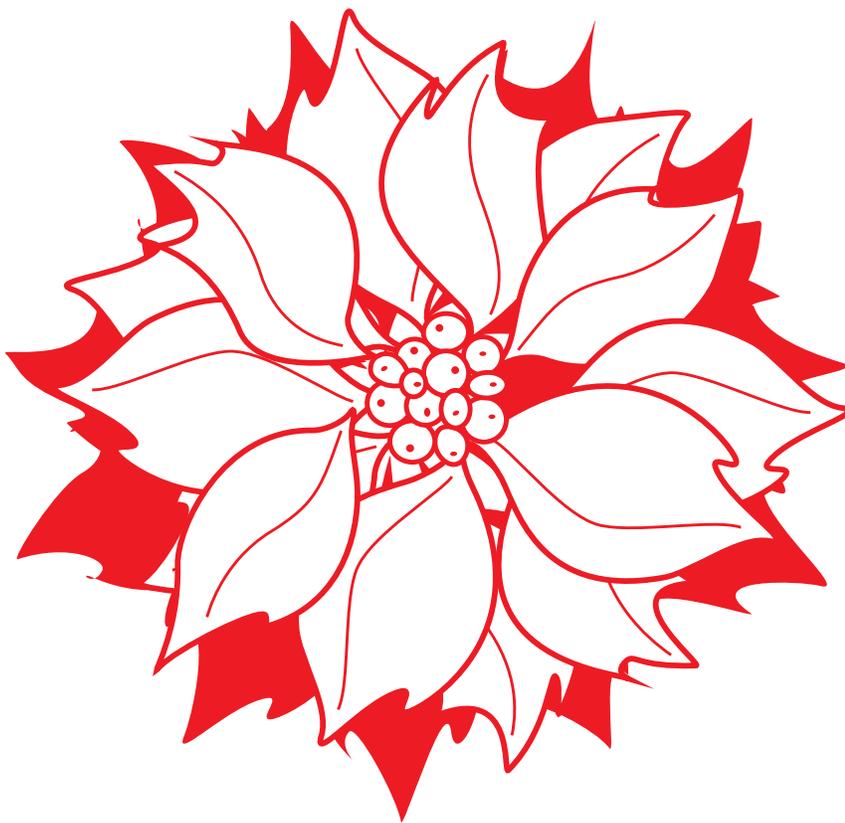


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## *The Legend of the Poinsettia*

A charming story is told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to present the Christ at Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy.

"I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes," said Pedro, consolingly.

Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel.

As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even

the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes.

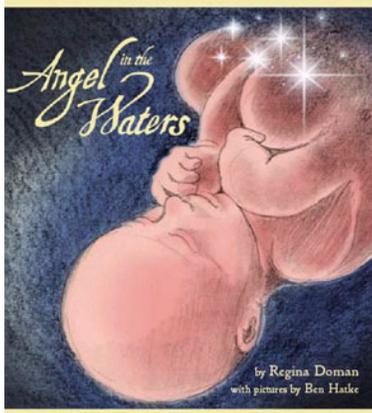
From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Noche Buena, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season. Today, the common name for this plant is the Poinsettia!

*The Legend of the Poinsettia speaks of a humble gift given in love! As I read this beautiful story, I felt that this gift of humble love is given throughout the year by our devoted pro-life members. It is given in the sacrifice of time, money and miscellaneous support for those who will never know you by name, but will someday reap the rewards of your efforts. Just as the common weed bloomed brightly into a new flower, through your efforts, the seeds you plant today will become the beautiful bloom of LIFE, guaranteed for all!*

*During this Holy season, regardless of religious affiliation, we can all relate to this little story of love—given by a humble child.*

*Deane Mary*

# 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 mem-*

*bership 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.*

## Singing Singer's song

In a speech at Glasgow University Vet School, Ian Wilmut, the scientist who created Dolly the Sheep, argued that human embryonic stem cells should be used (for research), in order to save animals from being used in tests. The Scottish newspaper *Herald* reported September 8, 2005, that Wilmut argued that this research would be "more ethical" and would save, "potentially many thousands of animals." *Editor's Note: It would seem that Peter Singer and Ian Wilmut have much in common. Singer, PETA activist and current Ethics Chair at Princeton University, maintains that aborting a handicapped child is not a moral wrong because conceiving such a child brings unhappiness.*

## Abortion more than doubles risk of child abuse

For decades, evidence has existed showing abortion contributes to a rise in child abuse. Now a new study by a post-abortion research institute and Bowling Green State University professors finds that women who have abortions are more likely to abuse their children. Published in the medical journal *Acta Paediatrica*, the study found that women who have had abortions are 2.4 times more likely to physically abuse their children. Pro-life advocates say it proves the need for providing women with post-abortion counseling to help deal with the emotional trauma of the abortion. Led by Priscilla Coleman, a professor at Bowling Green, researchers looked at data taken from a survey of 518 low-income women in Baltimore who were receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children and who had at least one child aged 12 years or younger. The data compared rates of child abuse and neglect among women who had experienced either an involuntary (miscarriage or stillbirth) or voluntary (induced abortion) pregnancy loss. Women who had a miscarriage or stillbirth were more likely to physically abuse their children as well, but the increase was much less significant than for women who had abortions. The authors suggested that "emotional

difficulties and unresolved grief responses" from pregnancy loss, whether voluntary or involuntary, could have a negative impact on women's mental health and lead to unhealthy parenting responses.

—*LifeNews.com, October, 22, 2005*

## Frozen human embryo ruled not a person

An Arizona state appeals court has ruled that a human embryo frozen at a fertility clinic is not a human person under law. The ruling came in response to a couple's wrongful death lawsuit against the Mayo Clinic for destroying some of the human embryos they had frozen and were ready to use. The Arizona Court of Appeals ruled that the embryos do not qualify as people under the state's wrongful death law. The couple asked the court to include in the definition of person a human embryo who would eventually be a viable unborn child later in a pregnancy. The court said that was a matter for the legislature to decide. According to an *Associated Press* report, a 20 year-old Arizona Supreme Court ruling requires unborn children to be viable before they qualify for inclusion under the state wrongful death statute.

—*Lifenews.com, November 2, 2005*

## Planned Parenthood cares more about abortion than teen girls

Public schools require permits, doctor's permission and written consent from parents to give a Tylenol to a student. It's much easier for an eighth-grader to get an abortion. All it took last year for a 14-year-old "Jane Roe" was a cell phone number. A staffer at a local Planned Parenthood clinic called the number and got permission—from a 21-year-old man who was molesting the girl and coerced her into an abortion. The man, now in prison, pretended to be her father on the phone, then posed as her brother at the clinic. He paid with his credit card, and had the girl injected with Depo-Provera birth control, so he could resume having sex with her three days later. "Jane Roe presented her school identification card, which showed that she was a junior high school student," a lawsuit by the girl's parents says. "(He) presented his Ohio driver's license, which showed that he was 21 years of age and his last name was different than Jane Roe's. (Planned Parenthood) did not question (either) about the differences in their ages or their different last names."

—*LifeNews.com, September 28, 2005*



## Shower Time!

Lifespan is planning its 17th annual Baby Shower for crisis pregnancy centers on **Sunday, March 12**. 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 locations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Livingston 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 are interested in co-hosting a baby shower, please call us at **248-478-8878**.

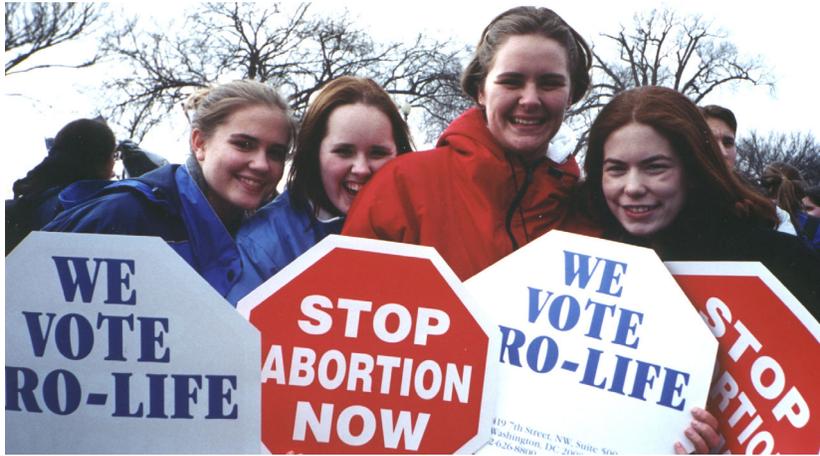


# Join a *Movement in Motion!*

Board the Lifespan Bus to Washington, D.C.



*On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton made it legal to kill unborn babies for any reason during the entire nine months of pregnancy*



*Be a voice for these unborn babies who are being denied their right to life by participating in the 33rd annual March for Life!*

## *March for Life*

**January 21 - 24, 2006**

Buses will depart from Troy and Livonia locations  
*There are separate itineraries and costs for adults and students:*  
\$100.00; \$131.50; \$135.00

Call **248-816-1546** for more details and registration form

**...Or...**

## **Come Fly With Us to Washington!**

*Lifespan has arranged for a block of seats on Spirit Airlines*

**January 23**

*Departing Detroit Metro at 8:10 a.m.*

*Arriving Washington, D.C. 9:55 a.m.*



*Departing Washington, D.C. 5:05 p.m.*

*Arriving Detroit Metro 6:45 p.m.*

**\$190 round trip air transportation only**

(travel in Washington independent of Lifespan)

*If you would like to join us for the one-day trip by air to Washington, D. C. for the March for Life, call Right to Life - Lifespan at **248-478-8878***

**Seats are limited—Reserve your seat now!**



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

## Addresses

### **President**

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Dear Mr. President:

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Dear Senator (last name):

### **U.S. Representatives**

The Honorable (first and last name)  
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Dear Congressman or Congresswoman  
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### **Governor**

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
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Dear Governor Granholm:

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Dear Senator (last name):

### **Michigan State Representative**

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Dear Representative (last name):

## **Senate postpones embryonic stem cell research vote**

A leading member of the Senate who is sponsoring a bill to overturn President Bush's limits on embryonic stem cell research funding says he will agree to a proposal by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist to put off a vote on his bill until next year. Sen. Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican, threatened to attach his legislation to a federal spending bill that Senate leaders are having difficulty passing. However, because Frist agreed to work out a specific date on which to have a vote on this bill, Specter says he'll wait until next year to push it. In a speech on the floor of the Senate, Specter said it would add to the difficulty of approving the spending bill if he pressured the Senate to attach his measure to it. "It would cause a multifaceted controversy with about five different positions to be inserted," Specter said. "And the majority leader has agreed to make this a priority item at the beginning of the next session of Congress." "The majority leader has committed to bringing it up as one of the first items next year," Specter added. Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican who is the leading lawmakers opposed to spending tax money on the destructive research, said delaying a vote would help him be more likely to defeat the bill.

## **Abortion non-discrimination**

Over the objections of the usual pro-abortion congressmen and women and senators, final approval of a pro-life amendment, the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act was attached to a Labor-Health and Human services appropriations bill in November, 2004.

The provision ensures that state and local governments receiving money from the Federal Health and Human Services Department cannot discriminate against health care providers that do not perform abortions, pay for abortions, provide insurance coverage for abortions or refer to agencies that perform abortions. Once the measure was signed by President Bush, the California state Attorney General Bill Lockyer

and the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, filed suit against the measure, maintaining that it was unconstitutional. On Wednesday, September 28, 2005, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia made its decision. The court first granted two associations of pro-life medical professionals—Christian Medical Association and the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the right to intervene as defendants. The court dismissed the case filed by NFPRHA saying the arguments that were put forth "fall short" and have no "satisfactory basis." The conscience protections of pro-life medical professionals and institutions are protected by the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act or the Weldon Amendment, as it is known, named after Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL) who introduced the measure.

## **Bill would help college students avoid abortions**

College-aged women tend to have the highest rate of abortions in the country and a new Congressional measure is intended to give them the financial and practical pregnant support necessary to help them avoid abortions. This week, pro-life lawmakers introduced the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Pregnant and Parenting Students Act of 2005. The measure would establish a pilot program to provide \$10 million for 200 grants to encourage institutions of higher education to establish and operate a pregnant and parenting student services office. The office would serve pregnant and parenting students and help students who are considering adoption instead of abortion. On many college campuses, student health insurance pays for abortions but won't provide students with the support needed to carry a pregnancy to term. Most student health offices have staff that will gladly refer students to local abortion centers but won't advise them of abortion alternatives.

—LifeNews.com, November 11, 2005

# 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.

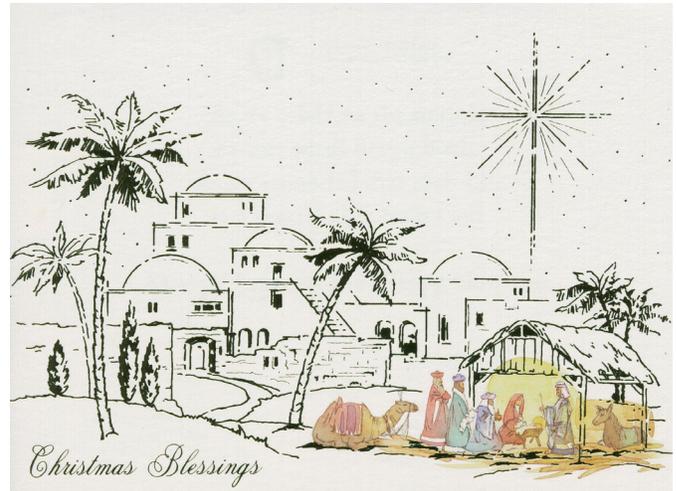
Actual size: 5" x 6-5/8"

**\$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"

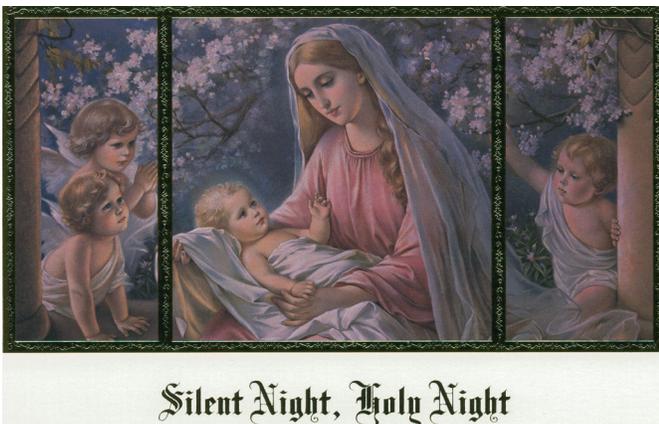
**\$15.00 per box of 20**

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.*

# ***Rally for Life***

***Stand Up, Speak Out, Be Counted on the Side of LIFE!***



## ***Madonna University***

*(corner of Schoolcraft and Levan, in Livonia)*

***January 15, 2006 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.***

*This is an OUTDOOR Rally; please dress warmly!  
Refreshments inside following Rally*

***Bring your families, friends,  
neighbors, co-workers!***



*Sponsored by Right to Life - LIFESPAN  
Call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230*

## **STUDENT ART CONTEST**

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006**

### **PRIZES:**

First: \$500 Savings Bond; Second: \$200 Savings Bond; Third: \$100 Savings Bond.

### **RULES:**

1. Any student in grades 9, 10, 11 or 12, in public, private or homeschool, who resides in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston 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 Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
2. The theme of the pro-life art contest entry is: "Celebration of Life." Entries might reflect pro-life issues involving family life, children, babies, the handicapped or the elderly.
3. Each entry must include, **on a separate sheet of paper**, neatly printed, the title of the artwork, the student's name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school and the names of his/her parents or guardian.
4. A student may submit more than one entry. Each entry must be the student's own original concept, design and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws.
5. Artwork must be 8" x 10" and oriented vertically for possible reproduction on the cover of Lifespan's Resource Book. The artwork must be submitted on regular art stock paper and be matted or mounted. Acceptable media will be watercolor, pencil, pastel, tempera, crayon, acrylic, pen-and-ink or photography.
6. The winning entries become the property of Right to Life - LIFESPAN and will not be returned. Each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - LIFESPAN.
7. Artwork entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience and knowledge of art.
8. Entries will be judged on originality of concept, presentation, composition and how they relate to pro-life issues, adherence to contest guidelines and design technique.
9. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize. Decisions of the judges will be final.
10. **All entries must be received by noon, Wednesday, March 15, 2006, and mailed or delivered to Student Art Contest 2006, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152.**

Winners will be notified by phone by March 30. The first-prize entry is also eligible for reproduction on the cover of Right to Life - LIFESPAN'S *Resource Book 2006*, distributed throughout the year as an educational resource on pro-life issues to teachers, legislators, pro-life leaders and others. The winning entries may also appear in an issue of *Lifespan News*. For more information, call Lifespan's Main Office 248-478-8878.

## Lifespan Gift Membership - Only \$5!

Give holiday gift memberships to people you feel would benefit from reading Lifespan News. We'll send the recipient an attractive gift card.



Gift Membership(s) For:

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Gift From:

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Make check payable and mail to: Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545; Livonia, MI 48152.

## Calendar of Events

Dec. .... Christmas Cards & Entertainment Book Sales  
Dec. 14 ..... Letters from Santa, p. 10  
Jan. 15 ..... Rally for Life, p. 6  
Jan. 21-24 ..... March for Life Bus/Air Trip, p. 3  
Jan. 23 ..... March for Life, Washington, D.C.  
March 12 ..... Baby Showers, p. 2  
March 15 ..... Student Art Contest Deadline, p. 6  
April 9 ... Nurses for Life Seminar, Futile Care / Wesley Smith

## Educational Center for Life

The Educational Center for Life has received the following donations:

*In loving memory of:*

**Joseph Barron**

Given by: Dr. and Mrs. Paul Sullivan  
Linda Seng

*In honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of:*

**Mr. and Mrs. Norman Berg**

Given by: Dr. and Mrs. Paul Sullivan

*In honor of the Marriage of:*

**Jim and Amy Stockman**

Given by: Tom and Marilyn Schepansky

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Dear Friends,

Christmastime at Wee Care—what a hectic, chaotic, wonderful place to be!

Teenagers, who are learning how precious each life is, are making colorful quilts and flannel blankets for our babies.

Schoolchildren collect warm mittens for little ones who have none.

Preschoolers collect soft blankets or pacifiers for babies and toddlers because it wasn't so very long ago that a favorite "blankie or binkie" was their most prized possession.

Wonderful ladies work feverishly crocheting and knitting tiny booties and beautiful afghans to keep our babies warm.

A child sends a dollar from their allowance, a senior citizen sends five from a social security check and a church sends a larger amount from their members—all representing sacrifice and love for our babies.

Special people find time in their busy lives to organize, collect and deliver to our office baby supplies that will help us provide for over 500 precious little ones each year.

And then there is me—I have the best job in the world! I am there to receive all of the donations—to share in the special joy of giving and to feel the outpouring of love that comes with each gift.

I could tell you so many stories about all of the moms who receive your packages—their tears, their hugs, their overwhelming gratitude for making their Christmas beautiful.

I do want to share just one story. Last January, I received a thank you letter from a mom who we had helped in early December. Her husband had lost his job, they had two little daughters and a baby due after the 1st of the year. She wrote that because we had given her a bassinet filled with baby clothes and blankets along with diapers, wipes and lotions, they were able to buy a tree and a few gifts for their little girls. She then said that she went into premature labor on Dec. 23rd and very early in the morning on Dec. 24th, she gave birth to her tiny son. Later that day, because it was Christmas Eve, her doctor allowed her to go home. Once home, with her little girls sound asleep and her husband placing two big, cuddly bears (from Wee Care) under their small tree, she gazed down at her precious son in her arms. He was wearing a new onesie and a cute sleeper and was wrapped in a soft blanket. At that moment, she said, she began to cry. She suddenly felt the love of everyone from Wee Care who had made their Christmas come true.

There are no words to thank you for all you do for making these Christmas miracles happen. I am privileged, honored and so grateful to be the "go between" to make sure that your special gifts are given to our Wee Care families.

May God bless YOUR Christmas with precious moments filled with love and happiness and memories to treasure forever!

**Love, Karen**

Karen Patrosso, Director 248-478-8884  
Wee Care, A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN



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Mary Cascos, Office Manager

### Take this to heart

*"If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. If you forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if you say, behold, we knew it not; does not He that ponders the heart consider it? and He that keeps your soul, does not He know it? and shall not He render to every man according to his work? "*

—Proverbs 24; 10-12

How shall we who oppose abortion respond to this pressing moral problem?...we must respond to abortion in a way that pleases our Lord, and neither criminal acts nor "cop-outs" please Him. How can we sit by idly while 1.5 million are aborted every year? Our unconcern condemns us...God will not except "ignorance" as a reason for inaction...He never accepts ignorance as a reason for disobedience

## livingston

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Phone 810-220-LIFE (5433)  
Judy Zabik, Jane Thierfeldt, Co-Directors

### Dresser at Caritas Women's Center

Our thanks to the Caritas Women's Center for filling a baby dresser with much needed items for expectant moms. Plus, they have expressed their wish to have a dresser on their premises on a CONTINUING BASIS to fill and distribute! Their dedication to women and the PRO-LIFE message is one that should be emulated by everyone who considers themselves PRO-LIFE. Our Baby Dresser Program is also available for churches and other interested groups or organizations. Please call our office for a free informational packet.

### Republican Party platform

The language of the PRO-LIFE platform of the Republican Party is available for your perusal on Patrick Flynn's website: [www.flynnforcongress2006.com](http://www.flynnforcongress2006.com). Mr. Flynn is running for congress from our area; he is 100% pro-life.

If anyone has knowledge of PRO-LIFE language on the Democratic platform, call us.

or lack of involvement in His work here on earth.

—(*The Sanctity of Human Life, Richard Seefried*)

When we stand before our God at the Last Judgment, we will be asked, "What did you do to the least of My Children, and what did you fail to do for the least of My Children." May we prayerfully consider what we can do for the least of "My children," the unborn, handicapped and elderly.

### New Year's resolutions

Be it resolved that I will do my best to promote the pro-life cause in everything I do this year whether it will be:

- treating my family with love and with life-affirming examples,
- praying regularly for pro-life causes,
- participating in pro-life rallies and events,
- voting 100 % pro-life,
- writing to editors on pro-life issues,
- writing to state and national officials about pro-life legislation,
- becoming a church representative for Detroit LIFESPAN,
- volunteering for a pregnancy center,
- inviting a friend to become a LIFESPAN member,
- putting a pro life sticker on my car,

Do any one or more, or ALL, of the above—don't "sit this one out"—respect for human life is the most critical concern of our times!

### Morning-After Pill Bill

Rep. John Stahl has introduced a bill that would prohibit making the so-called "Morning -After Pill" available over the counter. It is HB 5311. Please contact your representative to support this bill. Call our office for any questions you might have concerning this important PRO-LIFE measure.

### Christmas Cards

Our Christmas Card sale is now going on at area churches. St. Joseph Catholic Church in Howell and Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Brighton are two in the immediate area. Please purchase a box or two of these beautiful PRO-LIFE greeting cards. Let your friends know, if they don't already, that God is PRO-LIFE!



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Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff

**M**—music, soft and familiar

**E**—excited children, trying hard to be good

**R**—ribbons, bows and pretty paper

**R**—rushing here, rushing there seeking...?

**Y**—yards of wrapping paper, tape and tissue

**C**—carols and cookies

**H**—happy hearts

**R**—the Reason for the Season

**I**—icicles hanging from rooftops and trees

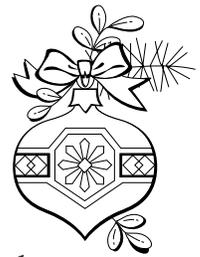
**S**—simple gifts, given from the heart

**T**—tinsel, travel and time hurrying by

**M**—Mary, gazing in wonder at her Child

**A**—angels singing Alleluia

**S**—sincere wishes from the Oakland/Macomb Board to you, your family and friends for a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with health, happiness and peace!



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**1973 - 2006**

### **Roe v. Wade: A Decision Under Siege**

Dave Andrusko, Editor, *National Right to Life News* stated, "Thirty-three years after the worst Supreme Court decisions since *Dred Scott*, *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton* are more vulnerable than at any point since Justice Harry Blackmun created the 'right' to abortion." Dave continued, "*National Right to Life News* Special January 22 Commemorative Edition lays out in detail where *Roe* and *Doe* came from and the forces that are rapidly undermining them. This must-read issue will address such crucial topics as:

- Why pro-abortionists fear *Roe* and *Doe* will be over turned?
- How did internal court politicking turn a bad decision into something far worse?
- What are the primary criticisms of *Roe* and *Doe*, from 1973 up until 2006?
- What is the status of state abortion laws prior to 1973?
- What is the evidence that, far from helping women, legal abortion is a physical and emotional disaster?

- What do two new books tell us about the history of abortion in the United States?
- What does the public really feel about abortion? About *Roe* and *Doe*?
- What difference does it make that there has been no *Roe v. Wade* of euthanasia?
- What explains the rise of the Pro-Life Movement?
- AND MUCH MUCH MORE!"

Our chapter is purchasing this particular *NRL News* issue in bulk so that each of you will be able to have your own copy as well as purchasing an extra copy for your pastor, relatives and friends. They will be available in the WW/DR office before January 22, 2006 for just \$1.00 a copy. They will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call to reserve yours now.

### **Entertainment Books 2006**

Books are still available in the Wayne West/Downriver office. Wednesday, December 21 is your last chance to get a book for the holidays.

### **Membership renewals**

Membership letters are in the mail. Please respond as quickly as possible.

### **Christmas greetings**

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—Pat



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## What's Up With the Youth?

*Hello Teens, Parents of Teens, College Students, Youth Group Ministers and Coordinators, High School Teachers and Pro-Life Youth Groups!*

I am happy to share with you that the **Michigan Teen Conference, "So You Think You're Pro-life... Can You Prove It?"** was successful in reaching out to the young people who attended. They were provided with good information to share with peers at school, at church and in their neighborhoods. 67 teens and 10 adults attended the Conference on Saturday, November 5. Here are some comments from surveys the young people filled out after the Conference.

Regarding Brad Seng's presentation "But We Love Each Other": 1) He really covered the entire issue of abstinence without being uncomfortable or awkward, 2) He could relate to us, 3) I enjoyed his energy and how he included his audience, 4) I liked his conviction in his message, and 5) He gave down-to-earth examples of how to stay pure and chaste—I'd like to hear him again!

Regarding Matt Hill's presentation "Pro-Life Apologetics": 1) He made an outline with specific facts and was able to answer our questions very well, 2) I liked his approach on the logical reasons why abortion is wrong, 3) I liked his explanation of the unethical thought process of the pro-abortionists, 4) I liked the analogies and information he gave, and 5) I loved all the arguments that he had against abortion, and it helped that it wasn't a lot about the religious side because it is difficult to argue with an atheist about abortion.

Regarding Nick Thomm's presentation "Does the Media form your Heart and Mind?": 1) He exposed the ethics of the media and what it is really like, 2) It was informative about media bias, 3) I enjoyed how he showed the media's hold over us; he explained it to us in an easy-to-understand way, 4) I learned that a lot of abortions are being performed on women who aren't even pregnant (the abortion industry is all about money), and 5) He gave a very good perspective on how the media affects our lives and opinions.

Regarding the Pinckney Pro-Life Group presentation: 1) I loved their presentation... I've heard it before, and I think it was very informative, 2) It was cool having teens talk to us, 3) They were an energetic and on-fire group ready to change the world one person at a time, 4) I liked how they involved everyone in their group, and 5) They were very convincing and... really knew their information.

Many of the teens would like the same issues discussed next year, but others suggested that we have the following topics discussed: Adoption, Euthanasia, Stem Cell Research, and Human Cloning. What do you think? If you would like to help LIFESPAN and the Educational Center for Life plan the Conference for November 11, 2006, please call me at the office **248-816-1546**. We will be glad to have your assistance!

Young people and adults have begun signing up for the **Movement in Motion Youth Bus Trip to Washington, DC**. This year, we will have two busses, with two different itineraries and different prices. We need 15 adults to come as chaperones (they must be 21 years or older). **YOUNG PEOPLE:** Please ask a parent, adult sibling, aunt, uncle, youth group leader, etc. to come with you! The firm deadline for registering is December 31<sup>st</sup>!!!

*I wish you and your loved ones a very beautiful and Merry Christmas!*  
—Lynn Gura, Youth Connections



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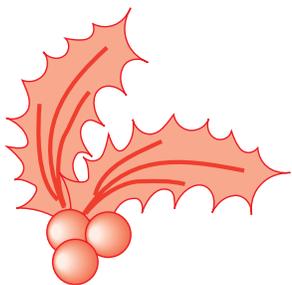
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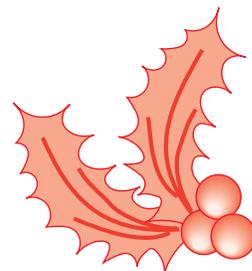
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