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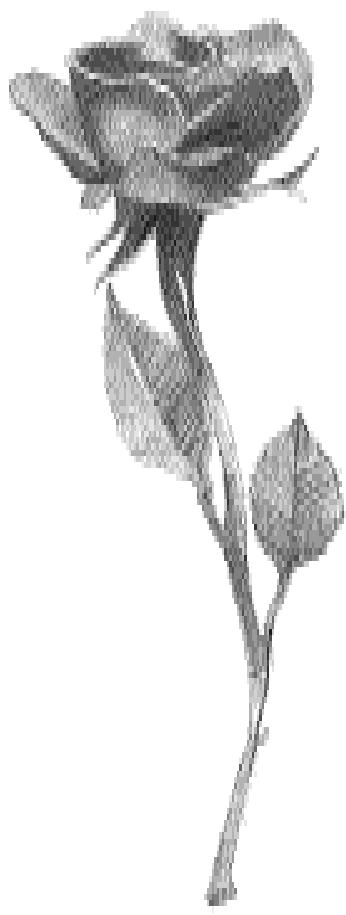
April/May 2008

Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Invites you to its 18th Annual

Mother's Day Dinner

Tuesday, May 6, 2008



Guest Speaker

Frank Turner

LIFE...It's Amazing!

Student Art Contest Awards

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News Notes

Gresham man admits to shooting, killing wife

A 51-year old Gresham [Oregon] man has been charged with the shooting death of his wife. Detectives said John Lyle Roberts, also 51, was taken into custody and booked on a single charge of first-degree murder.

It is believed that this was a pact between the two of them, that she asked him to do this. The couple had recently celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary. John Roberts' friends and family say the ceremony may have indicated that the couple felt Virginia was rapidly losing her battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Now those friends and family say love drove John to participate in Virginia's death. The single gunshot wound to her head was not a cold-blooded attack, they say, but a final act of compassion for a woman suffering from a debilitating disease.

They also say Virginia had her reasons for not using Oregon's Death With Dignity Act, the only law in the nation that allows terminally ill patients to end their lives. Virginia did not want to deteriorate until doctors determined she was within six months of death, as required by the physician-assisted suicide law, they said.

—Compiled from the Feb. 7, 2008 edition of the *Oregonian* and the Feb. 4, 2008 edition of the Bend (Oregon) Weekly News

Michigan panel approves rules to stop teen abortions without parental consent

A Michigan legislative panel has approved a bill that would put in place better rules for judges who are considering letting teenagers get around the state's parental consent law on abortions.

Michigan pro-life advocates are concerned that the waiver process has become a rubber stamp approval for any abortions. The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the bill on a 4-3 party-line vote with Republicans supporting it and Democrats opposed.

The Michigan parental consent law was supposed to increase parental involvement and reduce the number of teen abortions. It has to some extent, yet abortion advocates have found a way to legally circumvent it by abusing the judicial bypass option. Abortion facilities have hired attorneys to go "judge shopping" in surrounding counties to find a local judge who will approve the abortion. To combat this practice, the legislation would create guidelines for judges to consider before granting the consent waiver.

ACTION: Please contact your state senator and urge strong support for S.B.1059. Go to <http://www rtl.org/html/legislation/find.html> for contact information.

—LifeNews.com, March 6, 2008

The care of human life and happiness and not their destruction is the first and only legitimate object of good government.

—Thomas Jefferson

The Detroit Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

presents

*The Ethics of Treating Infertility
Integrating Faith and Science*

Saturday, April 26 • 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kresge Hall, Madonna University, Livonia

Guest Speakers

Fr. Christopher Saliga, O.P., R.N.
Chaplain and Health Care Ethicist
and

Daniel Greene, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., Board Certified OB/GYN
3.0 hrs., C.M.E./C.E.U.

For more information, contact Kathryn, 734-420-2784
or www.dgcma.org

Hillary Clinton judicial appointments

Hillary Clinton has promoted abortion as a senator and presidential candidate. In a statement on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, she confirmed she will take her views to the White House, saying, "When I'm president, I will appoint judges to our courts who understand that *Roe v. Wade* isn't just binding legal precedent." She said that the judges she appoints would share her view that *Roe* "is the touchstone of our reproductive freedom, the embodiment of our most fundamental rights, and no one—no judge, no governor, no Senator, no President—has the right to take it away."

Barak Obama judicial appointments

Barak Obama said he's worried the Supreme Court is just one vote away from overturning *Roe v. Wade*. "Thirty-five years after the Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade*, it's never been more important to protect legalized abortions." He said that the Court's 5-4 decision upholding the national ban on partial-birth abortion last April could be a harbinger of things to come. "With one more vacancy on the Supreme Court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a women's fundamental right to choose for the first time since *Roe v. Wade*." "The next president may be asked to nominate that Supreme Court justice. That is what is at stake in this election."

John McCain judicial appointments

John McCain called himself "very conservative" and said he would "appoint strict constructionist judges that won't legislate from the bench. On his website, in a video clip, McCain said that he would impose no litmus test on any Supreme Court candidate, but that it was very important to appoint judges such as Chief Justice Roberts who would interpret the Constitution and avoid making new law.

—Excerpted from LifeNews.com, January 24, 2008



Mother's Day Dinner



Tuesday, May 6, 2008

Silent Auction 5:45 p.m. • Dinner 7:15 p.m.

San Marino Club • 1685 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy

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!

Call 248-816-1546 or 248-478-8878 for more details about Lifespan's Mother's Day Dinner.



Frank Turner

Dinner Reservations: \$50 per person/\$475 per table of 10. Students (under 21) \$25 per person.

Advance reservations required by May 1.

Yes, I (We) plan to attend. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ reservations. (Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper. Tickets will be held at the door.)
Seat with _____

Yes, I (We) plan to sponsor a table of 10. Enclosed please find one check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ tables. (Please list names of all those for whom table reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper. Tickets will be held at the door. Table arrangements will be determined by date of receipt of paid reservation.)

I (We) are not able to attend. Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ to support your pro-life efforts.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (area code) _____



*For Dinner reservations, please make checks payable and mail to:
Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. G, Troy, MI 48084
For information, call 248-816-1546*

The February/March issue of Lifespan News published the winning essays of three students. Another student's essay tied for third place. Printed here is the essay of Mary Grace Bauer, of Grosse Pointe Woods, a freshman at Regina High School.

Third-Place-Tie Essay

Consequences of Abortion on Women and Society

Aside from the obvious loss of life, abortion is the cause of many physical and psychological consequences on women. All people's lives should be protected and everyone should have the right to life. Women who have had an abortion are left with life-long scars and damaged self-esteem. This directly impacts their future relationships in negative ways.

The physical consequences of abortion include increased maternal death, risks of breast cancer and several other cancers, infection, increased premature births and generally lower quality of health. Women are rarely considering these long-term physical effects when making the decision to abort their child. Advertising and media messages portray abortion clinics as a relaxing day at the spa. Just look up "abortion" in the phone book or on the internet, and you'll see smiling faces and promises of quality care. Our culture is focused on quick fixes rather than accepting the long-term reality of a given situation. When the world refuses to see that two lives are being harmed in such serious ways, then the rest of the community is injured in the end. People develop a mindset as to believing they "know" who should live and who should die.

The psychological effects of abortion on women are even worse. Even though abortion may bring immediate relief to women, they will suffer for many years after. Often, women who have had an abortion suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. This includes uncontrollable emotions—anger, fear of being "found-out," loneliness, low self-confidence, insomnia, difficulty in relationships, suicidal feelings, use of drugs, eating disorders and attempted suicide. According to one survey, 98% of women said they regret their abortions. 72% said that the abortion didn't improve their lives. Over 60% said the abortion

made their lives worse. And, 62% felt unable to forgive themselves (www.afterabortion.org).

With all the damage done to women and loss of innocent life that has resulted from the destruction of abortion, one must wonder what is being done to protect these victims. The law currently states that it is legal to have an abortion at any stage in the pregnancy. But does this law consider the long-term physical and psychological effects on women?

This leads to a key question: Why do we have laws in place to protect human beings, yet at the same time, contradict those messages by supporting abortion? If we cannot support the protection of all human beings, then we should stop it altogether, to be consistent. For example, we should remove seat belts from cars, locks from our front doors, stop signs and traffic lights, lifeguards from pools and doctors from hospitals. Why bother using any of the above means to ensure the safety of people when abortion directly encourages the death of a child (and sometimes the mother)?

The evidence clearly shows that the effects of abortion have resulted in broken hearts and spiritual death. This has led to broken marriages and unstable psychiatric health...not to mention the fifty million deaths of children. How can these spiritual and mental problems be healed? Healing can be reached by living the Gospel with its messages of forgiveness, reconciliation and love. This is what post-abortive men and women need to hear and accept. They need to be able to grieve and have a sense of hope that they can be healed and reconciled with God and their children in heaven.

Imagine the world without abortion. The rate of suicide, alcohol abuse, depression and low self-esteem would decrease. Babies would be welcomed and adopted into loving homes. Women would find support instead of abandonment and ridicule. My eight-year-old little brother asked a simple question recently. "Why would a mommy want to kill her baby?" In truth, no mother wants to kill her child. Every mother wants protection, security and safety. Then, who benefits from this act of murder? Not the child, nor the mother...perhaps the ones making money at the abortion clinics. It's time to see that abortion is NOT the answer. We need to grow a respect for life at all stages and support all women and mothers in times of crisis. ■



We need your help to increase our membership for the fight ahead in 2008 and to help mold a more pro-life future. Invite friends, family, co-workers and / or neighbors to learn about Lifespan and the education we can provide by filling out the form below. (Use additional paper if needed.) Together, we can be a voice for the pre-born!

YES, I want to help Save a Heart! Invite my friends to be part of the Lifespan family!

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Area Code/Phone _____

Name _____ Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Area Code/Phone _____

Submitted by _____ Address _____
City _____ Zip _____ Area Code/Phone _____



Metanoia Films
7213 W. Sunset Blvd.
Hollywood, CA 90046

Dear Right to Life - LIFESPAN Committee and Sponsors,
Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks, on behalf of Metanoia Films to LIFESPAN for all of your hard work and efforts in helping to promote Bella! I'd especially like to thank President Diane Fagelman and our Bella Theater Adoption Coordinator Melanie Bruss for all of their hard work—in not just organizing a major film event in the Detroit area, but also for reaching above and beyond for the mission of Life, in the crusade to save the lives of innocent children.

I'd like to wholeheartedly thank LIFESPAN for acting as a catalyst to bring Bella to Livonia, Michigan. By committing to host a Bella Adopt-A-Theater Event, you directly helped bring Bella to the Detroit market, and subsequently, to the AMC Livonia for a full run, allowing for several other people—including the "Ninas" of the world—to see this film. Your contributions have helped to widen Bella's market exposure here, and throughout the country.

Just to give you an idea of how Bella is expanding,
—Yesterday on Moviefone, BELLA was in the top 5 movies searched overall on the site, and is the top trailer viewed!
—We remain the number 1 fan rated movie on Fandango - 6 days running.
—Our IMDB ranking has shot up to #213, our highest ever and the first time we've been under 1000 since Toronto.

In addition, Bella opened last weekend in 31 different markets and did phenomenally well! In a sea of nearly 55 films playing over the weekend, Bella ranked high in the box office—second only to Saw, in per screen average!* (*box office total divided by number of screens shown). This is an amazing miracle for our small production company—to see what started as only a dream, advance forward into making Box Office history!

I'd like to commend LIFESPAN for their action in bringing Bella to the airwaves! LIFESPAN successfully broke through to the mass media in Detroit by booking several radio engagements promoting Bella on the air! Interviews include, but are not limited to: 1400 AM—the Michael Voris Show, 1090 AM—The Kay Browne Show, 990 AM—The Theresa Tomeo Show, and 103.5 FM—The Bob Dutko Show.

Metanoia Films is blessed to have supporters such as you, and we thank you for your support. May God bless you, and may you continue the good work that changes the lives of people everyday.

With Thanks and Appreciation,
Amanda Melefsky
and The Metanoia Films Family

Annie Ervin is the great-grandchild of Robert and Paula Ervin, founding members of Right to Life - LIFESPAN. She was adopted by Patrick and Michelle Ervin. (Michelle has served as a board member of the Oakland/Macomb Chapter.) Annie is 12-years-old and a sixth grader at Everest Academy in Clarkston. She has written a very well-put argument for choosing life! We couldn't agree more—*Choose Life!*

By Annie Ervin

Many people walk or drive right by abortion clinics without even thinking about what might be happening in there. If you think about it, you'll realize that many innocent little babies die there every day. Why do that to little innocent babies when you could choose adoption? Adoption is an easy choice. I think you should choose adoption over abortion.

I think you should choose adoption because when you choose adoption you save your child's life. When you save your child's life, your child can live with a family that loves it and wants it. My perspective of abortion; it is throwing away your child. The garbage is for trash not children!

I have been adopted, so I know what it is like to be adopted. My mother could have had an abortion, but instead she chose adoption for me and my brothers and my sister. Being adopted is a painless process that put me in a great home, with a great family, at a great school,

with great friends and great teachers. All of this great stuff! Just think that some little innocent child is about to die and not going to have as much fun as I am living. It just seems cruel.

Adoption has its ups and downs. Adoption means sadness of not ever going to be able to see what has become of your child over years. Carrying the baby around for 9 to 10 months may be challenging, too. Even criticism of other people can be a struggle. Just ignore the nasty comments of others and take in the good ones. I understand the birth of your child will be painful and hard, but in the end it's worth it.

When you choose abortion you have to spend a lot of money. Adoption costs the birthmother no money. If you have to pay for gas and things to get to the hospital, the adoptive family will reimburse you for your expenses. But the money that the adoption family has to pay will pay off because the person pays for a bundle of joy that lasts a life time.

So if you are thinking of abortion please rethink about it! Just think that your child could have a lot of fun growing up. Your child will grow up and hopefully have kids. They will choose to either keep the child or put it up for adoption. The world will become a happier place to live in! So, instead of throwing away your baby, please choose adoption, choose life! ■

USED BOOK SALE!

PLEASE SAVE & DONATE YOUR USED BOOKS!

Book Drop-off Locations (call first to arrange drop-off)

Near Cadieux and Mack, Detroit, call Mary 313-885-8238

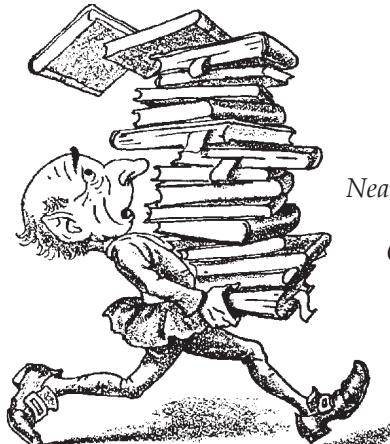
Near I-75 and W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy (Lifespan Oakland/Macomb ofc.), call 248-816-1546

Near 6 Mile and Haggerty Rds., Northville, call Norma 734-420-2244

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 1892 E. Auburn Rd., Rochester Hills, call 248-852-5510

For more information, call Mary - 313-885-8238

COME TO THE BOOK SALE!



SATURDAY, MAY 17, 9:30 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

AND

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
1892 E. Auburn Rd., Rochester Hills

Sponsored by Right to Life - LIFESPAN



Attention: Young Ladies (10-18 years of age)

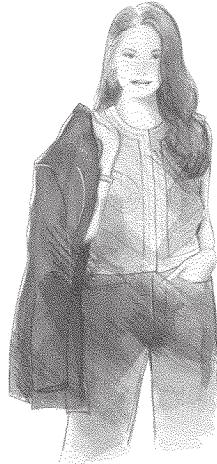
You're Invited!

2nd "Born to be a Lady" Fashion Show and Salad Luncheon

Sunday, April 6th, 1:30-4:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church

29125 W. Six Mile Rd., Livonia



Registration: Deadline March 31

Objective: Promote the Dignity and Respect of Women!

Goals:

- to understand the importance of modest appearance
- to understand the importance of a modest attitude
- to learn important guidelines for putting together modest outfits
- to find the resources to locate modest clothes
- to offer an enjoyable afternoon for mothers, daughters, grandmothers, granddaughters, aunts and nieces

Contact: Marilyn at 248-816-8489 or Lynn at 248-816-1546



Sponsored by Right to Life-LIFESPAN Oakland/Macomb Chapter in cooperation with Educational Center for Life



Celebrate Life Around the World

WINE TASTING EVENT

to benefit *Right to Life - LIFESPAN*
and LaMora Clinic in El Salvador

Sponsored by Holiday Market of Canton

Hosted by Resurrection Catholic Church

Friday, April 11 • 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

All Saints Catholic School • 48735 Warren Road, Canton

Variety of wines, hors d'oeuvres and desserts

Tickets \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door

For tickets and information, contact: **Holiday Market at 734-844-2200 or Sarah Zydeck at 734-667-2287**

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Showers of love and thanks

Lifespan held its 19th annual Baby Shower in March. Hundreds of beautiful baby items were donated to benefit local pregnancy aid centers. One of the reasons some mothers decide to have an abortion is because they say that they can't afford another child. Because of all those who donated, we can now reach those moms and let them know that we are here to help financially so they will be able to keep their beautiful babies.

The following Detroit churches participated this year: Christ the King, Old St. Mary, Sts. Augustine and Monica, Brightmoor Bible Missionary Church and St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park. Thank you all for your continued support, and may God bless you for all you do for His little ones.

Membership drive

Detroit is now in the process of a membership drive. Please help us reach our goal by asking all of your pro-life family and friends to belong to LIFESPAN. Right to Life-LIFESPAN has been your local pro-life organization for over 38 years. As you know, through *Lifespan News*, we keep you updated on all the pro-life issues. We do not receive any federal money. Our membership dues are our backbone. We cannot continue to keep the Detroit office open if our membership continues to drop. See membership applica-

tion on page 11. Feel free to copy it and pass it out to all who can help, or call the office and request a membership package which includes a membership envelope and current newsletter. Thank you. God will bless you.

Voter apathy?

Helen Keller once noted that "science may have found a cure for most evils, but it has found no remedy for the worst of them all—the apathy of human beings." It is this apathy on the part of many Americans when it comes to speaking up for the pre-born or voting for a political candidate without researching their views on the LIFE issues.

The polls say that some voters will even select a candidate according to their appearance or their gender or racial makeup. This is apathetic voting. We have the responsibility to research the issues and vote for the candidate who will represent our own moral and responsible attitudes. You may see a candidate who seems to be the candidate for "Peace and Justice," but you have to remember that without LIFE, there is no "Peace and Justice." I wonder, if we vote for someone who will promote abortion and the destructive killing of human life in embryonic stem cell research, are we an accomplice to this crime? Will we have to stand before Our Supreme Judge in Heaven and account for those actions? And sadly, if it comes down to the lesser of two evils, not voting may possibly allow the "worst evil" to be elected. Think, research and pray before you vote in the next election.

Humility

A primary factor contributing to this nation's rampant pro-abortion mentality is a lack of humility. Scientific advances, a widely proclaimed right to control our own destinies and the absence or shallow level of belief in a "Higher Power" all have led us to believe that we are in charge, that we, in effect, can play God and decide who lives and who dies. Science has us believe that we can even become "Creator God" by cloning a human in the near future. If this is going to be the "Brave New World" of the future, I pray and ask everyone of faith to pray for the future of our children and grandchildren.

stop abortion



1. Pray daily for an end to abortion. Pray for women tempted to have abortions, for doctors and nurses, for legislators, for clergy, for those who work in the movement and for those who do not realize how wrong abortion is. Form pro-life prayer teams or prayer groups in homes or parishes.
2. Read! Be more informed about abortion from such books as *Why Can't We Love Them Both: Questions and Answers About Abortion*, by Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Willke.
3. Wear the "Precious Feet" pin that shows the baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception.

4. Use pro-life pins, decals, envelopes, bumper stickers, T-shirts, posters, etc. Place posters and literature on public bulletin boards in supermarkets and other facilities.

5. Take part in First Amendment activities, such as Life Chains, prayer vigils, plan to attend the annual January 22 March for Life in Washington, D.C., place pro-life yard signs on your property.

6. Send letters or articles to newspapers, to your elected officials and other persons, institutions and publications regarding respect for life.

7. Speak up with courage and charity in defense of pre-born babies.

Call your local Lifespan office for pins, bumper stickers, pamphlets, videos, books, etc.

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Counting crosses

As spring comes and the ground begins to soften, it is time to think of our cross display. If you would like to have the crosses at your place of worship or need more information about this outreach project, please call the Oakland/Macomb office.

More memberships

We are working diligently to be sure that your membership in LIFESPAN is current. Please look at the label on this issue of the *LIFESPAN News*. The date that appears there is the last time you renewed your membership.

As you all know, membership is the life blood of any organization. If you have not renewed your membership in the last 12 months, please consider doing so today—we can't do it without you.

Valuable volunteers

Pictured below, with office manager, Diane Trombley, and Director, Irene Tharp, are the 2008 Oakland/Macomb Jane Condron Steadfast Volunteers of the Year, Ken and June Cummins of Novi. Ken and June have been helping LIFESPAN spread the pro-life message for 15 years. We are grateful to them for their dedication.



Carnation smiles

If you haven't yet placed your order for Mother's Day carnations, do it NOW!

wayne west/downriver

27592 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150-2203
Phone 734-422-6230 • Fax 734-422-8116
e-mail: wwdwr@rtl-lifespan.org
Office Hours: M-Th 10-4; F Closed
Patricia Holscher, Director; Laurie Masiarak, Ofc. Mgr.

Bake Sale needs bakers

Our big, big, big bake sale will be at St. Mary Church in Wayne on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27. Lifespan members, even those who live outside that parish, may help with this annual event. Baked items can be dropped off at the Lifespan office in Livonia on Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or at the church after 2 p.m.

Resource Book 2008

Last call to be listed as a patron in the "Book of Life," better known as Lifespan's annual "Resource Book."

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| * Gold Patron | \$100 |
| * Silver Patron | \$50 |
| * Bronze Patron | \$10 |
| * Memorial | \$10 |
| * Nurses for Life Patron (any \$ amount) | |

You can introduce a new family member, kids and grandkids to our Lifespan family by purchasing a Photo Album ad which is 1/8 page (3.5" x 2.5") for just \$35. Deadline is Tuesday, April 1. Please consider buying or

selling just one ad to make this a successful fundraiser for the Main Office of Lifespan.

Mother's Day Dinner

Come, spend an evening with pro-life friends and meet Lifespan's 2008 "Mother of the Year" and guest speaker Frank Turner. We plan on having transportation available to take dinner guests to the San Marino Club in Troy. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call for cost and pick-up points. Join us; the evening is planned for YOU!

Mother's Day tribute

Now is the time to order silk-like, long-stemmed roses for your church. They are tagged, "Thanks Mom, for Life, come in various colors and can be taken on consignment. A rose, the symbol of Life, is a tribute to mothers on their special day. We also have a fine selection of pins which celebrate motherhood. Call to reserve yours now.

Father's Day recognition

We will be offering Morley candy bars on Father's Day for a donation. The wrapper will be labeled, "Thanks Dad, for Life!" along with "Happy Father's Day." If you'd like your church or school to participate, call ASAP so enough candy is ordered.

Having a baby shower?

Our baby feet pins make wonderful prizes.

THE COST OF ABORTION

Friday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.

St. Michael's Media

22007 Woodward Ave., Ferndale

Studio audience members are needed for the taping of a special pro-life episode of *The One True Faith*. Host Michael Voris will explore the economic, societal, political, cultural, psychological and practical costs of abortion. **Warning: graphic photos of aborted babies will be displayed.** Please reserve your complimentary seats by calling 866-738-1207 or log on to: <http://theonetruefaith.tv/involabout.php>.

Calendar of Events

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Crisis hotline numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call a 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. 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.

Educational Center for Life

"For Young Women Only: What You Need to Know About How Guys Think"

Lisa Rice, author of the above-named book, will be our guest emcee and speaker at this year's Fashion Show and Luncheon. Lisa is busy speaking to young women on her surprising findings about teenage guys. She has developed an abstinence-based talk that includes some hard-hitting statistics and quotes from teen guys throughout the nation. Subjects most intriguing to teens include how guys wish girls wouldn't trigger a visual struggle by how they dress and how secretly sensitive guys are. We look forward to seeing all of you at our annual "Born to be a Lady Fashion Show" on April 6. For more information, see page 7 and/or call 248-816-8489.

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

As I write this article, I look outside at the deep snow, the bare trees, I hear the wind and I hope for spring. I know that spring will come. I know that the sun will shine, and the warmth of the earth will again surround me. But looking outside now, it's hard to believe. Yet I know summer is near.

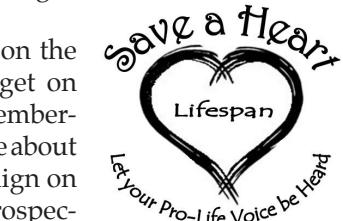
That is a little of what happens to us working in the pro-life movement. We see the darkness, yet we have the energy to stay in the fight, knowing that around the corner is our springtime. A time that little people in the womb will not be destroyed, that those with disabilities will be respected and loved, and those aging will be revered for their wisdom and accepted despite their needs.

How many times have you thought or have you heard others commenting: "the world's going crazy" or "things are just not like they used to be?" There seems to be no absolutes, no guidelines for our youth, only a narcissistic attitude within our society. The me-first crowd is taking over our schools, government and community.

Yet just as we know spring follows the darkness of winter, so too, we know that everyone is not narcissistic and angry. We know there are many good, God-loving people who are just trying to live their lives in peace and harmony with others, raise their children to respect the dignity of all human beings and passing on their values through example. We who believe that the future brings hope for a brighter world must not allow the few to influence the many. We must set the bar high and demand to be heard as pro-life people.

How do we do this? —By organizing a powerful force of pro-life voices. For 38 years, Lifespan has been a part of this force. We started this movement in the Detroit metro area in 1970 and have been here for you ever since. We need to be here in the community and be that catalyst group which works with the grass roots members of the pro-life movement.

Last month, I touched on the need for all members to get on board with our current Membership Drive. Please read more about the "Save a Heart" Campaign on page 4. Send us names of prospective pro-life members, and we will contact them. Or just ask your family, friends or neighbors to join the pro-life family of LIFESPAN. Give them the knowledge that they too can be a part of changing society—give them the opportunity to have their voices heard, give them the hope that the killing in the womb will stop. I know that if all people, who are pro-life, would become a part of a larger group of voices, we could change society. Because of YOU, just as spring follows winter, we will prevail, and from death will come LIFE.



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One of Ms. Nelson's greatest honors was receiving the Florence Nightingale Award in 2001 for her work in palliative care.



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Sharon Urso has a BA in administration and marketing from Madonna University and is a Master's candidate in the Hospice program. She has volunteered for 2 years at Angela Hospice in fundraising and development, co-facilitates a grief support group and is a member of their Speaker's Bureau. Sharon is also chairperson of the parish health ministry at her church.

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