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Making Abortion Unthinkable:

THE ART OF PRO-LIFE PERSUASION



A two-part presentation

Friday, November 18 – 7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

(check-in and light supper from 6-7 p.m.)

Saturday, November 19 – 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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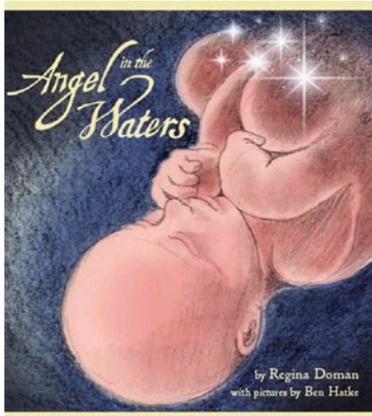
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(between Beck Rd. and Wixom Rd.)

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News Notes



Special offer!

For a **limited time only**, and a membership donation of \$40 or more, Lifespan will send you a copy of this new 48-page, paperback book, *Angel in the Waters*. It is a beautiful story of a child in her mother's womb, who grows, explores the waters and talks with the angel who is also

there. **Send in a membership donation of \$40 or more today and get your book by return mail! See membership form on page 11. Or, visit one of our Chapter offices.**

Baby Susan Torres dies

Little baby Susan Torres died after battling a severe infection. She became the subject of international attention after her father decided to allow her mother to remain alive to give birth following a tragic car accident rather than letting both mother and baby die. Justin Torres, baby Susan's uncle, said she passed away following an infection. Susan Torres, a 26 year-old researcher at the National Institutes of Health, suffered a stroke in May after a melanoma cancer spread to her brain. Her husband, Jason, and her parents agreed to allow Susan to remain alive on a respirator until baby Susan was born rather than letting her die.

—*LifeNews.com, September 13, 2005*

Rule against pro-life pharmacists

An Illinois judge has refused to issue a temporary restraining order stopping a rule put in place by pro-abortion Gov. Rod Blagojevich that would require pharmacists there to dispense the morning after pill, which sometimes causes an abortion. They said to be forced to do so would violate their religious and moral beliefs. Sangamon County Judge John Belz would not block the governor's rule because he claimed the pharmacists don't yet meet the legal standards needed for him to do so because they had not exhausted other legal remedies. Edward Martin, an attorney for Americans United for Life, a pro-life group representing the pharmacists, says he's disappointed by the ruling. "We feel like this is a setback, and I'm sorry for my clients who have to now go back to living with this rule that's onerously put on them," Martin told CNS. "A temporary restraining order is just one step, and we're very disappointed. But we will continue to battle in court."

—*LifeNews.com, September 26, 2005*



Pray to Stop Abortion!

Women's magazines' 'despicable' cover-up

Two leading women's magazines are misleading readers about the connection between abortion and breast cancer, an activist group contends. "Last month it was *Glamour*," said Karen Malec, president of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer, "This month, it's *Redbook*, and it's *Redbook*'s second attempt to erase the link from the public's mind."

Redbook's October issue includes an interview with Marissa Weiss, M.D., founder of the cancer fundraising business, breastcancer.org. Weiss said, "Two recent research reviews have found that abortion doesn't alter hormone levels in a way that could increase breast cancer risk, as some activists have claimed."

"I do not know of any reviews—recent or otherwise—which have ever made such a ridiculous claim," Prof. Joel Brind of Baruch College said. "Of course abortion alters hormone levels in a way that could increase breast cancer risk—it terminates the pregnancy!" It is indisputable, Brind says, that an abortion terminates all the hormonal changes that occur with pregnancy, including those which cause breast maturation and decrease breast cancer risk. "What is in dispute is whether or not the changes induced by the pregnancy up until the time of abortion, i.e., the stimulation of rapid growth of breast tissue, is strong enough and long-lasting enough to increase the risk of breast cancer beyond what it would have been in the absence of pregnancy at all," he said. "The overwhelming majority of valid epidemiological evidence says it does."

Weiss denied that contraceptive pills increase risk, but the World Health Organization acknowledged that combined oral contraceptives are "carcinogenic to humans."

"Any doctor that denies the ABC link is either lying or is uninformed," Malec said. "These repeated attempts to mislead women about the research are despicable. The individuals who've participated in this cover-up are directly responsible for cancer deaths."

—*WorldNetDaily.com, September 22, 2005*

October is breast cancer awareness month. Consider donating to Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer: www.abortionbreastcancer.com

Planned Parenthood & Hurricane Katrina victims

While victims of Hurricane Katrina battled rising waters and destroyed homes and sought basic necessities like food, water and shelter, Planned Parenthood sent an announcement to its members that the nation's largest abortion business was available to help—with free morning after pills and birth control.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America interim president Karen Pearl lauded her group's efforts in a recent email to its supporters. "As Hurricane Katrina ripped through the southeastern United States, Planned Parenthood [is] there to offer one free month of birth control or one free emergency contraception kit to women from Louisiana and Mississippi," Pearl wrote. "In past disasters, we know there has been an increased demand for [emergency contraception]," she added.

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**Thank you to all those
who came out for
Life Chain this year!!**

**Next year's Life Chain
will be October 1, 2006**

Save the date!



Making Abortion Unthinkable: *THE ART OF PRO-LIFE PERSUASION*



Who should consider participating in this seminar?

- ★ pro-life supporters, both active and inactive
- ★ crisis pregnancy workers and volunteers
- ★ counselors, therapists and teachers
- ★ those who have not yet been fully convinced to call themselves pro-life, rather than pro-choice
- ★ those who have never given much thought to the issue and are unsure what to believe
- ★ those who are pro-choice, but are respectfully willing to hear the other side

Spend Friday evening, **November 18 (7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)** and **Saturday morning (9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)** with us at **St. Matthew Lutheran Church-Wixom Campus, 48380 Pontiac Trail**—getting back to the basics about abortion, while learning the Art of Pro-Life Persuasion. Denny Kass facilitates a powerful presentation from the *Stand to Reason Video Seminar Series*. Also included will be valuable small group interactions and a number of personal testimonies on “Why I Am Pro-Life.” The registration fee is \$10 (to cover materials).

For your convenience, seminar participants are invited to join us for a light supper on Friday evening (6-7 p.m.), as well as a continental breakfast on Saturday morning (8:15-9 a.m.).

For those who will be traveling some distance, overnight accommodations in the homes of St. Matthew Church members will be available by prior arrangement. If interested, contact Mary Walden at 248-624-9387—no later than November 1.

Making Abortion Unthinkable Seminar

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS are required. Please complete the form below and mail with your \$10 check to *Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152*. Registrations should be received by November 11. For more information, call 248-478-8878.

Yes, I will attend Lifespan's seminar on Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19

Number of reservations _____ @ \$10.00 each \$_____ total enclosed

Name (s) _____ Address _____

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Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all people for whom you are making reservations.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Legal Definition of Birth Act

On September 14, 2005, U.S. District Court Judge Denise Page Hood ruled that Michigan's Legal Definition of Birth Act can't be upheld because she claims it puts an "undue burden" on obtaining a legal abortion. Hood also claims the law is vague and its exceptions for the life of the mother unconstitutional. "The act does not describe any specific procedure to be banned," Hood wrote. "The act also does not distinguish between induced abortion and pregnancy.

The state legislature gave final approval to the Legal Definition of Birth Act in June of 2004 after Governor Jennifer Granholm vetoed the bill. Pro-life groups obtained the signatures of over 460,000 people to bring the measure before the legislature in a veto-proof form. While the courts struck down previous partial birth abortion bans in Michigan in 1996 and 1999, supporters of the Legal Definition of Birth Act say it was specifically written to pass the constitutionality test. In April, Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox issued a legal opinion saying the law is constitutional and does not prohibit any more than the partial birth abortion procedure.

"We are disappointed by the court's decision," Cox said. "We are currently reviewing the decision with the intent to appeal to uphold the will of the people of the state."

Supreme Court Justices

After the U.S. Supreme Court rendered its decision in the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* abortion cases, pro-life people soon learned that there was no other authority to turn to change that decision. The only way to limit the findings of these decisions or implement common sense protective measures for women and babies was to formulate and pass laws that would do just that. Since the 1973 decisions stated that women had a constitutional right to abortion, passing such laws became especially difficult. As a constitutional right, laws impacting on abortion had to pass the "undue

burden" test, undue burden being defined as broadly as possible.

This is why the selection of judges, at any level, is so very important. We must know whether those men and women will interpret law, or make law, whether they will look at our constitution and find facts or "auras to the pre-numbras" of amendments, upon which the abortion decisions were based. The nominations to the United States Supreme Court made by any president are vitally important.

President George Bush nominated John Roberts as Chief Justice to the United States Supreme Court. It would appear that Mr. Roberts will look at facts, not auras, and he has promised to follow the rule of law, not make law. By a vote of 78-22, Mr. Roberts was confirmed by the U.S. Senate and has taken his seat as Chief Justice. One of the first cases he will hear is *Gonzales v. Oregon* (formerly called *Ashcroft v. Oregon*) which will determine if federally controlled substances can be used to assist suicides. He will also likely hear a case concerning the parental right to know if a minor child seeks an abortion and also another case regarding the constitutionality of a ban on partial birth abortion. It is clear that his decisions can have a huge impact on human life.

Mr. Bush has also nominated Harriet Miers, his own chief counsel, to fill the seat of retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. As she has never been a judge, not much is known about Ms. Miers' philosophy regarding the life issues. Mr. Bush has stated that she is a conservative like himself. While the confirmation process for Ms. Miers gets underway, the following statement from the National Right to Life Committee offers some idea about her qualifications. "President Bush has an excellent record of appointing judges who recognize the proper role of the courts, which is to interpret law according to its actual text, and not to legislate from the bench. We believe that Harriet Miers is another nominee who will abide by the text and history of the Constitution."

Umbilical cord blood stem cells treat spinal cord injury!

I have known about this for some time, but because I didn't want to be guilty of the same hyping that is so often engaged in by some therapeutic cloning proponents, I waited until it was published in a peer reviewed journal. Now it has been and the news is HUGE: Korean scientists have used **umbilical cord blood stem cells** to restore feeling and mobility to a spinal cord injury patient. The report is published in *Cytherapy*, (2005) Vol 7. No. 4, 368-373.

The patient is a woman who has been paraplegic from an accident for more than 19 years. (Complete paraplegia of the 10th thoracic vertebra.) She had surgery and also an infusion of **umbilical cord blood stem cells**. Note these stunning benefits: "The patient could move her hips and feel her hip skin on day 15 after transplantation. On day 25 after transplantation her feet responded to stimulation. On post-operative day 7, motor activity was noticed and improved gradually in her lumbar area and hip muscles. She could maintain an upright position by herself on post-operative day 13. From post operative day 15 she began to elevate both lower legs about 1 cm, and hip flexor muscle activity gradually improved until post operative day 41." The article goes on from there in very technical language.

The bottom line is this, from the Abstract: Not only did the patient regain feeling, but "41 days after [stem cell] transplantation" testing, she "also showed regeneration of the spinal cord at the injured cite" and below it. "Therefore, it is suggested that **umbilical cord blood** multipotent stem cell transplantation could be a good treatment method for spinal cord injury patients." (My emphasis.)

We have to be cautious. One patient does not a treatment make. Also, the authors note that the laminectomy the patient received might have offered some benefit. But still, this is a wonderful story that offers tremendous hope for paralyzed patients. Typically, it has been completely ignored in the American media (although it has gotten some foreign press attention). **Can you imagine the headlines if the cells used had been embryonic?**

One last point. This is a patient with a very old injury—making the results even more dramatic.

—Excerpted from an article by Wesley Smith, Esq., author, lecturer, authority on embryonic stem cell research and medical ethics; September 24, 2005

Planned Parenthood and Katrina

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Pro-life groups say the giveaways are another example of how the abortion business doesn't understand the needs of women and families.

"The world sees people in the ravaged areas desperate for food, bedding and shelter. Planned Parenthood only sees a publicity opportunity to push its latest political football, the morning-after pill," Concerned Women for America's Wendy Wright told LifeNews.com. "Generous Americans focus on what the suffering ask for and need, many giving anonymously, not asking for anything in return," Wright added.

—LifeNews.com, August 31, 2005

"We had to kill our patients"

We cannot verify this report. There are some inconsistencies in the content of the article, but if it is true, how frightening. On Sunday, September 11, the *Daily Mail* newspaper in London, England reported that doctors working in hurricane-ravaged New Orleans killed critically ill patients as they evacuated hospitals.

Senior doctors took the harrowing decision to give massive overdoses of morphine to those they believed could not make it out alive.

In an extraordinary interview with *The Mail*, one New Orleans doctor told how she 'prayed for God to have mercy on her soul' after she ignored every tenet of medical ethics and ended the lives of patients she had earlier fought to save.

One emergency official, William 'Forest' McQueen, said: "Those who had no chance of making it were given a lot of morphine and lain down in a dark place to die."

The doctor said: "I didn't know if I was doing the right thing. But I did not have time. I had to make snap decisions, under the most appalling circumstances, and I did what I thought was right.

"I injected morphine into those patients who were dying and in agony. If the first dose was not enough, I gave a double dose. And at night I prayed to God to have mercy on my soul." "This was not murder, this was compassion. They would have been dead within hours, if not days. We did not put people down. What we did was give comfort to the end.

"People would find it impossible to understand the situation. I had to make life-or-death decisions in a split second.

"Some of the very sick became distressed. We tried to make them as comfortable as possible.

"You have to understand these people were going to die anyway."

Mr. McQueen, a utility manager for the town of Abita Springs, half an hour north of New Orleans, told relatives that patients had been 'put down', saying: "They injected them, but nurses stayed with them until they died."

—Excerpted from an article by Caroline Graham and Jo Knowsley, *Daily Mail*, London, England, September 11, 2005.

Editor's Note: In light of what has been found to be myths regarding the devastation caused by Katrina, we once again advise that we have been unable to find more than this one source for this story. We pray that it is not true.

"America, it is said, is suffering from intolerance. It is not. It is suffering from tolerance of right and wrong, truth and error, virtue and evil, Christ and chaos. Our country is not nearly so much overrun with the bigoted as it is overrun with the broadminded... In the face of this broadmindedness, what the world needs is more intolerance."

—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, "A Plea for Intolerance," 1931, cited in "Christ or Chaos."

Christmas Cards 2005

Your purchase represents support for pro-life activities during the coming year. To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call your local Right to Life - LIFESPAN office: Detroit **313-640-8534**, Livingston **810-220-5433**, Oakland/Macomb **248-816-1546** or Wayne West/Downriver **734-422-6230**.



Mary and Infant

Mary looks lovingly at the Infant Jesus. This card is a unique watercolor in shades of blue with silver foil and includes a silver foil-lined envelope.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 8"

\$16.00 per box of 20

Verse:

*May all the blessings of the Infant Savior
be yours this Christmas
and may His Divine Presence
enrich your Life throughout the New Year*

Bethlehem Scene

The Holy Family in a stable is pictured outside the town of Bethlehem. The town is illustrated in gold foil and the figures are in pastels. A matching colored envelope is included.

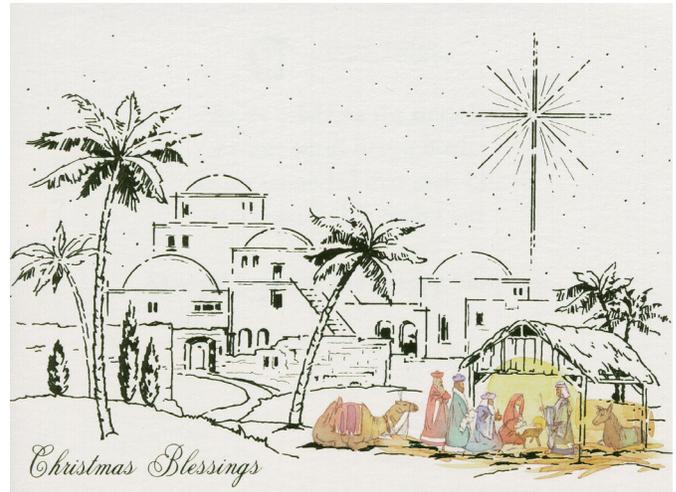
Actual size: 5" x 6-5/8"

\$7.00 per pkg. of 10

Verse:

*As we celebrate the miracle
of one small Baby's Birth,
we are reminded that each Life
is a special Gift from God*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Mary and Cherubs

Mary cradles the Infant Jesus on her lap while cherubs gaze. Beautiful card in shades of dusty rose and purple with gold foil border and includes a gold foil-lined envelope.

Actual size: 5-5/8" x 8"

\$15.00 per box of 20

Verse:

All is Calm, All is Bright

*Let us rejoice at the Christ Child's birth
and be thankful for God's precious Gift of Life*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Silent Night, Holy Night

Other Christmas cards from previous years are also available in packages of 10.

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I am especially grateful for all of you who continue to support the pro-life movement. Your actions and continued efforts will someday bring back respect for all human life. As we move into our activities for fall and winter (Life Chain, Legislative Breakfast, *Making Abortion Unthinkable* Seminar, First Annual Teen Day, March to Washington, D.C., Pro-Life Rally in January, Baby Showers in March), it is important to evaluate our activities of the past. It is important for those of us at the local level of the pro-life movement see that our work does have success. The surveying of candidates, your reading our newsletter and acting upon the information made a difference.

Consider what has occurred with the nomination of Judge Roberts. Yes, your vote counted. If you voted for President Bush, you made it possible for him to nominate a strict constitutionalist to the Supreme Court. Will he be, or is he now, a pro-life activist? I cannot answer this. In fact there are pro-life organizations and conservative groups who were very unhappy with this nomination. None of us will know for sure until Judge Roberts rules on a case involving abortion or euthanasia. What I do know is that he is, at the present time, a strict constitutionalist, that is to say, he will interpret the constitution and not make laws to fit his own ideology. *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* took over the responsibilities of Congress and made law. The best we could ever hope for is that a decision will be made on an abortion case making abortion laws the responsibility of the states—making it a States' Rights issue. If we are serious about making abortion nationally illegal, except to save the life of the mother, we need a "Human Life Amendment" to the Constitution.

We need to pray that President Bush's next nomination, Harriet Miers, will be another strict constitutionalist. He needs our prayers; there is a lot of pressure on him to keep the status quo—"Death to our future citizens—all in the name of Choice."



Educational Center for Life

Please remember the EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR LIFE if you have a vehicle that you would like to donate to Charity Motors – Detroit Headquarters. Charity Motors is a 501.c3 organization, and your donation will not only help a needy person with a car, but will also help the Educational Center For Life by choosing our organization to receive the proceeds from the sale of your donated vehicle. Charity Motors provides free towing service and in addition to accepting cars also accepts trucks, motor homes, boats, trailers and motorcycles. Call 313-255-1000 to donate today.

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Dear Friends,

Can you believe that Thanksgiving is almost here? And this year especially, because of the devastation of Katrina and Rita, we are reminded how much we have for which we

should be thankful. If your family is together, if you have just gathered around your table to feed them, if you have bathed them in your tub, dressed them in their pajamas and tucked them in their warm beds—stop for just a moment and give them an extra hug and whisper a little prayer of thanksgiving. Money and wealth and all the extra things that come with it are great, but, as we've seen these last few weeks with the hurricanes—it is the ordinary things that are most important of all.

At Wee Care, we are constantly reminded of these most basic needs. Because of YOU, our moms have formula to feed their little ones, baby bathtubs to keep them clean, diapers to keep them dry, tiny outfits and soft pajamas to keep them clothed and cuddly blankets to keep them warm so that they too can hold their precious child in their arms and whisper a prayer of thanksgiving. (Sometimes we even have darling bassinets to give them, and we always have contact numbers for housing and other needs.)

This past month, Wee Care has provided blankets for two busloads of little ones and their families who were rescued and brought to the Detroit area and are being housed in a local hotel.

We have also provided for a family who drove nonstop from Mississippi to seek shelter with their relatives. They arrived with three small children and nothing but the clothes on their backs.

Another family made it only to Tennessee. An uncle from here gathered up desperately needed supplies and drove them down to them. He found his niece, still in shock and in tears trying to care for her infant son and her toddler daughter. I am sure that when he gave the young mother your gifts of blankets, diapers and clothing and also told her of the love and concern you have for her and all mothers, it had to have brought her some comfort and hopefully she could feel your loving arms around her and perhaps for just a moment, she also whispered a prayer of thanksgiving.

If you know of any family who was affected by the hurricanes—or if you ever know of ANY family that truly needs our help, please call us and we will help provide for their little ones and give them the gifts of hope and your love.

May you have a Thanksgiving Day filled with hugs and laughter and somewhere in the midst of football games, parades and pumpkin pie, may you find a quiet moment to whisper that prayer of thanksgiving.

Karen Patrosso, Director 248-478-8884

Wee Care, A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN

PS: I am in DESPERATE need of diapers (size 1 or newborn) and my shelf with wipes and baby shampoo and lotions is almost empty!



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Life Chain success

We had 100 angels come to Grotto Church this year. It was a beautiful day, and we had lots of friendly beeps from the hundreds of cars that passed by on Gratiot. God will bless all of you in a special way for your prayerful witness. A special thanks to Assumption Grotto Church for again hosting the Detroit Life Chain.

Christmas Cards and Entertainment 2006 Books

LIFESPAN Christmas Cards with pro-life messages are now in the office. If your church would like to help us sell these beautiful cards, please call the office today, 313 640-8534. All it takes is an article in your church paper with your phone number or a corner of a table at your holiday booth.

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Judy Zabik, Jane Thierfeldt, Co-Directors

FDA seeks our input

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced it needs guidance on whether the controversial morning-after pill should be available without a prescription but with age restrictions. Since the FDA has never approved over-the-counter status for a drug based on the buyer's age, it has asked for advice on whether the agency has the authority to do it, and if an age restriction could be enforced.

Barr Labs, which bought Plan B from Womens' Capital Corporation, has argued that making Plan B easily available would reduce pregnancies and abortions. They have run into a problem, though, in that studies show just the opposite. Where the drug is available without a prescription, pregnancies and abortions do not go down. In fact, several studies show that the number of abortions increase.

And, since the drug does not prevent or treat sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), the STD rates skyrocket.

We are also selling Entertainment Books. For just \$25 a book, you will get back your investment by using the many discounts at your favorite restaurants and stores and help us in our on-going efforts to educate the public on all LIFE issues. It's a win-win situation. Call today.

Thanksgiving prayer

It's again that time of year
When snow is about to fall I fear.
But it's also the time to Thank God above
For all the many gifts of love.
We thank you God for the bounty you give
The food to which we need to live.
The bed and home in which we rest
The loving shelter to welcome guests.
The love of children whom we embrace
A kiss, a hug, a smiling face.
We thank you God for answered prayer
For the little mercies we receive out there.
For the people on Life Chains who silently pray
To end abortion in our day.
For mothers who change their minds and place
Their lives and their little ones in your grace.
We thank you God for the gift of Life
Help us to protect it every day of our life.
Keep our eyes on the prize and our ultimate goal
To stop abortion and to save one soul.

The FDA originally declined to make Plan B available to anyone without a prescription, citing concerns that Barr had not proven that adolescents can safely use it.

The FDA has provided a unique opportunity that will affect families throughout America.

You can help ensure that the FDA does not rely solely on the unsubstantiated assurance by abortion advocacy groups (which would lose customers if it were true) that easy access to the morning-after pill would reduce pregnancies. Nor should it rely upon a drug company that will make huge profits if the drug is easy to buy, even if its promises prove to be untrue. Parents can step in to ensure that a government agency does not make a drug available to any adult, including molesters seeking to cover their crimes against girls.

Take Action: Citizens have until November 1, 2005, to submit comments.

All submissions must include the agency name (Food and Drug Administration) and either the Docket Number 2005N-0345 or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 0910-AF72. Submit written comments in these ways:

1. Fax: 301-827-6870.

2. Mail: Division of Dockets Management; 5630 Fishers Lane, Rm. 1061; Rockville, Maryland 20852.

3. E-mail: Electronic comments can be submitted using the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov> or the agency Web site <http://www.fda.gov/comments.html>. (Keyword: 2005N-0345)

For further information, contact the FDA at 301-827-0002 or by e-mail at pcomments@fda.gov.

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The young and the moving!

The soap opera, *The Young and the Restless*, has nothing on the young people involved in Right to Life – LIFESPAN. However, our young people are not restless. They are moving! They are moving toward a Saturday seminar designed just for them. We know many of today's young people are pro-life, and we also know how hard it is to defend that position in high school and on college campuses. They hear the same old argument that their parents heard—"Don't impose your morality on me," "It's my body," and "It will interfere with my plans."

On Saturday, November the 5th, we are going to provide an opportunity for our young people to get a better understanding of the pro-life issues and be able to explain them to their friends. The conference, titled, "So You Think You Are Pro-life—Can You Prove It?" will feature

speakers on how the media shapes the thoughts and opinions of all of us, how to express pro-life positions in a clear, factual and non-confrontational manner and, just for good measure, they will hear about the physical and emotional costs of engaging in physical intimacy outside of marriage.

A time to share what they have heard and enjoy pizza, pop and goodies will follow the presentations.

The afternoon begins at 1:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 5th at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. The cost is \$10.00 per person, and registration is open until October 26th. Call the Oakland/Macomb office of LIFESPAN at **248-816-1546**.

The next place our young people are moving to is Washington D.C. for the annual **March for Life** which takes place on Monday, January 23, 2006. LIFESPAN is again sending buses to Washington so that our young people can exercise their rights as citizens by expressing their concerns for human life to our legislators and taking part in the March down Pennsylvania Ave. Each year, thousands and thousands of pro-lifers take part in this March, and each year more and more young people attend. Clearly, the future of the pro-life movement is safe and secure as our young people move the Pro-Life banner forward. Call **248-816-1546** for more details about the bus trip.

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

What a wonderful day in our neighborhoods

Life Chain Sunday finally arrived, and thousands of people took to the streets proclaiming that "Abortion Kills Children." The day was beautiful and the other messages, "Adoption the Loving Option," "Pray to End Abortion," "Abortion Hurts Women" and "Life—the First Inalienable Right" met with approval as the many cars passing by honked their horns and gave us a thumbs-up as many smiles were exchanged; some even parked their cars and joined us. Thank you to all our spiritual leaders who encouraged their congregations to join a Chain and stood with them prayerfully for 1-1/2 hours to witness against the evil of abortion. There were many young people in the crowd holding signs, proudly standing-up for LIFE. It was awesome!

Pro-Life Breakfast

There are still tickets left. This annual event is very informative, and you have the opportunity to meet the men and women who write and vote on laws that affect you and your family. See back page.

Christmas Cards

We have two new selections of Christmas Cards for 2005. Where else will you find religious cards with pro-life verses? See page 6 for descriptions. If cards are being sold from your church, please volunteer to help.

Entertainment Books 2006

Entertainment Books are here with coupon savings up to 50%. They make great housewarming, hostess, birthday, anniversary and Christmas gifts. The cost is \$25. Come in and browse through the book, or call to reserve yours now.

Thanksgiving message

As the Director of 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. Many of you have been members since the late 1960s, and some of you are new as recently as October, 2005. 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! WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

—Pat

Student Essay Contest

ELIGIBILITY:

Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home school, who resides in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston Counties, OR who 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 Right to Life - LIFESPAN.

RULES:

1. The topic of the pro-life essay entry must feature one or more aspects of abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, human embryonic stem cell research or human cloning. The essay must be titled.
2. The essay shall be a minimum of 500 words, a maximum of 1000 words. No poems will be accepted.
3. The essay should be typed, but may be legibly handwritten.
4. Each entry must be the student's original work. One entry per student.
5. On the **BACK** only of the last page of the essay, the student must **PRINT** neatly his/her name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, plus the names of his/her parents or guardian.
6. Each entry becomes the property of Right to Life - LIFESPAN, and each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
7. The essay shall be judged on content and style.
8. All entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience in the content. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.
9. Decisions of the judges shall be final.
10. **All entries must be received by Wednesday, November 2, 2005, and mailed or delivered to: Student Essay Contest 2005, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.**

PRIZES:

First: \$1000 Savings Bond; Second: \$400 Savings Bond; Third: \$200 Savings Bond. Prizes will be awarded at the Rally for Life, in January, 2006. The first-prize winner shall also be invited to read the winning essay at the Rally, and the winning entry shall be printed in *Lifespan News*. Call Lifespan's Main Office **248-478-8878** for more information.



Letters from Santa

For only \$5, Santa will send your child a personalized letter, printed on colorful holiday stationery. \$2 from each letter will be donated to *Right to Life - LIFESPAN*. Santa's letter includes a special treat recipe that your child will be able to make with you. Your child will be delighted to hear from Santa and you'll be helping other children as well.

Personalized Santa Letter Order Form

Return this portion, along with \$5 (check or money order to Janice Priest) for each letter ordered to:

Priest Family Productions, 144 Auburn, Inkster, MI 48141-1253, 313-277-0800; Lovely@2clowns.com or ORDER ONLINE @ 2clowns.com!

Name of person ordering: _____

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Child's Full Address: _____

Name of Child: _____

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Any additional donation to Right to Life - LIFESPAN? _____

What's Up With the Youth?

Hello Teens, Parents of Teens, College Students, Youth Ministers, Pro-Life Youth Groups and Teachers!

Plans are underway for the 2006 **MOVEMENT IN MOTION** Youth Bus Trip to Washington, D.C. in January. We will have one or two buses leaving from Troy and one bus leaving from Madonna University in Livonia the evening of Saturday, January 21st and returning the morning of Tuesday, January 24th. **Mark your calendars.** Please call me at **248-816-1546** for more details and how you can either sign up to go or sponsor a teenager to go on the trip.

The **Michigan Teen Conference**, for ages 14-18, will be Saturday, November 5th from 1-6 p.m. at the St. Joseph's Hospital Franco Communications Center on Woodward Ave. The Conference will feature Brad Seng, abstinence speaker for Healthy Hearts, Inc. There will be two breakout sessions featuring Nick Thomm, from Ave Maria Radio, and Matt Hill, from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School. Other special guests will be Stephanie Hastings and the Pinckney Pro-life Group. Lifespan and the Educational Center for Life are very excited and happy to be sponsoring this conference!

The **Youth Night of Jeopardy Games** in August was a huge success! **Our target date for next year is Saturday, August 5, 2006 so mark your calendars if you are interested in participating!** Call **248-816-1546** for more information about next year's special night!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families...we sure do have much to be thankful for in our lives!

—Lynn Gura, Youth Connections

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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.

Crisis hotline numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your 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** or Casa Vitae **248-559-5407**. 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**.

Pro-life wrist bands

Lifespan's wrist bands are royal blue. Blue is a color associated with the purity of the sky, just as the unborn child is pure and innocent and deserving of our protection. Blue is also a color associated with healing, just as we hope to help heal the scars, physical and emotional, left by an abortion decision. Blue is also a color associated with truth and loyalty, just as those who wear our bracelet will be *true blue* in their support of all human life.

A donation of \$1.00 per bracelet is suggested to offset the cost of manufacturing them. Call a Lifespan Chapter office to order yours today: Detroit **313-640-8534**; Wayne West/Downriver **734-422-6230**; Oakland/Macomb **248-816-1546**; or Livingston **810-220-LIFE (5433)**.

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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.

- _____ Annual Membership \$ 20.00
- _____ Student/Senior Member \$ 10.00
- _____ *Angel in the Waters* Special Membership \$40 or more; see page 2

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please complete this form and return with your donation to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar, Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152-2193**. For more information, call **248-478-8878**. Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.

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Pro-Life Breakfast and Legislative Update

Saturday, October 29, 2005

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Registration: 8:30 a.m.

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Special Guest Speaker Elder Dr. Levon Yuille has been Pastor of The Bible Church in Ypsilanti, Michigan for over thirty years. Along with his work in the ministry, he has been a community activist, which has given him opportunities to work with numerous groups and individuals for the good of society. He is the *National Director, National Black Pro-Life Congress*. This position has allowed him to speak for over a decade around the United States and in three countries in Africa for the cause of the unborn. As *Host of the Radio Talk Show, Joshua's Trail*, he can be heard every Saturday on radio station WDTK 1400 AM Detroit. For many years, he has spoken throughout Michigan to pro-life organizations. Rev. Dr. Yuille has received over forty awards, plaques and letters of recognition, which include being named "Person of the Year" by the *Ypsilanti Press*. On two occasions the City of Ypsilanti declared "Pastor Yuille Day." He and his wife Sally have been blessed to raise eight children and have twenty grandchildren.

A Legislative Update will be given by **State Senator Michael Bishop** who represents the 12th District in the State Senate which includes communities in the Pontiac and Rochester areas. As a lifelong resident of the district he now represents, Senator Bishop has spent a lifetime serving his community. He understands the importance of public service and the need for strong, ethical leadership in government. He was elected to the Michigan Senate after two terms in the Michigan House of Representatives. He was chosen Assistant Majority Leader and Chairman of the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee. When he leaves elected office, Mike wants to be able to say that because of his efforts in government, our families are stronger, our streets are safer, our students are smarter, our roads are better, and most importantly, our government is smaller and less restrictive. Senator Bishop has co-sponsored many pro-life bills in both the House and Senate and has a 100% pro-life voting record. Mike's greatest joy comes from his family, his wife Cristina, and children, Benjamin and Gabriella.



Tickets are \$18.00 per person; \$7.50 for students 21 or younger

For reservation information call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230

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