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*An invitation*

**Right to Life - LIFESPAN**

Invites you to its

**20th Annual**

*Mother's Day Dinner*

*"It All Begins With Mom"*

*Honoring All Mothers Attending*

**Tuesday, May 4, 2010 • San Marino Club, Troy**

**Guest Speaker, Teresa Tomeo**

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# DISPELLING THE MYTHS

## Behind conception, contraception and abortifacient drugs

By J. C. Willke, MD and Bradley Mattes, MBS

There is a significant amount of misinformation circulating regarding human fertilization, embryo implantation and the first week of life. Here are the known scientific facts.

When sperm are deposited in a woman's vagina, they swim through the cervix (the mouth of the womb), through the uterus and out through her fallopian tubes. This journey can take as short a time as 30 minutes. At the end of the tube is the ovary. If an ovum (egg) waits, a sperm can penetrate the ovum resulting in fertilization. Sperm can survive as long as a week within the female genital track, but are probably only capable of fertilizing an ovum for about 48 hours after intercourse. During monthly ovulation an egg breaks out of the surface of the ovary. From the time ovulation occurs, and the egg becomes available for union with a sperm, it is capable of being fertilized for probably not much more than twelve hours. It is because of these rather narrow time frames that the great majority of acts of natural intercourse do not result in a pregnancy.

If and when a sperm does penetrate the shell of the ovum, it sheds its tail, and will proceed slowly into the center of the ovum. Its 23 chromosomes will line up next to the ovum's 23 chromosomes, thus constituting a new cell, a fertilized ovum of 46 chromosomes. From the entrance of the sperm until the first cell division is a period of about 24 hours.

What is present at fertilization is an entire new human body, even though it is yet a single cell. This is the most complicated cell in the universe, for it contains within itself all of the information that is needed for this human to develop into a mature adult.

The embryo then floats freely down through the mother's tube. During this first week, the one cell divides until this new being constitutes millions of cells. When this new human is one-week-old, he or she plants within the lining of the mother's uterus, burrows into the spongy, nutritive wall of her womb, contacts the mother's blood stream and sends a chemical, hormonal message. This message goes to a gland at the base of her brain and tells the mother's body that there is a new occupant. Accordingly, this gland sends hormones into the woman's body that prevent her from menstruating.

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But we are told that pregnancy doesn't begin until implantation and that any medication or object which prevents that planting is in fact a contraceptive and will "prevent pregnancy." What has happened has been a redefinition of the terms used. They now tell us that "pregnancy" does not begin until one week after fertilization, the time of implantation. This has fooled untold numbers of people, including many doctors. But we are not talking about the mother's body. It is quite obvious that life does not

begin when this new human life is one week old. Life begins when the sperm penetrates the ovum.

The outgrowth of this new redefinition of the word "pregnancy" has been to also redefine "conception" as the time of implantation rather than the time of union of sperm and ovum. This has resulted in the claim that contraception "prevents pregnancy" any time during the first week of this tiny new human's life, e.g., even though many forms of contraception prevent a living human embryo from implanting, and thus kills him or her, they are still spoken of as "preventing pregnancy."

My colleague, Bradley Mattes, will now detail specific examples.

Hormonal contraception uses the synthetic forms of the hormones progesterone and estrogen. These synthetics are typically called progestin and ethinyl estradiol. The primary function of hormonal forms of birth control prevent ovulation. But it's helpful to understand that some forms of hormonal contraception prevent a woman's egg from fully developing each month. The egg is actually released, but since it is immature, sperm are unable to fertilize it and conception is prevented from taking place. It is also interesting that some makers of hormonal contraception warn against using their product if a woman has had breast cancer or has a family history of breast cancer.

The older forms of hormonal contraception are referred to as first- and second-generation. The newer forms, several of which you currently see advertised on TV, are called third- and fourth-generation contraception.

The purpose of the following information is to provide a basic understanding of how all forms of

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Right to Life - LIFESPAN'S  
**Mother's Day Dinner**



*Honoring All Mothers Attending*  
**It All Begins with Mom!**

**Tuesday, May 4, 2010**

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

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



**T**eresa Tomeo is an author, syndicated Catholic talk show host and motivational speaker with nearly 30 years of experience in TV, radio and newspaper. She is a long-time supporter of Right to Life - LIFESPAN.

In the year 2000, Teresa left the secular media to start her own speaking and communications company. Many of you remember Teresa from her days here in the Detroit media, especially her award-winning radio work and her many years on Channel 7 and Channel 50. Teresa's daily morning radio program, *Catholic Connection*, is produced by Ave Maria Radio in Ann Arbor, and now heard on over 150 Catholic stations nationwide. Her talk show is also carried on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio.

Teresa is a columnist and special correspondent for the national Catholic newspaper, *Our Sunday Visitor*. She appears frequently on EWTN Catholic Television, most recently covering the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Teresa has also been featured on *The O'Reilly Factor* and *Fox News*.

In 2008 Teresa was chosen as only one of 250 delegates from around the world to attend the Vatican Women's Congress held in Rome marking the 20th Anniversary of John Paul II's Letter entitled *On*

*the Dignity and Vocation of Women*.

As a speaker, Teresa travels around the country addressing media awareness and activism. Her first book, *Noise—How Our Media-Saturated Culture Dominates Lives and Dismantles Families*, published by Ascension Press, is a Catholic best-seller and now in its second printing. Her second book, *Newsflash! My Surprising Journey from Secular Anchor to Media Evangelist* was published in September of 2008. Teresa has also co-authored a series of best-selling Catholic books called *All Things Girl* for tween girls focusing on modesty and chastity.

Teresa will be sharing "Teresa's Top Ten: Mom-Inspired Truths for Living a Godly Life."

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

**Advance reservations required by Wednesday, April 28.**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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To facilitate recognizing all mothers attending, check box if this reservation includes one or more mothers; indicate how many \_\_\_\_.

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# News Notes

## Guess Who's Been Coming to Dinner...

Visitor logs reveal what pro-life advocates suspected would happen once President Barack Obama took over as president. He and his administration have allowed the Planned Parenthood abortion business unfettered access to the White House and top staffers. The visitor logs reveal Planned Parenthood president Cecile Richards has visited the White House and spent time with Obama administration officials on four occasions. The documents show Obama wasted little time in giving Richards access, with her first visit coming on January 20—the date of Obama's inauguration—for a luncheon reception with 299 total people. Richards' next visit appears undocumented in the visitor logs.

The Obama administration put together a White House health care summit in March 2009 which saw Richards and Planned Parenthood invited to promote abortion while pro-life groups were left out. The visitor logs also reveal Richards attended a private meeting with Obama administration staff on June 6 and July 7. The June meeting saw 28 people gather at an event coordinated by Valerie Jarrett's White House Office of Public Engagement. Kathleen Richardson, who headed the public-relations offensive designed to woo groups to support the health care bills, coordinated the meeting. The logs don't reveal how long Richards stayed. The July event had Richards in a one-hour private meeting with Tina Tchen, the executive director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, which pro-life advocates say is promoting abortion on a worldwide level. The meeting likely included discussion of plans for Tchen to appear at a Planned Parenthood event held just two weeks later.

## ...And Look at the Trouble Her Business is In!"

A newly-obtained document from the Alabama health department finds even more violations at a Birmingham Planned Parenthood abortion center. The report finds nine cases of underage girls who were victims of statutory rape getting abortions in violation of the state's parental consent law. The documented cases are so numerous that Lila Rose, the pro-life muckraker who exposed the problems in an undercover video, says Planned Parenthood's license should be revoked. The state health department placed the Planned Parenthood center on a one-year probation because of the violations.

Now, Rose's group, Live Action, has obtained a copy of the Alabama Department of Public Health's Statement of Deficiencies indicating it charged Planned Parenthood with additional violations. The document, according to Rose, reveals nine of nine underage girls, aged 13 to 15, received abortions without proper verification of parental consent. Also, a 13-year-old girl went to the Planned Parenthood clinic for two different abortions within the span of four months. Rose says Planned Parenthood made no report of suspected abuse or neglect to the state as required by law.

—LifeNews.com, February 17, 2010

## Graphic Sex Ed For Ten Year Olds— Not On Our Watch!

A new report by the International Planned Parenthood Federation is recommending that children as young as 10 years old receive mandatory graphic sex education, which includes teaching them the "pleasures of sex."

The report, *Stand and Deliver*, recommends—in fact, demands—that children as young as 10 should be seen as "sexual beings." Further, the report criticizes religious institutions such as Catholicism and Islam for placing tremendous barriers on the ability of young people to receive information and services related to sex and that these teachings "deny the pleasurable and positive aspects of sex."

Leslee Unruh, spokesperson for the Abstinence Clearinghouse, said, "They are intentionally ignoring the role of parents in this report. Parents have and should always be the primary sex educators of their children. However, Planned Parenthood knows that the earlier they capture the children's minds, the greater the odds the children will adopt their secular world view. Further, coming from a group whose future relies on funding from failed contraception and abortions, the connection isn't hard to make," she said. "This is an aggressive political agenda, meant to make Planned Parenthood a lot more money." Lastly, Unruh stated, "Early graphic sex education is a proven failed strategy that only molests the minds of the children who experience it. We are committed to ensuring our nation's greatest resource, our youth, is protected. Parents, will you stand with us to prevent this sexualization of our children from happening?"

—Abstinence Clearinghouse, Press Release, February 11, 2010

## Abortion Practitioner Hodari Faces Lawsuit Over Improper Abortion

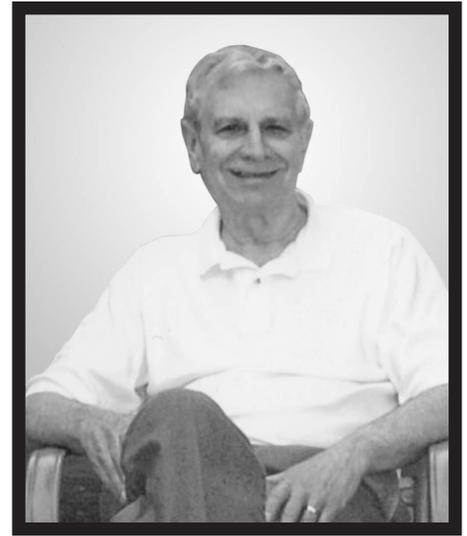
Michigan-based abortion practitioner Alberto Hodari is facing yet another lawsuit related to a woman who suffered a botched abortion at one of his Detroit-area abortion centers. The lawsuit filed [in January] sues Hodari for negligence and incompetence. The suit says he subjected a woman to an unnecessary abortion procedure after failing to diagnose an ectopic pregnancy.

According to Operation Rescue, Marcia Lanqua, 33, went to Hodari's Womancare of Southfield abortion clinic on May 6, 2009, for an abortion. She had been refused an abortion by another clinic in Deerfield because an ultrasound performed on her did not reveal an intrauterine pregnancy, which is an indication of the possibility of an ectopic pregnancy. The pro-life group says Lanqua's lawsuit indicates that Hodari lacked the skill to diagnose the ectopic pregnancy and instead he negligently did an unnecessary uterine abortion on her.

This lawsuit follows on the heels of notification that Hodari is officially under investigation by the Michigan Bureau of Health Profession for his involvement in forcing a woman to have an abortion.

—LifeNews.com, February 5, 2010

# In Loving Memory Robert Holscher 1930 - 2010



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### *House of Representatives*

**Hon. Thaddeus G. McCotter**

Of Michigan

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor the extraordinary life of Mr. Robert Thomas Holscher, who passed away Sunday at the age of 79.

Mr. Holscher is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia, and his four children, Judith, Robert, Jeffrey and William and five grandchildren, Jenn, Jake, Ben, Jack and Charlie. He is remembered as a tender and compassionate husband, father and grandfather who worked hard to provide for his family.

For over 38 years, Mr. Holscher and his wife worked determinedly and unwaveringly with Right to Life-Lifespan to protect vulnerable human life from conception until natural death. Further, his wife served as the director of the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter of the organization. Through their tireless work, Right to Life-Lifespan grew to become the largest pro-life organization in southeastern Michigan. Honorably, Mr. Holscher worked to protect those who could not speak for themselves. He never believed any life, whether it be a disabled newborn or a terminally ill senior citizen, should be discarded as a matter of choice.

Madam Speaker, Mr. Holscher is remembered as a counselor and mentor to all those who seek to preserve the culture of life in our society. As we bid him farewell, I ask you to join me in mourning his passing and honoring the contributions he made to precipitate a culture of life in my district and our society as a whole.

*On behalf of Lifespan, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter said it all...  
We will miss you, Bob. Rest in Peace.*

## Dispelling the Myths

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contraception work and, specifically, whether or not they have any abortifacient function.

**The Birth Control Pill** is the most popular and widely used method of hormonal contraception. It involves taking a month-long series of pills—three weeks of pills containing hormones, and one without. This allows the woman to have a menstrual period. The Pill contains two synthetic hormones, progestin and ethinyl estradiol and has three mechanisms: 1) it prevents ovulation, 2) thickens the cervical mucus, which makes it harder for sperm to enter the uterus and 3) affects the endometrium or lining of the womb to make it more hostile to implantation. This means the tiny developing baby (embryo) cannot attach to the uterine lining and dies, which is a very early abortion. Even so, they define this as “preventing pregnancy.”

**Plan B** or Emergency Contraception is designed for emergency use and not recommended to be used as a regular method of birth control. Plan B One Step is a single pill containing a high dose of progestin, and is available to women without prescription if they are 17 or older. It claims that if taken within 72 hours of “unprotected” sex, it will prevent ovulation, but it also prevents the already conceived embryo from implanting in the endometrium, causing an early abortion.

According to the pro-abortion blog site, Reproductive Health Reality Check, Plan B isn't as effective as first touted, which has caused financial backers to put funding on hold. In addition, the blog site acknowledged that women are “abusing” Plan B by repeatedly using it instead of other birth control methods.

**The IUD** or intrauterine device is available in two different types in America. The hormonal IUD called Mirena, and the copper IUD called Paragard. Mirena releases levonorgestrel, which is a progestogen. Its primary function is to prevent

implantation by the tiny developing human (embryo).

Preventing ovulation appears to function as a distant second. A study of women, one year after inserting the IUD, showed about one-half (45%) of women were still ovulating. After four years, 75% of women were ovulating. Obviously, the greater the number of women ovulating means the higher the chance for fertilization to occur. Other mechanisms of Mirena include thickening the mucus of the cervix, thus not allowing sperm to enter the uterus, or affecting the mobility or survival of sperm.

If fertilization occurs, most likely the tiny unborn child will be prevented from attaching to the lining of the womb and he or she will die. This is a very early abortion.

The copper IUD's effectiveness comes from a continuous release of copper into the uterine cavity; however, they aren't sure why this works. The general consensus is that this is accomplished by preventing implantation of the human embryo.

With both forms of IUD, if the woman becomes pregnant, she has a greater chance of having an ectopic or tubal pregnancy. This is when the tiny developing baby attaches to the lining of the fallopian tube and may threaten the woman's life.

The IUD is not considered safe for women if they have not first given birth to at least one child, have a history of or had breast cancer, or have multiple sexual partners.

**NuvaRing** is a flexible ring about two inches in diameter. It is inserted vaginally once a month and continuously delivers the same hormones found in the Pill and functions with the same three mechanisms. The only difference is the way the drug is administered.

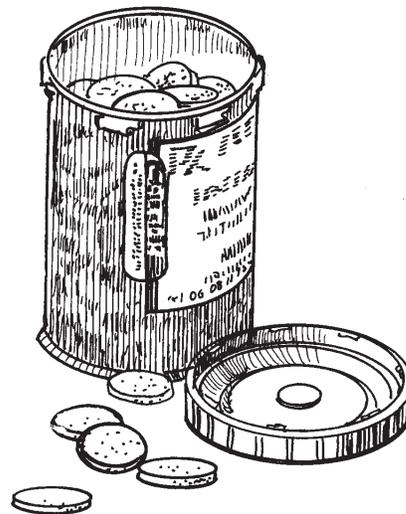
After three weeks, the ring is removed and, after seven days, another is inserted. NuvaRing is part of a third-generation hormonal drug that is growing in controversy. According to a May/June 2009 article in *Mother Jones*, there are more than 100 lawsuits accusing the contraception of being unsafe, mostly due

to blood clots. Some women have died. It's speculated that vaginally absorbing the drugs into the blood system has a more potent impact and increases the likelihood of adverse side effects.

**Yaz and Yasmin** are not the same thing; however, they are very similar. Both are classified as a fourth-generation birth control pill that contains two synthetic hormones: progestin and ethinyl estradiol. There is only a slight difference in dosage of the two drugs. Yasmin has a slightly higher level of ethinyl estradiol than Yaz. Both Yasmin and Yaz function identically. They prevent ovulation, thicken the mucus of the cervix and make the endometrium more hostile to implantation. This medication is also used to treat the symptoms of premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD).

Yaz and Yasmin have proven to be even more controversial than NuvaRing. Consumer advocates have called on the FDA to recall the drugs. The FDA has accused Yazmin of misrepresenting their products and downplaying adverse side effects in their advertising. A class action lawsuit has been filed against Yaz products on behalf of 74 women who have developed severe health problems from these drugs.

**The Minipill** is similar to the regular birth control pill, except that it contains only progestin. As a result, this pill must be taken every day of the month, compared



to the regular birth control Pill that requires only three weeks. The Mini-pill still operates using the three common mechanisms of hormonal contraception: preventing ovulation, thickening the mucus of the cervix and making the endometrium more hostile to implantation, which is a very early abortion. It is considered less effective than the combined progestin and estrogen pill.

The progestin-only pill is considered to be Continuous Birth Control. This usually results in stopping the woman's menstrual period (a selling point of the drug). Types of birth control pills that are considered Continuous Birth Control are Seasonale, Seasonique and Yaz.

**The Patch**, called Ortho Evra, is a thin, square patch that adheres to the skin. Women wear it on the lower abdomen, below the belly button, and it is replaced weekly. Its function is identical to the Pill in that it utilizes the common three mechanisms: preventing ovulation, thickening the mucus of the cervix and making the endometrium more hostile to implantation of a tiny developing human.

The patch is the most controversial of all birth control methods when it comes to the safety and well being of women. The patch delivers 60% more estrogen than the Pill because it is absorbed directly through the skin. The Pill's delivery system—the digestive track—mitigates the effectiveness of these drugs. The Associated Press reported that a woman's risk of dying or experiencing a survivable blood clot while on the patch was about three-times higher than while on the Pill. It's also been reported that several women have died and numerous lawsuits have been filed on behalf of those who say they were adversely affected by the patch.

**Depo-Provera** is like the Mini-pill, a progestin-only drug, but it is injected every three months into the woman's arm muscle or buttocks. Since it is progestin only, it functions in the same way the Minipill does, including the prevention of implantation.

**Norplant** is a number of hormonal matchstick-sized rods implanted under the skin, usually in the upper arm. However, it is no longer available in the United States.

**Diaphragm & Condoms:** The diaphragm is a flexible rubber, dome-shaped disk that fits over the cervix in the vagina to block sperm from entering the cervix. The condom—both male and female versions—also prevent sperm from entering the uterus. All three of these are barrier forms of contraception and do not involve abortion.

**Spermicides/Sponge:** The sponge is a soft disk about 1.5" in diameter. It's coated with non-oxynol-9 spermicide and is inserted into the vagina. Its function is to kill sperm or block their entrance into the uterus.

Spermicide comes in various forms: foam, cream, jelly or suppository. Its function is also to kill sperm or block them from entering the uterus. Neither the Sponge or other Spermicides have an abortifacient function.

Sterilization is the surgical process of permanently sterilizing women or men. A tubal ligation severs and ties off the woman's fallopian tubes, which prevents fertilization from occurring. A vasectomy severs and ties off the vas deferens or the tubes to the man's testicles. There is no guarantee that these procedures can be reversed. Abortion is not involved with either of these forms of sterilization.

**Natural Family Planning** is the process of abstaining from sexual intercourse during the time a woman is fertile and able to conceive. To determine when ovulation occurs, the woman observes changes that occur within her body. There are two methods of natural family planning. One is the process of observing changes in cervical mucus. During ovulation, the mucus becomes stretchy, clear and slick. The other method is a daily monitoring of the woman's temperature, which will slightly rise during ovulation. Natural family planning has no abortifacient function.

Hopefully we've clarified the myths and misconceptions regarding fertilization, the first days of life and abortion's role in some forms of contraception. Recently Laura Wershler, executive director of Sexual Health Access Alberta (formerly known as Planned Parenthood Alberta), lamented the lack of knowledge in her field regarding natural family planning. She says more women are looking for alternatives to hormonal contraception. She cites a trend toward natural products, better health and environmentalism. There have been several reports on adverse side-effects of synthetic estrogens on fish in the world's water systems. And there are particular health concerns regarding the third- and fourth-generation hormonal contraception products that have been introduced into society.

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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**.



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### Showers of love and thanks

Lifespan recently held its 21st annual Baby Shower. Hundreds of beautiful baby items were donated to local pregnancy aid centers.

One of the reasons some mothers decide to have an abortion is because they say that they cannot 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.

These Detroit churches participated this year: Assumption Grotto, Christ the King, Old St. Mary's, Sts. Augustine and Monica, Brightmoor Bible Missionary 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.

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Dear Friends,

Over the years, I have shared many stories of moms and their precious babies whom we have helped. I would like to thank many of the unsung heroes who have helped us. This year, especially, we are even more grateful as Michigan's economy has wrecked havoc on all non-profits and we are no exception. People are struggling to take care of their own families first, which is certainly understandable. There are, however, some very dear people who have continued to provide for our little ones.

A wonderful mother and daughter have for years created a special gift for our newborns—a pretty crocheted afghan, a tiny handmade sleeper, a onesie and a bottle—all tied together with a ribbon. (Many newborns

### Membership drive

Detroit is in the process of a membership drive. Please help us reach our goal by asking all your pro-life family and friends to join Lifespan. Right to Life-LIFESPAN has been your local pro-life organization for over 40 years. Through our newsletter, *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, and we cannot continue to keep the Detroit Office open if our membership continues to drop. A membership form is on page 15. Feel free to copy it and pass it out to all who can help or call the office and request a membership package which will include a membership envelope and a current newsletter.

### Used Book Sale

Lifespan will host a Used Book Sale, on June 10-13, at St. James Catholic Church, north of 8 Mile Rd., off Woodward Ave. What a "win...win" fundraiser. We get to recycle used books (go GREEN!), encourage people to read more (go mind power!) and, in the process, Lifespan gets the financial benefit (go save more babies!) Please start saving your books and possibly have a book drive at your church. All it would take is an OK by your pastor, an ad in your church paper for a drop off week-end, a couple of big boxes for deposit of books and a few volunteers to possibly sort and transport the books to our drop-off locations. Do you have a Book Club? What a fun Christian Service activity this would be for you. See back page for more information and/or call Mary at 313-885-8238.

have come home from the hospital dressed in this adorable outfit thanks to them.) A ladies group sews beautiful quilts, students make soft, flannel blankets and scrapbookers create cute albums. One family, in lieu of exchanging Christmas gifts, bought presents for my babies, while another dear lady celebrated a very special birthday and asked her guests to bring gifts for our little ones instead of for her. An elegant tea has been hosted for a couple of years by yet another friend who has collected baby items for us. Giving trees and showers have been organized—permission obtained, publicity done, packages collected and delivered to our office. We are so grateful for everyone's hard work. There were churches this year that could not do their traditional Giving Tree for Wee Care as they had so many of their own members who had lost jobs and needed help. We knew that their love and prayers were still with us, and we thank them.

We also need to thank two very special women who donate their time and help sort and put together our layettes—couldn't do Wee Care without them! Another very special lady is one of our true guardian angels. Each month, she sends us a monetary donation that literally helps keep our doors open! And finally, I would like to thank "Tommy" and to share with you his letter which he printed VERY CAREFULLY: "I worked really hard to earn the money to buy this gift for a little baby. Merry Christmas. Tommy Age 5." To each and everyone of you, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart! —Love, Karen

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### Carnations

Flowers have a magical power. They seem to create smiles whenever they are presented to those we love. Each year, the Oakland/Macomb chapter of LIFESPAN helps area churches to present those flowers for Mother's Day and gather those smiles. If you think your faith community would like to participate, call the office, 248-816-1546.

### Advertisers

Do you own a business? Do you know someone who does? We would be so pleased if your or your friend would take an ad in the Mother's Day Dinner Resource Book this year. The ads help to fund Lifespan's Main Office for the entire year.

Our rates are very reasonable and we encourage our membership to look in our book first when selecting a business or service. If you think you know someone who

might take an ad, please call the office with their name and number, and we will send out a *Resource Book* from last year and an ad form.

### Fashion Show

The recent fashion show, co-sponsored by the Educational Center for Life, Right to Life - LIFESPAN and Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church, was a wonderful afternoon. No red carpet for any awards program had more beautiful models or more fashionable clothes.

Designed to show that fashion can be trendy and modest, the girls had a wonderful time showing off everything from swimsuits, to lounge wear to sports wear to prom dresses.

Mary Dudley explained the dignity and respect each woman deserves and how choosing appropriate behaviors and fashions can elicit that respect. Congratulations to all the models and to all who made this afternoon so enjoyable.



The beautiful bouquets and corsages worn by our models were provided by Affordable Flowers. An order to Affordable Flowers using the code RTLIFE will result in a 10% gift to Lifespan. Call 248-644-2244.

## wayne west/downriver

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Patricia Holscher, Director; Laurie Masiarak, Ofc. Mgr.

### Bake Sale needs bakers

A Mother's Day Bake Sale for Lifespan will be held at St. Raphael Church in Garden City (west side of Merri-man Rd., just north of Ford Rd.) on the weekend of May 8 and 9. Lifespan members, even those who live outside the parish, may help with this event. Baked items may be dropped off at the Lifespan office in Livonia (address above), on Saturday, May 8th, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., or at the church after 2:00 p.m.

### Resource Book 2010

Last call to be listed as a *Patron* in the book of Life, better known as LIFESPAN'S annual "Resource Book."

Gold Patron	\$100
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You can introduce a new family member, kids and grandkids, to our Lifespan family by purchasing a *Photo Album* ad, that is, 1/8 page (3.5"x2.5") for just \$35.

Deadline for ads is Wednesday, April 14. Please consider buying or selling just one ad to make this a successful fundraiser for the Main Office of Lifespan. Call 734-422-6230 or go to [www.rtl-lifespan.org](http://www.rtl-lifespan.org), click on "Events" for an ad form.

### Mother's Day Dinner

Come, spend an evening with pro-life friends where ALL mothers attending will be honored. Our guest speaker will be radio talk show host, Teresa Tomeo. (See page 3.) 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-served basis. Call for cost and pick-up points. Join us; the evening is planned for YOU!!!

### Mother's Day tribute

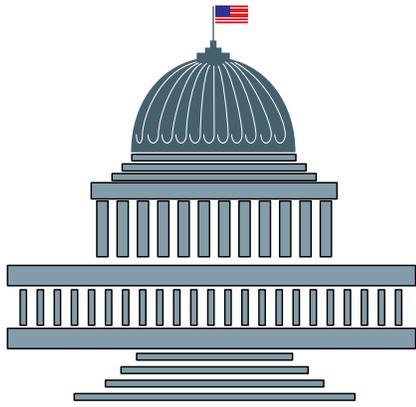
Now is the time to order silk-like, long-stemmed roses for your church. They are tagged, "Thanks Mom, for Life." They come in various colors and can be taken on consignment. A rose, the symbol of Life, is a tribute to mothers on their special day.

### 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!" Pens will also be available with the same sentiment. If you'd like your church or school to participate, call ASAP so enough items are purchased.

### Having a baby shower?

Our baby feet pins make wonderful prizes.



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Dear Representative (last name):

## Know Your Representatives

The following is the record of votes, on March 21, by Michigan's U.S. House of Representatives, in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties, on the Health Care Reform bill.

### Voting for the health care measure (a pro-abortion vote):

John Conyers (D-14)  
John Dingell (D-15)  
Dale Kildee (D-5)  
Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-13)  
Sander Levin (D-12)  
Gary Peters (D-9)  
Mark Schauer (D-7)  
Bart Stupak (D-1)

### Voting against the measure (a pro-life vote):

Dave Camp (R-4)  
Vern Ehlers (R-3)  
Pete Hoekstra (R-2)  
Thaddeus McCotter (R-11)  
Candice Miller (R-10)  
Mike Rogers (R-8)  
Fred Upton (R-6)

## Americans United for Life: Executive Order Won't Stop Abortion in Health Care

The pro-life group Americans United for Life released statements today from two of its top officials. They don't think an executive order will stop the abortion funding in the health care bill.

AUL president Charmaine Yoest told LifeNews.com, "the proposal to address the problem of abortion funding in the health care bill through use of an executive order is a tacit acknowledgement that the bill as it stands is pro-abortion legislation."

"Both the President and the Speaker have repeatedly denied this stark fact," she said.

"Furthermore, the AUL legal team has concluded that an executive order is not an adequate fix to mitigate the Senate bill's establishment of taxpayer-funded abortion. For example, an executive order cannot prevent insurance companies that pay for abortions in the exchanges from receiving federal subsidies," Yoest adds.

"In addition, executive orders can be undone or modified as quickly as they are created. President Obama revoked the Mexico City Policy, through the use of an executive order, and thereby allowed federal tax dollars to finance organizations that provide abortions internationally for the first time in years," she continued.

She concluded: "This fact, coupled with the Administration's repeated endorsement of the pro-abortion lobby's agenda, force any reasonable person to conclude that this bill will clearly create the largest expansion of taxpayer-funded abortion in American history."

Meanwhile, William Saunders, the senior vice president of the respected pro-life legal and legislative group, confirmed Yoest's analysis.

"While a carefully worded executive order might be able to take care of some of the mandate concerns, it cannot correct all of the abortion-related problems with the bill. A statute cannot be undone by an executive order or regulation. For example, an Executive Order cannot prevent insurance plans that pay for abortions and participate in the newly-created exchanges from receiving federal subsidies, because this allowance is explicitly written in the bill," he said.

Saunders continued: "The fact that statutes cannot be overridden by executive orders or regulations has been repeatedly affirmed by the United States Supreme Court."

"Further, Executive Orders can be undone or modified as quickly as they are created. In spite of the fact that the American people overwhelmingly do not want to see their tax dollars go toward abortion, we continue to see restrictions on federal funding for abortions reduced to executive orders, appropriations riders, and regulations." Saunders continued.

"Congress failed to deliver a statutory prohibition on abortion funding in health care reform, and an executive order cannot do the job," he concluded.

— Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com, March 20, 2010

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# Analysis Shows 52 Million Abortions Since Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade Decision

Read any commentary on the contentious abortion debate and you'll likely find a wide variety of numbers attempting to estimate the number of abortions that have taken place since the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision since 1973.

Now, a new analysis from the National Right to Life Committee based on hard data and estimates for the most recent years finds 52 million unborn children have been killed in abortion since the *Roe* decision.

Any analysis of abortion stats and figures starts with the understanding that the Centers for Disease Control has never tabulated accurate numbers of abortions. The CDC relies on figures from state health departments, some of which rely on voluntary reporting—and it hasn't had data from some states such as California and New Hampshire for more than a decade.

In its survey of abortion numbers, NRLC goes to the source by relying on the Guttmacher Institute, the former research arm of Planned Parenthood, which receives numbers directly from abortion centers themselves.

"Because of these different methods of data collection, GI has consistently obtained higher counts than the CDC. CDC researchers have admitted it probably undercounts the total number of abortions because reporting laws vary from state to state and some abortionists probably do not report or under-report the abortions they perform," NRLC explains.

Digging into the numbers, the NRLC analysis shows abortion numbers rising in the 1970s and, in the 1980s, abortion eventually mainstreamed itself to the point that about 1.55 million abortions were done annually until the early 1990s.

At that point, as crisis pregnancy centers began turning the corner with the use of ultrasounds, pro-life state legislation began to take hold and the Internet allowed the pro-life perspective to flourish, abortions began to decline.

"After reaching a high of over 1.6 million in 1990, the number of abortions annually performed in the U.S. has dropped back to levels not seen since the late 1970s," NRLC says.

The Guttmacher Institute's most recent abortion figures, from 2005, confirm the downward trend from a high of 1.6 million abortions in 1990 to 1.2 million that year. Without any hard figures in the last few years, NRLC estimates the number of abortions from 2006 to today at the same rate of 1.2 million that GI reported.

To calculate the overall number of abortions, NRLC includes the hard figures from 1973-2005, the estimates for the last few years and also includes the Guttmacher Institute's admission that its own figures are likely

about three percent lower than the actual totals because of potential errors in reporting.

National Right to Life estimates that, as the nation marks the 37th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* decision, there have been 52,008,665 abortions using either surgical or the abortion drug (RU 486) method since *Roe v. Wade*.

NRLC director of research and education Randy O'Bannon talked with LifeNews.com about the figures.

"Abortion has taken a terrible toll on America. We've now lost more than 52 million of our sons, daughters, friends, and neighbors and we are a much poorer nation for it," he said.

"Over the past twenty years, however, we have seen that pro-life efforts can make a difference, as the number of abortions performed in the U.S. has declined from 1.6 million to 1.2 million a year. We've still a long way to go, obviously, but we see that pro-life legislation, education, and outreach can save and has saved hundreds of thousands of lives," O'Bannon added. "Our task is great, but our cause is just."

Related web sites: NRLC factsheet on abortion numbers—[http://www.nrlc.org/Factsheets/FS03\\_AbortionInTheUS.pdf](http://www.nrlc.org/Factsheets/FS03_AbortionInTheUS.pdf)  
—Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com Editor, January 22, 2010

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## Just Askin'...

Every day we read about more and more schools closing because of declining enrollment—Chicago, Detroit, Kansas City, California, Washington D.C., Pontiac, Farmington Hills, Southfield—the list seems endless. These closings also impact teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, teacher aides etc, etc.

This is due, in part, to the tough economic times in our state and others, which may be causing families to relocate to other areas. But, has anyone else noticed that destroying 1.2 million babies each year by abortion is bound to translate into empty classroom desks? Just askin'...

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# Anti-life trends are tragic, dangerous

By Julie Szydowski

A commercial scheduled to air during Super Bowl XLIV is generating significant controversy, and some women's groups are demanding that CBS not show it. Sponsored by Focus on the Family, the ad depicts college football star Tim Tebow and his mother as she recounts her decision to carry Tim to term during a risky pregnancy, despite doctors' recommendations to abort him. That the commercial's theme—"Celebrate Family, Celebrate Life"—is eliciting such backlash uncovers a darker issue that makes one wonder: how did a culture of death overshadow our country to such an extent that a simple commercial promoting life should be so divisive?

In key ways, this unsettling anti-life culture originates with *Roe v. Wade*. Since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand nationwide, it is estimated that over 50 million human lives have been extinguished through the procedure—and that number is growing by approximately 4,000 every day. Sadly, the longer such legal genocide is in practice, the less shock value it has for too many, allowing it to take on an air of normalcy, as nothing more than a "woman's choice."

Add to this the active propaganda campaign by pro-abortion groups to falsely portray pro-life groups as anti-women, hateful extremists, and the abortion issue is relegated to a mere social issue rather than one of life and death. Thus, it becomes easier to turn a blind eye to what is actually at stake—the willful ending of human life and the serious emotional, psychological and spiritual trauma it causes for approximately 93 percent of the women who terminate a pregnancy. Having been falsely led to believe the procedure is harmless, many women realize too late that there are at least two victims for every one abortion. But contrary to their supposedly pro-women stance, "pro-choice" advocates diligently bury this reality.

The methodic effort to minimize abortion as the tragedy it is likely created the slippery slope toward other anti-life trends currently spanning the nation. In 2008, Michigan voters passed Proposal 2, the ballot initiative for taxpayer funding of human embryonic stem cell research (ESCR). Unlike adult stem cell research, not only has ESCR failed to produce one medical breakthrough (on the contrary, it has been proven to cause deadly tumors in some people receiving the stem cells), but a human life is destroyed every time it is dismembered for research. Although embryos have not yet reached that touchable, cuddly stage of actual babyhood, did 37 years of legalized abortion desensitize voters into believing it is acceptable to destroy one life, whether born or not, for the benefit of another?

Also gaining acceptance is the ghoulish practice of assisted suicide. Already three U.S. states allow a physician to end a patient's life under the guise of mercy. Although organized medical groups expressed adamant opposition to the practice, clever media campaigns that distorted facts,

coupled with a growing attitude that life's value is based solely on how easy and vibrant it is, were instrumental in making the practice legal in Washington, Oregon, and most recently, Montana. It is not only sad how easily people are being convinced to forfeit their own lives, but in some cases assisted suicide is being pushed as a means for cutting costs.

Springfield, Oregon resident, Barbara Wagner, for instance, was being treated for cancer when her Oregon Health Plan notified her it would not pay for the promising, but expensive, cancer drugs prescribed by her doctor. They would, however, pay for less expensive "comfort care, including physician aid in dying." Barbara wanted to fight for her life, but a panel of strangers, clearly hardened against such a "frivolous" thing, trumped her decision.

An alarming similarity can be seen in our own U.S. Congress with some members' calls for drastic cuts in Medicare to save costs and ultimately pay for the health-care reform they seek to pass. At what point, then, does a senior citizen get denied treatment simply because it has become increasingly acceptable to diminish the value of someone's life and hand down decisions against it?

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Likewise, to what extent will proactive measures actually be taken to end a life not deemed viable? Recall the heartbreaking case of Terri Schiavo, who in 2005 was ordered by court rulings to be denied food and water, against the objections of her parents who unsuccessfully sought the right to care for her. Though brain damaged from an unfortunate event, aside from a feeding tube, she was attached to no life-supporting machinery, could breathe on her own, and often broke into smiles of recognition when her parents entered the room.

However, savvy legal maneuverings and tricky semantics on the part of Terri's husband convinced judges her life was not worth living. As the effects of food and water deprivation took root, Terri's mother was even denied the request to give her daughter ice chips to soothe her parched lips and tongue. It took two agonizing weeks before Terri succumbed to her barbaric, court-ordered death.

In a country founded on the principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, it is beyond comprehension that such practices are taking place, especially with such nonchalant acceptance by so many. Contrary to the God-given purpose bestowed upon every person in whatever

form that person represents, too many Americans are being duped into believing that life is an arbitrary, inessential thing to be measured mainly by the extent to which one is considered self-reliant, useful or perfect.

This is not only tragic, but dangerous. Just as a judge decided a brain-damaged woman wasn't worth saving, what future guarantee exists that this pattern won't permeate broader aspects of society, rendering us all vulnerable to the sanctioned whim of others who might decide at some point that our own lives are not worthy?

A chilling rendition of this occurred in Illinois with the defeat of the Born Alive Infant Protection Act, a bill proposed to grant babies who survived their late-term abortions the right to medical treatment and other life-saving basics, like food and water, rather than being left to die as is now the case. The bill came up for a vote four times, and four times then-Senator Barack Obama voted against it, stating, among other things, that it is the mother's and doctor's prerogative to decide if the baby should live after it is born.

Some may argue it is far-fetched that such atrocious decisions could be enforced regarding our own lives,

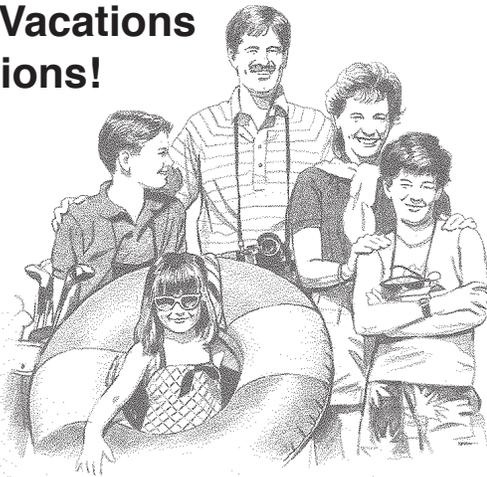
but for every instance where life is willingly devalued in one area, it chips away at its value in other areas, further eroding our human spirit, and making even hideous acts seem more and more tolerable.

With such disturbing trends taking place in our country, it seems that a cheerful commercial promoting life during a football game would be a welcomed thing. But women's groups like the National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood are opposed to the Super Bowl ad, claiming it is "anti-choice." How sad that they are part of the culture that fails to accept and wishes to suppress the fact that sometimes the choice one makes is for life.

Whether CBS airs the commercial or not, it is important to stand vigilant against the anti-life assaults on our culture. While America faces many challenges, fundamental to our future well-being is the unwavering recognition of and support for the value, dignity and sanctity of every human life. If we don't begin there, then where does it all end?

— Julie Szydlowski is a freelance writer who resides in Shelby Twp., MI  
*Editor's Note: The Tebow ad did run during the Super Bowl. However, afterwards, the ad did not appear on YouTube which had offered the opportunity to see Super Bowl ads. Also, the NCAA pulled it from their site showing other ads.*

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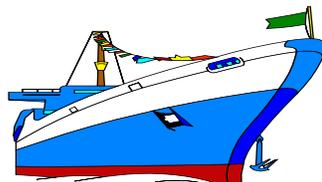
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## Pro-Life Women's Group Strips Bart Stupak of Pro-Life Award After Abortion Deal

In the first indication of just how upset Congressman Bart Stupak made pro-life groups by arranging a deal on abortion funding with President Barack Obama, a pro-life women's group is stripping the formerly respected pro-life Democrat of an award it planned to give him this week. Stupak announced earlier today that he arranged an executive order with Obama to nullify the abortion funding in the pro-abortion Senate health care bill.

But, pro-life groups say the deal is worthless because an executive order can't be used to modify federal law, which will be changed under the Senate bill to allow abortion funding.

Saying it plans to "drive out" of Congress the pro-life betrayers who vote for the pro-abortion health care bill, the Susan B. Anthony List told LifeNews.com that Stupak will lose its "Defender of Life" award the group planned to give to Stupak at its annual dinner gala this coming week.

"This Wednesday night is our third annual Campaign for Life Gala, where we were planning to honor Congressman Stupak for his efforts to keep abortion-funding out of health care reform," SBA List president Marjorie Dannenfelser told LifeNews.com.

"We will no longer be doing so. By accepting this deal from the most pro-abortion President in American history, Stupak has not only failed to stand strong for unborn children, but also for his constituents and pro-life voters across the country," she said. Stupak talked with CNN about the decision and said, "I didn't see the award. I stood on my principle. I don't need an award."

The move went beyond merely an award and SBA List said the vote on the pro-abortion health care legislation would have election consequences.

"Let me be clear: any representative, including Rep. Stupak, who votes for this healthcare bill can no longer call themselves 'pro-life.' The Susan B. Anthony List Candidate Fund will not endorse, or support in any capacity, any Member of Congress who votes for this bill in any future election," Dannenfelser warned.

"Now through Election Day 2010, these representatives will learn that votes have consequences. We will actively seek out true pro-life candidates to oppose Members who vote 'yes' on this bill, whether it be in general or primary elections. For these Members, it will be a quick downhill slide to defeat in November," she continued.

"The executive order on abortion funding does absolutely nothing to fix the problems presented by the health care reform bill that the House will vote on this evening. The very idea should offend all pro-life Members of Congress. An executive order can be rescinded at any time at the President's whim, and the courts could and have a history of trumping executive orders. Most importantly, pro-abortion Representatives have admitted the executive order is meaningless," she told LifeNews.com.

She pointed to comments from Rep. Wasserman Schultz today, who admitted that "an executive order cannot change the law."

—Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com Editor, March 20, 2010

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Our LIFESPAN family has lost a great friend and co-worker, Bob Holscher. Bob has been with this movement since the beginning—1970. He was our advisor in all matters of printing and publishing. This was his profession, and he brought those God-given talents to us. He was the "quiet man," the one who after all debate ended, gave us his wise and accurate council. My condolence and love goes out to Pat, his widow (Director of Lifespan's Wayne West/Downriver Chapter) and his family. We will miss you, Bob.

On a more uplifting note, I would like to comment on the Mother's Day Dinner this year. I encourage all of you to attend and bring your own mother. The Board thought that this year, the 40th anniversary of LIFESPAN, and our 20th Mother of the Year dinner, it would be appropriate to honor ALL MOTHERS in this movement. This is our big fundraising event of the year, and this year, as elsewhere, funds are down. By attending, you would not only be honoring your mother, you will also be supporting LIFESPAN'S educational efforts and our Wee Care program that helps moms and their babies.

The evening will be uplifting. Teresa Tomeo will be giving us a glimpse of her thoughts of motherhood in a humorous and lively presentation. Please mark your calendar, May 4th—the evening will not be long, but will be filled with joyous celebration of one of God's greatest gifts to humanity—MOTHERS.

See page 3 for Dinner reservation information.

You do not have to be a member to support our cause, but your membership will always be appreciated and respected. As pro-lifers, we have made an impact these past 40 years—just listen to the debate on health care—whatever the outcome, abortion has had an impact on this debate. This is because members like you have never given up! We must continue to persevere in our goal to bring respect for human life back to all of God's children, the born and pre-born. Stay vigilant.

See you at the Dinner!

Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

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