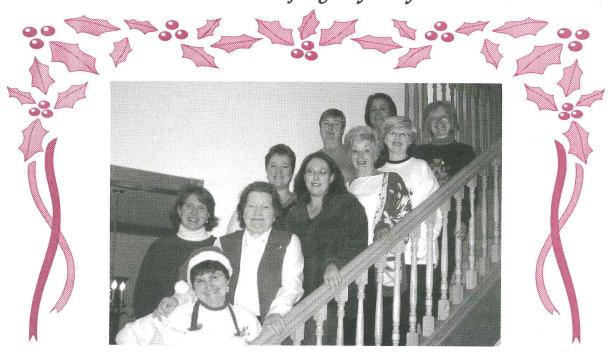
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May the love of the Holy Family rekindle in our hearts the comfort of hope the warmth of peace and the joy of Life



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Front row: Diane Fagelman, Pat Holscher, Christine Calleja,
Norma Hardenbergh, Karen Patrosso, Marge Bradley
Back row: Leslie Leposky, Judy Zabik, Diane Trombley, Irene Tharp (not pictured, Mary Cascos)

Merry Christmas!

News and Notes

March for Life—Washington, D.C.

The 31st annual March for Life activities will be held in Washington, D.C., January 20-22, 2004. Your presence is critical to help *Build Unity on the Life Principles*, which is the theme for this year's event. This is an excellent opportunity to bring all of us back to basics. The events planned include a Convention, Rally, March for Life and Rose Dinner. A Lifespan bus has been chartered for the January 22nd March for Life; see page 5. Call March for Life at 202-543-3377 for Convention/Dinner registration or accommodation details.

Insurance payout for terminally ill

Proposed legislation would allow people with terminal illnesses or other life-shortening medical conditions to have access to the entire amount of their life insurance before they die.

The bill, as passed by the Michigan House, would increase the amount available from the current 25 percent of a policy's value to the entire amount, minus taxes and service charges imposed by insurance companies.

The higher amount would enable those people to pay for their continuing medical coverage and other bills while they're alive rather than passing the costs down to their surviving family when they die.

Currently, people can add additional coverage through provisions, called riders, that allow early payment of benefits. However, according to co-sponsor, John Garfield, (R-Rochester Hills), the legislation would standardize the practice and allow for government regulation, erasing the need for riders except for those with older policies that haven't been updated.

—Excerpts from Capital News Service Michigan State University School of Journalism, October 17, 2003

Get a Life!

"To all those anti-abortion people who think abortion should be illegal—get a life!"

—Signed "Hazel Park," Sound Off, Oakland Press, October 16, 2003 Editor's Note: OUR THOUGHTS EXACTLY!

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Baby Showers

Lifespan is planning its 15th annual Baby Shower for crisis pregnancy centers on **Sunday**, **March 14**.

Continuing the tradition of caring for mothers and their babies, born and

yet to be born, Lifespan will host approximately 40 baby showers simultaneously at different locations throughout the metro area. Showers are usually held from 2:00-3:30 p.m., but may also be held after church services or simply as a gift drop-off shower. If you or your church are interested in co-hosting a baby shower, please call us at 248-777-9090.

What's Up with the YOUTH?

Dear Lifespan Youth,

Keep January 21-24 marked on your calendars for the March for Life! New brochures have been printed and are making their way to you and your



friends. If you can't make the March, remember to come with some friends to the Rally for Life on January 18th, 2:00-3:00 p.m., at Madonna University (see page 5) and to the Lifespan concert on January 31st, 6:30 p.m., at St. Anastasia Church in Troy.

Mercy High School Pro-Life Youth Group had 53 girls come to their first meeting this school year! Great job! Notre Dame Prep, Everest Academy and Our Lady of the Lakes are continuing the Spiritual Adoption Program this year! It's a great intro for any students interested in saving babies.

Thanks to St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton Church for hosting the Lifespan youth at our first meeting in September. Have a blessed Christmas!

—Kim DiSalle, Youth Coordinator

Entertainment Books

Entertainment 2004 Books are available for \$30. Call your local Lifespan office to order your book today!—Detroit 313-640-8534; Livingston 810-220-LIFE; Oakland/Macomb 248-816-1546 or Wayne West/Downriver 734-422-6230.

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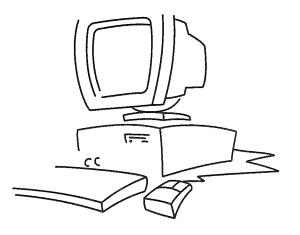
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- ✓ Find Legislative Updates, Chronology of Michigan's Major Abortion Court Decisions, and other useful web site links
- ✓ See Wee Care Program information
- ✓ See Education page featuring the Educational Center for Life organization
- ✓ Find Informative facts on the Pre-born Child, Cloning, Euthanasia and Stem Cell issues
- ✓ See Pregnancy Help Centers and Post-Abortion Counseling contact information
- √ Take Action with Suggestions/Tips
- ✓ Users can now Donate, Join or Renew their memberships using credit cards through a secured Paypal account, or print the mail/fax form to send in.

We are very excited to share this good news, and hope you will enjoy the new site! Visit us often for added features! Tell your friends, spread the news and continue to love life!









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Dear Representative (last name):

Thank you, President Bush

Send letters and e-mails commending President Bush for signing the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003 into law on November 5. The matter has now moved to the courts where President Bush vows to vigorously defend it.

Judges DO matter

As most of us know, President Bush has nominated several well-qualified individuals for federal judgeships. Our federal courts have a severe backlog of cases, especially here in Michigan, due to a lack of federal judges.

In spite of their qualifications, several of the nominees have been kept from a Senatorial vote by filibusters begun and maintained by Senate Democrats. While they insist otherwise, the primary objection to these candidates is that they are pro-life.

In our system of government, the Senate votes to confirm or deny Presidential nominees for the federal bench. This is one of the Senate's most important duties. The filibusters are what is stopping the Senate from performing this duty since the filibuster prevents an up or down vote of the candidate.

Following are several statements made by Democratic leaders when Bill Clinton was in office, regarding the Senate's role in this process.

I have stated over and over again on this floor...that I would object and fight against any filibuster on a judge, whether it is somebody I opposed or supported; that I felt the Senate should do its duty. If we don't like somebody the President nominates, vote him or her down.

—Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) Congressional Record, June 18, 1998

I find it simply baffling that a Senator would vote against even voting on a judicial nomination...

—Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) Congressional Record, October 5, 1999 Hispanic ornon-Hispanic, African American or non-African American, woman or man, it is wrong not to have a vote on the Senate floor. —Sen. Tom Daschle (D-SD) Congressional Record, October 28, 1999

Now, every Senator can vote against any nominee...but it is the responsibility of the U.S. Senate to at least bring them to a vote.

—Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT)
Congressional Record, October 22, 1997

But I think they have given the President of the United States the benefit of the doubt, and if the person is otherwise qualified, he or she gets the vote...vote them up or down.

—Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-VT) Congressional Record, September 21, 1999

It is true that some Senators have voiced concerns about these noominations. But that should not prevent a roll call vote which gives every Senator the opportunity to vote "yes" or "no." ... Parties with cases, waiting to be heard by the federal courts deserve a decision by the Senate.

—Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-MA) Congressional Record, September 21, 1999

Vote the person up or down.

—Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) Congressional Record, September 28, 1998

Senators Levin and Stabenow have prevented well-qualified Michigan nominees to the federal bench from consideration by not "signing off" on their nominations. "Signing off" does not assure the nominee of a seat on the bench, but only allows them to be considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee. Again, the only element these nominees have in common seems to be that they are all pro-life.

Contact your elected official and let him/her know how you feel about the filibuster and the lack of the opportunity for an "up or down vote" on these candidates.



Rally for Life

Sunday, January 18, 2004 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Madonna University

(corner of Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia)



31 years and over 44,000,000 abortions later—America is still suffering from Roe v. Wade

Join us to hear

inspiring speakers and live music— Enjoy the fellowship of other pro-lifers and be inspired to change hearts and save lives!

Celebrate LIFE with us!

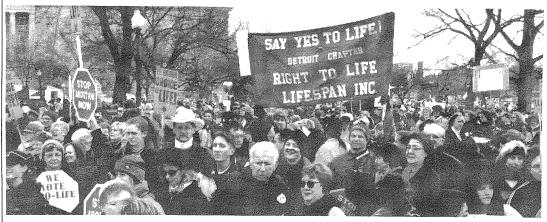
For more information, call 248-777-9090

Be a Voice for the Child in the Womb!

Get on Lifespan's bus for a three-day trip to Washington, D.C.

March for Life

January 22, 2004



Bus departs from Troy/Livonia on January 21; returns January 23

For reservation information, call Right to Life - Lifespan 248-816-1546

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Perfect Christmas gifts

Christmas cards and 2004 Entertainment Books are still available at the office. This is an important fundraiser for Detroit. All proceeds will go to help in our ongoing efforts to educate the Detroit area on all LIFE issues. Let's keep the Detroit office open and help save lives at the same time. Call 313-640-8534.

Rally for Life

It's hard to believe that we will again come together to memorialize the Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade.* It has been 31 years since our Government turned its back on the most innocent and volnerable of its citizens by allowing abortion on demand. This year, Lifespanneeds your help more than ever. We need you, your family, your friends, your church to help us send a powerful message to the people of

metro Detroit. "NO, after 31 years we are not discouraged. No, after 31 years we are not giving up until all our citizens are guaranteed the Right To Life which is stated in our Constitution." Our Rally for Life will again motivate our young people—they are our future hope. The Rally will be held at Madonna University on January 18th (see p. 5).

Christmas message

May the birth of our Savior renew in you a reverence for all LIFE and a commitment to do more for LIFE whether it be praying, writing your legistators, getting your friends to join Lifespan and, most importantly, by living a true LIFE-affirming witness to family and friends. God will continue to bless you for all you do for HIS "little ones."

New Year's resolutions

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

- treating others with love and life-affirming examples
- praying daily for pro-life concerns
- participating in a pro-life Rally and/or event
- voting 100% pro-life
- writing to the editor and/or civic representative on pro-life issues
- volunteering at a local pregnancy help center
- inviting a friend to become a Lifespan member
- putting a bumper sticker on my car and wearing a precious feet pin

livingston

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

Mornings for Life

On Wednesdays, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Hamburg has "Morning for Life" prayers. They invite everyone to join them in prayer for an end to abortion.

Dresser Ministry locations

The House of Sofa's at 5301 Jackson Street in Ann Arbor is donating and sponsoring a dresser for Lifespan. If you can help fill it with baby items in time for a Christmas donation, stop in or call Juanita Murphy at 734-995-2616.

WDEO is having their Catholic Connections anniversary party on December 16 at their radio station at Domino's Farms, Lobby B, in Ann Arbor. They are requesting that people come and help them celebrate their anniversary by bringing a baby item to help them fill the dresser they are sponsoring. Their goal is to have it filled and delivered to a needy mother by Christmas. This is a wonderful way to help

a needy mother celebrate Christmas. Contact Marylou Janiga at 734-930-5206.

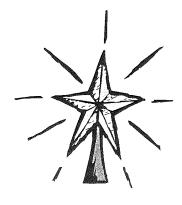
Pregnancy Helpline informed us that our most recently filled dresser has been presented to a young mother who had had six previous miscarriages, and came to us for help in her seventh month of pregnancy. She and her new husband were extremely excited to have such a much needed gift. Contact our office for any additional information on this most helpful ministry 810-222-LIFE.

Teens needed to pray at abortion clinic

Any interested teen-agers who would like to participate in praying Saturday mornings outside the Ann Arbor abortion clinic, please call Brooke Belisle at 810-231-9199.

Christmas cards

Lifespan's Livingston County Chapter is selling Christmas cards at area churches. We have a beautiful selection of religious cards this year. Contact our office for more information on exact locations or if you would like some for sale at your church.





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Author! Author!

A recent article in the Detroit Free Press written by Ron Dzwonkowski, editor of the Free Press' editorial page, spoke to the issue of Letters to the Editor. What was so interesting about this piece was that it stressed the importance of brief, personal letters from interested individuals on items of current news events. He remarked that only about 10% of letters received could ever be published and that was why the editorial staff was not particularly impressed by dozens of e-mails with the same words or prewritten and printed postcards, all bearing the same infor-

The new year is coming. Why not make a resolution to write four letters to the editor of one of our papers during the course of 2004, using your own words and expressing your own thoughts on protecting human life?

Movement in motion

This issue of the Lifespan News contains important information about the bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the annual March for Life. This is one of the best ways to recharge your pro-life batteries. If you have never attended a March, you owe it to yourself to give it a try. If you have any questions after reading the article, call the Oakland/ Macomb office, 248-816-1546.

Counting crosses

The crosses are back in the storage room until spring. This was the most successful year yet for the crosses. 14 churches displayed the crosses, seven churches for the first time. We will get them all cleaned up (volunteers, anyone?) and ready for next year and hope that we can have them at even more places in 2004. If you have never displayed the crosses, call the Oakland/Macomb office and we can get you started on reserving your time for next year. Keep in mind, the crosses can go anywhere—not just in Oakland/ Macomb Counties.

"Love is what is in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Merry Christmas and Happy New Year—peace, love and blessings to you all! -Irene, Lynn and Diane

wayne west/downriver

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Christmas greetings

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you who support Lifespan with your prayers, with your time and effort and with your donations year after year. We thank you for your loyalty and for the trust you have placed in us.



Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

(These are some of her favorite sayings)

Vivi La Vita

La vita è un'opportunità, coglila. La vita è bellezza, ammirala. La vita è beatitudine, assaporala. La vita è un sogno, fanne una realtà. La vita è una sfida, affrontala. La vita è un dovere, compilo. La vita è un gioco, giocalo. La vita è preziosa, abbine cura. La vita è una ricchezza, conservala. La vita è amore, godine. La vita è un mistero, scoprilo. La vita è promessa, adempila. La vita è tristezza, superala. La vita è un inno, cantalo. La vita è una lotta, combattila. La vita è un'avventura, corrila. La vita è felicità, meritala. La vita è la vita, difendila.

Live Life Life is an opportunity, embrace it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a blessing, taste it. Life is a dream, make it happen. Life is a contest, face it. Life is a duty, obey it. Life is a game, play it. Life is precious, take care of it. Life is a treasure, cherish it. Life is love, be full of it. Life is a mystery, discover it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sadness, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a fight, struggle against it. Life is an adventure, live it. Life is happiness, earn it. Life is life, defend it.

Words ARE Important

By J. C. Willke, MD

ords are important. Words are powerful. The words we, or the pro-abortion activists, use very clearly and frequently shape the value system of those who listen. Their use of the word *pro-choice* is no accident. It's the last major argument they have—that a woman has a right to choose. But every time we call them that, we reinforce their argument and help them kill babies. Therefore, we must call them *pro-abortion*.

In addition, there are other more subtle words to use. For example, I suggest you not speak of them *doing* abortions but rather of *committing* abortions. To do so immediately places a cloud of stigma over that abortion being done.

Almost everyone speaks of *experimenting* on an embryo and then *destroying it*. Please, never use that phrase again. This human embryo is experimented upon and then he or she is *killed*. There is a dramatic difference in what you are saying. It's biologically correct, and the impact on the listener should be very definite.

I've compiled a list of suggestions that can frequently improve your ability to communicate the pro-life message. When needed, I've also provided specifics why one phrase is better than the other. You are already using some of them, while others you are not. But do, by all means, take them seriously. Lives hang in the balance, so we must do our level best to protect them.



YOU SHOULD SAY

YOU SHOULD NOT SAY

Killing a baby during delivery

Partial-birth abortion/alone

The great majority of people in the U. S. do not know what partial-birth abortion is. Accordingly, many are not opposed. If, in addition to PBA, you say *killing a baby during delivery*, they stop short, their jaws drop and you'll get an immediate reaction.

Research cloning/clone and kill

Therapeutic cloning

Cloning is cloning. In this case, a living human is experimented upon and then killed. The word is *research*. It is certainly not *therapeutic*.

Human embryo implants

Fertilized egg implants

The fertilized egg stage lasts one day. Using this term dehumanizes this single cell human being. On day two, cell division occurs, and the proper term is *embryo* or best of all *living human embryo*.

Fertilization Conception

Fertilization is an exact biologic term. The term *conception* has been changed in many peoples' minds to include implantation at one week of life.

Abortion mill/chamber/killing center

Abortion clinic

A *clinic* calls up an image, in their minds, of a place of healing, which it is not.

Abortionist

Abortion provider/doctor

These hired killers do not deserve the dignity of the title *doctor*. Call them *abortionists*.

NARAL

NARAL Pro-choice America

By changing their name to include *pro-choice*, they are trying to force us to use their definition. Resist it. Continue to call them only *NARAL* [National Abortion Rights Action League].

Birth dearth

Population explosion

There is no population explosion. Every Western nation, and increasingly, many third-world nations, now have birthrates sharply below replacement level. The problem before the mid-century will not be too many people, but too few young people to take care of too many old people.

Disqualifying issue

Single issue

The words *single issue*, in recent years, have acquired a very negative meaning. *Disqualifying issue* is much more descriptive and states exactly what it is.

Kill

Destroy

When you talk of *destroying* the embryo after experimentation, you dehumanize, for we *destroy* things. When you say *kill*, you emphasize humanity.

YOU SHOULD SAY Kill an unborn baby YOU SHOULD NOT SAY

Terminate a pregnancy

Everyone reading this terminated his or her mother's pregnancy—most at nine months.

Mother

Pregnant woman

Mother is a much softer word, calling for love and compassion by the reader.

Abortion

Procedure

Fetal handicap

Fetal deformity

Handicap calls forth in our minds, "I want to help." Deformity calls forth revulsion, turning away, "I don't want to look."

Assault rape, forcible rape

Rape

Using the word *rape* alone includes statutory rape, which is intercourse, consensual or otherwise, with a minor. To use *assault* or *forcible* also separates it from the more vague and specious terms of marital rape and date rape.

Human life

Person

Human life is definitive—this is human, this is alive. Person can be defined in 14 different ways, and a government, by its laws, can define who is a person.

Place baby in a pair of loving arms

Give her baby away

To give her baby away sounds negative, almost calloused.

Protective legislation

Anti-abortion laws

Pro-life people aren't against anything; they are for the life of the mother and the child, so protective is proper.

She is carrying a child

She is expecting a child

She's not expecting, she already is.

When doctor kills patient

Death with dignity

There's nothing very dignified about killing a patient through euthanasia. Call it what it is. A doctor kills a patient.

Chemical abortion

Medical abortion

Chemical abortion, i.e., RU 486, is accurate and has a negative connotation. Medical abortion insinuates healing, which it is not.

Abortions committed

Abortions done

Committed carries a very specific judgement.

National Organization for [some] Women

National Organization for Women

Always qualify this. They are not the largest group of women by far. They are actually a rather small organization, which has only two major thrusts—they are pro-abortion and pro-lesbian.

Womb

Uterus

Womb is a warmer, maternal term. Uterus is coldly medical.

Permissive/radical abortion laws

Liberal abortion laws

Liberal always used to mean concern for the poor person. Permissive abortion doesn't much care for the baby.

Abortifacient pills

Emergency contraception

Call them what they are. They are abortive.

Human life with great potential

Potential life

Right to Life/Pro-life

Anti-abortion

Baby/Fetal Baby

Fetus/Embryo

School based sex clinics

School based health clinics

Calling them sex clinics is accurate. Don't disguise this by using the word health.

-Life Issues Institute, October 2003

Letters from Santa



Imagine the look on your child's face when he or she receives a special letter from Santa this Christmas!

For only \$5, Santa will send your child a personalized letter, printed on colorful holiday stationary. \$2 from each letter will be donated to Right to Life - Lifespan. Santa's letter includes a special treat recipe that your child will be able to make with you.

Your child will be delighted to hear from Santa! And you'll be helping other children as well. Place your order **before December 14th** to ensure timely delivery. For more information, call **313-277-0800** or email **Lovely@2clowns.com**.

Please fill out the requested information below. If you are ordering more than one letter, you may photo copy this form or print the information on a separate sheet of paper. Each child from your order will receive a different letter and recipe, so that they can compare and share.

Return this portion, along with \$5 (check or money order) for each letter ordered to: Priest Family Productions, 144 Auburn, Inkster, MI 48141.

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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. 6-7. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hot line 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 PACE 734-455-5255 or 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.





An old friend of mine called and said she has a brand new grand-

daughter and twin toddler grandsons. They will visit her for the first time at Christmas. She can't wait! They will have presents under the tree, delicious meals, warm new jammies, soft blankets, new teddy bears and a grandma who will hold each one in her arms and thank God for her precious little ones.

A new friend of mine—a Wee C are Mom—has a brand new daughter and three little ones at home. She called in tears. Her husband had left her, the baby had nothing, her children needed warm clothing and there were no loving grandparents or anyone who cared. With Christmas rapidly approaching, she was feeling even more destitute. We gave her the names of organizations that would provide toys for the children, food baskets for the family and formula for the baby.

Because of **YOU**—we were able to give the little ones winter clothes, warm snowsuits, mittens and cuddly stuffed animals. We were able to give the baby diapers, wipes, lotions, blankets, tiny T-shirts, adorable sleepers and outfits. The mom was overcome with relief and joy when she received all of your wonderful gifts.

You may not physically hold her little ones in your arms like the grand-mother above—but this young mother can feel your love surrounding her and her children. Thank you for making Christmas come true for this little family and for so many others.

May Jesus, once a tiny baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and placed in a manger, bless you and your family with a Christmas filled with treasured moments and much love.

Karen Patrosso, Director 248-777-2727 Wee Care, A Program of Right to Life - Lifespan P.S. WeeCare is hectic this month. We are putting together packages as fast as we can and are quickly running out of shopping bags! We need regular size paper bags with handles that are found in some grocery stores and department stores. Thanks!

Donations have been made— In loving memory of:

William Ladouceur

Given by: Virginia Ladouceur

Mary O'Brien Callaghan

Given by: Mr. and Mrs. Edward MacDonald

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.

In memoriam — Mary O'Brien Callaghan

Lifespan wishes to extend its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mary O'Brien Callaghan who passed away in early November. Mrs. Callaghan was Lifespan's Mother of the Year 1996, and those who attended the Mother's Day Dinner that year, will remember fondly, that after presentation of her award, Mary regaled the crowd with her extraordinarily humorous stories about raising her 18 children! Mary was a true pro-lifer, and we are sure her heavenly reward will be great.

Educational Center to for Life

A donation has been made to the Educational Center for Life in memory of *Helen Stolarski*, given by *Frank and Vivian Hutira*.

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

The holidays are here! It is time to put aside the burdens of the past year and concentrate on those things near and dear to the heart—family and friends. The Christmas and Hanukkah season is always a time of much activity, some stress, but mostly joy. When the cards are written, thoughts go to the past and the people in our lives and the wonderful times we have had. When the gifts are opened, we experience the good times of the present. On New Year's Day, we ponder the future and all the hope it brings.

I believe God allows us to have these special times to help alleviate some of life's burdens. These days ahead are deeply religious occasions for many of us. I am reminded of the deeper meaning of life, how grateful I am to God for giving me this time. I think of my parents and their love and sacrifices in giving me life. These reflections blend with thoughts of our pro-life movement, its successes as well as its struggles.

We have a pro-life movement because of strongly principled people like you. If it were not for your continued support, we would not be strong and growing stronger every year. I want to thank each and every one of you for being a part of the great civil rights movement of the 21st century. Thank you for your membership, your attendance at our events, your willingness to educate others and your financial support. Together, we will be able, some day, to bring the "right to life" back to all of our citizens.

With warm appreciation of our association during the past year, I extend my very best wishes for a joyous Hanukkah season and a very Merry Christmas.

—Diane Fagelman, President

Michigan Nurses



For Life

The next Nurses for Life meeting will be held on January 13th at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. We will hear about *Pediatric Respite* and *Hospice Care*. Two contact hours will be awarded. For more information, call **248-816-8489**.

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit Membership Form

Right to Life - Lifespan believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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Annual Membership	\$ 20.00	Monthly plea	dge \$
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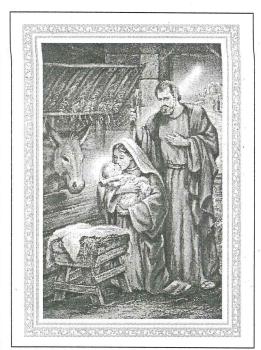
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Please complete this form and return with your donation to: Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., Suite 127, Livonia, MI 48152-3736. For more information, call 248-777-9090. Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.

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

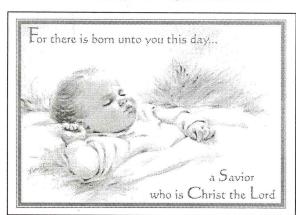
Traditional scene of the Holy Family in the stable is expressed in rich tones of blue, olive green and brown with embossed gold foil border and includes a gold foil-lined envelope

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



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

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

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