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News Notes

Teachers & union members

Union members in all professions are guaranteed the right to divert their union dues by Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which requires employers and unions to accommodate employees' religious beliefs.

Using this protection, a Livonia teacher has won his year-long battle over his religious beliefs with the Livonia Education Association. Last spring, the local union branch agreed to hold hearings where the teacher had to demonstrate that his religious beliefs clashed with the union's agenda. (Michigan Education Association is the only state affiliate that requires such hearings).

Officials from the National Education Association say they make every effort to support religious objectors at the local level.

— Detroit News, January 4, 2001

Abortion practitioner

The Michigan Court of Appeals says a former southeast Michigan abortion practitioner can be criminally prosecuted for performing a late-term abortion in 1994 and falsifying medical documents.

The decision, released January 31, reverses two lower court rulings that struck down charges against Jose Higuera on the grounds that Michigan's 1973 pro-life statute is unconstitutionally vague. The Court of Appeals said Michigan law may be applied in cases where the unborn child is believed to have been viable outside of the womb and the abortion was not needed to protect the life or health of the woman.

Higuera was among the first abortion practitioners to be charged under a 1974 state law banning abortions during the last three months of pregnancy. The case can now go to trial in Wayne County Circuit Court.

Higuera was first charged in 1996 with aborting the unborn child of a woman who was 28 weeks pregnant and with altering those medical

records after he came under investigation. The woman later said she was never told how advanced her pregnancy was, and that she had sought the abortion for "personal reasons."

Higuera no longer practices medicine and no longer lives in Michigan. When the abortion was performed, Higuera had abortion facilities in Bloomfield Hills and Highland Park.

-Pro-Life Infonet, February 2, 2001

Doctors avoiding RU-486

Weeks after the controversial abortion pill, RU-486, hit the US maket, private doctors have mostly avoided it, leaving it to abortion clinics to be the primary distributor.

After a decade of contentious debate over whether it should be approved for sale, the pill was supposed to revolutionize abortion by removing it from noisily protested clinics and placing it in the tranquility of the doctor's office. But interviews with the pills' manufacturer, abortion activists and local doctors have found that private-practice physicians are avoiding the pill enmasse, waiting for the fiery politics surrounding RU-486 to quiet before they even consider prescribing it.

—Boston Globe, December 5, 2000

RU-486 and patient death

Recently, the drug manufacturer Searle issued a warning letter to doctors nationwide urging their drug Cytotec to not be used as the second part of the two-part RU-486 abortion process. The drug, made only as an ulcer treatment, is being used in abortions in a way that is medically dangerous to women.

Before its misuse as part of the RU-486 abortion process, Cytotec was wrongly used by doctors to induce labor, Searle says. Now, a recently-settled lawsuit in Portland, Oregon sheds light on the dangers of misuse of the drug.

The undisclosed settlement, went to Michael O'Connor. On January 28, 1997, O'Connor lost his wife, Margaret, an hour after she gave birth to their third child. Mrs. O'Connor was admitted to the hospital for what appeared to be an "uneventful" labor, but was prescribed misoprostol (Cytotec) to hurry the birth. However, after delivering the child, she began bleeding profusely and died.

FDA figures show 30 cases of a rupture of the uterus related to the use of misoprostol. In eight cases, the unborn child died even though abortion was not the intent. In the Portland case, the mother died.

—National Catholic Register January 21, 2001

Blessing or curse

Pregnant moms now can see the faces of their unborn babies thanks to a new, high-tech ultrasound device. The \$175,000 3D scanner also lets doctors spot pre-birth abnormalities more easily. Siemens, the company that manufactures the device, says the imaging is so clear it produces crystal-clear photos of a baby's face and body features.

"Parents will now be able to see detail that was previously difficult to appreciate in two dimensions," Dr. Rose de Bryn said. "Incredibly detailed images of the unborn fetus can now be readily available at the patient's bedside."

"It will give the medical profession a diagnostic tool which will significantly improve their ability to detect abnormalities before birth," said Richard Kirby, Siemens ultrasound manager.

—Pro-Life Infonet, February 1, 2001

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AUCTION TIME IS HERE

Once again, the *Educational Center for Life* will sponsor a

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in conjunction with Right to Life-Lifespan's annual Mother's Day Dinner, Tuesday, May 8th, 2001

Your tax-deductible gift of an auction item will help make this event a great success

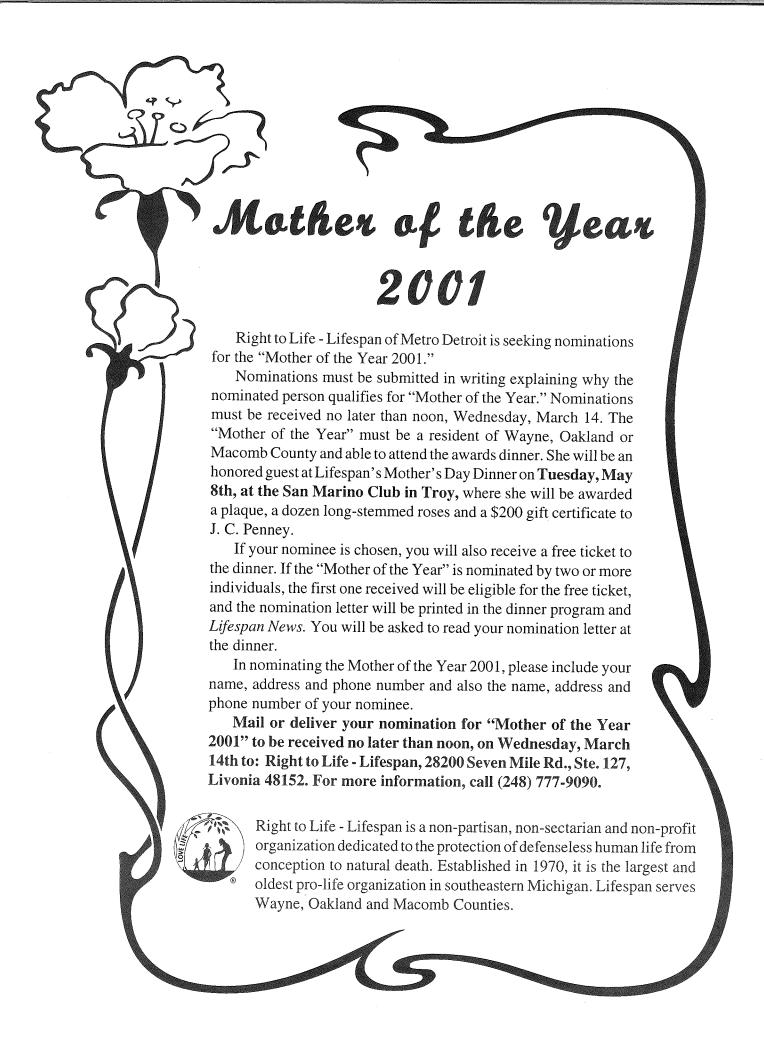
Auction items can include sporting equipment and tickets to sporting events



Gift baskets for babies, brides, bed and bath

Car washes, jewelry, dinners, condos, hairdressers and manicures, the list is limited only by your imagination. The cost of all donated items is tax-deductible. If your imagination has run dry, cash donations to be used to purchase auction items is cheerfully accepted.

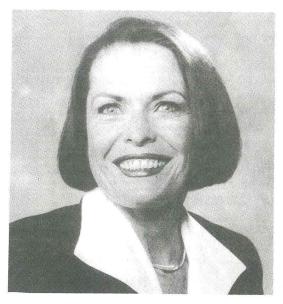
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Mother's Day Dinner

Tuesday, May 8th • 6:00 p.m. San Marino Club • 1685 E. Big Beaver Rd., Troy

With Featured Guest Speaker, Diana Pintar



Inspiring. Encouraging. Motivating. These abilities have all been used to characterize **DIANA PINTAR**, this year's Mother's Day Dinner speaker.

A true "home-town girl," Diana Pintar was raised in southeastern Michigan and has been extremely active in the Christian community, serving her church in a variety of roles, including teacher, workshop leader, retreat speaker and coordinator.

In 1986, Diana found herself "suddenly single" after a 20-year marriage and was forced into the secular workplace for the first time in her adult life. She has explained that her divorce felt like the end of life as she knew it. Because her faith enabled her to find meaning and purpose to this difficult time in her life, Mrs. Pintar will speak to the issue of "Women's Influence in the Pro-Life Movement and How It Relates to the Family."

Diana is remarried to Mike Pintar, who is a veterinarian; they have four adult children.

Dinner Reservations: \$40 per person/\$375 per table of 10 (one check only, please) Number of dinner reservations Amount enclosed \$ Advance reservations required by Ma (Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper.)				
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	Amount enclosed \$ Deadline for submission is March 30, 2001.			
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1	Make checks payable, and mail to: Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia MI 48152. For further information, or for an advertising contract for the Resource Book 2001, call (248) 777-9090. (Dinners, personal ads and donations are not tax-deductible.)			

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

Successful Rally

We keep asking ourselves, "Why do we continue to hold the Rally for Life outside and in the cold?" We do it because we won't let this infamous decision of *Roev. Wade* pass without our public outcry. We didn't pick the date of January 22, but it reminds us yearly of what a cold, lifeless decision this has been for many of our unborn and mothers in distress.

It was so very heartwarming to see all the young people. All of us "old-timers" can rest assured that all the hard work of the past 30 years has not been done in vain. Our future is out there, ready to take on whatever challenges may lie ahead. We only pray that the end will soon be here, and no unborn child will ever be threatened in the sanctuary of his/her mother's womb and that throughout our LIFE SPANS, every life will be given the dignity it deserves.

By the way, I'm in my late forties, and I thought Madison Greene, the music group, ROCKED!

Help needed

Lifespan needs YOU! Each year, Lifespan publishes a pro-life Resource Book in conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner. This fundraiser is a vital part of our continuing efforts to educate the public on all pro-life issues. You can help by contacting your church, business or other organizations to solicit ads for the book. Call **313-640-8534** to receive an order form or obtain a copy of this Lifespan publication. Deadline for ads is March 14.

Roses are coming

If you belong to a pro-life church and your church does not offer roses to "Thank Mom for Life" on the weekend of Mother's Day, please volunteer to help. All it takes is a few minutes of your time, and that few moments will allow us to continue to spread the pro-life message to a city which desperately needs to hear the truth. Call 313-640-8534.

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M-F 9-2:45 Irene Tharp, Director Diane Trombley, Ofc. Mgr.

Rally reviews

Our annual Rally for Life attracted a great number of young people who gave all of us "old timers" a lot of comfort. As evidenced by these high school and college age young people, the pro-life movement has a great future!

Hello happiness!

Oakland/Macomb board member Kim DiSalle, her husband Tony and children Kevin, Kyle and Shannon got a super Christmas present! Kim and Tony traveled to the Ukraine in early December and brought Kayla Maria home for the holiday—and forever. Light hair, blue eyes

and almost two, Kayla seems quite content with her new surroundings and her new family. Congratulations to all of you.

Bush beginnings

Newly elected President Bush began his term in office with some welcome pro-life activities. A postcard or note from any or all of us, commending him for his actions is certainly in order. We have been told a number of times that those in public office take careful note of written letters and notes they receive. Each letter is generally considered as representing at least ten other voters who did not write. Make your voice the voice of ten, and let Mr. Bush know we appreciate his actions.

Rounding up resources

On other pages of this newsletter, you will see information about the Resource Book that is distributed at our Mother's Day Dinner. Not everyone is able to attend the dinner, but wouldn't it be great if everyone in the

Oakland/Macomb Chapter decided to be a patron! Please consider filling out the form and sending in a check for as little as \$10 to the Main Office and be listed as a Bronze Patron. Of course, you can always send more if you like, but if everyone became a Bronze Patron, we could fill dozens of pages with our names.

Pro-life pastors

An inter-denominational Pastors' Pro-Life Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 28, from 8-11 a.m. at the Sterling Inn in Sterling Heights. (The hotel is located at the sw corner of Van Dyke at 15 Mile Rd.) The speaker will be Dr. Laurence White. Cost for the breakfast is \$12 if received by April 7; \$15 after that date. For reservations, call Mary Walden 248-624-9387.

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Mother's Day roses

Lifespan has been supplying Mother's Day silk-like roses tagged, "Thanks, Mom, for Life" to area churches for the past twentyseven years. If your church or organization has not participated, and you are willing to help or know someone who will, please call us. There is no risk involved, flowers are on consignment, and unused roses and donations are returned to Lifespan. Also, if you can help us tag roses (which can be done at home), please call.

Dinner/Ads

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Attending the Mother's Day Dinner and taking out an ad in the annual Resource Book are ways of supporting Lifespan's efforts in your community. We need more advertisers. Getting \$200 in new ads will be rewarded. Won't you help? See pp. 5, 9.

March comments

This was my first year going to the March for Life in Washington. I was anxious to go as I had done volunteer work in the Lifespan office and knew the importance of my presence. It was very touching to see so many people concerned about saving babies' lives. It was very well organized and it was interesting to see how government officials were willing to speak out and stand

up for what they believed was right regardless of what others might say.

I'd love to go again and will try to get my friends to go next year as they seemed interested when I told them about my experiences at the March.

> —Rebekah Petersmarch, Senior Franklin Road Christian School

This was the third year that I attended the March. Each year, I am impressed by the huge crowds of people that take their time to go to Washington to express their views about this important subject. I am especially encouraged by all the young people who are taking such a great interest in the prolife movement in which my family has been involved since 1972. I'd like to go again in 2002.

—Elizabeth Masiarak, Freshman Garden City High School

Rally for Life

My presentation at the Rally involved my final examin speech class in which I spoke on abortion. I received a low grade on the final because I was to give a factual speech, but my talk suddenly became a persuasive one when I emphasized, 'abortion is wrong;' if I persuaded even one student in my class, the low grade was worth it.

I enjoyed the Rally and was very impressed by the wide range of people. The right-to-life movement brings together people of all ages working for one common issue. The other speakers were very informative, and I was amazed that U of M is doing so much on campus, as highlighted by Andrew Shirvell, President of Students for Life. Madison Greene was great!

—Luke Masiarak, Guest Speaker and Sophomore, Schoolcraft College

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From the **President's Desk**

Dear Friends, There is always HOPE!!!

Never let it be said that our work is in vain. Congratulations to all of you who have fought the good fight for many years and those who have just entered our movement. It is because of your perseverance and involvement that the pro-life movement is alive and thriving.

Why do I bring this up now? Recently, with the elections, much of the media attention has been focused on the candidates and their philosophies. What keeps surfacing is "the abortion issue." Twenty years ago, you couldn't pay the media to put this issue in front of the public. Often today, it is a lead story, especially on cable news stations. Fox Two News generally reports the abortion issue fairly regular news stations still do their best to ignore us; but, just as in the debate over Mr. Ashcroft, they will be forced to deal with the issue.

It is up to us now to continue speaking out on the evils of abortion, infanticide and euthanasia. It is up to you to educate yourself so you, in turn, will be able to educate your family and friends. Attend the ECL/Nurses for Life seminar. Stop by our offices for free literature. Get a new advertiser for our Mother's Day Dinner Booklet. Solicit a new member for Lifespan. Any of these, or all, will help to continue promoting pro-life issues.

We may not see the total end to abortion in our lifetimes, but we will be the "conscience of America." By the pro-life movement staying strong and active, the new generations will see the evil of destroying their offspring. Attitudes among our youth are already changing.

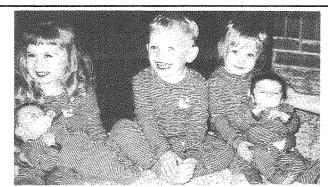
In time, as more and more women come forth with their pain, in view of the staggering numbers of abortions that have taken place, our culture will then say, "ENOUGH!"



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Right to Life - Lifespan RESOURCE BOOK 2001

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 14, 2001.**

Advertising Contract:	Please run last	page ad for the sum of \$ year's ad losed, new ad	
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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 only. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable.

A **complimentary dinner ticket** to the 2001 Mother's Day Dinner on Tuesday, May 8 will be given to any individual for every **\$200** worth of <u>new</u> 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.

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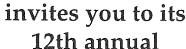
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To Benefit Local Pregnancy Help Centers

Sunday, March 11, 2001

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

Sleepers, T-shirts, Socks Receiving blankets, Crib sheets Cloth diapers/disposable diapers (newborn & medium) Plastic pants, Baby wipes Wash cloths/towels Teething rings/rattles, Bottles, Bibs Personal hygiene items for baby Cribs, Porta-cribs Bassinets, Strollers, Swings, High Chairs Maternity items

Cash donations

Baby showers will be held at the following locations. Bring new or used (but usable) baby or maternity items.

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. St. Hugo of the Hills Church

Grade School/Fr. Esper Room

Bloomfield Hills

(corner of Hickory Grove & Opdyke)

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

St. Mel Church Church Hall 7506 Inkster Rd.

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11:30 a.m.

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16805 Pierson

Detroit

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

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Grandma's Shoes

When I was very little, All the Grandmas that I knew All walked around this world In ugly grandma shoes.

You know the ones I speak of, those black, clunky-heeled kind. They just looked so very awful That it weighed upon my mind,

For I knew, when I grew old, I'd have to wear those shoes. I'd think of that, from time to time, It seemed like such bad news.

I never was a rebel, I wore saddle shoes to school. And next came ballerinas, Then the sandals, pretty cool.

And then came spikes with pointed toes, Then platforms, very tall. As each new fashion came along, I wore them, one and all.

But always, in the distance, Looming in my future, there, Was that awful pair of ugly shoes, The kind that Grandmas wear.

I eventually got married, And then I became a Mom. Our kids grew up and left, And when their children came along,

I knew I was a Grandma, And the time was drawing near When those clunky, black, old lace up shoes Was what I'd have to wear.

How would I do my gardening Or take my morning hike? I couldn't even think about How I would ride my bike!

But fashions kept evolving, And one day I realized That the shape of things to come Was changing, right before my eyes.

And now, when I go shopping, What I see, fills me with glee. For, in my jeans and Reeboks, I'm as comfy as can be.

And I look at all these teenage girls, And there, upon their feet Are clunky, black, old Grandma shoes, And they really think they're neat!

-Author unknown





October 1, 2000 Beaumont Hosp. Rm. 3707 - 2 p.m.

My daughter gave birth to twin little girls - healthy, beautiful 6 lb. miracles. Soon, the room overflowed with family - a beloved great-grandpa, thrilled aunts and uncles, a lively little cousin, two excited "big" sisters, a proud daddy, an exhausted, but very happy mommy and my husband and I "gramma & papa," who thought our hearts would burst with joy as we cuddled our three adored toddler grandchildren and then held our precious twins for the first time. The room was filled with balloons and presents, hugs and kisses and laughter and tears of joy.

October 1, 2000 Beaumont Hospital Rm. 3719 - 11 p.m

A mom gave birth to another little girl - a very tiny 1 lb. 10 oz. preemie. There were no balloons - no presents. There was no family. There was no proud daddy. The mom laid there—frightened and alone.

A month went by and the phone rang at Wee Care. It was a social worker telling me all about the baby born in room 3719. Each day, her mother had been traveling back and forth on a bus to visit her. She was over three pounds now, and soon would be sent home—could we help?

Touched by the coincidences and saddened by the mom's solitary struggle—I was able to give her a beautiful layette for her daughter's homecoming. Because of your generosity, I was able to provide all the warm blankets, sleepers and everything she needed. (Some of the tiniest "gently-used" outfits came from the twins, who shared her birthday.)

Because it was almost Christmas and people had been so good

to Wee Care—I was able to give her one bag after another, overflowing with gifts, and when she came in to pick everything up, someone had just dropped off an almost-new crib and stroller.

Because you believe that every baby should be cherished—every mother should be loved—we were able to do so much. The mom was thrilled and things were much better—the daddy had fallen in love with his daughter and one by one the family had too.

Three little girls—three little miracles sent from God, and now, three little sweethearts who have stolen everyone's hearts.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone; thank you from the bottom of my heart!

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

CPC annual dinner

You are cordially invited to AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center's 11th Annual Banquet on Thursday, March 8th from 6:00 - 9:30 p.m., to be held at Corsi's Banquet Hall in Livonia. Tickets are \$25 per person. Call Ginger, 734-425-8060.



Lord of Life

Lead us to a reverence for all of your creations. Instill in our hearts a willingness to help

those in need of the gifts You have given us. Fill the hearts of the frightened and discouraged with Your comfort. Enable all people to accept Your love and live in your light. Amen.

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Rally for Life

When planning this year's annual Rally for Life, we wanted to emphasize how important the young people of today are to the pro-life movement. We succeeded well beyond our hopes.

Dozens and dozens of high school and college aged young people joined some 250 hearty souls who braved the chilly day and spent an hour listening to other young people encourage their participation in the pro-life cause.

Leslie Leposky, our special projects coordinator, was the em-

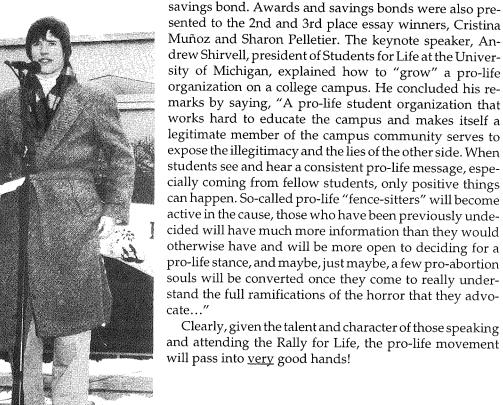
cee and did an outstanding job. She pointed out that her new baby, Ethan, was born several weeks early and under today's laws, could have been aborted legally. Born at 3 pounds, 3 ounces, Ethan is growing beautifully and is a healthy, contented and much loved little one.

While they listened to the speakers, those attending the Rally found themselves surrounded by 250 balloons, placed at random among the crowd. It was explained that the balloons, in the school colors of three Royal Oak high

> schools, Dondero, Kimball and Shrine, represented the students who would not be graduating from those schools in 2001, as their lives had been lost, not to drugs, drunk driving or suicide, but to abortions

Oak residents in 1983. Sean Dudley, a student of U of D Jesuit High School and Academy, delivered his prize-winning essay, and was awarded a plaque and a \$1000

performed on Royal



Clearly, given the talent and character of those speaking and attending the Rally for Life, the pro-life movement







Legislative Update



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President Bush

It seems that George W. Bush will be the pro-life President that he said he would be.

On January 22, President Bush signed a memorandum reinstating the pro-life Mexico City Policy that prohibits taxpayer money to fund organizations that promote or perform abortions overseas. "It is my conviction that taxpayer funds should not be used to pay for abortions or advocate or actively promote abortion either here or abroad," Bush stated.

President Bush also stated that federal money should not be used for research on fetal tissue or on stem cells derived from abortions. "I believe there's some wonderful opportunities for adult stem-cell research," Bush said. "I believe we can find stem cells from fetuses that died a natural death, but I do not support research from aborted fetuses."

The Bush administration also plans to reevaluate the FDA's decision to allow use of the dangerous RU 486 abortion drug.

Ashcroft confirmed

Former Senator John Ashcroft won confirmation as attorney general on Thursday, February 1, completing President Bush's Cabinet and overcoming a ferocious assault on his prolife views and personal integrity. The Senate vote was 58-42.

All 50 Senate Republicans and eight Democrats voted for confirmation of the former Missouri senator, whose long political career seemed over when he lost a re-election bid last November. All the votes in opposition came from Democrats. They included not only pro-abortion stalwarts such as Kennedy, but also the roster of poten-

tial presidential contenders who would need support from pro-abortion groups and black voters to prosper in a 2004 campaign—Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, John Edwards of North Carolina, Evan Bayh of Indiana, John Kerry of Massachusetts and Joseph Biden of Delaware, all supporters of abortion.

"I have absolute, total, complete confidence that he is going to be one outstanding attorney general of the United States," said pro-life Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma.

Insurance coverage

In early January, Michigan Governor John Engler vetoed legislation passed in the last days of the Michigan Legislature, that would have barred employers from providing blanket insurance coverage for abortions.

The Governor's office indicated that Mr. Engler's opposition to abortion is undiminished, but that he felt that the legislation had passed through the Legislature too quickly and that more hearings were needed to give employers an opportunity to air their concerns.

Committee of Correspondence

Borrowing the title of the abovenamed Committee that operated in the infancy of our nation, we pledge ourselves to contact our elected representatives when vital legislation is pending.

We may do this by postal letter, e-mail or telephone. Lifespan will supply the necessary addresses and phone numbers whether the representative is in the State House, State Senate or Congress. If you care to join the Committee, call your Lifespan Chapter office and sign on.

Remembering Rick

Right to Life - Lifespan was deeply grieved to hear of the death of one of our most spirit-filled supporters, Pastor Rick Parker. Rick and his wife, Missy, have been members of Lifespan for many years. For those of you who have been to our Rally in January, Rick has been one of our most inspirational and motivational speakers for the last five years. Rick had the ability to touch each heart and renew the flame in each spirit to go out into this death-oriented society and spread the pro-life message. Our prayers are with Missy and her family.

Donations have been made In loving memory of:

Pastor Rick Parker

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Given by: Wayne West/Downriver Board & Friends

In honor of:

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wagner Given by: David & Mary Wagner Edna & Al Wagner Thomas, Malinda, Bridget, Nelson and Carrie Wagner

In celebration of the birthdays of:

Frank and Joelene Igielski Given by: Bob, Ann Marie & Mary Podlaski

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. Please send donations to your local Lifespan office.

Educational Center for Life Donations have been made In loving memory of:

Lucille SchweihoferGiven by: Ray & Pat Kelly

Lillian Rodgers Jean Hanigan

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 or 7. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hot line number 1-800-BETHANY. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Casa Vitae at (248) 559-5407 or Abigayle Ministries at (810) 326-0459.

For post-abortion counseling, call P.A.C.E. at (734) 455-5255 or Project Rachel at (888) 722-4355.

For people with life-limiting illnesses, call Angela Hospice (734) 464-7810 or Cranbrook Hospice (248) 334-6700 or Hospice of Michigan (888) HOM-5656.

Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, also offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide. If a relative, friend or even yourself are in need of this counseling assistance, do not hesitate to call 800-281-2102.

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Right to Life - Lifespan encourages you to attend this annual prolife conference!

"Life's Beginnings...to be or not to be"

Saturday, March 31, 2001 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Speakers:

Brenda Pratt Shafer, R.N.

"What I Witnessed at a Partial Birth Abortion"

Richard Doerflinger, National Conference of Catholic Bishops

"Stem Cell Research – A Prolife Response"

James Pinkala, Pharmacist

"RU-486 – What is it? How does it work?"

Diane Trombley, R.N., B.S.N.

"Prolife Legislative Updates"

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Location:

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Conference material is appropriate for the general public.

Please Join Us!

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