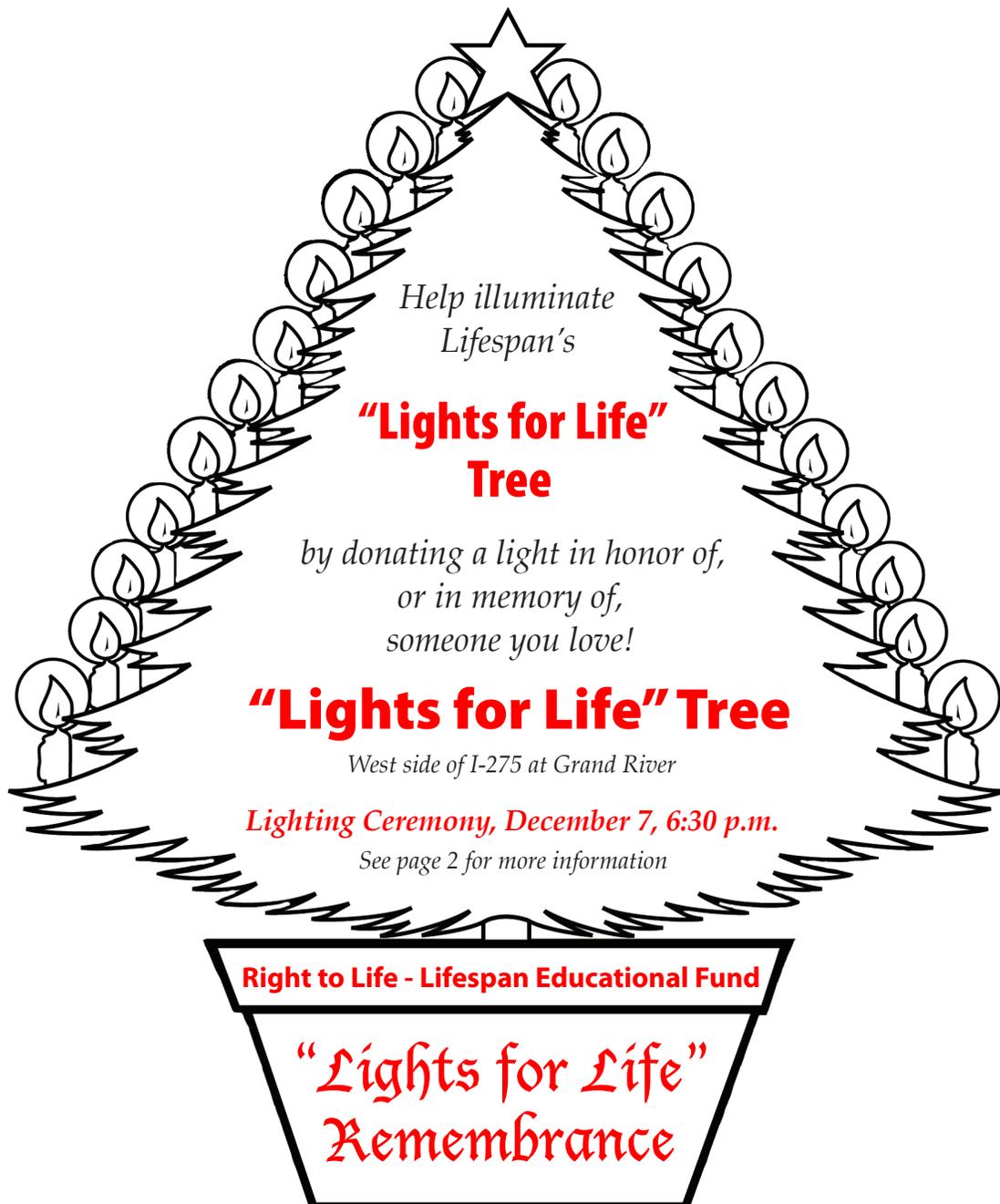


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Twitter's Number 2 Topic: What Song Would You Listen to While Waiting in an Abortion Mill

I may have to first explain what a "trending topic" is or even what "twitter" is to some of my readers for you to fully understand the outrage of this article. Most will probably know that twitter is a service in which people give their thoughts, opinions or make statements in 140 characters or less. You can follow other peoples "tweets" or even follow a "trending topic." Trending topics are often current events around the world, things that millions of people seem to be interested in.

As I am writing this article, the number two trending topic on Twitter is #abortionclinicplaylistsongs. That's right, abortion clinic playlist songs; in other words songs you would listen to while you wait in the lobby of an abortion mill waiting to have your child killed.

Now this is not a serious list, they have actually made a sick game out of song titles that are supposedly funny or disgusting when you put them in the context of waiting for an abortion. The song titles are meant to make everyone laugh about a subject that should bring us to tears.

Here is a partial list of the songs people are posting as what they would listen to while waiting to have their child killed:

- Oops I Did it Again - Brittany Spears*
- Heartless - Kanye West*
- There Goes My Baby - Usher*
- I Want My Baby Back Ribs - The Chili's Restaurant Song*
- Another One Bites The Dust - Queen*
- My Curse - Kill Switch Engage*
- Cuts Like A Knife - Bryan Adams*
- Bye, Bye, Bye - Nsync*
- Kill You - Eminem*
- Murder Was The Case - Snoop Dogg*

Wow, *Murder Was The Case*; how appropriate a song to list about what goes on inside an abortion mill. I am outraged that the thought of a woman sitting and waiting for what will probably be the most traumatic event in her life has become a game for people. I am disgusted that this generation finds topics like this funny; what will be next?

To find humor in topics like child killing, rape, genocide or cannibalism is just sick and twisted. I know so many people thought the recent online song "bedroom intruder," about the attempted rape in Alabama was funny. I was mocked by many people for finding it disgusting, they were telling me to chill out. This is the kind of thing that happens when we go down that slippery slope.

I asked a few friends from Stand True and Survivors to comment on this disgusting news:

"I find it ironic that the most tweeted suggestion for this playlist is Usher's, *There Goes My Baby*. No matter what rhetoric mainstream media, pro-abortion advocates, and the pro-abortion medical community spews, people understand that a fetus is a baby, and that abortion is murder. I am disgusted and disgraced by the overwhelming insensitivity and apathy of my generation," said Kristina Garza from Survivors.

Lerryn Kidd from Stand True said, "When I saw this trending topic my heart sank. I clicked on the link to find a lot of songs with the words 'baby' and 'kill' in them. At least people making fun of this sensitive topic have the decency to admit the truth that abortion is killing of a baby. It breaks my heart that joking about murdering innocent children is what this generation uses as online amusement."

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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 December 7 through January 6. Join us for the Lighting Ceremony, December 7, 6:30 p.m. The Tree will be located on the grounds of Weingartz, 39050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills, Michigan. 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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Baby Shower!



Lifespan is planning its 21st annual Baby Shower to benefit crisis pregnancy centers on **Sunday, March 13, 2011**. 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, call us at 248-478-8878.

What's up with the Youth?

Hello students, young adults, parents, youth coordinators and ministers, pro-life groups and clubs, teachers, principals, pastors, priests, deacons and young volunteers!

Registration for the March for Life Movement in Motion Bus Trip began after Labor Day, and by September 30th, two buses were filled! I was totally amazed that this happened!

Our Lady of the Lakes has the most students and chaperones coming than ever before with the count of 51 on Bus 3. Ss. Cyril and Methodius' students and chaperones total 47 (including four from Macomb Community College, one from Oakland University and one from Oakland Community College), Holy Cross Church students total 3, and Immaculate Conception students and parents total 4 which equals 54 on Bus 4 with one student already on hold. By November 1st, Marian and Ladywood High School Groups filled Bus 5 and the Mercy High School group filled a little over half of Bus 1, which is a red eye. I am still waiting to hear from other groups like St. Anastasia, U of D Jesuit High School and St. Mary Queen of Creation.

If you are interested in either of the red eye buses (1 or 2) leaving Sunday evening, January 23rd and arriving back the early morning of Tuesday, January 25th, please contact me quickly! The deadline of December 3rd is fast approaching! You can reach me at 248-816-1546 or e-mail me at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org. If sending an e-mail message, put in the subject line: "Movement in Motion" Bus Trip." Thanks a bunch! I hope you can join me in 2011!

Photos from March for Life January 2010



Bus 3 group is ready to March for Life!



Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia

Buses 1, 3, 4 and 5 participated in a Wreath Laying Ceremony the day after the March for Life. It was a very respectful, solemn, beautiful experience remembering all the men and women who have laid down their lives for their country and fellow Americans so that we are protected and have the freedom to enjoy all that we do.



A very satisfying, gratifying, awesome March has been completed! The number of people, especially young, increased even more since 2009. There were reports of 300,000-400,000 in attendance. 2011 is looking promising for even more than that to go!

Bus 3 students sharing wonderful friendship time together on the ride home!



Some of the participants in Lifespan's Movement in Motion trip decided to put red tape with the word, "LIFE," over their mouths as a way of remembering the many precious unborn babies whose voices will never be heard because they were aborted.

Did you participate in the annual Pro-Life Day of Silent Solidarity on Tuesday, October 19th? If so, I would like to hear about your experience! If it's okay with you, I'd like to publish your comments in the next Youth Mailing and also include them in *Lifespan News*. Please send your comments to me at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org. Put in the subject line: "Silent Solidarity Experience." Thank you!

If you or a young person you know would like to be added to the Youth Mailing list via e-mail, just send me an e-mail and put in the subject line: "New Youth." I appreciate it!

Please consider purchasing a package or box of our beautiful Christmas cards with great pro-life, pro-Christmas messages! See back page of this newsletter for details on how you can participate in this fundraiser for Lifespan!

Until next time...KEEP ON LOVING ALL HUMAN LIFE from the moment of conception till natural death!

—Lynn Gura, Youth Programs, Right to Life – LIFESPAN

Komen for the Cure Donated \$7.5M to Planned Parenthood Abortion Biz in 2009

October is the month for breast cancer awareness, but it's difficult for pro-life advocates to lend their support to one of the primary organizations involved in the fight against breast cancer because it has provided contributions to the Planned Parenthood abortion business.

The Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation has long denied that abortion plays any role in elevating the risk for women of contracting the deadly disease.

That's despite a wealth of research over decades showing an average increased risk of about 40 percent for women having abortions compared to those who carry their pregnancy to term.

But the contributions Komen affiliates make to Planned Parenthood, which does more than 25 percent of all abortions in the United States and aggressively promotes abortion abroad, provide another source of frustration for pro-life people who otherwise would support the group.

In a news interview with the *Daily Caller*, Komen spokesman John Hammarley provided the latest figures showing the link between the two groups. He confirmed 20 of Komen's 122 affiliates have made donations to Planned Parenthood and, last year, those contributions totaled \$7.5 million—much higher than the \$731,000 Komen's figures on its web site **showed earlier this year.**

Hammarley sought to play down the funding by saying it's a small percentage of Komen's income or expenses.

"That \$7.5 million is less than one percent of the entire amount of community grant funding that affiliates around the country contribute," Hammarley said.

He also told the *Daily Caller* that the funding is closely monitored to ensure the money does not go to pay for abortions directly, but breast cancer screening projects Planned Parenthood sponsors. But, for pro-life advocates, how Planned Parenthood uses the money is less important than the fact that the abortion business receives the funds and doesn't have to use money it makes from abortions to pay for the screenings.

"No matter whether they are giving \$500,000 a year to Planned Parenthood, or \$5, people who respect the dignity of human life and are trying to save people with disease don't want any part of their money going to an organization that is subsidizing an abortion provider," Bioethics Defense Fund attorney Dorinda Bordlee told the news web site.

Another problem for pro-life advocates is the fact that Planned Parenthood is reducing the number of breast cancer screenings while increasing its abortions.

According to the 2008 Annual Report from Planned Parenthood, breast cancer services decreased by 4% and abortion procedures increased by 6%.

The **longtime ties between Komen and Planned Parenthood** may have resulted in some backlash from the pro-life community. The Komen annual report reveals Komen brought in almost \$22 million less, or 6% less, in 2009 than it made in 2008. That could be a result of the difficult economic times or may also come as a result of pro-life advocates increasingly boycotting Komen.

Meanwhile, the newest research on the link between abortion and breast cancer reveals abortion certainly plays a role in increasing the breast cancer risk.

A January 2010 study **called abortion a "known risk factor"** for breast cancer and cited a study conducted by the prestigious Janet Daling group of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle.

Daling and her colleagues showed between a 20 and 50 percent increased breast cancer risk for women having abortions compare to those who carried their pregnancies to term.

And microbiologist Dr. Gerard Nadal, who has a PhD in Molecular Microbiology from St John's University in New York, has spent 16 years teaching science, most recently at Manhattan College, has been profiling **more than 100 studies** on his blog showing abortion's link to breast cancer.

—LifeNews.com, October 12, 2010



LIFE IS A GIFT CONFERENCE

Join Archbishop Allen Vigneron on **Saturday, January 22, 2010 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary**
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Mass 4:00 p.m.)

Register online at: aodonline.org/lifeisagift or call: 313-237-4691

The purpose of this conference is to rediscover the true meaning of Life as a Gift
(from the moment of conception, to the moment of natural death)



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Life Chain success

May God bless all the angels who came out to the Detroit Life Chains this year. We had our first Chain at St. Clare Montefalco Church in Grosse Pointe. Both of our priests stood with us and that really made my spirit soar. It was a little cool and windy, but the warm hearts of the participants and the friendly beeps from pro-life cars made this event both awe-inspiring and fun. We educated quite a few passersby as they drove on Mack Ave. Yes, we did get a few negatives, but for those we pray also. God will bless all of you in a special way for your prayerful witness. The fruits of our efforts will be at least one mother changing her mind and delivering a beautiful child of God and eventually an end to abortion.

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.

End of year reflection

It's hard to believe that it is already the end of another year. Let us all reflect on this past year and ask ourselves if we have truly lived up to what God willed us to be. We are His eyes, His hands, His voice and His love in this world. Let us resolve to make next year an even better year. Stand up and be the voice of the innocent pre-born. Be His hands, and write that editorial and help at crisis pregnancy centers. Be His feet and stand at the January Rally for Life and Life Chain. Be His voice and speak out to your family and friends about LIFE issues. Be His knees and get down on yours, and pray for an end to abortion. Be His good steward and support your local LIFESPAN office with a generous contribution—without your financial support we cannot spread the pro-life message. God is on our side and we shall be victorious.

May you and your family have a happy, blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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Dear Friends,

The holidays are right around the corner! Such a busy time of year! We spend the weeks ahead planning, making lists, shopping, decorating and ultimately becoming exhausted—but, oh, the joy!

There is nothing like having the family all gathered around the Thanksgiving table and verbally or in your heart thanking God for all His blessings during the past year.

Then there is Christmas—the excitement and anticipation in a little child's face, Santa Claus, laughter and love, carols and favorite hymns, the stillness of Christmas Eve, warm family and friends' gatherings, beloved church services, a gentle hug for an elderly

relative or a soft kiss for the newest member of the family—so many precious moments to treasure.

So much to do to make these cherished holidays take place! Could you do ONE MORE THING? Could you remember my little ones at Wee Care? Their mommies may not be anticipating all the joy described above. They may have Thanksgiving dinner at a soup kitchen or spend Christmas Eve at a homeless shelter. They may be alone. They may be worried about feeding their babies or keeping them warm. What can we do to help? One of the ways (and they tell us it is the best way!) is to help them provide for their precious babies. Warm clothing and soft blankets, new diapers and wipes—these are the things that would make such a difference.

If your church, school, club or organization is having a collection for Wee Care, please help our little ones. We would be so grateful for anything—from a pair of tiny sox to a cuddly snowsuit! (Or, if you would like to donate a dollar or two to Wee Care—which is tax-deductible—we would be very appreciative.

Two last thoughts—at Christmastime, as we think of that Special Baby in the stable so long ago, and how we would

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

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M—merchandise stocked in stores.

Where is Christmas?

E—energy expended, cooking, cleaning, shopping.

Where is Christmas?

R—racking our brains for the one who has everything?

Where is Christmas?

R—running here, racing there, always in a hurry.

Where is Christmas?

Y—yuletide greetings morphed into “Season’s Greetings.”

Where is Christmas?



C—the Child is born.

There is Christmas!

H—hosts of angels rejoicing.

There is Christmas!

R—ringing bells announcing the birth.

There is Christmas!

I—inner peace, quiet reflections recognizing Love.

There is Christmas!

S—season’s greetings correctly called “Merry Christmas.”

There is Christmas!

T—time, quiet time to share with loved ones.

There is Christmas!

M—mothers, understanding the gift of life.

There is Christmas!

A—alleluia, meaning a song of praise.

There is Christmas!

S—Savior, the best Christmas gift of all.

There is Christmas!



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Thanksgiving message

As Thanksgiving Day arrives and we take time to reflect on the blessings we have received, take a moment and give thanks for the wonderful gift of Life. Faced with danger on many sides, from conception to death, the lives given to us by our Creator to be nurtured and cherished are gifts beyond measure. Either in prayer or in person, thank your mom for the gift of Life.

Christmas cards

We have two outstanding selections of Christmas cards for 2010. Where else will you find religious cards with pro-life verses? See back page for descriptions. When shown, these cards will sell themselves. We could use more members who will show them at work, group meetings, in churches or from their homes to neighbors, family and friends. If cards are being sold from your church, please volunteer to help. Cards from previous years are also available.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

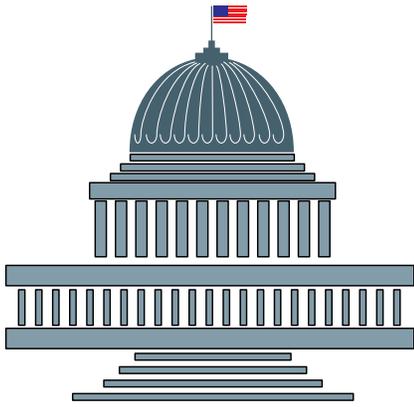
Free lending library

The Educational Center for Life has the video from the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute entitled, “ABC Link” or “Abortion-Breast Cancer Link.” Brita Stream, “Miss Oregon” of the 2002 Miss America Pageant, introduces three young women whose lives were forever changed after they developed breast cancer following their abortions. In this video, you will hear their stories and convincing scientific evidence presented by two acknowledged world experts on the Abortion Breast Cancer Link: Dr. Joel Brind, Ph.D., Professor of Human Biology and Endocrinology, and Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, M.D. FACS, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The information on this video will empower women to make informed choices for themselves and their children. Women who are at increased risk for breast cancer after an abortion will learn about life-saving screening mammograms which can increase survival if breast cancer should develop. Pamphlets with basically the same information are available. Call 248-816-8489 to view this video.

Entertainment Books

Because of the economy, Entertainment Book sales are down even though there are savings up to 50% when using coupons from the book. The cost is \$25 which is \$10 less than at most retail stores. IN ADDITION, a \$25 gift certificate for restaurant.com will be given with each 2011 Entertainment Book purchased after October 22, 2010 (while supplies last). You may use this gift certificate yourself or give it as a gift.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Lawsuit Against Pro-Abortion ObamaCare on Fast Track for Federal Appeals Court

One of the three lawsuits filed against the pro-abortion ObamaCare health care reform has been placed on a fast track for a federal appeals court.

A Michigan federal judge issued the first ruling in any of the cases and now has allowed the case to move quickly to an appeals court.

Earlier this month, U.S. District Court Judge George Steeh in Detroit rejected some of the claims filed in the lawsuit presented by the Thomas More Law Center, a pro-life legal group, saying Congress overreached in passing the law.

The lawsuit says Congress exceeded the powers it has under the Commerce Clause in instituting a penalty for people who fail to purchase health insurance under the exchanges.

Steeh ruled that the Thomas More Law Center and the four Michigan plaintiffs it represented had standing to challenge the Health Care Reform Act and that the challenge was ripe for review.

However, he held that Congress has the authority under its Commerce Clause power to enact the individual mandate provision of the Act, which requires individuals to purchase health care insurance under penalty of federal law.

In an order issued October 21, the judge agreed to the joint request by TMLC and the federal government for TMLC to appeal the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, which the pro-life legal group says it will do.

Richard Thompson, the president and chief counsel of the pro-life firm, said, "Obama Care is one of the most oppressive measures in the history of our Nation. And it was passed by Congress despite overwhelming opposition of the American people. It was not about reforming health care, but government seizure of unprecedented power over our lives. We will continue to challenge it in the courts."

In its ruling, the district court stated, "While plaintiffs describe the Commerce Clause power as reaching economic activity, the government's characterization of the Commerce Clause reaching economic decisions is more accurate."

The third lawsuit in the challenge to ObamaCare, which allows abortion funding, received a court hearing on October 18 in Virginia and a Florida judge held a hearing on that lawsuit recently.

District Judge Henry Hudson heard the first round of oral arguments from Virginia officials and representatives of the Obama administration.

Hudson told attorneys for both sides that he would likely issue a ruling in the case by the end of the year and he also acknowledged the district court legal battle is but a precursor to a larger fight at the Supreme Court.

"As you well know, this is only one brief stop on the way to the United States Supreme Court," Hudson said.

The Virginia challenge, like the arguments presented in the other cases, says the federal government does not have the authority to require Americans to purchase health care and punish them for not doing so.

"The Supreme Court has never allowed inactivity to be regulated as commerce," said Virginia Solicitor General E. Duncan Getchell, according to *The Washington Post*. He called the Obama administration's position "strained and extreme" saying "no one can opt out."

Getchell told Hudson the legislation is an "unprecedented, unlimited and unsupportable in any serious regime of delegated, enumerated powers.

The Obama administration argues the decision not to buy insurance is itself an active process that Congress can regulate.

Hudson appeared to be more willing to go along with the arguments presented by challengers than Judge Steeh.

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CURRENT TRENDS IN END OF LIFE HEALTH CARE

Co-sponsored by Educational Center for Life and Michigan Nurses for Life

It sounds self-serving to say that we were pleased with our conference on Saturday, the 18th of September, but we were!

The attendance was the best ever and we were especially pleased by the number of nursing students (32) who were there. Students do not yet need contact hours but each of them did receive a certificate of attendance and many also took information about the National Association of Pro-Life Nurses nursing student scholarship.

Fr. Tad Pacholczyk presented a very informative program on end of life care and the duties, obligations and privileges we have as nurses to provide such care. He drew examples of proportionate and disproportionate care, explained our role in recognizing the desires of the patient and his/her family and stressed several times the need to name someone as a health care surrogate, explaining that so called living wills often do not meet the needs of the patient during the dying process. He also told us that the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia always has someone available by phone to help with emergency or time-sensitive issues. The center can be reached by calling 215-877-2660, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Leaving a message will result in a prompt call back.

Mary Mitsch courageously retold the details surrounding the tragic death of her daughter Jessica as the result of a traffic accident. She outlined clearly the things she believes should be offered to the family of a loved one experiencing sudden death, including the opportunity to be with that family member and not be removed to a "family room," religious counsel, the touch of family and friends and the recognition that feelings and emotions can arise at any time after the event and need to be validated.

Cynthia Dudek explained the impact the Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act is having on insurance rates that will ultimately cause everyone's rates to rise. She noted the need to be vigilant against the inclusion of payments for abortion in the Health Care Act.

—Diane Trombley, President MNFL

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I would like to wish all of my fellow pro-life friends a very Merry Christmas and Happy, Blessed New Year.

This year has brought many changes to all of our families in the pro-life movement. The coming of Obama Care, the ever-increasing attack on our values, especially the life issues, and the economic impact on family life has left many of us fearful of the future.

Be not afraid—there is a much stronger force which will see us through these dark times. As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the festival of lights during Hanukkah, we are embarking in a celebration of hope.

We are reminded that thousands of years have gone before us. And, through all the trials and tribulations endured by past generations, the ones who remained faithful to God have prevailed. I am a believer that we are all placed here on earth to be God's instruments of good—to change the world for the better.

In the past 40 years I have worked with thousands of pro-life people who are proof that there are far more good people than bad in this world. We hear so little of the million works of kindness done daily—the sensational is newsworthy, and that is what we are fed day after day. Look around within your circle of family and friends—you will see the good.

So let us celebrate this wonderful season of renewal. Let us begin the New Year with resolve and perseverance to change that which is bad to good. Daily, in some way, promote a respect for human life. Resolve to do this through example. May we all have love in our hearts for our adversaries and the energy to continue to do what is necessary to change hearts and minds. Enjoy the season and give a gift that will last all year—your smile, your time and your heart to those around you.

Also, consider giving the gift of a LIFESPAN membership to keep those around you informed. *Changing hearts and minds* requires education and patience. We welcome all into our pro-life family—the more numbers we have, the faster this can be accomplished—what a great gift. May God bless your efforts.



Diane Fogelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Mass for the Unborn

A Mass for the Unborn and to End Abortion will be offered at Our Lady of Good Council Church, North Territorial Road, just west of Beck Road in Plymouth Twp., on Friday, January 21, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. The celebrant will be Rev. Lee Acervo. A rose ceremony will also take place.

Wee Care

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have loved to have helped Him and His family, perhaps we still can—by providing for His tiniest little ones today, and by helping our Wee Care babies and their moms at Christmastime, we also share in their joy and that makes our own Christmas even more special! *Love, Karen*

Life and Death or Dollars and Cents

Generally speaking, human embryos do not have names. Many do not have families either—those “left over” after infertility treatments are often so “not connected” to the father and mother who shared in their creation that they are offered as human research material to those involved in embryonic stem cell research.

So, when a researcher says he/she is doing research for Bill, who has ALS, and his wife and four children, who will do anything to have him healthy and well, it is very difficult to not feel great sympathy for Bill and family.

Perhaps if we named the embryo, and were able to see into the future and determine how his/her life would unfold, how many children she might have or what his profession might be, we might find ourselves torn by our sympathies. Whose life should be sacrificed so that the other might live?

You see, this is the choice that those who promote embryonic stem cell research are making. They can't, or won't, see the living, growing human life before them in the laboratory and assign it the same dignity and protection they give to the person suffering from debilitating disease. To them, the means justify the ends and each time they employ that philosophy protection for all human life is eroded.

If we, as a society, start picking and choosing which embryonic human life will be protected and which will be harvested for research, the value of all human life is diminished. If we can use embryos for research then surely the act of abortion can't be all that bad. After all, the only difference between the two becomes who is making the decisions.

Using human embryos for research is particularly disturbing because there is a proven, effective alternative. Adult stem cells, that is any stem cell not taken from the embryo, are being used everyday, all around the world, relieving those suffering from spinal cord injury, blindness, sickle cell anemia, leukemia, heart and kidney disease and much, much more. New stem cells, named IPS (induced pluripotent stem cells) are showing even more promise than regular adult stem cells and carry with them none of the difficulties, either biological or ethical, that accompany embryonic stem cells.

In Michigan, one of the most appalling reasons given for our universities to be doing embryonic stem cell research is that such research boosts the state's economy. We are promoting the destruction of human life under the guise of altruism when really, it is about the money. This must be so because every article written about the recent stem cell conference held in Detroit highlighted the money that would come to the state's economy if we continue to promote human embryonic stem cell research. Never mind the altruistic subterfuge; it is the money that counts!

Human life is not research material—no matter how small, no matter how “left over,” no matter where it is found. If “left over” embryos in fertility treatment centers are such a temptation, then for heaven's sake, don't make so many! If people are suffering from disease, then for heaven's sake, use what we know works and build on it instead of wasting time, and their lives, starting from scratch. Our world decided in 1945 that the means don't justify the ends when we condemned human experimentation—for heaven's sake, let's not forget that!

—Diane Trombley, Lifespan's Public Relations Director

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Twitter's Number 2 Topic

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Cheryl Conrad, Director of Operations, Survivors said, "Anyone who has waited in an abortion clinic would know that nobody who is waiting is paying attention to the music, if music happens to be playing at all. You're scared and traumatized. The posts to this conversation (#AbortionClinicPlaylistSongs) are shallow and insensitive."

I just want to drop to my face and cry out to God for our generation. We need to seek God and repent as a generation for our foolishness and absolute lack of reverence and love for God. Oh God, have mercy on us.

For those who will no doubtedly write to me and tell me to "chill out," I will chill out when our nation's streets are not flooded with the blood of 52,000,000 babies.

—For Christ I stand, Bryan Kemper

Crisis hotline numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call a Lifespan office, pages 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** or Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: **1-877-HOPE-4-ME (1-877-467-3463)**. 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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Christmas Ornament

The Madonna and Holy Child appear on a beautiful blue and silver, foil-embossed, Christmas ornament. Silver foil-lined envelopes are included.
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Verse:

*On our Lord's birthday let us
rejoice in His Life,
believe in His love
and celebrate His promise.*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Holy Family with Shepherds

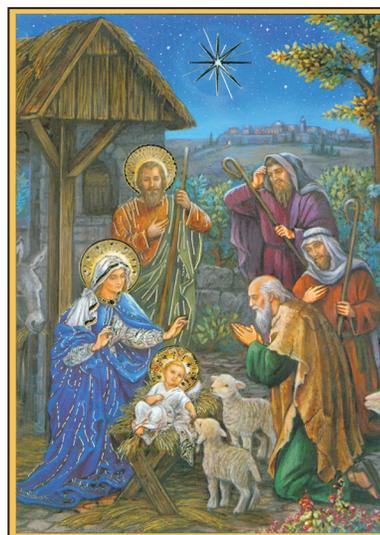
A lovely full-color rendition shows the Holy Family with adoring shepherds. This card has gold-foil accents and border. Actual size: 4-7/8" x 6-3/4"

\$7.00 per pkg. of 10

Verse:

*As we celebrate the miracle
of one small Baby's Birth,
we are reminded that every child
is a miracle and a special gift
from the Creator of all Life.*

Merry Christmas



Other Christmas cards from previous years are also available.