our nation's leading promoter and provider of abortions, to conduct anti-life presentations makes the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati a direct, co-conspirator in the abortion industry's reproductive racism. This pro-life education is desperately needed in the black community, and if given the opportunity to conduct presentations at the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati in the future, I would do it in a heart-beat...pun intended."

—Life Issues Institute, November 14, 2007

USED BOOK SALE Book Lovers Unite!

Start collecting and volunteer to help! LIFESPAN's next Used Book Sale will be **May 17 and 18, 2008**, and we are looking for HELP!

If you are interested in working with us on collecting, sorting and setting up for the sale, please call Mary at Lifespan's Detroit Office, **313-640-8534**.

Lifespan's Used Book Sale will be held at **Gethsemini Lutheran Church, in Rochester Hills; 248-852-5510**.

We have arranged for several book drop-off locations. Please call first to schedule your drop off of books.

The locations are:

*Near Cadieu and Mack in Detroit
Call Mary, 313-885-8238*

*Near I-75 and Big Beaver in Troy
(Lifespan's Oakland/Macomb office)
Call 248-816-1546*

*Near 8 Mile Rd. and Sheldon in Northville
Call Norma, 734-420-2244*

*Gethsemini Lutheran Church
1892 E. Auburn Rd., in Rochester Hills, 248-852-5510*



Pearls of Wisdom

Common Sense and Fur?

My husband and I had been happily (most of the time) married for five years but hadn't been blessed with a baby. I decided to do some serious praying and promised God that if He would give us a child, I would be a perfect mother, love it with all my heart and raise it with His Word as my guide.

God answered my prayers and blessed us with a son. The next year God blessed us with another son. The following year, he blessed us with yet another son. The year after that we were blessed with a daughter.

My husband thought we'd been blessed right into poverty. We now had four children, and the oldest was only four years old. I learned never to ask God for anything unless I meant it. As a minister once told me, "If you pray for rain, make sure you carry an umbrella."



I began reading a few verses of the Bible to the children each day as they lay in their cribs. I was off to a good start. God had entrusted me with four children and I didn't want to disappoint him.

I tried to be patient the day the children smashed two dozen eggs on the kitchen floor searching for baby chicks.

I tried to be understanding when they started a hotel for homeless frogs in the spare bedroom, although it took me nearly two hours to catch all twenty-three frogs.

When my daughter poured ketchup all over herself and rolled up in a blanket to see how it felt to be a hot dog, I tried to see the humor rather than the mess. In spite of changing over twenty-five thousand diapers, never eating a hot meal and never sleeping for more than thirty minutes at a time, I still thank God daily for my children.

While I couldn't keep my promise to be a perfect mother—I didn't even come close—I did keep my promise to raise them in the Word of God. I knew I was missing the mark just a little when I told my daughter we were going to church to worship God, and she wanted to bring a bar of soap along to "wash up" Jesus, too.

Something was lost in the translation when I explained that God gave us everlasting life, and my son thought it was generous of God to give us his "last wife."

My proudest moment came during the children's Christmas pageant. My daughter was playing Mary, two of my sons were shepherds and my youngest son was a wise man. This was their moment to shine.

My five-year-old shepherd had practiced his line, "We found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes." But he was nervous and said, "The baby was wrapped in wrinkled clothes." My! four-year-old "Mary" said, "That's not 'wrinkled clothes,' silly. That's dirty, rotten clothes."

A wrestling match broke out between Mary and the shepherd and was stopped by an angel, who bent her halo and lost her left wing. I slouched a little lower in my seat when Mary dropped the doll representing Baby Jesus, and it bounced down the aisle crying, "Mama-Mama." Mary grabbed the doll, wrapped it back up and held it tightly as the wise men arrived.

My other son stepped forward wearing a bathrobe and a paper crown, knelt at the manger and announced, "We are the three wise men, and we are bringing gifts of gold, common sense and fur."

The congregation dissolved into laughter, and the pageant got a standing ovation. "I've never enjoyed a Christmas program as much as this one," laughed the pastor, wiping tears from his eyes. "For the rest of my life, I'll never hear the Christmas story without thinking of gold, common sense and fur."

"My children are my pride and my joy and my greatest blessing," I said as I dug through my purse for an aspirin.

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.
Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.
Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.
Had no army, yet kings feared Him.
He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.
He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.
Feel honored to serve such a Leader who loves us.

—Author unknown

Breast Cancer Epidemic Linked to Abortion

A new UK study says that induced abortion is the “best predictor” of breast cancer, and calls the current widespread incidence of breast cancer “epidemic.” The study appears in the Fall edition of *The Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons*, and is authored by Patrick Carroll, M.A., who is the Director of Research for the Pension and Population Research Institute in London.

The study is based on data collected in eight European countries: England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic, Sweden, the Czech Republic, Finland and Denmark. The national cancer registration data in each of these eight countries was correlated with comprehensive abortion data on file. The study made special note of the fact that such detailed, reliable data is not available in the United States, asserting that “official abortion statistics in the United States and France are known to understate the numbers of legal induced abortions.”

The forecasts for the increase in breast cancer in the eight countries studied are huge and they are dire. In England and Wales, for instance, the cases are expected to explode from the 39,229 cases reported in 2004 to over 65,000 in 2025, an increase of more than 66 percent. Similar trends are forecast in the other seven countries.

The study lists seven known factors which either raise the risk of breast cancer or lower it.

Factors that raise the risk:

- Induced abortion. Induced abortion is given as the number one risk-raising factor, especially when a woman has never given birth to a child because, the researchers said, such an abortion “leaves breast cells in a state of interrupted hormonal development in which they are more susceptible.”
- Hormonal contraceptives
- Hormonal replacement therapy (HRT)

Factors that lower the risk:

- Bearing children
- Giving birth at a low age
- Higher fertility – giving birth to a larger number of children
- Breastfeeding

The study concludes that the increase in breast cancer rates is tied first to an increase in abortion rates, and second to lower fertility (fewer births). For the immediate future, the study said a further increase in breast cancer is to be expected because women who are now older than 45 have had more abortions and fewer children than previous generations.

—By Sylvia Hubbard, *Newsmax*, November 7, 2007

Gifts

We all have gifts within us
That are blessed by God above,
And none should e'er be thought too small
When given out of love.
Each one of us has meaning.
There's a reason we were born.
Our lives fulfill a purpose
That is ours and ours alone.
We may not understand it
While we're here upon the earth,
But know, we're truly needed.
Every person has great worth.
So don't deny your gifts,
See that they reach beyond yourself.
For when our gifts combine,
They will create the greatest wealth.

—Kathy Sabol

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Kathy is a member of the Oakland/Macomb Chapter of Lifespan
This poem is taken from her new book, *Heart, Soul and Inspiration*
Her book can be obtained from www.authorhouse.com
or local bookstores

What's Up with the Youth!?



Hey everyone!

The news to share with you this time about the LIFESPAN "Movement in Motion" Bus Trip to Washington, D.C., January 20-23, is this—We are sending 4 buses to D.C. for the March for Life! Students and Chaperones are

coming from Our Lady of the Lakes High School and Church, St. Benedict Monastery, Faith Lutheran Church, Mercy High School, Marist Academy, St. Mary Queen of Creation Church, St. Genevieve Church, U of D Jesuit High School, St. Kieran Church, Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church, Assumption Grotto Church, LIFESPAN Student Life Corps, Ladywood High School, St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Prep, Brother Rice High School, Marian High School, homeschoolers and Schoolcraft Community College.

Need some really good Christmas gift ideas? Here are some wonderful pro-life Christmas gifts for students, brothers, sisters, dads, moms, grandparents, uncles, aunts, teachers, pastors, friends, etc.

1. Membership in LIFESPAN—Help support an excellent, energetic and totally dedicated organization in its educational efforts while getting a super, awesome newsletter, *Lifespan News*, that contains lots of great pro-life articles, legislative updates and information about upcoming events, activities, etc. in which you can par-

ticipate with your family and friends! *Lifespan News* is published eight times a year, with a special edition "Voter's Guide" before election times. Cost of membership is \$25.00 per family or \$15.00 per student or senior citizen. See membership form on page 15. Cut it out and send it in with your membership fee.

2. Worth-Waiting-For Chastity Bracelets; call **248-816-8489** or see November issue of *Lifespan News*, page 12.
3. Letters from Santa—This is a terrific, simple, inexpensive gift for younger siblings, nieces, nephews, etc. Call **313-277-0800** or see November issue of *Lifespan News*, page 12.

If you are looking for beautiful Christmas cards to send out to family and friends that display the true meaning of Christmas and have a very positive pro-life message, look no further! We have them! You can see them online at www.rtl-lifespan.org, on page 13 of the November issue of *Lifespan News* or call **248-478-8878**.

Don't forget to read about the upcoming Used Book Sale in the spring; see page 10, and if any of you young ladies, between 10-18 years old, are interested in coming to the "Born to be a Lady" Fashion Show and Salad Luncheon on April 6, 2008, please let me know by calling **248-816-1546** or emailing me at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org. You will be added to my mailing list, and when I have registration brochures available in early February, I'll mail you one or two or three!

Have a very wonderful and blessed Christmas with your family and friends!

—Lynn Gura, Lifespan's Youth Projects Coordinator
248-816-1546



Christmas—a time of hope—a time of miracles—a time of making holiday wishes...

At Wee Care, I am hoping for a miracle.

We have never been so

overwhelmed with so many moms needing help for their precious babies as we are today. Our supplies are so low, and the economy in Michigan is so poor. Many churches and individuals who over the years have kept my shelves full are now having to help their own families.

I am hoping with all my heart that those who can will continue to provide for my little ones. What a beautiful Christmas miracle it would be to receive warm blankets, cozy sleepers, diapers and everything my babies will need. Over 500 babies a year—that's over 4500 sleepers and onesies, 2000 blankets, etc. As I said, I need a miracle!

There is one Christmas miracle that always takes place. That is the miracle of holding a precious little one on his or her very first Christmas. I have been very blessed—three babies and seven cherished grandchildren—the joy on Christmas morning of holding them in my arms was almost indescribable. May all of our Wee Care moms feel that joy as they cradle their infants in their arms—clothed in your gifts and in your love.

And now for some holiday wishes—May your Christmas and the New Year ahead be filled with Good Health, Prosperity and Peace, and may you feel God's love and the love of family and friends surrounding you. Merry Christmas, everyone! Love, Karen

PS: All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks need to be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund. Thank you!

—Karen Patrosso, Director, **248-478-8884**
Wee Care, A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

Lifespan is seeking Mother of the Year 2008!

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 Wednesday, March 5, 2008. 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.

The Mother of the Year will be an honored guest at Lifespan's Mother's Day Dinner on Tuesday, May 6th, at the San Marino Club, in Troy, where she will be awarded a plaque, a dozen long-stemmed roses and a gift certificate to 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 2008, 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 2008" to be received by **Wednesday, March 5th to: Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152; 248-478-8878.**

Calendar of Events

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to wish all my Lifespan brothers and sisters a very happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This is a very holy and happy season for all of us—a time to reflect on all that God has given us—especially the miraculous gift of LIFE.

Many wonderful things happened in 2007. Lifespan has been able to carry out many new and exciting projects, thanks to your membership and generous donations. We had our first Cider Walk, helped to bring the movie *Bella* to the Detroit market, organized our Student Life Corps and have an ongoing Billboard Campaign.

We formed a Lifespan Educational Fund which allows for tax-deductible donations—this does not replace "Right to Life - LIFESPAN," which is supported by your membership and is still needed for our legislative activities, but the Educational Fund will compliment our efforts and will allow us to concentrate on education.

We were able to do these activities while still working on all the usual yearly projects. In so many ways, this has been a great year.

Thank you again for all you do for the pro-life cause. May God bless each and every one of you and your families.

Remember to take time to slow down and enjoy this season of love. Enjoy your spouses, children, grandchildren, grandparents, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbors. We are all on this great journey called LIFE! God gives us periodic breaks from the trials and tribulations during this great journey, and the Christmas season is one of those breaks. Next year will soon be upon us, and 2008 will be a very busy year. The fight for life will continue, but right now, get a cup of tea, put your feet up and enjoy your LIFE—you deserve it!!

Diane Fagelman, President



Shower time!

Lifespan is currently planning its 19th annual Baby Shower to benefit local crisis pregnancy centers on **Sunday, March 9**. 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 church locations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston Counties. Showers may be held from 2:00-3:30 p.m., or held after church services (as a traditional baby shower) or simply be a gift drop-off shower. If you or your church would like to co-host a baby shower, please call us at **248-478-8878**.

**Donations have been made—
In loving memory of:**

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Rosemary Joliat

Given by: Diane and Jerry Fagelman

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.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

Right to Life - LIFESPAN believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

_____ Annual Membership \$ 25.00 _____ *Angel in the Waters* Special Membership _____ Other
_____ Student/Senior Member \$ 15.00 \$40 or more; (call a Lifespan office for details)

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please complete this form and return with your donation to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152-2193.** For more information, call 248-478-8878. Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.

Lifespan Gift Membership - Only \$5!

Give holiday gift memberships to people you feel would benefit from reading Lifespan News. We'll send the recipient an attractive gift card.



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Make check payable and mail to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN,**
29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545; Livonia, MI 48152
Thank you!

Crisis hotline numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office, pp. 8-9. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number **800-BETHANY**. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigayle Ministries **586-326-0459** or **Casa Vitae 248-559-7440**. For post-abortion counseling, call Project Rachel **888-722-4355**. For those with life-limiting illnesses, call Angela Hospice **734-464-7810**; Cranbrook Hospice **248-334-6700**, or Hospice of Michigan **888-HOM-5656**. Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide; for this counseling assistance, call **800-281-2102**.

Save the Date!

Mother's Day Dinner

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Right to Life - LIFESPAN is delighted to announce that the guest speaker at our upcoming Mother's Day Dinner will be *Frank Turner*.

Mr. Turner is known to millions of viewers for his television ministry of *God's Amazing Grace!* and as a former Emmy-winning investigative reporter and anchor of *Action News* at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Detroit's ABC affiliate WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

Make plans now to attend our annual Banquet Dinner where we will honor our 2008 Mother of the Year! See page 14 for information on nominating that special woman in your life!

Watch for more information about our Dinner in upcoming issues of *Lifespan News* or call 248-816-1546 or 248-478-8878.



Frank Turner

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