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**14th Annual**  
**LIFE CHAIN**  
**of Metro Detroit**  
**National Life Chain Sunday**

**October 5, 2003 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.**

- ❖ On Woodward Ave., from 10 to 12 Mile Rds., in Royal Oak, Huntington Woods and Berkley
- ❖ On Gratiot, at 6 Mile Rd., in Detroit
- ❖ On Gratiot, from 13 to 16 Mile Rds., in Roseville and Mt. Clemens
- ❖ On Middlebelt Rd., from Jamison (2 blks. s. of 5 Mile Rd.) to 7 Mile Rd., in Livonia
- ❖ At intersection of Wayne and Warren Rds., in Westland
- ❖ At Michigan Ave. and Grand River to Fowler, in Howell
- ❖ At Grand River and Main to Hacker, in Brighton
- ❖ On Main St. (M-36) Pinckney Town Square, in Pinckney

Thousands of participants will stand on the sidewalks 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 will 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.** This peaceful, prayerful event will provide a visual statement of unity by the metro Detroit church community. Call **248-777-9090**.

**Join us on October 5—Stand up for LIFE!**

Grace Christian Fellowship  
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Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
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Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
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St. Clair Shores

Knights of Columbus #12408  
Natl. Shrine of the Little Flower  
Council, Royal Oak

Living Hope Community  
Free Methodist Church, Pontiac

Loving Arms Lutherans for Life  
Macomb

Madonna University, Livonia

Marian High School LIFE Club  
Bloomfield Hills

Michigan Nurses for Life

Morningstar Church, Garden City

National Shrine of the Little  
Flower (Catholic), Royal Oak

*List of Life Chain co-sponsors  
continues on back page*

# News and Notes

## Baby Found in Ammunition Box

British soldiers saved the life of a baby girl in Basra, Iraq after finding her in a padlocked box in a weapons cache. Upon opening it, they found the baby, barely two days old, wrapped in a blanket and lying among rocket-propelled grenade launchers, AK47s, ammunition, knives and bayonets. The baby was no longer breathing, but the soldiers began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The baby's mother, also found by the soldiers, identified her daughter and said that it was the father who put their baby in the ammunition box. The father has been arrested. After hospitalization, the baby is said to be "safe and well."

## Maybe if Babies Were More Like Ducks...

Rush-hour traffic stopped on 15<sup>th</sup> St. NW, in Washington, D.C. recently. A mother duck and her four ducklings were the reason. But as they made their way through the city, not everyone was captivated by the traffic-light-reading-impaired birds. So humans soon began moving in, sometimes nearly putting their lives on the line for the ducks. Passerby Pat Getter shot into the street after the ducks, yelling at cars "Stop! Stop! Stop!" She threw up her hands as though she were facing down tanks. The drivers hit the brakes, annoyed, then smiling. "Oh, they are so traumatized," Jennifer Helburn worried. Mother duck waddled on. At I Street, Helburn threw herself in front of a bus to protect the ducklings. Helburn's day job? She is communications director for the National Abortion Federation, a trade association for abortion providers in the U.S. and Canada. Her fellow duck saver, Getter, told the *Washington Post*, "I realize you can't save all of them all the time," she said, "but when you're in a position to try, then you owe it to them to try."

—LifeNews.com, July 1, 2003

## Prayer Vigil

A Prayer Vigil, led by Bishop Blair, on Saturday, Sept. 20, will begin with Mass at 7:15 a.m. at St. Paul's Church, on Lakeshore Dr., in Grosse Pointe Farms. After Mass, participants will drive to St. Veronica Church in East Pointe and walk, in procession, praying and singing hymns, to two abortion clinics, in Detroit and Eastpointe. This is a prayerful, peaceful, non-confrontational vigil. It ends with Benediction and refreshments at Assumption Grotto Church at 10:00 a.m. Call Michael at 313-822-1153.

## Holiness and Human Sexuality

A conference, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and 26, at Our Lady of Refuge Church, in Orchard Lake, will be presented by renowned speaker, Christopher West. Topics will include "Authentic Manhood," 1 p.m. on Sat.; "God's Vision for a Joy-Filled Marriage," 6:30 p.m. on Sat.; "Women—God's Masterpiece," 12:30 p.m. on Sun.; and "Sex, God and the Meaning of Life," 6:30 p.m. on Sun. There is no registration or fee. Call 248-682-0920.

Michigan Nurses



For Life

We have planned a really great series of meetings for this year, and I would like to be sure that everyone knows that even though they are being sponsored by a nursing organization, EVERYONE is invited to attend. The topics we address would be of interest to any pro-life person, and we try not to let them get too technical so that everyone can enjoy them. All of our regular meetings are held at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bloomfield Hills.

On September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., Janette Jablonski, BAS, RDMS, RDCS, RVP, who is the ultrasound tech and Program Coordinator for Providence Hospital School of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, will speak about the basic physics of ultrasound, and its uses in determining normal and abnormal findings in pre-born babies. Virginia (Tinker) Johnston, RN, the nurse manager at Crossroads Pregnancy Center in Auburn Hills, will share why many women, who see their unborn baby in the womb through ultrasound, choose life rather than abortion.

On November 11, Dr. Lorna Cvetkovich, M.D. will speak on the prenatal procedure "amniocentesis." She will present the medical reasons for doing this test, the risks involved and what can be done with the information. Linda Sipos will then present her own personal testimony of what transpired when an amniocentesis found that her unborn child had Down Syndrome.

Two more equally excellent meetings will be held in January and March, and our Spring Seminar will be held April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The seminar will feature Dr. Angela Lafranchi, M.D., speaking on the breast cancer/abortion link. Space does not permit more details at this time, but feel free to call the office for more information, 248-816-8489.

**ALL NURSES:**

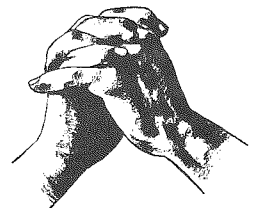
**BE PART OF LIFECHAIN—CALL FOR DETAILS**

## Blessed Gianna relics

Brooke Belisle is available to visit your church or group to show relics of this soon-to-be recognized saint and present a talk on Blessed Gianna and her pro-life cause. Call Lifespan's Livingston Chapter 810-220-LIFE (5433).

## Holy Hours for Life

St. John Center, Plymouth, will hold Holy Hours for Life on the 1st Thursday of every month, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Fr. John Riccardo will be the celebrant. Call 734-414-1244.



## Crop Walk

In February 2003, the Archdiocese of Detroit issued a memorandum to all pastors in the Diocese, explaining that Catholic Relief Services name would no longer appear in Crop Walk materials printed after January, 2003.

This change was brought about by information about Church World Services; a recipient of Crop Walk donations was supplying information on contraception, and contraceptive devices to countries concerned with population control and hunger issues.

Theoretically, a Crop Walk participant is able to designate funds raised on the walk to either Church World Services or Catholic Relief Services. Practically speaking, it is extremely difficult to separate out these funds and there is frequent mixing of donations. While affirming the goals of Crop Walk to end world hunger, Catholic Relief Services is sufficiently concerned with how monies are being spent that they are withdrawing as a designee agency in Crop Walk.

## UAW and Abortion

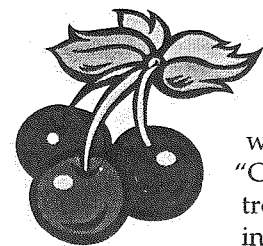
The *Detroit Free Press* recently reported that the UAW has "vaguely" raised the issue of abortion in its initial contract proposals to automakers. Reportedly, Chrysler was asked to "expand benefits related to reproductive services" and is asking General Motors to cover "professional fees for elective pregnancy termination."

Clearly, abortion cannot be viewed as a "health benefit." We know that abortion hurts women, takes the life of the unborn child and can lead to future pre-term deliveries. (There are 49 published studies which have reported that induced abortions elevate future pre-term delivery odds.) The care these little ones require and deserve can increase the cost of health care, a prime topic in the UAW/automaker negotiations. Lifespan will continue to monitor this situation.

**ACTION:** If you are a concerned UAW worker, retiree or American car buyer, and would like to express your opinion, you can write to United Automobile Workers of America, Ron Gettelfinger, President, 8000 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48214.

## Cherry Festival Parade

Grand Traverse Area Students for Life were shocked when their application for participation in the National Cherry Festival parade was rejected on the grounds that their "Celebrate Life" message was too controversial. The group has participated in the Cherry Festival's Junior Royale



Parade for the past seven years. Four Michigan legislators, Senators Michelle McManus and Jason Allen and Reps. Howard Walker and David Palsrok have written a letter asking the festival's committee to accept the group's application next year.

—LifeNews.com, July 7, 2003

## Student Essay Contest

### ELIGIBILITY:

Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home school, who resides in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb or Livingston Counties, is eligible for the contest except for students in the immediate family of a board member of Right to Life - Lifespan.

### RULES:

1. The topic of the pro-life essay entry must feature one or more aspects of abortion, infanticide or euthanasia. The essay must be titled.

2. The essay shall be a minimum of 500 words, a maximum of 1000 words. No poems will be accepted.

3. The essay should be typed, but may be legibly handwritten.

4. Each entry must be the student's original work. One entry per student.

5. On the BACK only of the last page of the essay, the student must **PRINT** neatly his/her name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, plus the names of his/her parents or guardian.

6. Each entry becomes the property of Right to Life - Lifespan, and each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - Lifespan.

7. The essay shall be judged on content and style.

8. All entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience in the content. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.

9. Decisions of the judges shall be final.

**10. All entries must be received by noon, Wednesday, November 5, 2003, and mailed or delivered to: Student Essay Contest 2003, Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., Suite 127, Livonia, MI 48152.**

### PRIZES:

First: \$1000 Savings Bond

Second: \$400 Savings Bond

Third: \$200 Savings Bond

Prizes will be awarded at the Rally for Life, January, 2004. The first-prize winner shall also be invited to read the winning essay at the Rally, and the winning entry shall be printed in *Lifespan News*. Call Lifespan's Main Office 248-777-9090.

## College LIFEsavers

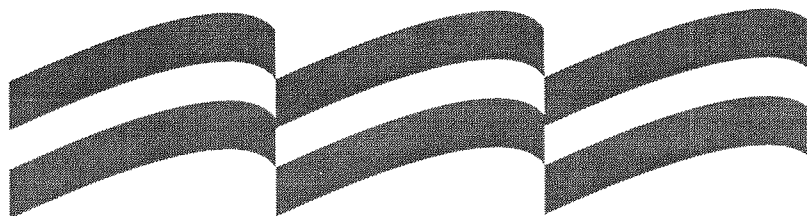
If you provide Lifespan's Oakland/Macomb Chapter, 248-816-1546, with the name and college address of your favorite student and \$5 for shipping, we will send him or her a Lifeline Gift Pack which includes several items: a pro-life T-shirt, a pen with the notation "My Dad Loves ME," a flexible 12-inch ruler showing the accurate development of a baby in the inch increments, a button bearing the slogan, "Abortion is Mean," a "Tiny Feet" lapel pin...and more...call today!

## Pampered Chef

Berkshire Hathaway, the corporation founded by billionaire Warren Buffet, recently announced that it will cease funding Planned Parenthood. For pro-life advocates working at Pampered Chef who had been fighting the donations since the company was sold to Buffet's company, the decision is a full-fledged victory. Enjoy your next Pampered Chef party!

—LifeNews.com, July 8, 2003





# LEGISLATIVE

## Addresses

### **President**

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500  
Opinion Line (202) 456-1111, M-F, 9-5  
Fax Number: (202) 456-2461  
e-mail: President@whitehouse.gov

Dear Mr. President:

### **U.S. Senators**

The Honorable (Carl Levin, Debbie Stabenow)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3121

Dear Senator (last name):

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

The Honorable (first and last name)  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 224-3121

Dear Congressman or Congresswoman  
(last name):

### **Governor**

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 373-3400  
Opinion Line: (517) 335-7858  
e-mail: migov@aol.com

Dear Governor Granholm:

### **Michigan State Senator**

The Honorable (full name)  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 373-1837

Dear Senator (last name):

### **Michigan State Representative**

The Honorable (full name)  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 373-1837

Dear Representative (last name):

## **Cord Blood Stem Cell Act**

Longtime pro-life Congressman Chris Smith introduced new legislation on July 25, 2003 that will significantly increase the nation's inventory of stem cells obtained from placentas and umbilical cords.

Such ethical alternatives to embryonic stem cell research have been proven to successfully treat a number of life-threatening diseases.

While blood from the placenta and umbilical cord is rich in stem cells, the nation's inventory of about 20,000 units of blood is too small and not genetically diverse enough, meaning ethnic minorities frequently find difficulties in securing timely transplants with units currently available.

"By significantly increasing the nation's supply of genetically diverse core blood units, treatment for several diseases such as sickle cell anemia, leukemia, lymphoma and other blood and immune deficiency diseases, will be more widely available to the American people," Smith said.

The pro-life bill, HR 2852, would authorize \$45 million over the next two years to go to blood centers that agree to collect, prepare and store the blood units for use in treatments.

The bill has the backing of the American Cancer Society and major blood centers. Principal original co-sponsors of the bill include Rep. Artur Davis of Alabama, Richard Burr of North Carolina and Edolphus Towns of New York.

*LifeNews.com, July 25, 2003*

## **Medicare Bills**

Significant changes in Medicare and the addition of a prescription drug benefit are proposed in both a Senate bill (S 1) and a House bill (HR 1), and differences in the bills are being re-

solved in conference committee. Important pro-life issues are at stake.

**Avoiding rationing in medical care:** Both bills as finally adopted preserve, with respect to medical services, the basic ability of senior citizens who choose to do so to add their own money on top of the government Medicare contribution in order to get unrationed, unmanaged health insurance through 'private fee-for-service' plans.

The National Right to Life Committee will be working to protect the right of older Americans covered by Medicare to add their own money, if they wish, in order to get unrationed, unmanaged health insurance, and to ensure that such health insurance is preserved. At present, there are only a few private fee-for-service plans around the country. The real need for them will arise when baby boomers start retiring. When this demand comes, it is likely insurance companies will find it economically feasible to be there to meet it.

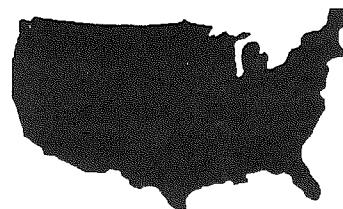
**Avoiding rationing of prescription drugs:** The House bill, **but not the Senate Bill**, allows the new prescription drug benefit to be offered by plans with unmanaged access to drugs, and allows senior citizens to add their own money on top of the government contribution in order to get such unrationed drug insurance. The Senate bill, as passed, denies older Americans this right, allowing them to get the prescription drug benefit **only in a managed care form**.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley (R-IA) have pledged to press in conference committee for incorporating in the Senate bill the provision to provide the subsidized prescription drug ben-





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efit as an unmanaged benefit whose premium amount is not subject to governmental approval. The National Right to Life Committee will be working to ensure that older Americans have this right to get unrationed drug insurance.

—*Choose Life, National Right to Life Committee, July/August 2003*

## Cloning Exploits Women

One impact of cloning human embryos for research is the physical risk to the women who donate the eggs. A Senate hearing in March illuminated the scope of the potential for injury. The people most likely to be hurt are the poor.

Cloning supporters concede millions of women would be needed to donate eggs, if cloning is allowed to proceed.

Jayd Henricks, congressional liaison with the Family Research Council, said one expert testified the harvesting process would seriously injure one percent of them. "We're talking about thousands and thousands of women that we know will be injured through this procedure," Hendricks said.

Pro-life Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) is the Senate sponsor of the Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003 (S 245). "Anytime you put your body through what's called the super-ovulation process, there's a certain percentage of women that are going to have physical problems or psychological problems," Brownback said. He also said women would be paid \$3,000 to \$5,000 each, meaning poor women would be the most likely candidates for donation, making their bodies manufacturing plants for a hot commodity—the eggs used to clone human embryos for research.

The Brownback bill would ban all forms of cloning human embryos. He emphasized that cloning for research is currently legal in America and is under way at several labs. He also said the proposed law is needed because it is also legal to pay for women's eggs in order to do research with them. **ACTION: Please contact your senators and urge them to support Senator Brownback's Human Cloning Prohibition Act of 2003 (S 245). Let your senator know that the Brownback legislation is the only bill among several competing versions that you support. Emphasize that we need a bill that bans all forms of human cloning.**

—*Pro-life Infonet, April 1, 2003*

## Patents on Human Beings

Thanks to an amendment sponsored by pro-life Rep. Dave Weldon (R-FL), scientists and research universities would be prohibited from obtaining a patent on a human being.

The amendment says, "None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this act may be used to issue patents on claims directed to or encompassing a human organism."

Weldon, a doctor by profession, successfully added the amendment to the Commerce Justice State Appropriations bill (HR 2799). The amendment was passed July 22, 2003 by voice vote and is now a part of the bill.

John Cusey of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, said the amendment is a "big development because it is the first time the House of Representatives has taken the position that humans should not be patented."

Paige Cunningham, chairman of the board of Americans United for Life, says the Patent Office granted a patent for animal cloning in 2001 to the Inter-

national Center for Technology Assessment (ICTA).

Cunningham said the patent "was written so broadly that it appears to include human cloning and products of cloning in its protection."

After receiving the patent, ICTA wrote that its scientists "now have rights over the product, i.e., any cloned human embryo or person born under the process."

—*LifeNews.com, July 22, 2003*

## Parental Consent in Michigan

Controversial legislation would make it harder for teens to terminate pregnancies without their parents' consent.

About 600 times a year, a pregnant teen asks a Michigan judge to allow an abortion without permission from her parents. A 1990 law otherwise requires parental consent for those under age 18.

Most times—in 79 percent of the 628 cases last year—the judge agrees, deciding it is either in the teen's best interest or that the girl is mature and informed enough to make the decision.

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## Informative Websites

**[www.michiganlegislature.org](http://www.michiganlegislature.org)**

This website provides information on Michigan legislative sessions and laws.

**[thomas.loc.gov](http://thomas.loc.gov)**

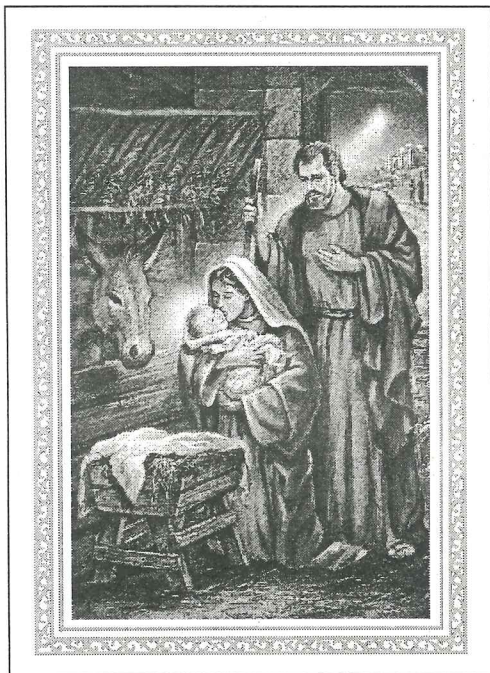
Maintained by the Library of Congress, Thomas offers a searchable database of congressional activity from 1969 to the present.

**[www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)**

National Right to Life's site has up-to-date information on pro-life issues, federal legislation and voting records.

# Christmas Cards 2003

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**.



## Holy Family

Traditional scene of the Holy Family in the stable is expressed in rich tones of blue, olive green and brown with embossed gold foil border and includes a gold foil-lined envelope

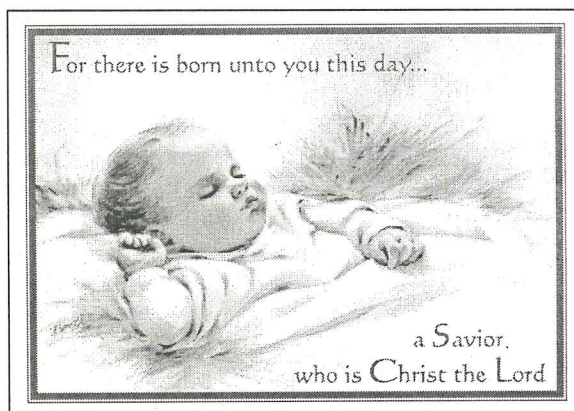
Actual size: 5-5/8" x 8-1/8"

**\$15.00 per box of 20**

Verse:

*May the love of the Holy Family  
rekindle in our hearts  
the comfort of hope  
the warmth of peace  
and the joy of Life*

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas*



## Infant Jesus

Card depicts the sleeping Infant in soft pastels of gold and brown. Envelope has an oval opening through which the face of the Infant can be seen

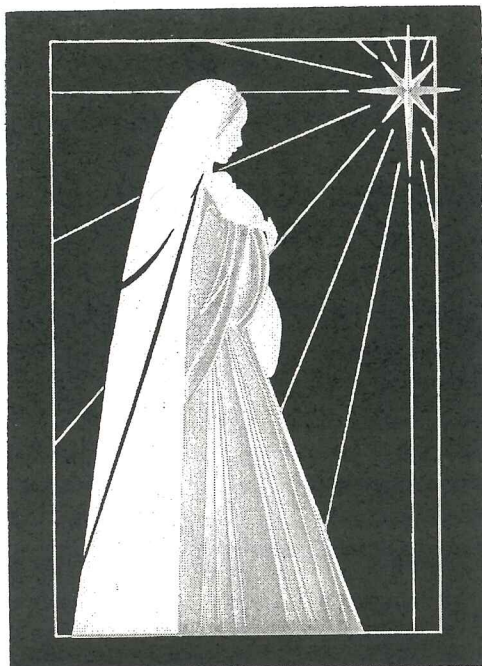
Actual size: 4-7/8" x 6-3/4"

**\$6.00 per pkg. of 10**

Verse:

*As we rejoice  
at the birth of the Infant Savior  
may our hearts be filled with love  
at the wonder of God's gift of Life*

*Blessings to you at Christmas  
and all through the year*



## Radiant Star

Elegant card with white and silver embossed figure of Mary holding the Infant, with navy blue background, radiant star and silver-lined envelope

Actual size: 5-1/2" x 7-3/4"

**\$15.00 per box of 20**

Verse:

*One shining star  
to make the world bright  
One infant child  
on that wonderful night  
One little prayer  
for those we hold dear  
May the Creator of Life bless you  
all through the year*

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas*

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





# Right to Life - Lifespan

## *General Meeting Breakfast & Legislative Update*

**Saturday, October 11 • 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**Burton Manor • 27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia**

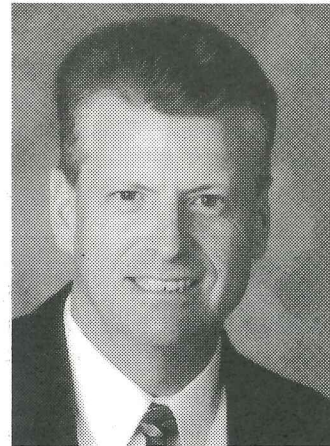
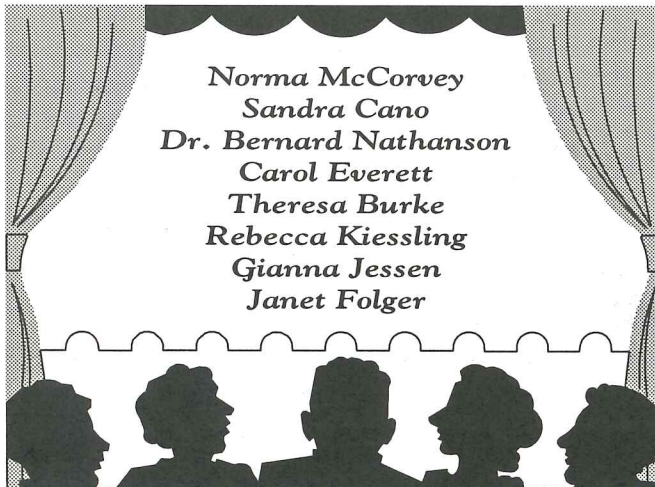
*(south side of I-96 service drive, between Inkster and Middlebelt)*



## *Presenting Life Stories*



*Life Stories is an informative and entertaining new pro-life program, presented in Readers Theatre format, combining personal testimonies, dramatic readings and song representing well-known personalities involved in the Roe v. Wade decision and its aftermath*



*Representative William J. O'Neil*

Representative O'Neil is serving his third term in the Michigan House of Representatives where he has a 100% pro-life voting record. He is the primary sponsor of House Bill 4478 which would amend the Parental Rights Restoration Act. This bill requires additional factors a judge must consider before granting a waiver of parental consent to an abortion for a minor. The bill passed in the House and will now go to the Senate. He has been the Chairman of the Bipartisan Pro-Life Caucus for the past five years in Lansing and is also the Chairman of Democrats for Life which encompasses all of Michigan.

*Advance reservations are required. Please complete the form below and mail with your check to **Right to Life - Lifespan**, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., Ste. 127, Livonia, MI 48152. For more information, call 734-422-6230 or 248-777-9090.*

### **Yes, I will attend Lifespan's General Meeting Breakfast on Saturday, October 11!**

Send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$18.00 each; \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$7.50 each (students 21 or younger); \$\_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Area Code/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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



## detroit

17336 Harper PMB 293, Detroit, MI 48224-1980  
Phone 313-640-8534 • Fax (same as phone)  
Office Hours: MW 10-2; TThF Closed  
Mary Cascos, Office Manager

### State Fair thanks

A great time was had by all of our volunteers who so graciously gave of their time to help at Lifespan's Michigan State Fair booth. The State Fair booth reaches many people with the pro-life message. God bless all of you.

### Eastside Detroit Life Chain

October 5th is Life Chain Sunday. A Life Chain is made up of thousands of people all over our nation who form a human chain standing, prayerfully and peacefully, as witnesses against abortion.

Our Chain in Detroit will again be in front of Assumption Grotto Church which is located at the corner of Gratiot and Mapleridge (between Six and Seven Mile Rds). The time is from 2:00-3:30 pm. If you would have trouble standing for that long, bring a folding chair.

## livingston

P. O. Box 1532, Brighton, MI 48116-9998  
Phone 810-220-LIFE (5433)  
Judy Zabik, Director

### Dresser ministry

Our Dresser Ministry has been very successful. We have received numerous inquiries concerning this ministry, and all have been sent information for starting their own program. Our latest baby dresser was filled by the generous souls at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Howell and given to Pregnancy Helpline; it was then presented to one of their clients who was thrilled!

We currently have a dresser positioned at the C. J. Roberts Salon and Day Spa on Old US 23 in Hartland. Mary Pat Gainer, one of our members is a patron there, and mentioned our Dresser Ministry to the owner. The owner of the salon had, years ago, been a 16-year-old girl with a newborn; she had been given much assistance by a local church, and she wanted to repay the community! God bless her.

### Fowlerville Fair

Our booth at the Fowlerville Fair in August was very successful. Much pro-life literature

We need you to join with us to remind the public that we will not go away until all our most innocent citizens are given their Right to Life. Call the office for further information at 313-640-8534.

### Entertainment Books are here

Our 2004 Entertainment Books are now in the office. The price is still only \$30.00. If you use only the \$5.00 coupons for Kroger you will pay for your book, and you will be helping Lifespan continue to fight the attacks against LIFE. Why not get two books and double your Kroger savings and double our fundraising efforts? Entertainment Books make great Christmas gifts for your loved ones. Call the office at 313-640-8534 today.

### Think Christmas

If your Church does not sell Christmas Cards for Lifespan, and you would love to help by being our Church Representative, all it takes is an announcement in your church paper with your phone number. We will send you a copy and a supply of our beautiful Christmas Cards and/or Entertainment Books.

Besides sending your loved ones a lovely card proclaiming your commitment to LIFE, you will be helping the Detroit Office remain open to spread the pro-life message. This is one of our most important fundraisers. Call the office today at 313-640-8534.

was handed out to the large crowds. Every one of our pro-life helium balloons was given away to the children, and you could see them bobbing around all over the fair grounds (the balloons, not the children!) We also passed out lollipops to the kids, and had to replenish our stock to make it to the end of the fair.

### Pastors' Luncheon (Open to All!)

Our Pastors' Luncheon will be Friday, October 24, with Dick Thompson from the Thomas More Law Center in Ann Arbor, as guest speaker. Mr. Thompson will be addressing the subject of what Priests/Pastors can and cannot say, politically speaking, from the pulpit. The luncheon will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Brighton. This event is open to ALL clergy, and interested others, not just those in the Livingston County area. Call our office for more information or to register.

### Teens4truth.com

The youth from Pinckney Pro-Life have launched a new website: Teens4truth.com. This website is designed by teens, for teens. It is an excellent resource for teens already involved, or those who wish to be involved, in building a culture of life. Teens4truth is a source of information and encouragement on the beauty of chastity and the physical, psychological and emotional dangers of premarital sex. Teens4truth is committed to providing teens with truthful information about the sanctity of life issues.



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### **Excellent E-mail**

Sometimes we receive important information here at the office that is time sensitive and that we would like to pass it on to you as quickly as possible. In the old days, we used a "telephone tree" to pass such information along. Have you tried to reach people on the phone these days? We are all so tired of unsolicited phone calls that most of us let our answering machine take the calls!

It seems the most effective way of reaching people with this kind of information is with e-mail. None of us likes to get "spam" in our in-box, but the kinds of things that we want to send you are notices of important issues being discussed in Lansing or Washington, important events and special deadlines. If you will e-mail us your e-mail address, we might be able to address this problem. We have just had a DSL line installed in the office; we get our

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### **And the winners are...**

Our thanks to all of you who took the time to get pledges and to bowl in Lifespan's 21st annual "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser. Our special thanks to Maureen and Rich Dreslinski who welcomed bowlers and set them up on the lanes. They are a great team and because of them, the event ran smoothly and everyone had a good time.

Those winning the grand prizes for most pledges collected by August 25, 2003, include:

\$200 Savings Bond .....	Marty Wunderlich .....	\$315.84
\$100 Savings Bond ...	Evelyn Phelps .....	\$226.00
\$75 Savings Bond .....	Rich Dreslinski .....	\$211.12
\$50 Savings Bond .....	Andrew Woodcox .....	\$205.00
\$50 Savings Bond .....	Noah Crocker .....	\$149.50
\$50 Savings Bond .....	Joy Crocker .....	\$149.50

High games with handicap:

\$100 Savings Bond ... Man: Rich Dreslinski .....	259
\$100 Savings Bond ... Woman: Shauna Emerson .....	225
\$100 Savings Bond ... Child: Andrew Burnham .....	254
\$100 Savings Bond ... High series with handicap: Andrew Burnham .....	714

e-mail promptly and can send out several messages at one time. We would like to be able to create a special group of addresses to which we can send these important messages. We promise not to send you unnecessary mail. We hope that you will take a moment now, while you are thinking about it, and e-mail us your e-mail address so that we can be sure you get the information you need while you can still act on it. Our address here is [oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org](mailto:oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org)

### **Excellent Entertainment (Books)**

2004 Entertainment Books are here, and those of you who participated in the pre-sale promotion can pick your books up anytime. If you did not take advantage of the pre-sale promotion and want a 2004 book, they are \$30.00; call the office to reserve one or just come in and pick one up.

### **Excellent Entertainment (Music)**

Be sure to see the Youth column on page 10 for information on the Teen Concert in October!

### **Excellent Christmas Cards**

It may be hard to believe, but elsewhere in this newsletter, you are going to have your first look at the 2004 Christmas Cards. As usual, they are beautiful and the best bargain for cards in town. We also have a limited supply of cards from previous years.

Laurie Masiarak did a great job getting all the gift certificates, including restaurants, fast foods and various "fun things" to do. The bowlers loved them. Everyone was a winner!

### **Life Chain**

Will you be a part of the National Life Chain? Select a Chain nearest you and try to be in place by 2:00 p.m. and stay until it ends at 3:30 p.m.; the longer the chain, the greater impact it will have on those passing by. It's free. It's easy. It's effective. It has saved lives! Call the office for signs as only official Life Chain signs should be used. See front and back pages.

### **Entertainment Books**

2004 Entertainment Books are here with coupon savings up to 50%!!! They make fine housewarming, hostess, birthday, anniversary and Christmas gifts. Cost reduced to \$30. Come in and browse through the book or call to reserve yours now.

### **General Meeting and Breakfast with Legislative Update**

Call now for your reservation to have breakfast with invited U.S. and Michigan legislators. We try to place attendees with an elected official or aide if they so wish. Don't miss this opportunity to see *Life Stories* and meet the dramatic readers. You'll have an added bonus meeting the men and women who make the laws which affect our lives. Make reservations now to insure seating. See page 7.

## Legislative News

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Rep. William O'Neil (D-Allen Park), who will be speaking at Lifespan's Breakfast, on October 11, introduced legislation after he said Wayne County judges told him that girls were "judge shopping" for a sympathetic magistrate and that courts were almost routinely approving the petitions. He said allowing abortions without parental oversight is a grave matter.

The House passed the bill (HR 4478), 73-25, on June 24, and the Senate is likely to vote this fall. The head of the Senate Families and Human Services Committee, Sen. Bill Hardiman (R-Kentwood) favors the legislation. That could put it on a path for a rare veto override vote. Gov. Jennifer Granholm opposes the bill as it stands, said Liz Boyd, her spokeswoman.

A 2001 partial state survey by the Supreme Court found more than 90 percent of waiver requests are granted, but a 2002 report on the entire state put it at 79 percent. Not all counties fully accounted for the outcome of the petitions. Of the 628 petitions filed in 2002, 494 were granted, while judges dismissed or denied just 13 cases. There were 33 cases where the teen withdrew her request and the remaining 88 cases were pending or not recorded for the report.

O'Neil's bill would spell out what judges should consider such as the girl's relationship with her parents and her knowledge of alternatives to abortion; prohibit a teen from filing a second time after the petition was denied, although the denial could still be appealed; require courts to appoint a representative for the girl's parents if an optional representative for the girl is also appointed; and require that a teen go to a court in the county where at least one of her parents resides.

*—Excerpts from mlive.com, July 20, 2003*

## From the President's Desk

I implore all of you to make a special effort to bring new people with you this year to Life Chain. The Detroit Lions' stadium, Ford Field, seats 65,000 people—every game is sold out for the season. Can we pro-lifers get 6,000 for each of our Life Chains? YES, WE CAN!—if we care as much about the support of the pro-life movement as Lions' fans think of their Lions' team. **SEE YOU AT LIFE CHAIN, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5!**

*—Diane Fagelman*

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Dear Friends,

Where were you when the lights went out? Most of us who shared those 24 to 48 hours of

"The Blackout of 2003" will have stories to tell of where we were and how we coped.

I was lucky to have a battery-operated TV and was able to watch the news reports. There were so many interviews with frantic parents. Some were standing outside closed stores unable to buy diapers and formula for their babies. Others, with food spoiling and restaurants closed, were trying to find ways to feed their children. One mother went into labor and didn't have gas in her car to get her to the hospital, while another's son was injured and needed to be rushed to emergency, and again, parents needed gas and had to find someone who was willing to help. Air conditioners didn't work, and the heat was very uncomfortable.

24 to 48 hours—we coped—we laughed, we knew it wouldn't last forever. As I watched the news reports, I suddenly realized—this desperation—this feeling of helplessness, of not being able to provide for precious children, sometimes DOES last forever for my Wee Care moms.

We say, "Wee Care is a program that helps moms and their babies in DESPERATE situations." Perhaps for 24 hours, we saw or felt the frustration they feel. Can you imagine? I truly can't. I have often said that "you can't imagine how much your diapers, your gifts mean to our moms." Perhaps, after the "Blackout of 2003," we will always remember that feeling of helplessness, and continue to help mothers by spreading that glimmer of hope and touching their hearts with love for them and their babies. God bless you!

*—Karen Patrosso, Director, 248-777-2727*

P.S. Wee Care's supply of diapers is quite low; any donations would be greatly appreciated!



## What's Up With the YOUTH?

Dear Friends for Life,

We are currently working on setting up a curriculum for those pro-life youth clubs already in place and those yet to be formed. This curriculum is currently being used by Annie Schiedler in Chicago through "Generations for Life;" it has had tremendous success in forming pro-life clubs in the Archdiocese of Chicago and even some of Chicago's public schools.

The formerly monthly Lifespan pro-life youth group meetings held last year will be quarterly meetings this year. Lifespan's church representatives are also invited!

Lifespan's **Teen CONCERT** will be held **Saturday, Oct. 25th, 6:30-10:00 p.m., at St. Anastasia Church in Troy. The address is 4571 John R Rd.** Tickets at the door are \$6, or, stop in our Oakland/Macomb Office and buy a ticket for \$4. Have a fruitful and blessed school year!!!!

*Kim DiSalle, Youth Coordinator*

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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased. Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because...

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts. Send donations to your local Lifespan office.

**Calendar of Events**

Sept.-Dec. .... Entertainment Book Sales  
Sept. 20 ..... Lutherans for Life Conf.: Call 586-781-3986  
Sept. 20 ..... Bioethics Seminar: Call 734-414-1111  
Sept. 20 ..... Prayer Vigil, p. 2  
Oct.-Dec. .... Christmas Card Sales  
Oct. 5 ..... LIFE CHAIN, front & back pages  
Oct. 11 ..... General Meeting Breakfast, p. 7  
Oct. 24 ..... Pastors' Luncheon, p. 8  
Oct. 25 ..... Teen Concert, p. 10  
Oct. 25, 26 .. Holiness & Human Sexuality Conf., p. 2  
Nov. 5 ..... Student Essay Contest Deadline, p. 3  
Nov. 11 ..... Nurses for Life Meeting, p. 2

**Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit Membership Form**

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