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## *Rally for Life*

*Sunday, January 20, 2002*

*2:00 - 3:00 p.m.*

Royal Oak Municipal Grounds  
(at the Library on Williams St.)

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# January 22 Activities

## Rally for Life

Be a part of the movement to end abortion, attend Lifespan's Rally for Life in Royal Oak, January 20, 2-3 p.m. See front page for more details.

## March for Life 2002

The March for Life Education & Defense Fund will sponsor the 29th annual March for Life activities in Washington, D. C. in a four-day program, **January 19-22**; the events include a Rose Dinner, a Convention, a Rally and the March for Life to the Capitol and Supreme Court. The theme of the event this year is "Truth Uncovers Abortion Evils" and was selected as a proper response to the compelling question: "Why does America, the land of the free, permit the intentional killing of an estimated 4,000 preborn human children each day?" Plan to attend this event. Call the March for Life Education & Defense Fund at **202-LIFE-377**.

## Bus to March for Life

To reserve a seat on the bus leaving for Washington on Monday, January 21 and returning Wednesday, January 23, call Daisy, **248-552-3742** or Juliana, **734-930-7474** by **January 7**. There are several pickup points in the metro area.

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## Mass for the Unborn

A Mass for the Unborn and To End Abortions will be offered at St. Raphael Church on Beechwood Rd., west of Merriman Rd. and just north of Ford Rd., Garden City on Tuesday, **January 22, at 6:30 p.m.** The celebrant will be Fr. Dan Zaleski, Pastor, St. Albert the Great Church in Dearborn Heights.

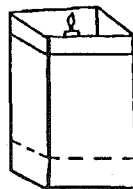
A Holy Hour will immediately follow with rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Wayne West/Downriver Chapter will also be selling pro-life articles. For more information, please call St. Raphael's office **734-427-1533** or Lifespan **734-422-6230**.

## So that her child might live

Bishop Allen Vigneron will celebrate a special Mass at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, on **January 22, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.** The subject of the homily will be the life of Blessed Gianna Bertta Molla, an Italian physician, who gave her life so that her child might live. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret at **248-879-9379**.

## A candle for the unborn

Candle luminaries are available in the Lifespan offices. They should be placed outside on Monday, January 21, the eve of the 29th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. This annual event recalls that a preborn baby is killed every forty seconds of every minute, of every hour, of every day and done legally by abortionists.



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Kits include a candle, bag and instructions. All you need to weigh it down is a little sand, kitty litter, rock salt, potting soil or baking soda. Call now—**734-422-6230** or **248-816-1546**.

## Seeking

## Mother of the Year 2002

In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner, May 7, 2002, we will be honoring a "Mother of the Year."

We are looking for nominations from among our members or others for this twelfth annual award. The nominee must be a resident of Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County and able to attend the award dinner on May 7, at the San Marino Club in Troy.

Nominations must be submitted in writing explaining why you feel this person qualifies for "Mother of the Year." Nominations must be received no later than noon, **Wednesday, March 13**. No nominations by, or for, Right to Life - Lifespan board members will be considered.

Our "Mother of the Year" will be an honored guest at the dinner. She will be awarded a plaque, a dozen long-stemmed roses and a gift certificate to Marshall-Field's.

If your nominee is chosen, you will also receive a free ticket to the dinner. If the "Mother of the Year" is nominated by two or more individuals, the first one received will be eligible for the free ticket, and the nomination letter will be printed in the dinner program and *Lifespan News*. You will also be asked to read your nomination letter at the dinner.

In nominating the 2002 Mother of the Year, please include your name, address and phone number and also the name, address and phone number of your nominee.

Mail or deliver your nomination for "Mother of the Year" to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152 **for receipt no later than noon on Wednesday, March 13**. For more information, call (248) 777-9090.

Lifespan's Mother of the Year 2001 is Cindy Gauvin of Dearborn Heights.

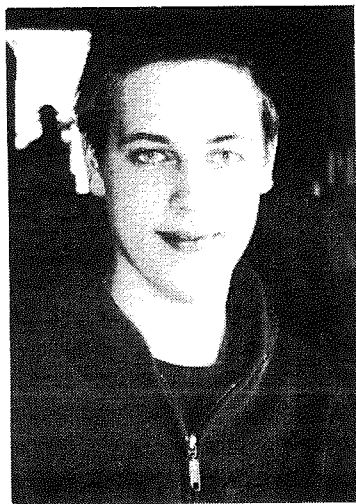
# Pro-Life Student Essay Contest Winners

Three metro Detroit teens won savings bonds in Lifespan's Pro-Life Student Essay Contest on Abortion, Infanticide or Euthanasia. The first-place prize of a \$1,000 savings bond will be awarded to **Joseph Dugan**, 16, of Dearborn, a junior who is homeschooled. Joseph is the son of Joseph and Melissa Dugan. The second-place prize of a \$400 savings bond will be presented to **Sarah Ross**, 14, who is a freshman at Yeshivas Darchei Torah High School in Southfield. Her parents are Simcha and Linda Ross of Oak Park. The third-place winner of a \$200 bond is **Steven Kardel**, 15, a sophomore at Trinity Christian Homeschool; Steven's parents are Daniel and Laura Kardel of Canton. The savings bonds will be awarded at the Rally for Life in the Royal Oak municipal center, at 11 Mile Rd. and Williams St., on Sunday, January 20.

We want to thank the judges who had such a difficult job choosing the winners from so many excellent entries: **Mary Anne Barrett, R.N.**, is a graduate of Highland Park Community College and Madonna University. Her background includes experience in orthopedic, emergency and psychiatric nursing. She and her husband, Patrick, are the proud parents of seven children, with the first grandchild due in 2002. **Maureen Dreslinski** is a wife, mother of three adult children and a teacher. The Dreslinski family have been active members of Lifespan since the early 1970s. Maureen and her husband, Rich, have bowled and helped manage the annual "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser for several years. **Elena Tilley** was born in Mexico City, and came to the U.S. in 1950. She has five children and eight grandchildren, and she says her joy comes from her children. Elena was a founding member of the Sterling Heights Republican Club in 1980. Since then, she has been a precinct delegate and on the Board of Canvassers.

## First-Place Essay Heartbeat of America

*I am surrounded by darkness. I cannot see, or hear, or touch...but I can feel. The steady drone of my mother's heartbeat soothes me. All around me is still, quiet, and calm; but I'm growing. Each moment, I can feel myself developing, changing, becoming stronger. I don't know my name. Do I have brothers or sisters? What is this world that I await being born into? Are there people who love me, who are waiting for me? I wonder, I wonder... I am five days old.*



**Joseph Dugan, 16,  
is a junior who is  
homeschooled**

In August 2001, President Bush made a landmark decision. He announced that the federal government would invest vast amounts of money in the limited research of embryonic stem cells. The scientific community has been abuzz over the possibilities that this funding would create. Yet, many proponents of the pro-life movement are very concerned about the direction that our nation is taking in this medical "advance." What is the problem with embryonic stem cell isolation/culture?

The process by which we extract stem cells from 5-7 day-old children inevitably results in their deaths. There is no way around this problem, short of avoiding the use of embryonic stem cells altogether. Consequently, we are faced with a choice: should we be willing to sacrifice the unborn in order to heal our society's genetic infirmities? I believe that the answer is "no." In fact, there are four excellent arguments to prove my thesis that embryonic stem cell extraction is simply not worth the cost.

First, embryonic stem cell research is unlawful. The premeditated killing of another human being for any purpose, save in wartime actions or through capital punishment, is in direct violation of the law. The use of federal funds to in any way promote, encourage, or practice the isolation and culture of embryonic stem cells was strictly prohibited by Congress in 1996.

Second, embryonic stem cell research is un-American. Our nation was founded on a specific set of principles, all of which embraced and praised life. According to our own Declaration of Independence..."We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men were created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." There is no age qualification; the promise of life applies to young and old alike.

Embryonic stem cell research is also unethical. Since the dawn of Creation, several Truths have proven vital for flourishing cultures. Among these is the belief that life is sacred. By killing the unborn, we are showing a disregard for a concept that is at the heart of humanity. This is in complete opposition to the "unwritten law" of morality, and to the Judeo-Christian roots of Western Civilization.

Finally, embryonic stem cell research is unnecessary. The NBAC (National Bioethics Advisory Committee) has identified many potential sources of stem cells that would not require the use of a human embryo. Several of these sources include stimulation in certain adult tissues, bone marrow, or umbilical blood. While we do not have the technology to extract and use stem cells as effectively from these sources as we do from

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# Right to Life - Lifespan RESOURCE BOOK 2002

## Advertising Contract

This book will contain informational material that will be used throughout the year. Your ad represents support for Lifespan's educational efforts. Fill out the form below and send it to us with your remittance included. **Deadline for submission is Wednesday, March 13, 2002.**

**Advertising Contract:** I wish to publish \_\_\_\_\_ page ad for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>Full page (7 x 10)</b> \$250  <b>Back cover (inside)</b> \$300  <b>Back cover (outside)</b> \$500	<b>1/4 page</b> (3.5 x 5) \$100	<b>1/8 page</b> (3.5 x 2.5) \$50
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*Please attach copy-ready advertising slick, business card, business letterhead or typed copy of ad. Black and white is preferred. If you are not able to submit camera-ready art work, we will help you with your ad; call us. Add an additional \$10.00 if a photograph is included in the ad. Payment must accompany ad and contract. Advertisers with ads 1/4-page and larger will automatically receive a copy of the Resource Book; advertisers with ads of 1/8-page will be sent a book upon request. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable.*

A **complimentary dinner ticket** to the 2002 Mother's Day Dinner on Tuesday, May 7 will be given to any individual for every **\$200** worth of **new** ads obtained for the Resource Book. The ad seller's signature must appear on the contract below when the ad and remittance is received by Right to Life - Lifespan.

<b>Contact Person</b> _____	<b>Phone (area code)</b> _____
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## First-Place Essay Heartbeat of America

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human embryos, we could develop this technology within a very short period of time. Sadly, our desire for health and prosperity has led us to the quicker, but devastating process of embryonic stem cell extraction. If the money that the federal government is investing in research on previously destroyed embryos' stem cells was spent instead on researching these alternative avenues, we would certainly see speedy and positive results.

Is continued embryonic stem cell research, under the restrictions that President Bush placed on it, a threat to our nation? Many people have applauded the President's decision to use federal funds to continue the research on previously destroyed embryos. They claim that, since these "test" embryos are already deceased and there has been a deadlock placed on additional stem cell extraction under federal support, we are really not in danger of additional government-funded stem cell harvesting. U.S. Representative Bob Barr (R-Georgia) disagrees. He spoke the morning after President Bush's decision, saying, "I fully support the President's decision [to] not use federal funds for the killing of human embryos to acquire them, but cannot, and will not, support a Trojan horse proposal that opens the door to federally-funded research of human embryos." Rep. Tom DeLay (R-Georgia), the House Majority Whip, concurs..."I'm worried that this initial research may ultimately serve as pretext for vastly expanded research that does require the destruction of new living embryos." We are facing a future of massive embryonic murder by scientists in the private sector, encouraged to sell their "previously deceased" cells to the federal government. The only way to avoid this present danger is to revoke the compromise that was made in August, and to return as a nation to following the law to its letter.

What now must we do? First, we must fight for legislation to ban government endorsed/funded embry-

onic stem cell research. Second, we must encourage our legislators to push for the funding of adult stem cell research...a more promising and non-deadly alternative. Finally, we must do what we can, as individuals, to propagate the facts about this tragedy. Involvement in grassroots organizations, sharing of information, and expressing a concern for the future of our children will lead to a public that is more aware of the horror of what is happening each day in the private, and even in the government sectors—for our children are the heartbeat of America. By taking their lives, we are slowing the pulse, and sealing the fate of our nation.

*Please, let me continue to grow. Give me the chance to meet my parents, my family...give me the chance to find my place in this world. Let me have the opportunity that you've had, to experience life, love, freedom...*

*Please, let me live. ■*

## Second-Place Essay Give Me a Chance to Live

I had such high hopes when I was in heaven. I sat waiting for the day I would be born. I counted the years and the months and the weeks and finally the days until the moment when I would be put

Oh, how I just couldn't wait! It would be so much fun and so exciting. I counted the minutes until I would be able to grow up, go to school, and learn about all the interesting things in the world...

And then suddenly, a dark cloud descended over me, and all my hopes were washed away. I watched in disbelief and disappointment as my one chance in history to live was taken away.

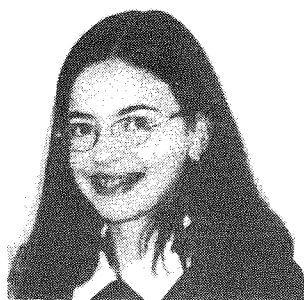
In shock, I ran tearfully to an angel in heaven and pleaded with him. "How can this happen?" I sobbed. "I wanted so badly to be born. Can you help me?"

The angel stared at me with pity and gently said, "I am so sorry, my child. I really wish I could help you, but sometimes we are not allowed to interfere with what human beings decide to do down below on earth. It is their choice to make, whether right or wrong. I am so sorry.

"But why?" I cried. "How cruel can human beings be? Don't they realize what they are doing to us?"

The angel wiped away his own tear and replied, "I know, my child. They are shattering dreams and hopes of poor souls like yours."

I looked sadly at the angel and said, "I wish people could understand what they are doing. I wish they could know



**Sarah Ross, 14,  
is a freshman at  
Yeshivas Darchei Torah  
High School  
in Southfield**

down on earth. I dreamt about all the exciting things I would do and all the important things I would be able to accomplish in the world.

Everyone is in the world for a special reason. I was determined to live my life to its fullest. I would make use of every moment for creativity and wisdom.

how many tears are shed here in heaven because of their actions. Can they ever realize how much I wished to live? I wish I could go down to earth just to teach mankind the lesson of life's value. Perhaps a few unborn children might have a chance to live because of me."

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# Chapter

## Office hours

MW 10-2; TThF Closed  
Mary Cascos, Ofc. Mgr.

## Faithful church reps

To all those who worked so hard to sell our Christmas cards and gave so generously of their time and to all of you who bought our cards, we extend our most heartfelt thanks.

## Rally for Life

Lifespan needs you, your family, your friends, your church and your organization to come to Lifespan's Rally for Life. We must send a powerful message to the people of metro Detroit that

..."No, after 29 years, we are NOT discouraged, we will NOT give up on our pro-life struggle until all of our citizens are guaranteed the Right to Life which is stated in our U.S. Constitution. The Rally will take only an hour of your time and you may just help save a life. See front page for details.

## Membership renewal

Make it a New Year's resolution to renew your membership to Detroit Lifespan and also to ask a friend to become a new member. The news media is known for its biased reporting on most pro-life issues. Through membership in Lifespan, you will be updated on all life issues. Renew today, (313) 640-8534.

## Representatives needed

The Detroit Chapter has 85 faith communities in Detroit who receive our monthly bulletin notices, but out of the 85, we have only about 25 representatives. If you belong to a pro-life faith community, but it does not have a Lifespan representative, please consider becoming one. Without this much needed support, we would not be able to educate a city that desperately needs to hear the pro-life message. Please, prayerfully consider becoming a representative in your church, synagogue or mosque. Give the office a call at (313) 640-8534.

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## Happy New Year!

All of us at the Oakland/Macomb office wish all of you a very happy, healthy and safe New Year. We hope that our world will find peace and that all members of our human family will find respect and protection so that they may live their lives to the fullest.

## Cloning controversy

Just when we thought the scientific community would settle down and follow President Bush's directives, Advanced Cell Technology announced that they had cloned a human embryo.

This subject is terribly complex and what we read

in the daily newspapers is really only a part of the story. For now, please know that when you read "therapeutic cloning" it means that a newly created human embryo (created in a laboratory) will lose his or her life to research that is still very hypothetical. As a means of justifying this life-taking, you are sure to read that an embryo is no bigger than the period at the end of a sentence, as if size confers humanity and life.

You will be reading more about this topic in future issues of the newsletter, but right now, just remember that as a society, we have never found it morally permissible to sacrifice one life, even a little one, for another.

## Save the day for Snoopy

Jean Garton, founder of Lutherans for Life will be the guest speaker at our annual Mother's Day Dinner this year on May 7th, and she is bringing Snoopy and the gang.

Before he died, Charles Schultz, creator of Snoopy, Charlie, Lucy and

Linus, gave Jean permission to use some of his cartoons in a pro-life presentation.

If you never understood exactly why you liked Charlie Brown, his friends and his dog, you will after you hear Jean! Mark your calendar today and plan to attend.

## Rally

Be sure to come to the Rally outside the Royal Oak library on January 20th. We hope to see great crowds of young people this year. Today's youth are tomorrow's pro-life workers. They hold the lives of all of us in their hands.

Come to the Rally, and see how cool it is to be pro-life!

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## 2002

Let us recommit ourselves in 2002 to be more active in pro-life activities.

One way to begin the new year is by attending the Rally for Life in Royal Oak on Sunday, January 20. (See details on the front page). Will you, for just one hour, make a commitment to be a public witness to the atrocities of abortion?

Join the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 22. (See page 2).

Take part in the Lifespan Action Plan and be responsible for bringing in one new member to Lifespan. (See page 11).

Make arrangements to deliver the *Lifespan News* to your church.

Be a church rep which is being a liaison between Lifespan and your church. (Call WW/DR office for information.)

Take a business or personal ad in our 2002 Resource Book. (See page 4).

Be a mail/package courier between offices.

Renew your membership in Lifespan annually.

Volunteer to work in the Lifespan offices, etc., etc., etc.

The list goes on and on; call the office to find your "special place" in the right to life movement and help to end abortions.

## Health class

This was the third year that we have visited the Health class at Garden City High School. We do not talk about abortion, but use the fetal models and talk about the growing preborn child from conception to birth. Students viewed the video, "Living Proof in 3D—Putting a Face on the Unborn Person." They were attentive and, along with their teacher, liked our program. **We look forward to returning in 2002.** Lifespan has speakers who will address school assemblies and classrooms, as well as church and civic groups. We also have a free-lending library where anyone can borrow pro-life materials and conduct these informational meetings themselves. **Call us for an appointment.**

## Bake sale for education

Our thanks to Kelly Daley and her great crew for hosting Our Lady of Good Counsel Church's annual bake sale for Lifespan. Parishioners, as well as some of Lifespan's finest bakers, donated their favorite recipes as anxious buyers bought their favorite baked goods. Proceeds of \$1,043 will be used for literature and educational materials. Thank you, Fr. Sullivan, and OLGC parishioners. We can always count on you!

## Another job well done

The 2001 Christmas card season was a great success due to the cooperation of many pastors, church representatives, distributors and helpers who spent many hours making Lifespan cards available. To those who purchased cards, we thank you for your loyalty to Lifespan.

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## From the President's Desk

As the New Year 2002 is celebrated, I pray for God's blessings to you and your family.

Every new year brings hope for future successes and a renewal of purpose. It is with this in mind that I call all our pro-life people to renew their commitment for LIFE.

More so today than ever before, we see first-hand how fragile and precious Human Life is. If there was ever a time in the pro-life movement to increase our base and educate and open the minds of people of all ages, it is now!

For 30 plus years, we have maintained the philosophy that Human Life was the premium right! If one does not have this basic right, no other rights matter. We have been criticized for being a one-issue organization—stand proud, the issue of Life IS paramount.

If the country would have stood together and affirmed life in 1973, the problems of human cloning, in vitro fertilization, selective reduction, sex selection and euthanasia would not be the problems they are today. Embryonic stem cell research could not have gone on, it would have been illegal. Pre *Roe v Wade*, it would have been considered killing or experimenting on human beings. Post *Roe v. Wade*—it is simply research. Have humans changed? No, but respect for them and their worth has.

I call on all of our Lifespan members to become Ambassadors for Life. Renew your own commitment by attending our events all through the year, do a little more reading of the newsletter and write at least one letter to your legislator protesting the anti-life philosophy in the halls of our legislatures. Call your child's school and ask that a pro-life speaker be invited to address the students; better yet, ask your child to request a pro-life speaker at the school. Everyday, in your own way, say a prayer for a mom with a difficult pregnancy, for a post-abor-

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## Diary of an Unborn Child

**October 5**—Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet, I am as small as a seed of an apple, but it is I already. And I am to be a girl. I shall have blond hair and blue eyes. Just about everything is settled though, even the fact that I shall love flowers.

**October 19**—Some say that I am not a real person yet, that only my mother exists. But I am a real person, just as a small crumb of bread is yet truly bread. My mother is. And I am.

**October 23**—My mouth is just beginning to open now. Just think, in a year or so I shall be laughing and later talking. I know what my first word will be: MAMA.

**October 25**—My heart began to beat today all by itself. From now on it shall gently beat for the rest of my life without ever stopping to rest! And after many years it will tire. It will stop, and then I shall die.

**November 2**—I am growing a bit every day. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape. But I have to wait a long time yet before those little legs will raise me to my mother's arms, before these little arms will be able to gather flowers and embrace my father.

**November 12**—Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. Funny how small they are! I'll be able to stroke my mother's hair with them.

**November 20**—It wasn't until today that the doctor told mom that I am living here under her heart. Oh, how happy she must be! Are you happy, mom?

**November 25**—My mom and dad are probably thinking about a name for me. But they don't even know that I am a little girl. I want to be called Kathy. I am getting so big already.

**December 10**—My hair is growing. It is smooth and bright and shiny. I wonder what kind of hair mom has.

**December 13**—I am just about able to see. It is dark around me. When mom brings me into the world it will be full of sunshine and flowers. But what I want more than anything is to see my mom. How do you look, mom?

**December 24**—I wonder if mom hears the whispering of my heart? Some children come into the world a little sick. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beats so evenly; tup-tup, tup-tup. You'll have a healthy little daughter, mom!

**December 28**—Today my mother killed me.

—Heritage House '76



Dear Friends,  
Thank you for all of your beautiful gifts that you gave our babies at Christmas time! Layettes are being made up as fast as possible and many little ones will be fed, dressed and wrapped in warm, soft blankets this winter—thanks to all of you. May your New Year be filled with good health, good friends, much love, happiness and peace.

Karen Patrosso, Director  
Wee Care (248) 777-2727

A Program of Right to Life - Lifespan



## Baby Showers

Lifespan is planning its 13th annual Baby Shower for crisis pregnancy centers on **Sunday, March 10, 2002.**

Continuing the tradition of caring for mothers and their babies, born and yet to be born, Lifespan will host approximately 30 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 our Main Office at 248-777-9090.

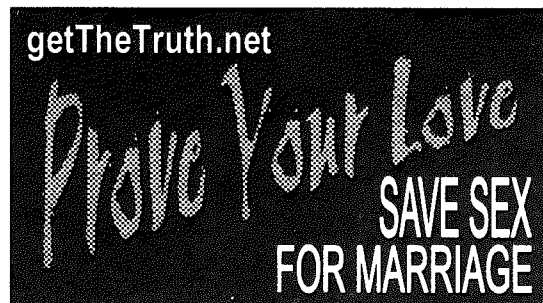
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# Meeting the Needs of Teens with the "Truth"

Educational Center for Life  
Announces its Billboard Campaign



Beginning October 10, 2001 through October 15, 2002  
look for these rotating billboards near you:

Conant, north of Berry, in Detroit - October 10 - January 6

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Cherry Hill, west of Newburgh, in Westland - April 29 - June 23

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## Second-Place Essay Give Me a Chance to Live

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The above scene is fictional, but it teaches an important lesson. It should show us what people do when they kill the unborn. If people understood, they never would have the heart to do such a thing. If the Lord wanted to place a baby in this world, there must be a good reason for it. Everyone has a mission to fulfill in this world. Why can't the unborn baby have a chance to live and fulfill his mission? Why can't he also have a life, just like yours and mine? Why can't he accomplish things and enjoy everything you and I do?

Life is something that cannot be bought or sold, nor should it be wasted. Let's work for the day when all people will understand this. ■

## Third-Place Essay God's Free Gift

**L**ife is a free gift given to us by God. In Genesis 1:27 and 1:31, God says that our lives are so important that God himself made us in his own image and then called us good. The Bible states in Psalm 139:13, "For you created my

him excited when hearing Mary's voice.

Jesus was sent down to earth as a human being. He felt sadness, hunger, pain and joy, just as we do. He was physically the same as us, and he was alive in his mother's womb, just like we are before we are born. If we are alive in our mother's womb, that must mean that the process of abortion is killing a live and aware person.

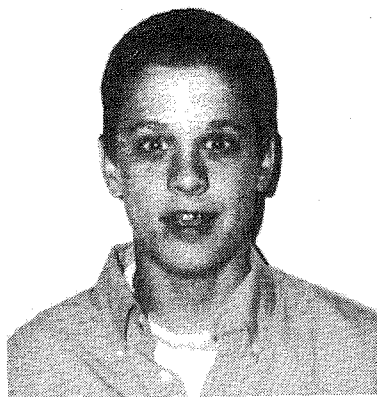
I look at my younger brother and younger sister and think of what a joy they have brought to my life. Both of these special kids have given me a new way to look upon life, changing the way I see things. For example, the way they look at a flower. They take it into their hands with their eyes sparkling with curiosity and hold it as gently as you would a newborn baby. While examining every single petal, they smell the sweet fragrance. I can remember as if it was just yesterday when I went to the hospital to see them for the first time. I also remember every single event that has happened in both of their lives.

I can recall the day when they took their first steps and when I comforted my brother when he had to go to the emergency room to get stitches. I still laugh when I think of the time I was watching my little sister outside, and

of himself he would not quit talking about his new and improved way of riding. These examples are the things that really matter in life, and that I will never forget as long as I live. It absolutely breaks my heart to think if my parents were to have had an abortion on either of them, and left me alone.

New Webster's Dictionary defines abortion as "the spontaneous or induced expulsion from the womb of...a human fetus." Abortion is a terrible process of taking a live human being's life away from them. Every person has the right to live. Future leaders such as presidents, mayors, governors, and well-known courageous people may have been killed because of the decision their parents made. I thank God that I was given the chance to live life, the chance to dream and to fulfill my dreams. I pray for the children whose dreams were taken away before they had a chance to see the world. ■

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inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Luke 1:44 claims, "As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy." Although Elizabeth's baby was still in her womb, the baby was alive and aware, making

the wind blew a leaf near her. She was so scared she practically leaped into my arms and begged me to carry her inside the house. I will always remember the time when I taught my little brother how to ride a bike without training wheels. He was so proud

**Prayer for Lifespan**  
*Almighty God and Father,  
we place our work  
in your hands.  
Teach us to treat our bitterest  
opponents with the patient  
understanding that,  
as members of the human  
family, they have reasons for  
being where they are.  
Teach us to treat our own  
comrades with respect and  
never-ending love.  
Make us "wise as serpents, as  
gentle as doves."  
Almighty God and Father,  
without you, we are  
as helpless as the babies  
we have come to save,  
as helpless as the confused  
ones who are  
contemplating suicide.  
Almighty God and Father,  
we place our work  
in your hands.*

—Paula Ervin

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### Crisis hotline numbers

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office listed on pages 6 and 7. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number (800) BETHANY. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigayle Ministries (810) 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;

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### Overtune Roe v. Wade:

*The correct phone number for Operation Outcry, which is collecting affidavits from post-abortive women is: 210-614-7157.*

*(See Lifespan News, November 2001, p. 2.)*

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tive victim, be they female or male, family or friend who is the second victim of abortion. Say a prayer for the legislators who have the courage to speak out on the atrocities of abortion and physician-assisted suicide and for those who believe differently—that they may have a change of heart.

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*DiAnne*

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This has to be one of the most sickening offers that has ever been made.

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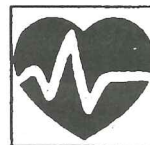
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