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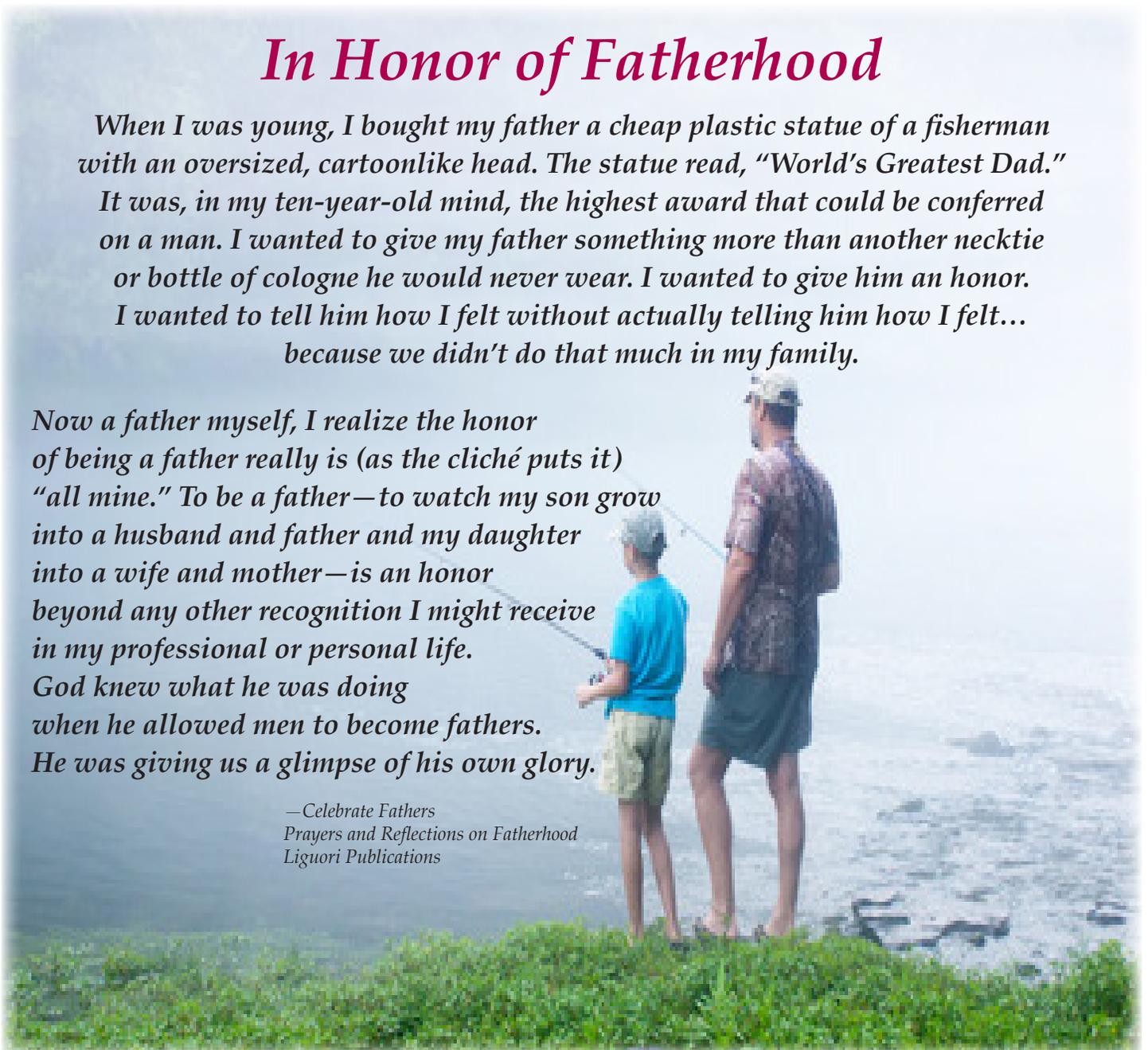
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In Honor of Fatherhood

When I was young, I bought my father a cheap plastic statue of a fisherman with an oversized, cartoonlike head. The statue read, "World's Greatest Dad." It was, in my ten-year-old mind, the highest award that could be conferred on a man. I wanted to give my father something more than another necktie or bottle of cologne he would never wear. I wanted to give him an honor. I wanted to tell him how I felt without actually telling him how I felt... because we didn't do that much in my family.

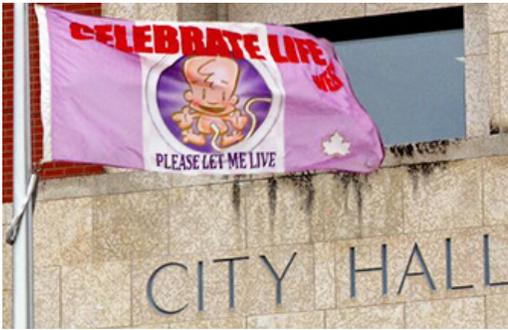
Now a father myself, I realize the honor of being a father really is (as the cliché puts it) "all mine." To be a father—to watch my son grow into a husband and father and my daughter into a wife and mother—is an honor beyond any other recognition I might receive in my professional or personal life. God knew what he was doing when he allowed men to become fathers. He was giving us a glimpse of his own glory.

*—Celebrate Fathers
Prayers and Reflections on Fatherhood
Liguori Publications*



News and Notes

Umbert the Unborn



Recently, a pro-life organization in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada requested permission to fly a flag noting Celebrate Life week in that city. The flag bore the image of Umbert the Unborn with the words "Celebrate Life" and "Please let me live." As it had been in the past, permission was granted.

Dorothy Kawul, a member of the Prince Albert Right to Life Association, said the flag is just one of the ways they help to raise awareness about crisis pregnancies, abortion and adoption.

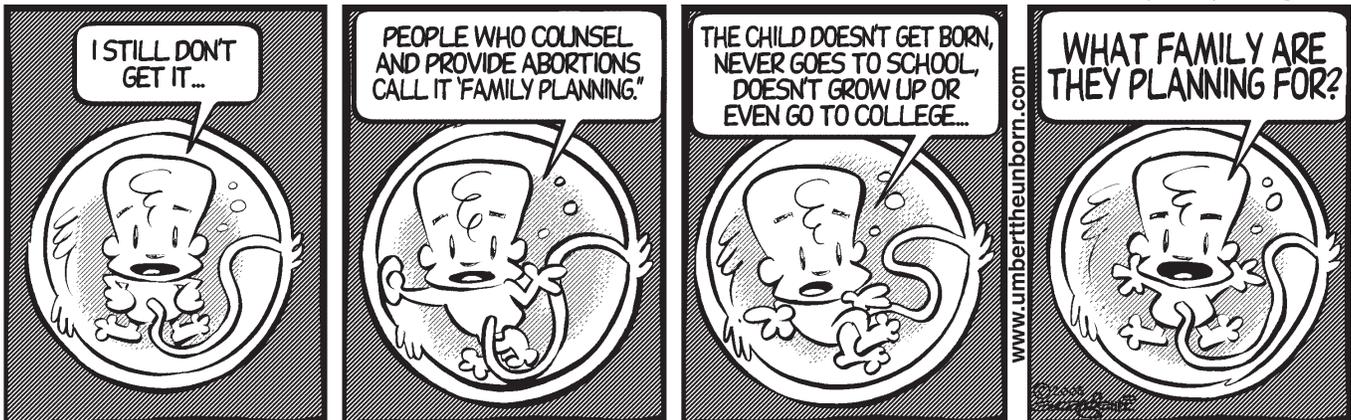
Well, as is to be expected, a group of pro-abortion activists took offense at the flag and demanded that it be taken down. What is interesting about this are the words chosen by Lana Wilson, the apparent

spokesperson for this group. Her statement follows here: "This is problematic because this is officially endorsing the so-called pro-life position, which here in Saskatchewan, across Canada and around the world, is actively working to reduce the rights of pregnant people to access medically necessary procedures and to make choices about their own bodily autonomy." How incredibly sanitized Ms. Wilson has managed to make the intentional destruction of a human life.

—LifeNews.com, May 12, 2016

Umbert the Unborn

by Gary Cangemi



Abortion clinic director angered by Precious Feet pins

By Sarah Terzo



Carol Everett, former owner of two abortion clinics and director of four, on the "precious feet" pins pro-lifers wear:

"You know those little feet pins? Those things used to irritate me to death when I was in the abortion business. I couldn't stand them. In the grocery line, a girl of about 16 was wearing the feet. That just about drove me crazy because, of course, she was shining the truth on me. I didn't understand that then, but I hated them."

Sarah Terzo is a pro-life author and creator of the clinicquotes.com website where this appeared. She is a member of Secular Pro-Life and PLAGAL.

—Judy Madsen Johnson, *Stories from the Frontlines: the Battle Against Abortion* (2014), p. 55

—National Right to Life News Today, May 3, 2016

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Where do the candidates stand
on pro-life issues?
Watch for LIFESPAN's July newsletter.



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Roar for LIFE

Detroit Tigers

Youth - Family Outing



Families:

Join LIFESPAN for a Bus Trip to Comerica Park to see the Detroit Tigers vs. the Minnesota Twins

When:

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

5:15 pm - Arrive at St. Mary's Church (730 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak)
& Board Bus (Park in the school side of the Church parking lot)

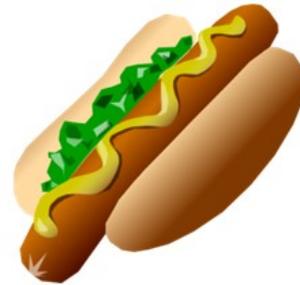
5:30 pm - Bus Departs for Comerica Park

6:30 pm - Arrive at Comerica Park

7:10 pm - Game Time

10:10 pm (approx.) - End Time

11:15 pm - Arrive Back at St. Mary's Church



Cost:

\$31.00 per person (includes bus ride, drivers tip, Pavilion seat, & voucher for a hot dog & beverage) - Only **40** seats are available! First come, first served - those 17 and under must have a chaperone.

Contact:

Lynn Gura, LIFESPAN Youth Director, at **248-816-1546** or email her at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org to reserve your ticket - Subject line:

Detroit Tigers Game

Registration ends on June 17th (or sooner depending on how quickly the 40 tickets go that LIFESPAN has reserved for the group).



My Almost Abortion Experience

By Claudia Turcott

I looked at the plus sign on the pregnancy test in disbelief... This couldn't be happening. Just a short month before, I'd been told by an OB/GYN that I would need fertility treatments to ever be able to conceive. I had been having the time of my life, partying and just enjoying life as a career college student with no responsibilities. I was in a relationship with a guy that made my heart race and my stomach do flip-flops. Neither of us thought much past the next party, pack of cigarettes or 12-pack of beer. Life was easy and fun. Until this.

I had always been pro-life in theory, but now this was ME, MY life. I decided I wanted an abortion. No way was I ready to parent a child. I was a slacker extraordinaire. My main interest: fun. My boyfriend said he needed to give it some thought. After taking a day or two, he came back and agreed it was for the best.

I went to the university clinic and took another test to confirm my pregnancy. They gave me two pamphlets, one dealing with adoption, and the other with info on how and where to get an abortion. I called the number in the pamphlet and made an appointment for later in the week.

I took a good friend with me, as well as my boyfriend. It was a three-hour drive to Houston and no one said much. As we neared the abortion facility, protesters with large, grotesque signs came into view. I averted my eyes. I had a sick feeling as I sought to push away the reality of what I was about to do.

Once in the facility, I checked in and my boyfriend and friend sat down with magazines.

I was asked to provide a urine sample. The bathroom was on the other side of the large waiting room and every so often, a woman would emerge with a plastic cup full of her urine. This struck me as very humiliating. I wrapped my cup with a paper towel.

There were so many women there of every age, race, and seemingly socio-economic class. We were grouped together as we made our way through the process. At one point, I was given an ultrasound, and the tech matter-of-factly declared, "5 weeks." Then it was on to group "counseling." A young woman explained the process and then opened the floor to questions. I knew the answer to mine before I even asked, "Is it alive?" The response was, "It's a clump of villi." It was what I wanted and needed to hear, but I knew better.

Then it was back to the waiting room where we all sat until we were called, one by one, to do the actual procedure. I was struck by the tea party-like atmosphere. Most women chatted seemingly nonchalantly. At one point, a woman tapped her foot impatiently, glanced at her watch and said, "How long is this going to take, I have stuff to do." I was shocked, and wondered to myself, "Does she not have any idea of the significance of what she's about to do?" A pretty brunette suddenly offered, "My husband keeps saying we're going out tonight. He just doesn't get



Claudia Turcott and her family

it." She told us she was 13 weeks pregnant and had a three-year-old daughter. Again, all I could think was, "You're married with a child, why are you here?"

I found myself talking to a woman next to me. At 38, she was older than most of us. Inexplicably, I began trying to convince her that she could do it, raise her baby. She gave me all the reasons why she couldn't.

Out of all of us present in our group that day, there was only one woman who, in my view, was having the appropriate response. She never stopped crying, never made eye contact with anyone, never spoke. She just sat there, curled up in a fetal position, as she stared off into space, and wept.

One by one, we were called. I sat there, stomach churning, knowing in my heart of hearts that this was SO wrong. I had not been able to quiet that inner voice that kept gently telling me, "No, you must not do this." I argued back and forth with that voice. It was so gentle, so serene, but also very persistent. My name was called. I got up and made my way to the table. "Take everything off below the waist and lay on the table, feet in the stirrups." I reached for my pants.

I hesitated. I stood frozen. The nurse noticed my reaction and advised me to go back to the waiting room and let a few more go ahead of me, until I felt more ready. Ready never came. When I was called a second time, the same thing happened. The nurse looked at me and said, "You don't really want to be here." I replied, "Does anybody really want to be here?"

She told me I was early and had lots of time to come back. Plenty of time. I knew I was walking out of that place and NEVER going back.

I made my way back to the waiting room where I had to deliver the news to my boyfriend that I was not going to have an abortion. To his credit, he didn't react negatively, but just accepted my decision and we all left.

I was definitely NOT happy about being pregnant. I didn't want to be anyone's mom. I went home feeling trapped. I knew I couldn't go through with an abortion, but I did NOT want a baby. Telling my conservative Hispanic parents was hard. They were deeply disappointed, but at the same time, there was no question that I

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Theo Boer: California Governor should have talked to Holland before signing bill

By Alex Schadenberg

Executive Director, Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

Professor Theo Boer, who was a member of a regional euthanasia review committee for nine years, and then changed his mind to now oppose legalizing euthanasia, wrote an opinion article that was published in *The Press Democrat* in California.

Boer argues that California Governor Jerry Brown should have talked to Holland before he signed the assisted suicide bill. Boer wrote:

Now that Gov. Jerry Brown has signed the End of Life Option Act, my thoughts go back more than 20 years to the early days of assisted dying in the Netherlands. And I can't help but feel we—the Dutch—were naïve on this issue.

In 1994, the Dutch were the first in the world to officially legalize assisted dying. It was a modest beginning, just as California's is now. With no country going before us, assisted dying was formalized in a special clause in the Burial and Cremation Act. If a number of safeguards were kept, doctors acting in accordance with them would not be prosecuted. A separate euthanasia law followed in 2001, not differing much from the 1994 clause and with Belgium following its northern neighbour in 2002.

Five regional review committees, consisting of a lawyer, a physician and an ethicist, keep an eye on the practice and assess whether each case of assisted dying has been in accordance with the law. I served on one of the committees from 2005-2014 and reviewed around 4,000 cases. Given the widespread support for assisted dying in the Netherlands, I was convinced that legalizing assisted dying was the wisest and most respectful route.

Boer explains what happened to the culture in the Netherlands:

In the first 13 years following 1994, the Netherlands seemed to have found the means to organize assisted dying. Then, for unknown reasons, the numbers started going up, year after year, from 2007 on. It was as if the country had needed the first decade to get used to the whole idea of an organized death.

In the years of my membership, the review committee saw a rise in the number of reports from 1,800 to close to 5,500 last year. Now, about one in 25 deaths in the Netherlands is the consequence of

assisted dying with, by the way, suicide rates going up as well.

Boer then discussed how euthanasia has become common:

Whereas assisted dying in the beginning was the odd exception, accepted by many—including myself—as a last resort, it is on the road to becoming a preferred, if not the only acceptable, mode of dying in the case of cancer. Public opinion has shifted dramatically toward considering assisted dying a patient's right and a physician's duty. A law that is now in the making obliges doctors who refuse to approve assisted dying to refer their patients to a willing colleague. Pressure on doctors to conform to patients' or relatives' wishes can be intense.

Other developments have taken place as well. The Dutch Right to Die Society founded a network of traveling euthanizing doctors, thus taking assisted dying out of the patient-doctor relationship. There is a strong public movement toward legalizing euthanasia for children 1 to 11 years of age. Whereas in the first years hardly any patients with psychiatric illnesses or dementia appear in reports, these numbers are now sharply on the rise. Cases have been reported in which a large part of the suffering of those given assisted dying consisted of being aged, lonely or bereaved.

Boer then reflects on Governor Brown signing the assisted suicide bill:

Hearing of Brown's decision, and without doubting any of his good intentions, my thoughts go back to our own pioneering years. As I said, I think we have been naïve.

The Dutch and Belgian examples show that a law that makes possible an assisted death may well create its own dynamics. Clearly the "supply" of assisted dying creates new "demand." Right to die advocates see the Dutch law not as a respectful compromise but as a first step toward more radical rights, such as a lethal pill for anyone over 70. The Dutch Right to Die Society now offers course material to high schools, where my teenage kids go, intended to broaden their support for euthanasia as a normal death. This would be unthinkable were it not for the existence of the present law.

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LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb

Dinner Thanks

The Celebrate Life Dinner was a really great evening. The food was terrific and having it family-style seemed to encourage conversation at each table. The folks at San Marino said we ate just about everything they had to serve us.

David Dean had us all laughing from start to finish. The Auction had some great items and the Tin Can raffle was well-received. We could all practically feel the excitement generated by the drawing of the winner of the 10K Raffle. Dr. Williamson from the Wayne County Chapter was the lucky winner.

Organizing something as big as a dinner for 285 people cannot be accomplished without a huge number of people contributing to the effort. If we tried to list each by name, someone would surely be left out—but know that we are so grateful to the folks in each office, including the Educational Center for Life office in Troy, the assistance of our young people (the Pro-Life Generation!), the folks at San Marino, who are so easy to work with, our musician, and everyone who set up, took down, fetched and carried. Stand up and take a bow!!

Roar for Life, and the Tigers

We are organizing a trip to Comerica Park for a Tigers Game against Minnesota for our LIFESPAN

youth. The cost of the ticket, a soft drink and a hot dog is \$31.00 and transportation will be provided by bus. We are leaving from St. Mary's in Royal Oak for this evening game. The date is July 19th. Those 17 years of age and under must be accompanied by a chaperone.

This is really a great opportunity for a family outing or a chance for some one-on-one time with a special family member. There are only 40 tickets for this event so if you are interested, call the Oakland/Macomb office, 248-816-1546.

Hey, Dad!

Candy bars for Dad's sweet tooth! Be a part of it. Call the Oakland/Macomb office for details.

Thought Provoking

"To compel a man to furnish funds for the propagation of ideas he disbelieves and abhors is sinful and tyrannical."
—Thomas Jefferson

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Wayne County/Downriver

#1 DAD—Happy Father's Day!

To all of the men who take on not only the title, but the amazing responsibility of being: Father, Dad, Daddy, Pops, Papa, Grandpa, etc., we hope that you are celebrated on June 19th and every day of the year! Happy Father's Day!!!



FATHERHOOD Begins in the Womb!

Here are some amazing facts about babies and their fathers:

♥ At the moment of conception, the baby's DNA is complete! The DNA contains portions

from both the mother and the father.

♥ A baby recognizes the father's voice in the womb, by the 22nd week of pregnancy.

♥ When fathers are highly involved, their babies interact equally with both parents and more easily with strangers. For example, one study showed that babies of 12 to 14 months who had fathers who played an active, independent and consistent role in child-

care were more sociable than babies with more distant fathers—both with their own parents and with outsiders.

♥ Several studies suggest the quality and quantity of baby-father contact has a direct impact on how secure children feel growing up. There is also research showing that toddlers and young children who spend more time playing with their dads, are more likely to be sociable when starting nursery school.

♥ Babies with strong attachments to their dads tend to have fewer behavioural problems later on. In fact, some studies suggest this relationship might have an even greater impact on the behavior of pre-teen children than the mother-baby attachment.

♥ Substantial father-involvement from at least the first month after birth promotes better language development and better cognition skills (suggested by higher IQ scores) among toddlers and young children.

♥ The very clear fact is that without the man, there would not be a baby conceived.

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Wee Care

Daddy and Grandpa,

Take my hand in yours and you will plainly see,
How very much I need you now to love and care for me.
As my little hand grows, I will need you even more.
Everything I do in life, I have never done before.
Teach me to be kind and loving, sharing and forgiving.
Show me through your acts of love the pure joy of living.
The years will pass by quickly and one day I'll be grown,
I'll pass what you have taught me onto children of my own.

Hold me always in your thoughts and remember when we're apart,
The special love between a child's and Daddy's and Grandpa's hearts.

—Author unknown



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

Happy Father's Day!

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From the President's Desk

I take this opportunity to thank all of you who attended our 2016 Dinner. It was a wonderful evening, and David Dean made us all laugh. For a few hours, we were able to forget the reason LIFESPAN exists.

Killing of our preborn children, not treating the elderly, pro-death organizations getting more and more aggressive and changing state laws to allow assisted suicide are some very serious and depressing issues with which we deal. So having an evening to celebrate LIFE is just what was needed to recharge our batteries and give us the mental energy needed for our future work. We must never give up defending human life.

I would like to give *special thanks* to all who worked on the Dinner, the \$10,000 Raffle, the Auction, the Tin Can Raffle and our Resource Book. It is a huge endeavor and without our many volunteers and LIFESPAN staff, we could not bring about this annual event.

May God bless you for all the work you do to save His children.

Diane

Diane Fagelman, President
Right to Life - LIFESPAN



\$10,000 Raffle Winner!
Congratulations, Dr. Malcolm Williamson!
Raffle Chairperson: Christina Hansen

LIFESPAN'S sincere gratitude to Dr. John and Cathy Dillon who have been helping us with our Used Book project. Because of their generosity and help, we were able to improve the office space which holds our used books. LIFESPAN has opened our **Used Book Depository** to the public. Cathy owns a very interesting store called "Angels, Saints & Stuff," featuring an art gallery and consignment decor. It is located adjacent to our used book collection, **19223 Merriman, Livonia**. You will be able to enter our used book depository through Cathy's store during regular business hours. There are many, many books. Please come and enjoy!

Two Jeromes (one exalted) and a physician's duty to care for his patient

By Jean Garton

In my whole life I have only known two people named "Jerome." Actually, I really didn't know either one of them. The first "Jerome" was an eighth grader when I was in my NYC public school. I had a big crush on him, but he didn't even know I existed.

The second "Jerome" was a doctor of Medicine with Ph.D.s in both Science and Philosophy. He was a Frenchman named Jerome Lejeune.

For years, Dr. Lejeune was a Professor of Genetics at the University of Paris, and he had received the world's highest award in genetics. Although he had been honored by numerous countries, he is best known for finding the chromosome that causes Down Syndrome. He was seeking its cure when he died in 1994.

He was a man of great wisdom. Physicians, he once said, who view their patients as just a higher form of animals are "dangerous." And while a veterinarian has the right to kill a race horse with a broken leg, "the doctor has the duty to take care of the jockey."

When people argued for abortion by saying that "we can't talk about individual life because life is a continuum," Dr. Lejeune would ask them their age. Not one of them ever told him that they "were millions of years old." "Life continues, it is true," said Lejeune, "but individuals do begin."

Lejeune suggested that Tom Thumb really does exist in the unborn child. "At two months of age in the womb," he argued, "the child is less than a thumb's length from head to rump, but his fingerprints—his natural identity card—are detectable."

Dr. Lejeune believed that scientists ought use a simple rule to decide if certain research would benefit society. "There is only one guideline by which to judge everything," he said. "What you have done to the smallest of my brethren you have done to me."

The name "Jerome" means "exalted." It surely fits Jerome Lejeune, the world is poorer and less safe for unborn children for having him gone.



—National Right to Life News Today, May 13, 2016



**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2016**

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ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE
ST. JOSEPH MERCY OAKLAND PONTIAC**

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Learn how to identify and help a victim!
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Pro-Life Group Lists Every Company Backing Planned Parenthood

By Steven Ertelt

A pro-life organization that has spent decades working to try to get corporations to stop giving financial donations to the Planned Parenthood abortion business has released a revised listing of companies backing the abortion giant.

Life Decisions International has released a revised edition of The Boycott List, which identifies corporations that support Planned Parenthood, which does more abortions than any other business in the nation. The organization tells LifeNews.com that more than 334 corporations have agreed to stop funding Planned Parenthood in the decades that it has been working to divorce corporate America from the abortion industry.

LDI makes a full list available to pro-life people who ask for it, but here is a sample of the companies that currently support Planned Parenthood and how you can contact those businesses to make your voice heard.

BAYER—Operations: agriculture (fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, seed treatment, seeds), chemicals/compounds (adhesives, coatings, polycarbonates, polyurethanes), farm animal health, garden/lawn care (insecticides, seed treatment, seeds), medical devices/diagnostics/research (A1CNow, Breeze 2, Contour, Didget, Magnevist, Microlet 2), medications/treatments (analgesic/inflammation: Aleve, Apranax, Aspirin, Flanax, Myoflex, antibacterial: Bactine, Canesten, feminine: Maxidol, Midol, gastrointestinal: Alka-Seltzer, Phillips' Milk of Magnesia, Rennie, Talcid, skin: Bepanthen, Bepanthenol), nutrition (vitamins: Berocca, Citracal, Elevit, Flinstones, One A Day, Redoxon, Supradyn), pet health (pest control: Advantage, Advantix, Advocate, Droncit, Drontal, Kiltix, Profender, Sebacil), pharmaceuticals (antibacterial: Avalox, Avelox, birth control: Mirena, Yasmin, Yasminelle, YAZ, diabetes: Glucobay, erectile dysfunction: Levitra, hematology: Kogenate, Xarelto, hypertension: Adalat, oncology: Nexavar, Stivarga, optical: Eylea, urinary: Cipro). **Write: (Dr.) Marijn E. Dekkers, Ph.D., Chairman, Bayer AG, 51368 Leverkusen, DE, Phone: +49 214-301, Website: bayer.com, Facebook/Twitter: /Bayer**

CHANEL—Operations: apparel (accessories, clothing), eyewear, footwear, fragrances, personal care (skin), retail outlets. **Write: Ms. Maureen Chiquet, Chief Executive Officer, Chanel S.A., 135 avenue Charles de Gaulle, 92521 Neuilly sur Seine cedex, Paris, FR, Phone: 800-550-0005, +33 1 46 43 4000, Website: chanel.com, Facebook/Twitter: /Chanel**

CHEVRON—Operations: chemicals/compounds (alloys, benzene, cyclohexane, olefins, paraxylene, poly-



alphaolefins, polyethylene, resins, styrene monomer), convenience stores (Caltex, ExtraMile, Star Mart), energy (geothermal, natural gas, oil, solar), mining (coal, molybdenum), motor vehicle (maintenance/operation: Ampol, Artec, Caltex, Cotton Picker, Delo, EPC, Easy Shift, Final Drive, Geostar, Geotex, Grease 904, Havoline, ParaLux, Pro-Gard, Revtex, Synstar, Techron, Texaco, Ursa, Xpress Lube). **Write: Mr. John S. Watson, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Chevron Corp., 6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon, CA 94583, Phone: 800-962-1223, (925) 842-1000, Website: chevron.com, Facebook/Twitter: /Chevron**

CIGNA—Operations: financial (insurance). **Write: Mr. David M. Cordani, President & Chief Executive Officer, Cigna Corp., 900 Cottage Grove Rd., Bloomfield, CT 06002, Phone: 800-997-1654, (215) 761-1000, Website: cigna.com, Facebook/Twitter: /Cigna**

ESTÉE LAUDER—Operations: cosmetics (American Beauty, Aveda, Bobbi Brown, Clinique, Coach, Flirt!, M*A*C, Prescriptives, Smashbox), education (Bumble and bumble [Bb]), fragrances (Aenga Forte, American Beauty, Aramis, Aveda, Bobbi Brown, Coach, Daisy Fuentes, Donna Karan [DKNY], Jo Malone, Kiton, Michael Kors, Missoni, Sean John, Tom Ford, Tommy Hilfiger), home (décor: Jo Malone), personal care (hair: Bb, Daisy Fuentes, Lab Series, Ojon, lips: Lab Series, skin: American Beauty, Aveda, Bobbi Brown, Clinique, Daisy Fuentes, Darphin, DKNY, GoodSkin, Grassroots, Jo Malone, La Mer, Lab Series, Ojon Batana, Origins, Prescriptives, toiletries: Aveda, DKNY, Lab Series, Ojon Batana), retail outlets (salons). **Write: Mr. Fabrizio Freda, President & Chief Executive Officer, The Estée Lauder Companies Inc., 767 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10153, Phone: 800-308-2334, (212) 572-4200, Website: elcompanies.com, Facebook/Twitter: /EsteeLauder**

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Companies Backing Planned Parenthood

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GANNETT—Operations: advertising/marketing (Clipper, PointRoll, ShopLocal, Spencer), broadcasting (television), graphics/imaging/printing (direct mail, inserts, menus [The Menu Company]), internet (products/services: CareerBuilder.com), publishing (magazines: Clipper, USA Weekend, newspapers: USA Today). **Write: Ms Gracia C. Martore, President & Chief Executive Officer, Gannett Company Inc., 7950 Jones Branch Dr., McLean, VA 22107, Phone: (703) 854-6000, Website: gannett.com, Facebook: /GannettCo., Twitter: /gannett**

J.P. MORGAN CHASE—Operations: financial (Chase Bank, banking, credit cards, insurance, investing/planning: loans). **Write: Mr. James S. Dimon, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., 270 Park Ave., 35th Fl., New York, NY 10017, Phone: (212) 270-6000, (212) 270-7325, Website: jpmorganchase.com, Facebook: /JPMorganCommunity, Twitter: /JPMorganChase**

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—LifeNews.com, April 26, 2016

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*Emily and Paula Skwarek, Gosia (mom) and Kasia Purzycka
The girls were some of the great volunteers at the Celebration of Life Dinner. Others, not featured in this picture, included Mark and Ryan Ledford, Andrew Reiff, Catherine Pilarski, Maria and Tori Tenuta, Georgia Whetstone, Anna, Maria and Monica Vitale, Anne Marie Morin, Augustina Lucaj and Gabrielle Massey. Thanks to all of them for doing a fantastic job! It was a really awesome night!*

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had their support. Reality set in for my boyfriend and he broke up with me. Told me his feelings had changed. He promised to help me, but did not want to get married or even be with me anymore. Thankfully, this turned out to be his knee-jerk reaction, made out of panic. We stayed together.

I sometimes wished that I would die, get hit by a car. Anything to be out of this situation. This was truly the worst thing that could have ever happened to me...or, so I thought.

Over time, things slowly fell into place. Little by little, day by day. Things that seemed insurmountable (like finances) worked themselves out. My boyfriend had just graduated from college, but couldn't find a job in our small college town paying more than \$5 an hour (which he took). I still had a year to go to get my degree.

I worried a lot during the course of my pregnancy that I would not love my child because I did not want her. I agonized over what kind of mother I would be. I resolved to talk to and sing to my unborn child every day. To act "as if." The old "fake it til you make it." It was quite an experience to feel the baby moving and then eventually for her dad to feel her, too. I read all the books I could get my hands on about pregnancy and babies. My boyfriend worked hard every day at whatever job the temp agency assigned him to. In the meantime, I was also very afraid of the actual labor and delivery process.

Finally, the big day arrived. I went into labor and accompanied by my mom and boyfriend, checked into the hospital. Seeing our baby girl, Taylor, for the first time melted our hearts. Oh, the joy, the love, welled up inside of us both. She was a perfect, easy baby and we were absolutely crazy in love with her. All of my fears and reservations melted away the minute I laid eyes on her.

Twenty years later, I can still say she was the beginning of everything good in my life. Her arrival ushered in an era of blessings that continues to this day. She is a treasure. How wrong I was to think she was anything but a precious gift.

When she was three months old, her dad and I got married. We have been married for 20 years and have

three other children, ages 17, 11, and 7. They are each a treasure and a blessing in their own right, none of whom would exist had I ended my first pregnancy. Words will always fail to express the true depth of my gratitude that my inner voice would not be silenced that day in the abortion facility.

My husband and I struggled mightily with when/how/if to tell our daughter our story. We agonized over the effect it might have on her. In the end, after years of grappling and consideration, we felt the time had come. She was home from college her freshman year. We sat her down and with great trepidation, told her our story. Her story.

To our tremendous relief, she reacted with wisdom and maturity. She told us it didn't surprise her that people in our situation would react that way and that there was never a time she felt unloved or unwanted by us. Years of fear and dread evaporated for me, just like that.

One of the blessings that has emerged from our revelation is that Taylor was galvanized to become a pro-life activist. This fills my heart with joy, as I know that her activism will save lives. For my part, my heart's desire is that no other woman ever make the same mistake I came so very close to making. My heart breaks for every woman out there who has had an abortion. I want to save others the grief, regret and pain that comes with the decision to end a pregnancy.

I can't think of a single woman who regrets having her child, but there is NO shortage of women who regret their abortions. There is always a better option than abortion. It is NEVER the answer.

—National Right to Life News Today, March 22, 2016

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Of course, I, too, know of exceptional cases that may justify a decision to shorten a patient's life. But I am no longer convinced that a law is the best way to deal with such cases. The governor might have visited the Netherlands first, before signing the act.

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—National Right to Life News Today, October 15, 2015

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Unexpected (and pleasant) fallout from a story on perinatal hospice

By Dave Andrusko

We were very glad to be able to post a story that actually treated perinatal hospice with (relative) fairness. Based as it was on a news story that appeared in Sunday's *Washington Post* [April 17, 2016], it was doubly satisfying.

Perinatal hospice is a deeply humane movement that is spreading. As the *Post's* Danielle Paquette explained, it is actually a bundle of services, untethered to a hospital or medical center. Hospice nurses and social workers help families prepare for loss, coaching parents on what to say to siblings and co-workers. They take calls at 2 a.m. They recommend family therapists for couples whose relationships strain under grief. They teach mothers how to deliver painkillers to a dying infant, should the baby live long enough to go home.

Perinatal hospice is an alternative to abortion. It is a life-affirming way of helping parents deal with soul-wrenching reality that a child they deeply want will die in utero or likely within hours or days after birth.

I mention this post again for two reasons. First, its intrinsic importance not only to a "flourishing community" of parents who are connected online, but also to parents who will be faced with "non-viable pregnancies" in the future.

Second, I was surprised that the *Post* would write a balanced story that is connected in any way, shape, manner, or form to abortion. But I was shocked when the militantly pro-abortion *Jezebel* website ran a follow-up story titled, "Perinatal Hospice Care Has Increasingly Become an Alternative to Abortion."

Stassa Edwards recycles some of the usual negativity about states that (in some instances) require counseling about perinatal hospice but (in most cases) merely require that a list of providers be made available.

The operative three statements in Edwards' piece are:

(1) "But for many women, perinatal hospice care has increasingly become an alternative to abortion and part of the grieving process. *The Washington Post* reports that perinatal hospice, 'a birth plan about death,' is now one of many options that women carrying fetuses 'incompatible with life,' have available to them."

(2) "Now there are roughly 202 perinatal hospice programs in the United States. The programs focus simultaneously on grief as well as medical instruction." And after citing critics,

(3) "Yet it's clear that perinatal hospice is a service increasingly in demand. Undoubtedly perinatal care raises a host of ethical issues, for both mother and baby, and those discussions are bound to sticky subjects like quality of life, pain, grief and mourning. The *Post's* story profiles three women who chose perinatal hospice and it's certainly worth reading in full."

Perinatal hospice is a blessing for families in crisis. Kudos to Paquette for introducing this truth into the "main-stream media."



—National Right to Life News Today, April 19, 2016