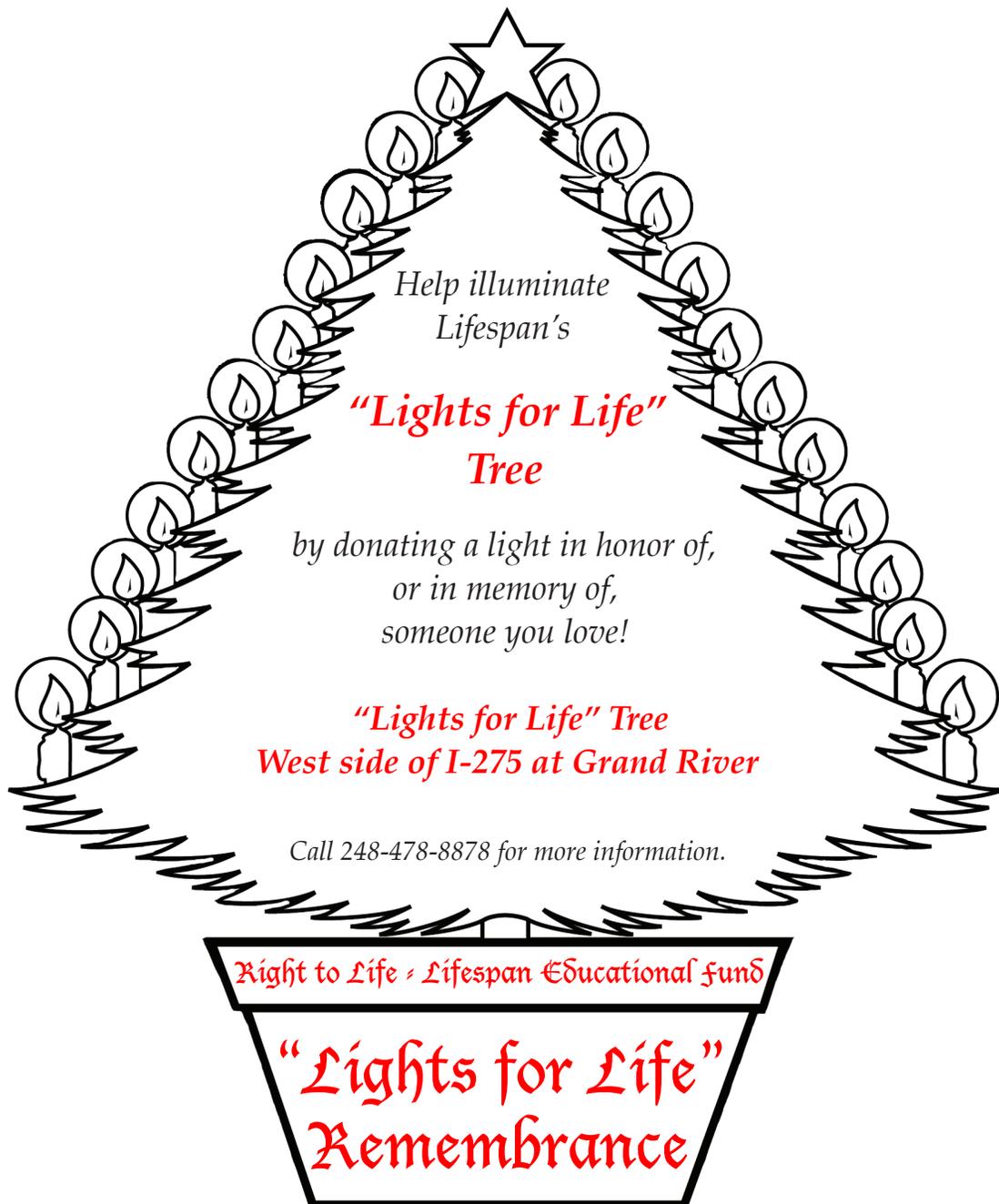


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Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, we thank you for all your blessings this year.
 For family and friends we hold most dear.
 For a bountiful harvest which our hands have planted
 By the witness we give and the grace you have granted.

Lord, we thank you for all the hearts we have touched
 As we stood on Gratiot and Woodward and such.
 May our witness be a shining example of you
 As we go through life's journey in all that we do.

Lord, we thank you for the foot soldiers who stand every day
 In front of abortion clinics to witness and pray.
 Give them courage and strength to continue their stand
 By offering young women an alternative plan.

And finally, Lord, we thank you for what you have done
 By giving us the gift of your only beloved Son.
 May we take this precious gift from our Father above
 And give witness to LIFE by our actions of love.
 —Mary Cascos

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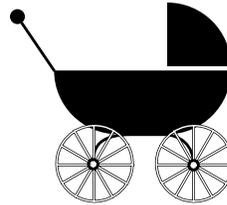
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Baby Shower!

Lifespan is planning its 20th annual Baby Shower to benefit crisis pregnancy centers on **Sunday, March 7.**

Continuing this tradition of caring for mothers and their babies, born and yet to be born, Lifespan will host approximately 50 baby showers simultaneously at different church locations throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. Showers are usually held from 2:00-3:30 p.m., but may also be held after church services or simply as a gift drop-off shower.

If you or your church would like to co-host a baby shower, please call us at **248-478-8878.**

Place a Light on the "Lights for Life" Tree

Celebrate with us this Christmas Season, remembering those you love. In keeping with the Christmas spirit of giving, caring and sharing, Lifespan invites you to help illuminate our "Lights for Life" Tree by donating a light in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love. Your tax-deductible contribution may be made throughout the Christmas Season. The Tree will be illuminated through January 22. Contributions will be used to benefit Wee Care, a Lifespan outreach program for moms and their babies. Honorees' names will appear in Lifespan News. For more information, call **248-478-8878.**



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Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. If you need additional space, please attach another sheet of paper.

Please make your check payable to Lifespan Educational Fund.

Note "Lights for Life" on your check memo and mail to Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152.



***Precious Life
Handle with Care***

Commemoration of the January, 1973
Roe v. Wade decision

Indoor Rally for Life

**Sunday, January 17, 2010
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Speakers - Music - Video

Sacred Heart Byzantine Church Hall

**29125 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia
East of Middlebelt**

Call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230 for more information

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Attention: Jr. High, High School and College Students!

“MOVEMENT IN MOTION”

Youth Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. - JANUARY 2010



REGISTRATION: Now through November 30th (or sooner, depending on how quickly the buses fill up—the quicker you sign up the better chance you’ll have of getting on board!)

COST: \$140.00 per person (which will include a dinner and a Continental breakfast at the host church), a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit will be required to hold a seat on the bus.

BASIC ITINERARY: Four buses will leave Thursday evening, January 21st from Troy & Livonia, arrive in D.C. Friday morning, January 22nd, attend the Youth Rally/Mass at the Verizon Center (all are welcome), participate in the **March for Life**, stay overnight at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria (Virginia), tour some sites on Saturday, January 23rd (including the Arlington National Cemetery) and arrive back home on Sunday morning, January 24th.

QUESTIONS? WANT TO REGISTER? Call Lynn, Bus Trip Coordinator, RTL- LIFESPAN Oakland/Macomb Chapter office, at **248-816-1546** or e-mail her at **oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org**. Be sure to put “Movement in Motion” in the subject line of your e-mail message.

Help us spread the word about the trip to your family members, friends at school, at college and in your faith community!!!

Sponsored by Right to Life - LIFESPAN Oakland/Macomb Chapter



Youth leader, high school youth and parents from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Royal Oak, at Life Chain on Woodward Ave., one of many Life Chains sponsored by Right to Life - LIFESPAN on October 4.



Julie Szydlowski, chairman of this year’s Cider Walk, on October 10, with two of the Walk participants.



Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List, and guest speaker at Lifespan’s Pro-Life Breakfast, on September 26, with University of Michigan students.

Just Say No?

With school physicals right around the corner, parents should be cautious about allowing their daughters to receive the vaccine called Gardasil, a yet unproven vaccine for HPV, a disease only transmitted by sexual activity. The vaccine is pushed as a means to prevent cervical cancer, which has been connected to HPV, but Gardasil does nothing to prevent HPV strains causing 30% of cervical cancers.

Gardasil has developed a track record of unusual and dangerous side effects. The death toll from the drug has reached at least 47. There were also 1061 "serious" reports of complications including 142 classified as life-threatening, 147 spontaneous abortions and 29 cases of Guillain-Barre Syndrome. Is use of this vaccine really worth the risks?

—Illinois Right to Life Committee, Spring/Summer, 2009

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SAVE THE DATE!

4th Annual

"Born to be a Lady" Fashion Show

To promote the dignity and respect of women
(for young ladies, ages 12 years old and up)

Sunday, March 21, 2010
2:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Ss. Cyril and Methodius
Slovak Catholic Church
Sterling Heights

Registration Fee: \$15 by March 15

The Fashion Show is sponsored by
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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Where does one begin in this season of discontent? Have you ever seen the world, especially our country, in such disarray? So many problems, so few answers. The drastic change in the way we are being governed is not surprising, considering the road we have been on the past 50 years.

Let's see where have we been—the sexual revolution, the attack on authority, the breakdown of the family, loss of cultural norms, the Hollywood influence, the common acceptance of lying and deceit as a means to an end, the infiltration of our great universities and schools with ultra-liberal thinking staff and administrations; stifling conservative free speech or dissension under the guise of diversity. Then the one we know so well—removing the "Right to Life" from the most vulnerable of our human family, the pre-born.

We have also seen a concerted effort to remove a belief in God from the fabric of our society. Removing the belief in a Power mightier than man enables the human gene manipulators to finally do what they have planned—create and control human life. This is the ultimate control of the masses. They have already convinced many that life in the womb is inconsequential and millions of our fellow citizens are no more. The dishonesty and deceit that is used in the scientific community to cloud the biological facts of the beginnings (fertilization) and endings (natural death) of life has only one goal—to make testing, experimenting and creating only to kill human life more acceptable. When they are finished, these beings, created not by the Author of Life, but by men, are discarded like garbage.

The wise men who devised our constitution knew that certain things—*life*, liberty and pursuit of happiness—were inalienable rights, given to us by our Creator. They understood that this foundation, by which our country was to be governed, gave each citizen individual sovereignty. As long as we remained faithful to this belief in God, no government could take these rights from us. It is becoming increasingly clear that eroding the foundation of our government and belief in these inalienable rights is leading to the government granting us our rights. What the government grants, the government can take away. We must control our sovereignty. We must be free to control our own destiny. We must keep a belief in God present in our country.

You all have been such loyal and knowledgeable members. Many have been working for years fighting the evils of abortion and euthanasia. I encourage you not to give up. The stakes are too high. We may not win in our lifetimes, but the young people getting involved and speaking out for life give me encouragement and hope.

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Mary Cascos, Office Manager

Membership drive



Ask a friend to become a member of LIFESPAN. Membership is the backbone of this organization. It allows us to keep the Detroit office open so we can continue to spread the pro-life message to a city that desperately needs to hear the truth.

Membership is also beneficial to you for you will be kept up-to-date on all the Life issues by receiving our outstanding publication, *Lifespan News*.

So, if you know family or friends who are not members, show them a copy of our newsletter, and have them send in the membership form in the back, or call the office, and I can send out information on our organization and a membership envelope.

Thanks for helping us keep the office open, and God bless you for all your efforts on behalf of LIFE. Call today at 313-640-8534.

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Dear Friends,

What a year this has been! For the first time in a long time—some of our shelves are almost bare. We are completely out of baby towels, crib sheets, pacifiers, onesies (sizes 0-3 & 3-6 months) and lightweight (not fleece) sleepers (sizes 0-3 & 3-6).

To say we have been overwhelmed with requests for help is such an understatement. So many families who have never asked for help before—who never thought that they would ever be in this position needing

Where is the outcry?

A member called and reminded me of a commercial I saw on TV which depicts innocent little puppies and kitties who have been neglected and sometimes abused. Oh, how these poor animals pull on our heart strings. We must stop this now! We must support and give money to this worthwhile cause.

I agree, we must stop this inhumane treatment of these poor innocent animals...but what of our treatment of our own species, the human one we call a fetus!

I cannot understand a society which treats their animals better than they treat themselves. Maybe we should make our own commercial showing a picture of an abused and dead human and say the same thing as the other commercial.

Yet in the human case, he/she is not neglected and abused...he/she is dead. With the new administration, we are in danger even more of taking innocent lives. With Health Care Reform bills that have refused to include a, "no abortion clause" and one that would soon begin to ration the care given to all born, elderly and handicapped in our society just to stay afloat...now is the time to stand up and cry out for the cute, innocent humans in our society!

Please, just like the commercial, we need your help **now** to stop this inhumanity to humanity. Now's the time to add a little extra to your membership donation and/or get your family, church and friends to become members of LIFESPAN. Together, we can stop this scourge. Together, we can make sure that from the total SPAN of LIFE, from womb to the tomb, all humanity must be respected and protected. Now is the time. **NOW IS THE TIME.**

help—are very reluctantly calling us. The joy that they felt when they found out that they were pregnant quickly turned to anxiety when a sudden loss of job occurred. Instead of buying all of the cute baby supplies, they were struggling to feed their other children and trying to avoid losing their homes.

Along with these families, we are still providing for the homeless mom, the teen mom, the abused, the abandoned and the destitute mom. Every story is different—but every baby is so very precious.

And now, more than ever—we need you! Traditionally, at Christmas, we receive about 90% of our material goods that we are able to give away during the year. With Michigan's economy, we are very concerned and are praying (real hard!) that we will be able to continue to provide for God's tiniest miracles. How can you help? Donate a baby gift to your church's Giving Tree. Have your club, classroom, scout group, office or family collect baby supplies. Crochet an afghan. Donate a dollar or two. **PRAY!**

And, finally, and most importantly of all, if you or anyone you know needs our help—PLEASE call us—**248-478-8884**. May God bless all of you and bless our Wee Care Program!

—Love, Karen

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

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E-mail efforts

We are continuing to try and secure as many email addresses as possible so that we can send you up-to-the-minute information. Things are happening so quickly these days that this seems to be the only way we can “get the word out.” Using email also saves us lots of money in postage! Our server is secure and you won’t get spam or be phished by emailing us your email address. Please send your email address to us at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org.

Confirmation candidates

If you are the parent or grandparent of a Confirmation candidate or the teacher of a confirmation class, please keep in mind that we have a number of volunteer opportunities here at the office that could be counted as service hours. Some of the projects can be taken home, some must be done here. Give us a call and we can see if we have something for your youngster(s) to do.

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Joanna Maia Barile

Joanna Maia Barile, age 7, beloved daughter of John and Julianne (nee Brinkman), died suddenly on August 5, 2009, at Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Joanna had just finished Kindergarten and was excited to be entering the first grade in September. She loved stuffed animals and writing books. She knew how to have fun! She loved to garden and had planned and designed her own. Joanna cherished princesses and their stories—all the Disney re-creations of the Classics and she loved to dress up in her princess dresses.

Joanna’s dad said, “She was the door through which the Divine touched us.”

Surviving maternal grandparents are Joanne and C. Jack Brinkman. Paternal grandparents are Geraldine Driscoll (Walter) and the late John James Barile. She had many loving aunts, an uncle, cousins, other relatives and friends.

You may leave a comforting message for Joanna’s family at desmondfuneralhome.com.

Life Chain signs need to come home

If you have any Life Chain signs that came from the Oakland/Macomb office, could you call the office so we can arrange for their return? The signs themselves are not very expensive, but shipping from California is REALLY costly. While we are at it, are there any printers out there that would consider printing them locally?

Thanksgiving thank-you

We are so very thankful to all our wonderful volunteers. Ribbons, mailings, phone calls, labels—whatever task needs to be done, one of you always steps forward and says “I can do that.” You make it possible for us to exist—thank you!

Christmas blessings

The board of Oakland/Macomb LIFESPAN wishes all of you a joy-filled, peaceful Christmas and a New Year filled with blessings.

ARE YOU GOOD AT THIS?

Oakland/Macomb Chapter in Troy is looking for a membership and development chairman. This is a volunteer position. There are many leads to pursue; expect four hours per week. Call 248-816-1546.

Thanksgiving message

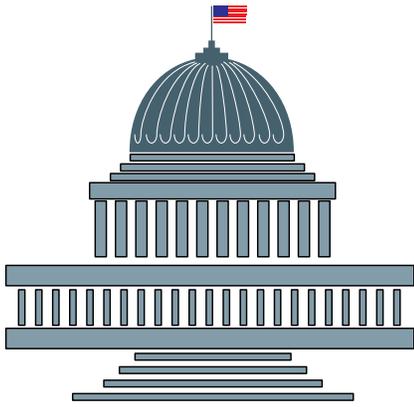
As the Director of the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter of Lifespan, I’d like to thank our Board of Directors, Pastors, Benefactors, Members, Church Reps and Volunteers for your loyalty to Lifespan and trust in me. We share the same commitment to stop the “culture of death” that permeates our nation. We’ve enjoyed successes together and cried together over disappointments. Yet, we live in an exciting time, as we have the opportunity to change the course of history. We live in freedom. We can speak out against injustices and stand up for our beliefs. We can change hearts with understanding, change minds with education and change laws with legislation. Abortion will be abolished just as slavery was abolished. We can win! We will win!

Entertainment Books 2010

Our chapter needs your help in either buying or selling an Entertainment Book. We are behind in sales and have not reached our quota. December 23 is your last chance to get one for the holidays. They make great house-warming, hostess, birthday, anniversary and Christmas gifts. Come in and browse through the book. Cost is only \$20.

Christmas greetings

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you who support Lifespan with your prayers, donations and valuable time as volunteers. May your Christmas be blessed with love and joy, and your New Year filled with happiness, good health and peace. —Pat



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Baucus Bill Pressures Doctors to Ration Health Care Via Financial Incentives

[The Baucus Bill] includes massive abortion subsidies and mandates. However, an analysis from the National Right to Life Committee also reveals the bill contains health care rationing components.

David N. O'Steen, the NRLC executive director, tells *LifeNews.com* that the measure has incentives for doctors to provide less medical care and penalizes physicians who don't.

"With respect to rationing, the proposal contains a Medicare provision that, beginning in 2015, would severely financially penalize physicians who are in the top 10% of medical resource use," he explained.

"This provision does not link funding to outcomes or quality; instead, it will force a 'race to the bottom' with relentless pressure on doctors to limit health care for their older patients," O'Steen adds.

"On top of the significant Medicare cuts in the bill, this will gravely endanger the lives of America's senior citizens."

—*LifeNews.com, September 16, 2009*

Editor's Commentary on Health Care Reform Measures

It is important to understand that just because the Senate Finance Committee recently voted the Baucus Bill out of committee, the struggle for health care reform that not only provides for good health care but also protects human life, is not over. There are no fewer than five measures that must be finalized, discussed, voted on, sent to committees and voted on again. There is still time for you to contact your legislators and tell them **ABORTION IS NOT HEALTH CARE.**

Various members of Congress are announcing that they are "close" to having the necessary number of votes to pass some of the reform

packages. This may well be the case, but that vote will not come without long and heated debate. Several legislators, including Sen. Orin Hatch (R-UT), Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI) and Joe Pitts (R-PA), and others, have submitted amendments to the various packages that would explicitly exclude abortion as a covered benefit. In some cases, these amendments were not allowed to be offered. In other cases, they were defeated. These gentlemen have vowed to re-introduce these amendments when the measures come to a floor debate.

There are many reasons why our citizenry supports or rejects health care reform. However, it does seem hard to believe that when 53% of the citizens in our nation do not want the action Congress and the President are proposing, our leaders insist on imposing it anyway. With that much opposition, it seems that it would be wise to take a second look at what is being proposed and make the adjustments necessary to make reform more acceptable. Saying that this is what we want and this is what you will get seems to fly in the face of our legislative traditions.

Let your elected official know what it is that you want, or don't want. Remember, he or she works for you. In our system of government, the power is supposed to rest with the governed, not the government.

—*Diane Trombley*

Informative Websites

www.nrlc.org

National Right to Life's site provides the latest information on pro-life issues in Congress.

michiganvotes.org

For the most up-to-date information on Michigan legislation regarding abortion or any pro-life issue, visit michiganvotes.org.

Pearls of Wisdom

The Dark Side to Being Green

By Bradley Mattes

What do global warming and abortion have in common? Tons, according to environmentalists—tons of carbon dioxide emissions that is. There's a growing trend within the environmental activist community to promote abortion as a way of going green. Reducing the world's population, they claim, is central to protecting the planet.

First of all, it's helpful to understand that when these groups talk about access to birth control and reproductive health they're talking about more than condoms and birth control pills. It almost universally means that abortion is a critical element of their strategy.

One of the most extreme examples of this earth-worship theology is the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement. According to them, all of the earth's environmental problems would disappear if we followed their plan—but then, so would all of mankind: “Phasing out the human race by voluntarily ceasing to breed will allow Earth's biosphere to return to good health.” Before you dismiss the misguided link between abortion and global warming as some “wing-nut” segment of environmentalism, take note that the National Wildlife Federation, Audubon Society, Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife, Environmental Policy Institute, Friends of the Earth and the Cousteau Society all subscribe to the view that people are a major threat to the environment, even if their answer isn't wiping out the entire population.

Recently so-called mainstream, green-advocacy experts are jumping on the abortion bandwagon. A September 19, 2009 editorial in the British medical journal *Lancet* said, “There is now an emerging debate and interest about the links between population dynamics, sexual and reproductive health and rights [abortion], and climate change.” An expansive distribution of abortion and other population control strategies would, in their opinion, slow population growth and ease pressure on the environment.

Following their lead, the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science was commissioned by a group called the Optimum Population Trust to come up with a “cost-benefit analysis of reducing carbon emissions.” The study equated human beings with the derogatory term of “emitters.” The title of the study is “Fewer Emitters, Lower Emissions, Less Cost.” Their

finding was that for every seven dollars spent on “basic family planning”—by their own definition this includes abortion—they would cut carbon dioxide emissions by more than one ton. This proposed solution, they say, should be considered a “primary method” of solving global warming.

Lest you think America is going to let the British have all the glory labeling humans a plague on the earth, Oregon State University weighed in. Its research says the best thing you can do for the environment is to not have any children at all. According to their report, “Reproduction and the Carbon Legacies of Individuals,” we're responsible for the carbon footprint of our descendants. They say going childless is more “green” than a lifetime of recycling.

My more entrepreneurial readers are probably wondering if abortionists have yet caught on to this trend. The answer would be yes. They don't call it the abortion industry for nothing. Warren Hern operates an abortion facility in Boulder, Colorado and is one of the few remaining notorious, late-term abortionists. He has written extensively on man and his impact on the environment, but has gone farther than most though by calling humans a “malignant eco-tumor.” Therefore he's come to the conclusion that his gruesome practice of killing unborn babies is healing the planet and thus all mankind. He said to an *Esquire* magazine reporter that abortion “is highly consistent with helping people be responsible citizens of the planet.” What planet does he live on?

No doubt Mr. Hern has found it hard to gain the acceptance of his peers and society when, according to his website, his “specialty” is late-term abortions through the 8th month of pregnancy. By joining countless other modern-day hucksters selling their products as helpful to the environment, regardless of their value, Mr. Hern hopes to eclipse the ghastly reality of his bloody trade.

Being good stewards of the environment is a noble idea. However, not everyone is on the same page as to how that can effectively be done, including the reality of global warming. But we should all agree the intentional killing of innocent unborn babies cannot ever be an acceptable strategy for a better world. If abortion is part of the environmental equation, we won't be “green,” we'll be stained red from the blood of our children.

*Bradley Mattes is the Executive Director of Life Issues Institute.
—Life Issues Connector, October 2009*



Deadline: Tuesday, December 1, 2009

The theme of the Student Video Contest is open to any pro-life issue. Each video submitted should be between 5-7 minutes long and may be submitted on either DVD or VHS tape.

Prizes:

- 1st place: \$500 savings bond
- 2nd place: \$200 savings bond
- 3rd place: \$100 savings bond

The top three videos will be featured on **YouTube**. The first-prize entry is also eligible for reproduction on the LIFESPAN **MySpace** page.

Rules: Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or homeschool, who resides in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County and/or is a member of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, regardless of residency, is eligible for the contest, except for students in the immediate family of a board member of Lifespan. Entrants are required to submit a written explanation of their video in no more than 50 words, answering the following questions:

- What pro-life message are you expressing?**
- How did you impart this message through your video?**
- Why is this message important to you?**

Each entry must include, on a separate sheet of paper, NEATLY PRINTED, the title of the video, the student's name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, names of any participants in the video, and the names of his/her parents or guardian. Each entry must list sources for facts/statistics used in producing the video.

All entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **Tuesday, December 1, 2009** and mailed or delivered to: **Student Pro-Life Video Contest 2009, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152**. For additional rules or more information, call **Chris at 734-306-6028** or **Lynn at 248-816-1546**.

Attention: High School Students

—In Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties—
Enter Lifespan's Student Art Contest!

Art Contest Theme: Celebration of Life!
Artwork must reflect pro-life issues involving family life, children, babies, the handicapped or the elderly



- First Prize: \$500 savings bond**
- Second Prize: \$200 savings bond**
- Third Prize: \$100 savings bond**



For complete rules and eligibility requirements, go to "Events" on Right to Life - LIFESPAN's website www.rtl-lifespan.org or call 248-478-8878

All entries must be received by Friday, March 12, 2010

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

Theodore Konopka

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

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

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President's Letter

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We must continue to grow our membership. We need to include and encourage all those whose religious values include the right to life, to join the ranks of Lifespan. Working together, we will safeguard our inalienable right to life and foster the belief in God that keeps us free. We need also to pray daily that respect for human life will be restored in our great country.

Remember, with government controls, we lose our personal freedom—be very aware of this during the health care debate. When government controls our health care, our opportunity to be stewards of our God-given life is threatened. Be vigilant—ask a friend to join you in this battle—give them a membership in Lifespan so that they will be informed and equipped to take on the “death peddlers.” May God bless all of us in our efforts!

Diane

Diane Fagelman
President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

P.S. A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. May this holiday season be filled with joy, peace and love with family and friends.



Crisis hotline numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call a Lifespan office, pp. 6-7. 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**.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

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

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with a beautiful Christmas and
with every happiness in the New Year.*

Let us Celebrate Life

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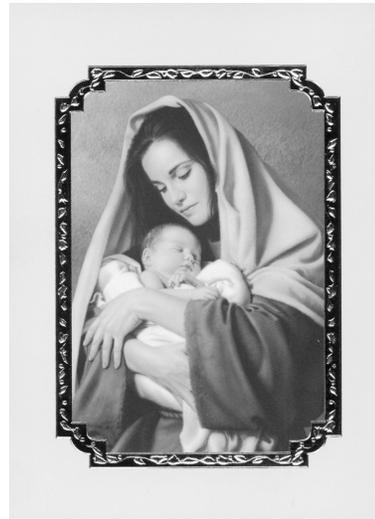
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Merry Christmas



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