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## *Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund Lights for Life Remembrances*

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# Join Madonna University's Respect Life Group for a Pro-Life Youth Conference



**When:** Saturday April 12, 2014, 10 am - 3 pm

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# 25 Pro-Life Things You Can Do to Stop Abortions!

By Laura Peredo

You're pro-life. Now tell me; what are you going to do about that in 2014? If not too much comes to mind, never fear. I've compiled a list of 25 activities and events you can take part in. You've probably heard about some of these before, but if you're not actively taking part in at least five of them, you could be doing more. We could always be doing more. Some of us have more time than others, and what you're able to do really depends on where you are in your life. We all have different talents and abilities, so be sure to take some time to consider what yours are as you decide how to become involved in the great civil rights issue of our time.

## 1. Be a public witness to life outside abortion clinics.

Start by praying outside. Be sure to never go alone and always bring a camera to record any shenanigans. Reach out to any clinic workers and check out "And Then There Were None" [www.attwn.org](http://www.attwn.org) to discover how you can be the light of life to those working in the abortion industry.

## 2. Volunteer at your local pregnancy resource center.

You can help by sorting clothes, processing mailings and offering any skills or expertise you might have. Contact Lifespan's Main Office, 734-524-0162, for a list of pregnancy help centers in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.

## 3. Pass out copies of pro-life literature in public places.

Go to [www.liveaction.org/the-advocate-distributors](http://www.liveaction.org/the-advocate-distributors) to order copies of Live Action's "The Advocate," or [www.humanlife.org/store](http://www.humanlife.org/store) for various publications from Human Life Alliance. These are great pieces to hand out on college campuses!



## 4. Wear pro-life gear and engage anyone who comments on it.

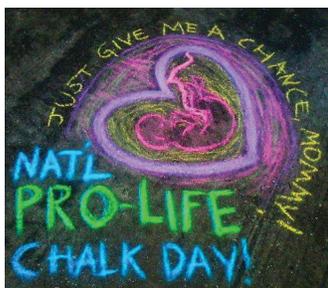
Visit Heritage House [www.hh76.org](http://www.hh76.org) for great pro-life t-shirts, or Pro Life Depot [www.prolifedepot.com](http://www.prolifedepot.com). Both sell other accessories as well, so check them out! Be sure to have a response for people who might comment on it, whether they do so negatively or positively.

## 5. Post pro-life articles on social media platforms.

Follow pro-life organizations on Twitter, Pinterest, and Facebook; be sure to share messages with your friends!

## 6. Pro-Life Chalk Day

Check [www.nationalpro-lifechalkday.com](http://www.nationalpro-lifechalkday.com) for chalking pro-life messages! Don't worry, it's perfectly legal to



chalk in public places. National Chalk Day is in September, but you can do this any day of the year, too!

## 7. National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

The second annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Check [www.abortionmemorials.com](http://www.abortionmemorials.com) for more info.



## 8. Participate in the next 40 Days for Life campaign.

The next campaign is March 5 - April 13, 2014. Go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com) to find the campaign closest to you.

## 9. Join Life Chain.

On October 5, 2014, hundreds of people around the country will stand on the side of public roads with pro-life signs. Will you be one of them? Contact Lifespan's Main Office, 734-524-0162, to register for a Life Chain location near you!

## 10. Pro-Life Cupcake Day

Who wouldn't want a cupcake? Get a group of people together and distribute cute cupcakes with pro-life messages! Check [www.cupcakesforlife.com](http://www.cupcakesforlife.com) for more info; see the video!



## 11. Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity

Lose your voice for those who have no voice. On October 21, 2014, people from all over this nation will give up their voices for a day in solidarity for these children. Red arm bands and duct tape will identify them as taking part in the Pro-life Day of Silent Solidarity. They will carry fliers explaining why they are silent and educate others about the plight of the innocent children we are losing every day. Go to [www.silentday.org](http://www.silentday.org) to find more info and handouts to tell people why you can't talk.

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## 25 Pro-Life Things You Can Do

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### 12. Sidewalk counsel.

Here is a good DVD: [prolifeaction.org/sidewalk/packet.php](http://prolifeaction.org/sidewalk/packet.php) and here are tips for counseling: [studentsforlife.org/files/2007/08/sidewalk-counseling-guide.pdf](http://studentsforlife.org/files/2007/08/sidewalk-counseling-guide.pdf). You can also seek training from a local pregnancy center. Not everyone is equipped or able to sidewalk counsel, so it might not be your thing. But you can't say "no" to it before you get trained and at least try.



### 13. Go to the March for Life.

This is by far one of the most unifying and inspiring events you can go to. Get a group of friends and family to join you. Call Lynn Gura, 248-816-1546, for more information on Lifespan's "Movement in Motion" Bus Trips.

### 14. Organize a pro-life event.

Bring in a speaker. Hold a public debate. Have a musical benefit concert. The possibilities are endless! Check [www.studentsforlife.org/resources/organize-an-event](http://www.studentsforlife.org/resources/organize-an-event) for resources.

### 15. Host a baby bottle drive.

These are wonderful fundraisers for pregnancy resource centers. Check out Heritage House for all the supplies you'll need!

### 16. Organize a walk-a-thon for a pro-life organization.

Check out this website for details on how to organize one: <http://walkathonguide.com/2012/10/22/how-to-organize-a-walkathon/>

### 17. Find or organize a candle-lit vigil outside an abortion clinic.

Invite your friends. Buy some candles. Print out lyrics to songs. Then go sing and pray outside a large and public clinic in your area.

### 18. In December, host a pro-life Christmas caroling event outside an abortion clinic.

Check this site: <http://aprolifechristmascarol.com/plan-your-own/>

**Ask your family and friends to join LIFESPAN! See Gift Membership form on page 11! We need the support of more pro-lifers, like YOU!**

### 19. Get together some friends for a pro-life concert.

Have a band? Know people who play instruments? Get together for a jam session a few times to learn pro-life songs. Research them ahead of time and then host an event when you know them well. Have the proceeds go to a pro-life organization.

### 20. Donate to a local pro-life organization.

Since many pro-life organizations are grassroots, every little bit helps. If you're able to, financially support your local centers and organizations. If you're not able to do that, donate clothes or time.

### 21. Read a pro-life book; pass it on to someone else.

Check here for a list of pro-life books to read: <http://live-actionnews.org/10-pro-life-books-to-read>

### 22. Join or start a pro-life club at school and/or church.

If you're a student, check out Students for Life for tips on how to get started: <http://highschool.studentsforlife.org/start-a-pro-life-group-on-your-campus/>

### 23. Do a diaper drive for a pregnancy resource center.

Recruit a few volunteers and stand outside a large local retail store (be sure to check with management first to make sure it's okay). Target and Walmart are two good choices. Print out a list of what the local pregnancy center needs after talking with them (diapers in specific sizes, clothing, wipes, etc.). Hand them to people as they go in asking them to pick up an item or two to donate. You might be surprised by how many people are willing to donate to help moms in need!

### 24. Be a witness to the joy of life by helping out single moms who chose life.

Embrace Grace has an excellent guide for ways we can reach out and help these courageous women who chose life for their babies: <http://iembracegraceblog.com/2013/08/19/10-ways-to-help-a-single-mom/>

### 25. Lastly, be a living testament to the joy of the pro-life movement.

Respect life in all it's forms by going to elderly care centers and visiting them. Make them note-cards and let them talk about their lives. Rally against the death penalty. When someone you know has a baby at a less-than-ideal time, let them know that no matter how hard it gets, they are courageous for choosing life. If someone you know adopts a child, thank them for giving him a loving home to grow up in. The first step is the hardest. I know it might be overwhelming looking at this list, but know that every little bit counts. We are all called to be part of this in different ways. Though our individual actions may be small, the ripple effect is real. If you start with just a few of these ways to abolish abortion, your family and friends will start to notice. And who knows? If we work together, the end to abortion may be closer than we think.

— Adapted from an article in *LifeNews.com*, September 17, 2013, by Laura Peredo who writes for the *Live Action* blog.



# Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund

## RESOURCE BOOK 2014

### 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 Friday, March 28 2014.**

**Advertising Contract:** I wish to publish \_\_\_\_\_ page ad for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please run \_\_\_\_\_ last year's ad \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed, new ad  
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<b>Full page (7 x 10)</b> \$280
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<b>Half page (7 x 5)</b> \$165	

- ◆ Due to the difficulty of working with various formats, we prefer to receive pdf files, at 300 dpi, all fonts embedded, sent by e-mail to [editor@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:editor@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 to the address below.
- ◆ You may also send a hard copy, camera-ready ad.
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Ad Seller's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Yes, please send me a copy of the 2014 LIFESPAN Resource Book.**

**Make checks payable and mail to:**

**Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150**  
**For further information, call 734-524-0162 or e-mail: [mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:mainoffice@rtl-lifespan.org)**

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# Lifespan Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb

Wayne County/Downriver

## March for Life

During the middle of this month, some 450 students and their chaperones will travel from the LIFESPAN office to Washington, DC for the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision that made the taking of innocent unborn human life legal for the full nine months of pregnancy. Since that date, there have been approximately 56,000,000 abortions performed in the United States—that many lives lost, that many women left with the consequences of their decision, that many families touched by that decision that much of our humanity lost. Young people have the power to change this situation. They are the future of the pro-life movement and they are the Pro-Life Generation. Encourage them, support their efforts and pray for their success.

## Email Addresses

So much important information is shared via email these days that checking your mail each day has become part of our daily activities. We don't send many emails to our members, but when we do, the information we send is usually VERY important. It is often time-sensitive (like an upcoming vote on a piece of pro-life legislation) or a news item worthy of your

attention. Our email server is safe, you will not get lots of spam or junk and we NEVER share your email address with anyone! If we don't have your email address, please consider sending it to us so you won't get left out of the loop!

## Membership

Please take a look at the address label that appears on this issue of *LIFESPAN NEWS*. It will show your name, address, the postal barcode and a date. That date indicates when you last renewed your membership with LIFESPAN. If the date is anytime in 2012, your membership is past due. Your membership allows us to keep our office open and to promote the value of human life through our programs. Please be the voice of one who has none and renew your membership today.

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**Irene Tharp, Director • Diane Trombley, Ofc. Mgr.**

**Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff & Youth Director**

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## Happy 2014!

May the new year bring you more blessings than you can count. And may difficulties be so small, they go unnoticed.

## Thank You!

Your generosity and hard work blessed Lifespan with another successful Christmas card season. Our new "Peace" card was very well received. Special thanks to all the pastors, church representatives, and helpers who spent many hours making Lifespan cards available. And, of course, thanks to those who purchased our cards and sent them to friends, family and neighbors spreading the pro-life message far and wide. And yet another Thank You to those who purchased Entertainment Books.

## Mass for the Unborn and Rose Ceremony

A Mass for the Unborn and To End Abortion will be offered at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, on North Territorial Road, just west of Beck Road in Plymouth Township, on Monday, January 20, at 7:00 p.m. with a Rosary for Life at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Clement Suhy will celebrate the Mass.

A rose ceremony will take place during Mass. In the ceremony, persons representing each year since the Supreme Court decisions, will take a rose to a cradle placed before the altar, thus remembering 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. If you or a family member were born after January 22, 1973, and would like to participate in the rose ceremony, please call LIFESPAN at 734-422-6230.

## Light a Candle — Dispel the Darkness

Join other pro-lifers by placing a luminary outside your home or church to burn through the night on Tuesday night, January 21, or on Wednesday night, January 22, memorializing the 56 million unborn babies who have been killed legally by abortions in the United States. Luminary kits include a candle, white bag and instructions. To increase the weight and to stabilize the bag, add sand, kitty litter, baking soda, rock salt, potting soil, etc. Be a living witness for Life. Call now to reserve your kit. 734-422-6230.

## Prayers, Please!

Our dynamic director, Pat Holscher, has been sidelined with a serious bout of bronchitis. Hopefully, she will be out and about soon. Please remember her in your daily prayers.

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**Patricia Holscher, Director • Laurie Masiarak, Ofc. Mgr.**

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# Wee Care

Dear Friends,  
Christmas at Wee Care—  
"It's the most wonderful time  
of the year"—warm hugs, spe-  
cial moments, grateful tears,  
old friends, new friends and pre-  
cious babies bundled in  
warm blankets!

Everywhere you looked, there were packages ready for our moms (one day 104 were picked up!) Every December and January baby was provided for—we are exhausted—our shelves are bare—but we and our moms and their sweet, tiny babies are blessed beyond words—because of you!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Enjoy the peace, the beauty, the joy and the love of the Christmas season!

*Love, Karen*



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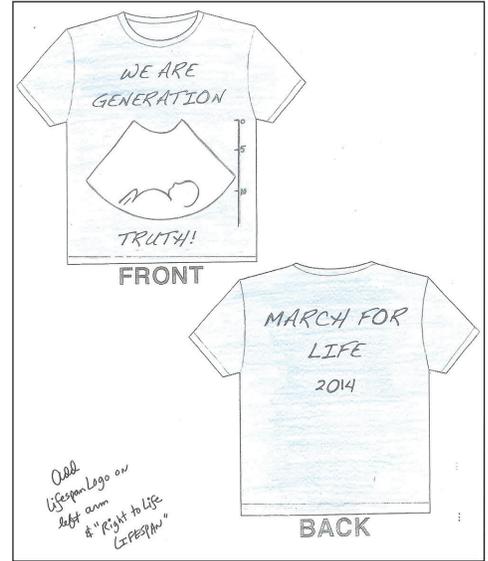
*All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.*

# “Movement in Motion” Bus Trip T-Shirt Design Contest



**First-Place Winner**  
**Anne Marie Morin**

I'm 17 and a senior in high school. In my free time I like to read, create jewelry and shoot archery. I take the pro-life movement very seriously. I volunteer at Lifespan and am currently the vice-president of the Crusaders for Life, a teen-led pro-life group. I created my design because I truly believe that my generation is Generation Truth and we should proclaim it. My generation has the greatest access to information and technology. We can see the ultrasounds and inform ourselves of the views of both sides of the argument. Our goal should be to use this knowledge to make everyone aware of the truth and end abortion in my lifetime.



Hi, my name is Maria Tenuta. I am a fourteen-year-old homeschooler. In my spare time I enjoy reading, spending time with friends and family and going to the March for Life. The T-shirt contest was a great way for me to express my excitement about being able to take part in it for the first time.



Front



Back

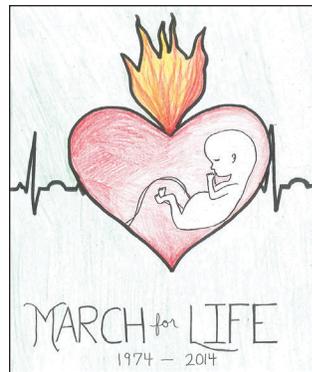


**Second-Place Winner**  
**Marie Tenuta**



**Third-Place Winner**  
**Nora Anderson**

Nora Anderson is a pro-life senior in high school. She enjoys doing many forms of art, including photography, drama, music and drawing. Nora is one of five children, and lives in East China, Michigan. Nora drew "Heart of Life" in remembrance that God holds all of His children in his Sacred Heart, and abortion causes Him great sorrow.



Front

For we are Gods masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things He planned for us long ago."  
Ephesians, 2:10

Back

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner receives the Bus Trip and two T-shirts. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner receives \$75.00 off the Bus Trip. The 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner receives \$50.00 off the Bus Trip. The judges for the contest were various members of the Bus Trip Planning Committee, Irene Tharp, Diane Trombley and Mike Schefke. Each person traveling on the Bus Trip for the March for Life will receive a pre-paid T-shirt.

Any high school or college student who still wants to go to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life, call Lynn Gura, Youth Director, at 248-816-1546 or e-mail her at [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org) by January 2nd to find out how you can sign up! There are still some seats left on one of the “Movement in Motion” buses.

## I'M SPECIAL.

In all the world there's nobody like me.  
Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person like me.

Nobody has my smile.  
Nobody has my eyes, my nose, my hair, my hands, my voice.

## I'M SPECIAL.

No one can be found who has my handwriting.  
Nobody anywhere has my tastes—for food or music or art.

Nobody sees things just as I do.  
In all of time there's been no one who laughs like me, no one who cries like me.

And what makes me laugh and cry will never provoke identical laughter and tears from anybody else, EVER.

No one reacts to any situation just as I would react.

## I'M SPECIAL.

I'm the only one in all of creation who has my set of abilities.

Oh, there will always be somebody who is better at one of the things I'm good at, but no one in the universe can reach the quality of my combination of talents, ideas, abilities and feelings. Like a room full of musical instruments, some may excel alone, but none can match the symphony sound when all are played together.

## I'M A SYMPHONY.

Through all of eternity no one will ever look, talk, walk, think or do like me.

## I'M SPECIAL. I'M RARE.

And in all rarity, there is great value.  
Because of my great rare value, I need not attempt to imitate others.

I will accept—yes, celebrate—my differences.

## I'M SPECIAL.

And I'm beginning to realize it's no accident that I'm special. I'm beginning to see that God made me special for a very special purpose. He must have a job for me that no one else can do as well as I. Out of all the billions of applicants, only one is qualified, only one has the right combination of what it takes.

## THAT ONE IS ME. BECAUSE...I'M SPECIAL.

*Author unknown*

## “Love says it is good that you exist.”

*By Micaiah Bilger*

The other day I stumbled on a new blog and found a beautiful quote by Joseph Pieper, a German Catholic philosopher.

**“Love says it is good that you exist.”**

It really struck me. The blog post wasn't about abortion, but the quote really says a lot about the issue.

How many times have you heard abortion portrayed as a compassionate choice for the child?

He may be born into poverty. She may be abused. He may never be able to function on his own. She may be bullied because she's different. He may die right after he is born. She may never enjoy life like other children because of a disability. Abortion is the compassionate approach for these children; we don't want them to suffer.

It may seem ridiculous to you and me, but many people see abortion this way.

When you describe love the way Pieper did, you acknowledge the hardships of life. Yes, there is suffering and pain. No, no child's life is perfect.

But if we want to be a loving society, shouldn't we start by first protecting a child's very existence?  
*Micaiah Bilger is Education Director, Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.*

*—National Right to Life, News Today, December 4, 2013*



## Used Book Sale!

Please save books to donate to Lifespan's Book Sale in 2014! For more info, call Mary 313-885-8238.

## Lifespan's 24th Annual Baby Shower!

If you or your church would like to co-host a baby shower on **Sunday, March 9, 2014**, please call 734-524-0162. Showers may be held from 2:00-3:30 p.m. or simply as a “drop-off” shower after church services. Shower donations benefit local pregnancy help centers.



# LIGHTS FOR LIFE



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## *Prayer for Children*

O Most Holy Savior  
We lift up to Your divine protection  
All the children of the world.  
Bless babies in the womb with love.  
Bless newborns with love.  
Bless toddlers with health.  
Bless preschoolers with joy.  
Bless students with happy homes  
And bless youth with faith to move mountains.

Lord Jesus, be present in a special way to  
Children and young people who are sick,  
In trouble, in danger, lost, alone,  
Frightened or in need.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
Guide them, guard them and embrace them  
With Your loving kindness and mercy.  
Let all children experience Your divine  
Care and protection so they can always  
Call upon Your compassion,  
Confident that You are ever near  
To hear and answer their prayers.  
Amen.

—Fr. Joseph Veneroso, M.M.

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## From the President's Desk

To all supporters, and members of LIFESPAN, I wish you a very Happy New Year! We are now entering our 44<sup>th</sup> year working to "promote and enhance a respect for human life" in the Southeastern Michigan area.

When we started in 1970, we were the beginning of the pro-life movement in this area. We knew that if we did not organize to fight the evils of abortion, the pro-abortionists would just continue their attack on pre-born children, women and other humans "not wanted" by society. Looking back, a lot has been done—too much to cover in this article. Yet we ask—was it enough? We still have abortion; the *Roe v. Wade* decision determines many governmental policies that we have not been able to stop.

During the hopeful season of Christmas, my thoughts went to a small child in a manger who came to earth to bring love and hope to the people of earth. 2000 years later, His message gets out to some, but it has not eradicated the evils that dominate the world. Yet His influence has made a difference.

I challenge all of us in the pro-life movement not to give up passing the truth on to family, friends and the next generation. Do not be too critical or disheartened because we have not done away with abortion, infanticide or euthanasia. We may not see the fruits of our efforts during our lifetimes. This does not mean we have not effected a change. I believe our role is to continue the good fight and increase our numbers by bringing the important truth of respect for human life to our young people—they will need to continue this struggle into the next millennium. Don't be discouraged—discouragement is the devil's playground. I know I bring this up often in this venue, but it is up to you and me to recruit new people to LIFESPAN and the pro-life movement.

With this in mind, I want to extend our offer to give a gift membership to anyone you wish for just \$5.00 through January (see Gift Membership box below). I personally passed on my love of LIFESPAN and this movement by signing up 10 of my friends and family. Please consider this for a pro-life action plan in 2014. Thanks again for all your support. We will continue doing this important work for LIFE as long as we have your support. Yours in Life,

Diane Fagelman, President

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### HOW TO HAVE AN ABORTION

Don't think about the freckles he, or she,  
Might have, or how much hair, how big a grin,  
Or whether swimming would come naturally,  
Or whether—*it?*—might play the violin.

Don't think of prom, don't think of puppy love  
Or calculus, or snow, or spring in bloom,  
Or anything that might remind you of  
The future now contained within a womb.

Don't feel anxiety, don't feel regret,  
Don't fret about some otherworldly guilt.  
Don't feel the bond of parenthood, don't let  
Insane outmoded Don Quixotes tilt

At private windmills—don't spill any ink  
Examining yourself. Don't feel. Don't think.

—Bryce A. Taylor, *First Things*, November 2013

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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.

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