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Congratulations, Mother of the Year 2004!

Margaret Adelaide Arata Caleal

In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner, we are honoring our Mother of the Year 2004, Margaret Adelaide Arata Caleal. She and her husband, Richard, live in Farmington Hills, and attend St. Fabian Catholic Church. Margaret Adelaide was nominated by her daughter, Mary Geo Stephenson. Printed below is Mary Geo's nomination letter.



As I observed my mother babysitting for her first grandchild, I came to appreciate my Mom in a whole new light. She was so gentle and kind and loving and talkative to that little infant. I suddenly realized, "That's how Mom was with me." I thought about how lucky my two brothers and I were to have had such tender love from the minute Mom first laid eyes on us.

Mom came from a close-knit family of nine children and had a wonderful childhood. My grandfather was a clerk at the local post office in Mishawaka, Indiana and had a truck farm. Thus, during the hard times of the Great Depression, my grandfather had a steady income to pay the bills and provided food for the family from the farm. The children earned their allowances by picking fruit from the orchard, vegetables from the garden, gathering eggs from the hen-house and selling them at their roadside stand in front of their house on East Jefferson Avenue. Since there wasn't much extra money flowing around, the younger children wore hand-me-downs from their older siblings. Mom learned to make her own clothes and to make-over hand-me-downs at a very young age and became a skilled seamstress. She also put finger-waves in ladies' hair to earn extra money.

My Mom graduated from high school with high honors in 1937 and went on to nursing school, receiving her R.N. in 1940. Growing up, Mom would often talk about wartime and how so many of her friends from high school went off to war and how my Uncle Louis was only 17 when he was sent to the South Pacific. At Christmas, she still gets tears in her eyes whenever she hears the song, "I'll be home for Christmas," as it always reminds her of the boys who fought and gave their lives for our country.

My grandparents, Jenny and Alphonsus Arata, gave each of their children the gift of faith, sending them all to St. Monica's school which was run by a German order of nuns called the Poor Handmaids of Jesus. Each child in the family

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Averting Our Eyes At Our Peril

By Dave Andrusko, Editor of National Right to Life News
As I read over some of the sea of commentary written about last Sunday's [April 25] "March for Women's Lives," I couldn't help thinking of those who habitually insist that nothing can be said about abortion that hasn't been said a hundred thousand times before, that the debate is bogged down in a perpetual stalemate, so stop bugging us.

But any fair-minded reading of the landscape shows that the truth runs in the exact opposite direction. Each month the debate grows hotter and hotter, and there are a growing number of fissures through which rivulets of truth are streaming out.

We needn't elaborate on what the March's many sponsors thought, or, for that matter, said. But if there were a Richter scale for hysteria and vile language, it surely would have registered 10. What the abortion set counted on was a kind of political Woodstock. Like-minded Bush-haters would come together to celebrate the anticipated defeat of the man, a project which is now the consuming be-all and end-all of their existence. However, something very different may erupt. Let's come at this from two different angles.

First, as many have pointed out, including syndicated columnist Michelle Malkin, March organizers went out of their way to squelch counter-protestors. They tried "to hide pro-life protest signs by covering them with their profanity-laced placards." Yet, as Malkin said in her column this week, "the truth keeps slipping out." Irony of ironies, it is a handful of self-designated "pro-choicers" who are helping to make public the heretofore private ugliness of abortion.

"In Britain, a ground-breaking documentary by film maker Julia Black titled 'My Foetus' aired last week," Malkin writes. "Black is pro-choice, but says she 'wanted to kick-start debate by allowing both sides . . . to actually look at what an abortion is.' Her film showed a four-week-old fetus being vacuumed from its mother's womb — as well as images of the broken limbs of 10, 11 and 21-week-old aborted children." Get a load of this: "Pro-choice journalist Lauren Booth described her response to the documentary this way: 'My hand flew to my mouth in shock. I swallowed. I didn't want to say it, but the word 'murder' came to my lips.'"

Second, there are a large number of genuinely ambivalent people whose "pro-choice" index ranges from hard-core pro-abortion to just this side of being pro-life. Some of these write for a living. One can only guess what their response was to the March.

We do know what Kathleen Parker thought. She began her Wednesday *Orlando Sentinel* column by complaining about those whose "protest signs [against President Bush and pro-lifers] were crude to pornographic" and the general ambience where "profanity and obscene gesturing toward the pro-life crowd were commonplace." She also was highly critical of graphic pictures of aborted babies. But once having observed the obligatory even-handed critique of both sides, Parker penned several exquisite paragraphs.

"It is natural to want to avert one's eyes from the sight of a pair of tiny human feet held between an adult thumb and index finger, an image taken from a first-trimester abortion," she wrote. "It is human to want to call 'it' something positive and upbeat like 'choice,' to celebrate the 'wantedness' of all the children marching, rather than to linger over the image of a dismembered baby.

"But by whatever term we comfort ourselves, pictures don't lie. Prochoicers are right to be concerned that public support is slipping for abortion on demand. They're right to be concerned that the Bush administration is seeking ways to make abortion rare."

But, Parker continued, "they are wrong to deny what is plain, and painful, to see. Abortion ends a human life and that life looks an awful lot like a baby much sooner than we thought when *Roe v. Wade* became the law of the land 31 years ago."

And then this thought-provoking statement: "In all likelihood — and this is where I place my chips for now — abortion will eliminate itself once truth is allowed a fair and open hearing." Central to that hearing, she observes, "is at least one pointedly feminist question that has been displaced by a debate that defines itself only in terms of freedom, rights and privacy: Is it really in women's best interest to thwart or destroy the creative force with which they are uniquely endowed?"

Finally this trenchant insight: "If any other creature on Earth were so meticulously destroying its own offspring," Parker writes, "we'd declare a national emergency, convene special commissions and enjoy a spate of Hollywood consciousness-raising movies, doubtless starring some of the stars who led Sunday's march."

Her conclusion is far better than anything I could offer: "Something is wrong with this picture, and we avert our eyes at our peril."

—*Today's News and Views*, April 30, 2004

Curves Cares

The owner of a chain of extremely successful health and fitness centers for women is a born-again Christian who gives 10% of his gross annual income to charities.

Curves franchises have surpassed Starbucks in numbers in the United States and are closing in on McDonald's with sales that have hit \$750 million a year.

Gary Heavin, the owner and his wife Diana who produces Christian music, have been heavily criticized by feminist writers, such as Annie Lamott, on the web, and on listservers for contributing part of his profits to pro-life organizations and crisis pregnancy centers.

—*LifeSite Daily News*, April 30, 2004

Why?

A letter writer to the *Daily Tribune's Soundoff* column recently submitted the following: "Why is it ok for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals to stand in Royal Oak showing pictures of animals being skinned, but it's not ok for Right to Life people to do that or to explain to people what a partial-birth abortion is?" Good question.



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Mother of the Year 2004

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contributed money from his or her savings to help my grandparents pay for the large and beautiful stained glass family window that is still in St. Monica's Church.

Just as my mother was given the gift of faith from her parents, she also gave that gift to us. Before our little Catholic grade school, Our Lady Queen of Hope, was built, Mom walked us to catechism and back each week, as we only had one car. It was over a mile each way, and one time, during winter, my brother's feet got so cold, she gave him her boots, never minding that her toes would get frost-bitten—which they did.

Mom made the most beautiful clothes for me through college. It is still impossible to find anything made as beautifully in stores today. She rarely used a pattern and sewed many things from dresses I would sketch. My mother made my First Communion dress which was so special. It had tiny satin circlets around the neck and little rhinestones in their centers.

Since my Dad was the only child of Lebanese immigrant parents, my grandmother had no one to care for her when she was alone and elderly. She came to live with my parents shortly after their marriage and was with them their first seventeen years. I know that probably wasn't easy for Mom, but she was always so kind and considerate to her. Having had such an example set to us, my brothers and I seem to have always had a special spot in our hearts for older people.

Our home was always lovely and well-kept, and we always had flowers on our table in spring, summer and fall from Mom's gorgeous flower garden. Roses were her favorite and still are. We always made a May altar and filled the little vases surrounding our statue of the Blessed Mother with violets and lily-of-the-valley. Mom had over 50 rose bushes in Detroit, many of which she started from a rose someone had given her. She was as kind and caring to her roses as she was to us and they flourished, as did we.

Mom offered her sewing talents to Queen of Hope and made many of the altar linens used in the church. As her dresses, they were always perfect and elegant, and we would all feel proud to see Mom's altar linens at Mass.

Mom always let us have pets. We had dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, a possum, a raccoon and a squirrel. Mom raised boxer puppies for a little while, and we loved it when the puppies were born. Mom sold her pups and bought herself a fur coat which she wore for over thirty years. Our cats were very prolific, but, as with the pups, Mom always made sure each kitten got a good home.

Our friends were always welcomed by Mom into our home. Since we lived so close to Queen of Hope, our friends would often bring their lunches and come over to our house to eat them. They all loved Mom, and many stay in close contact with her to this day. Mom helped us with our homework and encouraged us to live our dreams and to believe that, with God's help, anything could be accomplished.

Mom has always been a wonderful and supportive wife to my Dad who was an automotive designer. In these past years, Dad has received a great deal of recognition for his revolutionary design of the 1949 Ford which he designed in our small bungalow in Mishawaka. Since this project had to be completed in a very short time, Mom helped out by making coffee and feeding Dad and the clay modelers he hired to help him make his quarter-scale model from his design. She warmed the clay in her oven for the clay model. She also went to the local department store and bought navy blue velvet which she used to cover the plywood platform on which Dad mounted his model which was selected by Henry Ford II to be the 1949 Ford—often referred to as "The Car That Saved Ford." She rode with him that morning from Mishawaka to Detroit when he presented his model.

My Mom was a wonderful and devoted daughter and has been and continues to be an exemplary wife, mother,



Richard, Daniel, Mary Geo, Margaret Adelaide and Richard, Jr.

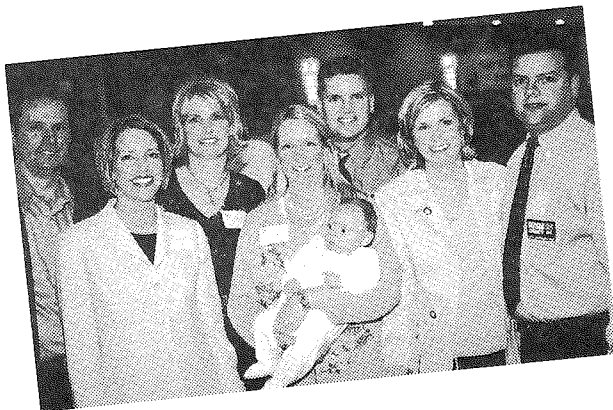
grandmother, mother-in-law, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, sister-in-law, citizen and friend. No day goes by without my mother doing something nice for someone—be it making a meal, a box of homemade fudge or cookies, a card or note or long letter sent. She is so thoughtful of so many and sees the best in everyone and everything. Indeed, she has used all of her talents wisely and generously.

At age 84, she is still full of enthusiasm and so much love for life and her fellow human beings. My father is now going on 92, and he and Mom still live in their own home. Mom still cleans her own house and keeps up her roses and has time for others.

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A Grand Time Was Had By All!



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She is a member of St. Fabian's Parish, and her most recent activity has been to make the baptismal bibs for the newborns as they are welcomed into faith. On each, she embroiders a tiny white cross.

At dinner with some high school friends last year, a girl who had a rather difficult childhood told me that all through school she pretended my Mom was her mother. When relating this to another high school friend, she said, "That doesn't surprise me. We all wished she was our Mom." She has been a wonderful Mom to me and my two brothers and to all of our friends whom she considers "her kids" too.

For all she has done with her life, for the example she has set for life and to life, I nominate my mother, Margaret Adelaide Arata Caleal as Mother of the Year 2004.

—Mary Geo Stephenson

Dear Diane,

Believe it or not, I think my feet have finally touched the ground since Right to Life - Lifespan's Celebration of Life and Mother's Day banquet of May 4.

Thank you very, very much for honoring me as Mother of the Year 2004. It was a total surprise to me...

Jennifer O'Neill's address was just great. What an inspiration she is!...

May God richly bless you and all the people who help make this organization so effective in protecting God's most helpless and most innocent among us.

Thank you again, and all the rest who made this celebration such a smashing success. —Sincerely, Margaret A. Caleal



We want to thank the judges who had the very difficult task of selecting our Mother of the Year 2004 from among all the worthy nominations we received:

Andrea Baier has been a member of Right to Life - Lifespan since its founding. She and her husband, Charles, have been married for 36 years. They have three adopted sons; their youngest, Thomas, died of cancer last year. The Baiers attend St. Gerard Church in Detroit.

Dorothy Cencer was Lifespan's Mother of the Year 2003. She and her husband, Tom, have been married for 52 years and attend St. Gerald Church in Farmington. Dorothy is



the mother of seven children, all sons, including five deceased, who suffered from Muscular Dystrophy.

Judy Climer is married to Neil; she is the mother of five children and 11 grandchildren. Judy is president of Flint Right to Life and soon-to-be president of Genesee County Black Americans for Life. Judy is a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church where she and her husband are Lay Care Leaders. Judy served on the Kearsley Board of Education for 15 years and is a retired legal assistant of 30 years.

Mary Alice Merlo has a BA in biology from Wayne State and has worked at St. Louis University Hospitals as well as Troy and Royal Oak Beaumont Hospitals. She has been a member of Right to Life - Lifespan for 16 years and is currently a co-church rep at Sacred Heart of the Hills Church in Auburn Hills. She has also volunteered as a Natural Family Planning teacher for the past 18 years. Mary Alice and her husband, Michael, have been married for 21 years and have had six children (three are in heaven).

Kathleen O'Reilly and her husband, Tom, have been married for 42 years. They are members of St. Anselm Parish in Dearborn Heights. Kathleen has abhorred the Roe v. Wade decision made by the Supreme Court from the beginning and has become more involved with Right to Life - Lifespan since she retired in 1997. She and her husband have five children and six grandchildren.

Michael's Prayer

Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her three-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They found out that the new baby was going to be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sang to his sister in Mommy's tummy. He was building a bond of love with his little sister before he even met her.

The pregnancy progressed normally for Karen, an active member of the Panther Creek United Methodist Church in Morristown, Tennessee. In time, the labor pains came. Soon it was every five minutes, every three...every minute. But serious complications arose during delivery and Karen found herself in hours of labor. Would a C-section be required?

Finally, after a long struggle, Michael's little sister was born. But she was in very serious condition. With a siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushed the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit of St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The days inched by. The little girl got worse. The pediatrician had to tell the parents, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst."

Karen and her husband contacted a local cemetery about a burial plot. They had fixed up a special room in their house for their new baby, but now they found themselves having to plan for a funeral. Michael, however, kept begging his parents to let him see his sister. "I want to sing to her," he kept saying.

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October 3, 2004 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

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- ☆ Lapeer Rd., at Indianwood—Lake Orion
- ☆ M-24 (Main St.) & M-21—Lapeer
- ☆ Gratiot, from 13 to 16 Mile Rds.—Roseville, Mt. Clemens
- ☆ Gratiot, at 6 Mile Rd—Detroit
- ☆ Intersection at Wayne and Warren Rds.—Westland
- ☆ Middlebelt, from Jamison (2 blks. south of 5 Mile Rd.) to 7 Mile Rd.—Livonia
- ☆ Michigan Ave. & Grand River to Fowler—Howell
- ☆ Grand River, from Ann to East—downtown Fowlerville
- ☆ Grand River & Main to Hacker—Brighton
- ☆ Main St. (M-36) Town Square—Pinckney

Thousands of participants will stand in the 15th annual LIFE CHAIN in witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs we hold deliver the messages that **Abortion Kills Children, Adoption is the Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women, Pray to End Abortion and Life, the First Inalienable Right.** It can, and will, make a difference if we stand together! **WE NEED YOU.** Will YOU stand with us on October 3? Help STOP abortion and the devastation it causes! Gather your family, friends, neighbors and fellow church members to join LIFE CHAIN. Call **248-777-9090**.

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Michael's Prayer

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Week two in intensive care looked as if a funeral would come before the week was over. Michael kept nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in intensive care. Karen made up her mind, though. She would take Michael whether they liked it or not! If he didn't see his sister right then, he may never see her alive. She dressed him in an oversize scrub suit and marched him into ICU.

He looked like a walking laundry basket. But the head nurse recognized him as a child and bellowed, "Get that kid out of here now! No children are allowed." The mother rose up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady glared steel-eyed right into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line. "He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!"

Karen towed Michael to his sister's bedside. He gazed at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. After a moment, he began to sing. In the pure-hearted voice of a three-year-old.

Michael sang: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray—" Instantly, the

baby girl seemed to respond. The pulse rate began to calm down and become steady. "Keep on singing, Michael," encouraged Karen with tears in her eyes. "You never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away—"

As Michael sang to his sister, the baby's ragged, strained breathing became as smooth as a kitten's purr. "Keep on singing, sweetheart!!!" "The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms..." Michael's little sister began to relax as rest, healing rest, seemed to sweep over her.

"Keep on singing, Michael." Tears had now conquered the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glowed. "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't take my sunshine away..."

The next day...the very next day...the little girl was well enough to go home! *Woman's Day Magazine* called it "The Miracle of a Brother's Song." The medical staff just called it a miracle. Karen called it a miracle of God's love!

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Bouquets of thanks

Our annual Mother's Day flower sale was a great success. We wish to extend our sincere thanks and profound gratitude to all our church representatives and volunteers. Because of your kindness and generosity we are able to continue our efforts to protect all life—born and unborn. God bless.

Father's Day reflection

Occasionally I get a call in the Detroit office from a father who desperately wants the woman he loves to carry their baby to term. Because of the law, he has very little say in the matter. The woman has the power over life and death. We cry together, and I offer a prayer that his child will be spared and that the mother will change her mind. Let us pray

for all the fathers who will never get a chance to play ball with their sons or sing songs to their daughters because of abortion. And let us hug and thank our fathers for giving us LIFE.

Helpers of God's Precious Children

The next prayer vigil will be led by Bishop John McNabb on Saturday, June 12 starting with a 7:30 a.m. Mass at St. Clare of Montefalco Church at 1401 Whittier in Grosse Pointe Park. After Mass, we will drive to St. Veronica Church and pray the rosary as we make our way to the two abortion clinics on 8 Mile. The walk is about 6 blocks. Witnessing in prayer at abortion clinics saves lives. Please come and join us. God will bless you.



Summer is a time for garage sales. Are you up to your neck in clutter after your spring cleaning?

Why not get rid of your junk and turn it into someone else's treasure and at the same time help save lives by donating part of your proceeds to the Detroit office. Also, remember while you are out at other garage sales to pick up a few gently used baby items and donate them to your local crisis pregnancy center. Have a wonderful summer!

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County Fair

We will again have a table set up at the Livingston County Fair this July with pro-life items and balloons for the kids. The fair will be at the Fowlerville Fair Grounds. If you can help work at the table for a few hours during the week of the fair, please call our office.

Dresser Ministry

WDEO Radio 990 AM at Domino Farms in Ann Arbor has requested another dresser! They are getting numerous calls from listeners for information. We will supply them with a dresser to be filled with baby items to be donated to Pregnancy Helpline. Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Hamburg has also requested another dresser. If you would like to know more about this beneficial ministry, please contact us for a packet of information.

Mother's Day Dinner

The Lifespan Mother's Day Dinner held at the San Marino Club in Troy on May 4th was a huge success. The sold-out crowd was brought to tears on several occasions during guest speaker Jennifer O'Neill's talk on her abortion and several miscarriages. Ms. O'Neill, actress and model, is now the spokeswoman for "Silent No More," an organization of women who have had abortions and now speak out on the lingering trauma of their "choice."

Mother's Day flower sale

Our Mother's Day Flower Sale was sold out this year. For the first time, we offered silk flowers and they were extremely easy to handle and display for sale at area churches. Judging from the reaction of people buying them, we will certainly offer silk flowers again next year!

People's Override Petition

Our goal of 325,000 signatures on the petition to override Governor Granholm's veto to ban partial-birth abortions, was dramatically exceeded. At last count, we had over 460,000 signatures! Thanks to everyone who put in their time for this important project.

Pray to End Abortion

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Dinner delights

The danger with trying to thank each person, individually, that helped make this year's Mother's Day Dinner such a success is that someone is always left out. So with apologies beforehand, Oakland/Macomb would like to thank Viviano's Flowers for the beautiful flowers, Chris and Mary Ehlen for the delicious candies, all who helped to decorate the tables, the ever-accommodating staff at San Marino's, all the auction donors and the auction workers from the Educational Center for Life, the office staff of all our Lifespan offices for the extra hours spent on the thousand and one details, the young people who helped with registration and the auction, the lovely hostesses under the able direction of Kay Browne, Teresa Tomeo for her expert abilities as Mistress of Ceremonies, Father Bill Thomas, Judy Zabik and Livingston County Chapter for

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Bowling for Life • Bowl 3 games free...

Woodland Lanes in Livonia is reserved for Sunday, July 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. for our 22nd annual "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser. By collecting pledges, you can bowl 3 GAMES FREE and WIN U.S. SAVINGS BONDS.

Teens and young adults could support this pro-life event and know they are "helping to save babies."

We have bumper bowling lanes for kids who are eligible for the GRAND PRIZES. Parents can bowl with their children. The kids who have bowled in the past have had a great time and won prizes.

League bowlers add excitement with their expertise and professionalism to this annual event, enjoy fellowship and show support for the LIFE issues.

This is always a fun-filled afternoon with other proliferers—you don't have to be a good bowler to win exciting prizes because sponsors can pledge you by pin or by a set amount of money per game.

EXAMPLE: \$1.50 per game pledged...bowler bowls 3 games...amount due \$4.50 **OR** \$.01 per pin pledged.....bowler has 450 series....amount due \$4.50. See page 13 for more bowling details.

getting Jennifer O'Neill to and from our dinner and everyone who came to the Dinner honoring Margaret Adelaide Caleal, heard our speaker and shared an evening with friends and family. It was truly an evening to remember.

Entertainment extravaganza

Entertainment Publications is offering a pre-sale promotion. Purchase a 2005 book, for the reduced price of \$20.00, now, and receive a 2004 book at no cost. The 2004 book can be used until November 1st. This offer is good only as long as the supply of 2004 books lasts so call the office today and order yours.

Fairs and festivals

We are looking for smiling volunteers to staff our educational tables at the Davisburg 4-H Fair, July 27-August 1; the State Fair, August 11-August 15 (Oakland/Macomb's days) and Troy Daze, September 17-19. The fairs are great fun; you get to meet a lot of very interesting people and have a chance to eat elephant ears and hot dogs on a stick. What more could you ask? If you have a couple of hours to share, call the office and volunteer. We promise to always pair a "newbie" with a fair veteran.

Christian Concert for Life

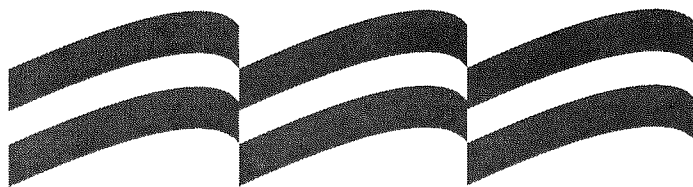
This is the first time we've had the pleasure of gathering eight artists together to perform for Lifespan in a Christian Concert. We are very excited to have Robin Sullivan, WMUZ Praise Company, as the emcee. All of these people are volunteering their time in support of LIFE. There will be CDs available for purchase and for door prizes. Come and enjoy these entertainers who care about moms and their babies. For complete line-up of performers and ticket information, please call.

Your favorite recipes

Lifespan church representative, Donna Kempfer from St. Thomas a'Becket Church in Canton, will host the annual Father's Day Bake Sale on June 19 and 20 at that church. Lifespan bakers from the Plymouth-Canton area are especially invited to participate. We welcome new bakers. Baked goods may be left at the church or at the Lifespan office in Livonia. All proceeds go towards Lifespan's educational projects.

Thank you

It was a beautiful, sunny Mother's Day, and love and laughter filled the air. Pastors praised motherhood and talked about babies, born and unborn, and our Mother's Day Rose Tribute was a wonderful success. We thank pastors, church reps, volunteers and donors for your time and contributions which allow us to continue our pro-life activities in your community.



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Dear Representative (last name):

Conscience Clause

On April 22, 2004, the Michigan House of Representatives voted 69-35 to approve a package of bills that would guarantee that medical personnel and institutions would not be penalized for objecting to acts that they object to for moral reasons, such as abortion, euthanasia and embryonic stem cell research.

HB 5006 protects individual health care providers; HB 5276 protects medical facilities. HB 5277 and HB 5278 would allow insurance companies to likewise exempt themselves from medical practices they find morally objectionable.

The bills now go to the Senate.

John Kerry Flip Flops

It is interesting to note how the positions of people seeking to lead our country are expressed at various times during their public lives.

Kerry in 1972: "It is a tragic day in the lives of everybody when abortion is looked on as an alternative to having a child. I think that's wrong. It should be the very last thing if it has to be anything, and I say that not just because I'm opposed to abortion but because I think that's common sense."

In June of 2003, a Kerry spokesman, Robert Gibbs, told the *New York Times* that Kerry has always backed legal abortion and pointed out that the comments came before the *Roe v. Wade* decision.

April 24, 2004, at a rally in support of the impending pro-abortion march in Washington, Mr. Kerry said, "More than 30 years after *Roe v. Wade* became the law of the land, it has never been more at risk than it is today. We are going to have a change in leadership in this country to protect the right of choice." Referring to the *Roe v. Wade*

decision again, Mr. Kerry said, "Today, in 2004, we simply cannot afford to take out the broom and sweep a generation of progress under the rug."

Mr. Kerry has been endorsed by Planned Parenthood. This is the first time Planned Parenthood has endorsed a presidential candidate.

Morning-After Pill

On May 6, 2004, the Food and Drug Administration rejected a drug maker's application to sell a "morning-after pill" over the counter because of concerns about whether young girls would be able to use it safely.

The morning-after pill is a form of high dose birth control pill that is to be used after an act of unprotected intercourse to prevent pregnancy. Most pro-life organizations are opposed to morning-after contraceptive formulations because it is believed that one of the actions of such drugs is to change the lining of a woman's uterus, making it impossible for a newly conceived baby to implant.

Federal regulators ask three questions when determining if a product can be sold over the counter (without a doctor's prescription). Can patients diagnose the problem themselves? Can they be trusted to treat the problem effectively? Can they understand the drug's label?—all without a physician's intervention. In a letter to Barr Pharmaceuticals, the FDA said that the application of Plan B, the drug produced and marketed by Barr, failed to mount the final hurdle. It noted that just 29 of the 585 women and girls in the company's label-comprehension study were 16 years of age or younger. "Based on the review of the data, we have concluded that you have not provided adequate data to support a

conclusion that Plan B can be used safely by young adolescent women," the letter states.

Since the FDA's decision, 41 members of Congress have signed off on a letter to acting FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford asking him and the federal drug agency to re-evaluate their decision to deny the application by Barr. 12 of those signers have accused Crawford and the FDA of allowing political considerations to affect its decision.

—*New York Times*, May 7, 2004 and
LifeNews.com, May 14, 2004

Pro-Life Groups Support Ethical Stem Cell Research

As the national debate over stem cell research plays out, pro-life advocates are concerned that the media is portraying them as opponents of all stem cell research by virtue of their opposition to embryonic stem cell research that involves the destruction of human beings in their earliest stages of life. "We have no reason to oppose the majority of stem cell research. Some scientists are actively involved in these ethical and very effective approaches," says Brian Johnston of the National Right to Life Committee. "The media is desperately trying to define the debate on stem-cells," Johnston tells *LifeNews.com*. Painting pro-life groups as opposed to all stem cell research "is a very common assertion, especially among electronic media, who tend to regurgitate simplistic analyses." Johnston points to news reports on Nancy Reagan's lobbying of President Bush to reverse his policy prohibiting virtually all federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. An editorial this week in the *New York Times* calls Bush's policy "damaging to medicine." The *Times* editorial makes it appear that only embryonic stem cell research offers hope for people suffering from such diseases, pro-life advocates say. While the media's focus has been on embryonic stem cells, the use of adult stem cells has proven more effective in research and clinical trials. In fact, the use of embryonic stem cells has failed to cure a single patient.

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Bush Position Affirmed

In response to a letter from members of Congress urging President Bush to reverse his policy prohibiting federal funding of any new embryonic stem cell research, the National Institutes of Health defended Bush's position and made it clear that Bush was not willing to rescind it.

"And although it is fair to say that from a purely scientific perspective more cell lines may well speed some areas of human embryonic stem cell research, the president's position is still predicated on his belief that taxpayer funds should not 'sanction or encourage further destruction of human embryos that have at least the potential for life,'" NIH director Dr. Elias Zerhouni, writes.

"Today, much of the basic research that needs to be done can be and is being supported with federal funds under the president's policy," Zerhouni says in the letter, disseminated to members of Congress.

Last month, a group of 206 members of Congress, including 36 Republicans, some of whom are pro-life on issues such as abortion and euthanasia, sent a letter to Bush. They asked the president to reverse his anti-funding policy because not enough embryonic stem cells lines are available to conduct research. Mr. Bush is committed "to exploring the promise of stem cell research but continues to believe that we should not cross a fundamental moral line by encouraging the destruction of human embryos," said Claire Buchan.

Meanwhile, members of the Senate, led by Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter, are crafting and circulating their own letter to President Bush. The Specter-backed group may have as many as 50 signatures. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, earlier this month, told reporters that he supports Bush's policy but also wants to examine its impact. "It's been three years and I think it's time to do it," Frist said, according to a *New York Times* report. "I'm very interested in answering the question whether or not scientists are really leaving this country in droves because of the limitations on research."



Election Calendar

JULY 6

Deadline to Register for Primary

AUGUST 1

Deadline for mailed absentee ballot requests for Primary Election

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

State Primary

OCTOBER 4

Registration deadline for General Election

OCTOBER 30

Deadline for mailed absentee ballot requests for General Election

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

General Election

Are you registered?

You may register at a number of state and local government offices, including all Secretary of State branch offices. For more information, call your county, city or township clerk, or contact the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections: **517-373-2540** or www.michigan.gov/sos.

Absentee ballots

According to Michigan law, you are eligible to vote by absentee ballot if one of the following applies:

You are 60 years of age or older; you will be out of town on election day; you prefer to vote absentee because of illness, physical disability or religious tenets; you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial; you are an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the one where you reside.

To get an absentee ballot simply call or write to your city, township or village clerk and ask for an absentee voter application. Or, apply in person to the clerk and fill out a standard form. If you want the ballot mailed to you, your application must be received by 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before an election date. Your vote must reach your local clerk before the polls close on election day at 8:00 p.m.

Hello, Youth Group Leaders and Youth!

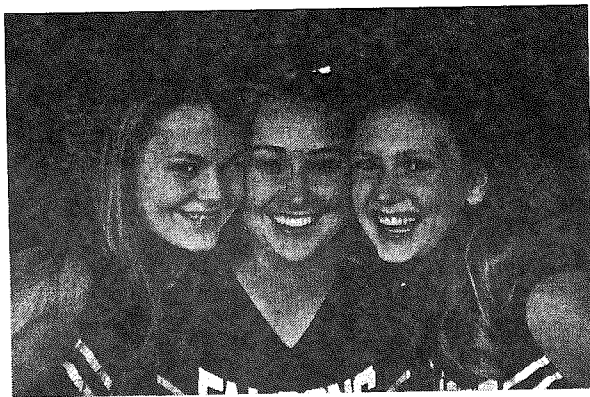
We hope the ending school term is a good one for everyone and, we also hope that you have a really terrific, fun summer!!!

If you have some extra time and energy, we can really use help at our educational booths at the fairs this summer and in early fall. The first fair is the 4-H Fair in Davisburg. Our booth will be there from Tuesday, July 27th through Sunday, August 1st. For any youth interested in helping, you'll need to have one adult with you. We look for 2-3 helpers each shift. The shifts are 12-4 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.

Lifespan will be at the State Fair in Detroit, from August 11th-August 22nd. Again, youth volunteers need to have an adult with them, and we look for 2-3 helpers each shift. The shifts are 10-2 p.m., 2-6 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.

The third fair is the Troy Daze Fair. We will be there from Friday, September 17th through Sunday, September 19th. As with the other fairs, the youth need to have an adult with them, and we look for 2-3 helpers each shift. The shifts are from 4-7 p.m., 7-10 p.m. on Friday; 11-3 p.m., 3-7 p.m., 7-10 p.m. on Saturday and 11-3 p.m., 3-7 p.m. on Sunday.

Call us, 248-816-1546, as soon as you can so we can schedule you for the shift you want to work!!! A letter of confirmation, directions to the fairgrounds, etc. will be mailed to you approximately 1-2 weeks before the fair begins.



Right to Life-LIFESPAN wants to sponsor a Teen Jeopardy Night on Saturday, August 7th, but we need your help to plan the night!!!

We are looking for at least 10 volunteers to be the Planning Committee—you will decide what PRO-LIFE categories the young participants will choose from, the PRO-LIFE questions/answers that will be used in each category, the prizes that will be given, how to promote the game night in our communities, etc. Call Lynn Gura at 248-816-1546 by June 17th to let her know you can come to the Planning Meeting at the Troy office (on Big Beaver, between Crooks and Coolidge) on Tuesday evening, June 22nd from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Pizza and pop will be available.

—Lynn Gura, Lifespan Representative Coordinator

Educational Center for Life

A donation was made to Educational Center for Life,
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Crisis hotline numbers

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your local 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. If a relative, friend or even yourself are in need of this counseling assistance, call 800-281-2102.

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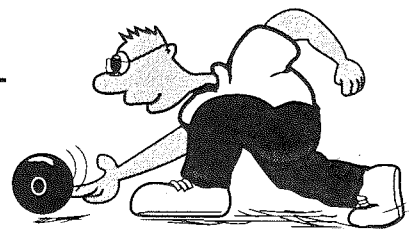
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Wee Care

Dear Friends,
A newborn baby is placed in his father's arms for the very first time. The dad is overwhelmed with

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Many dads turn to Wee Care for help. They will call because their babies need formula, food, diapers, warm blankets and clothing. Some fathers will call because their wives are too embarrassed to contact us. Some will call because they have recently lost their jobs and desperately need help. Some will call because they have lost everything in a fire. And some grandfathers will call because their grandbaby has been abandoned and it is up to them to provide the support and the love for their tiny grandchild.

Because of YOU and all you do, we are able to help these babies and lessen their dads' anxiety and help them experience the pure joy of holding their newborn sons and daughters in their arms. Thank you for making this possible!

May every parent and grandparent be able to experience the joy that a newborn baby brings, and may all our dads and granddads have a great Father's Day!

Love, Karen

PS: And speaking of joy—this grandma's heart is bursting—we have a new little grandson to love and adore. God has blessed us with seven little miracles and days filled with wonder, giggles, hugs and kisses! It can't get any better than this!

*Karen Patrosso, Director 248-777-2727
Wee Care, A Program of Right to Life - Lifespan*

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

My sincere thanks to all who made our Mother's Day Dinner such a great success. To the committee—Well Done! Thanks to one and all!

Dinner Committee

Irene Tharp; Diane Trombley; Lynn Gura; Pat and Bob Holscher; Kay Browne; Kim DiSalle and Brother Rice Warriors for Life; Brigitte and Scarlett Pietro; Katie Barron, Gerald Scott, Joan Barrett; Alma and Laura Warman; Jenny Conely and Judy and Bob Zabik.

Resource Book

Marge Bradley, Christine Calleja, Diane Trombley, Lynn Gura, Susan Kakos.

Auction Committee

Phyllis Sullivan and her daughter, Molly; Judy Ward; Mary Beth and Doug Ritter; Linda Seng; Marilyn Schepansky; Margaret Joyce; Louise Carlson, Toni and Wayne Breneman and their son, Wayne; Christine Calleja; Christine Khami; Crystal Davidson; Leah Deahl.

Special Acknowledgements

Viviano's for their beautiful flower arrangements; Mary and Chris Ehlen for the wonderful chocolate candies; San Marino Club for the delicious food and beautiful accommodations.

To the many others who worked behind the scenes—our grateful appreciation and best wishes. We may not know all of your names, but God does, and He will remember your work. May God bless you for all your sacrifices.

President Bush Hits Pro-Life Themes

President Bush touched on pro-life themes in his commencement address at Wisconsin's Concordia University. He urged graduates to help build a "culture of life" and warned them of the dangers of destroying human life to advance scientific research. "A compassionate society shows a special concern for those at the beginning of life, those at the end of life and those who struggle in life with disabilities," Bush said, referring to both abortion and euthanasia. The president told the senior class that they can make a difference in the life of an elderly or disabled person who may look to assisted suicide as a solution to the physical pain or depression they face. "Most of you, at some point, will be called to care for a dying relative, or a frail and aging parent, or someone close to you with a terrible sickness," Bush explained. "Often, in their pain

and loneliness, they will feel they are nothing but a burden, and worthless to the world. And you will need to show them that's not true. Our worth as human beings does not depend on our health, or productivity, or independence, or any other shifting value the world might apply. Our worth comes from bearing the image of our Maker," the president said.

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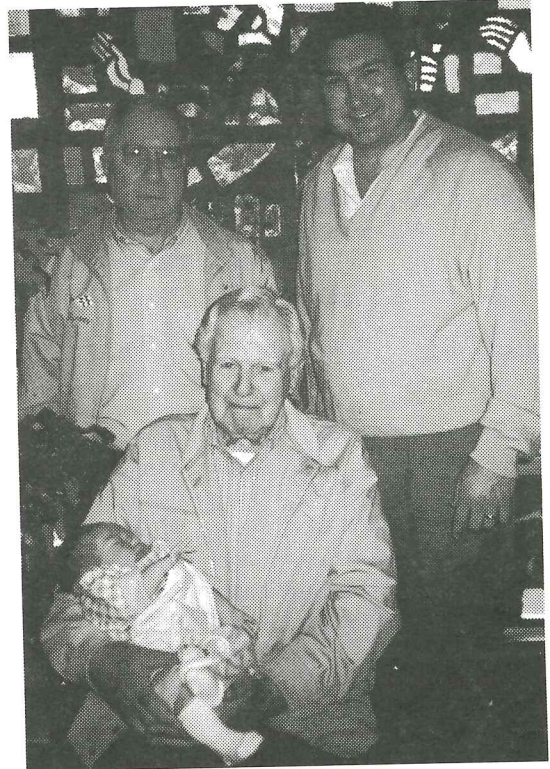
My Father

To speak of my dear father
I know not where to start.
His whole life is a reflection
Of his warm and loving heart.
He handles daily burdens
With a strength from deep within,
So whatever might occur
It is my father who will win.
He's like a firm foundation
For, in life, what can arise.
All his thoughts are filled with logic
And he's infinitely wise.
Whenever someone needs him
He will help in any way.
His laughter and good humor
Always chase the cares away.
Ill fortune may assail him
Yet he proves a worthy foe,
Though if ever it affects him
He'll make sure no one will know.
His life is for his family
And his faith is hard to shake.
He's like a youthful sapling
That will bend but never break.
How wonderful to know
That he will be there by my side.
His strong and loving presence
Has me filled with endless pride.
Now I'll lift my soul to heaven
As I feel the need to pray.
Dear Lord, please bless my father
Every moment of each day.

Direct his sturdy footsteps
So that he may never fall.
Reward him for his goodness
And make his troubles small.
Enrich him with Your Spirit
That happy he may be,
For words can never say
How much my father means to me.

—Kathy Sabol

Happy Father's Day to all
Fathers, Grandfathers,
Great-Grandfathers!



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