

Happy Father's Day!

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Congratulations, Mother of the Year 2002!

Iris Hramiec

In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner, we are honoring our Mother of the Year 2002, Iris Hramiec. She and her husband, Ed, live in Royal Oak, and attend the National Shrine of the Little Flower. Iris was nominated by her daughter-in-law, Kathryn Hramiec. Printed below is Kathryn's nomination letter.



Contrary to most people's concept of motherhood, it is my experience and belief that a mother can enter our lives at any point in time. Personally, I like to call this kind of person a spiritual mother, although I'm sure that others may have different names or titles for the special women that have had an inspirational impact on their lives. A spiritual mother may have missed the opportunity of changing our diaper or sending us off to kindergarten, but her presence in our adult lives can have just as much influence as the loving lady who collected our countless crayon scribbles on her refrigerator door. The spiritual mother can feed our soul, wipe away excess worry and help clean out all the unnecessary clutter that needlessly complicates our lives.

My journey to her was at best a winding pathway, but all the twists and turns were needed in order for me to learn, benefit from her wisdom and become the woman that I am now. Don't get me wrong. I did have a loving mother when I was a child, but I was also a member of a very unhappy, unhealthy family that eventually broke apart, leaving deep sadness and destruction in its wake. I grew up an angry young woman, spending my teens and twenties feeling sorry for myself, hating God, hating all men and supporting liberal organizations that seemed to have all the answers that a lonely, angry woman would need to stay angry.

But God had not only patience, but a sense of humor because in the summer of 1994, I ended up falling in love with a conservative Catholic, a man with close ties to his mother, and he couldn't wait for me to meet her. I was petrified. I was sure she would know what I was all about as soon as I stepped over the threshold of her home. I felt doomed to failure as I pulled up to the large, tidy house. I couldn't have been more mistaken. I was welcomed so warmly by her and her loud, large and laughing family that I was overwhelmed and unsure as to why she found me acceptable, even likable. Didn't she know what a mess I was? And what was it that made her family so darn happy, anyway? Was it heredity, luck or the red wine on the table?

Maybe it was the presence of my new love's mother—a silver-haired lady with a broad smile, hearty laugh and a profound aura of inner strength that almost gave her an air of nobility. I instantly liked Iris although I was a little intimidated by her at first.

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News & Notes

Med students and abortion

"Many physicians are unwilling to perform abortions. Access is limited. Only 14 percent of all counties in the United States have any abortion provider, predominantly urban. Today, only 12 percent of OB-GYN residency programs include training in abortion procedures. Most doctors who provide them are older than 50."

The above quote comes from an article written by Beth Landon who is president of the Alaska Pro-Choice Alliance, and appeared in The Anchorage Daily News on January 22. It is important that we realize that there is a strong effort being made to require that medical students be trained in abortion procedures. Such a requirement has recently been imposed on medical students and residents in New York.

Florida Choose Life Plate Sales Top 1 Million Dollars

According to the Tallahassee DMV records, the sales of the Choose Life license plate in Florida will soon go over \$1,000,000.00. This tag continues to be one of the most popular new specialty plates in Florida.

The Choose Life tag now adorns over 30,000 vehicles in Florida. Every sale and/or renewal raises \$20.00 to assist adoption efforts in Crisis Pregnancy Centers, Maternity Homes and certain non-profit adoption agencies in the county where the tag was purchased.

More information about the National Choose Life license plate effort is available at www.choose-life.org

—Pro-Life Infonet, #2716, May 20, 2002

Ban on cloning

Spurred on by rapid biotechnological advances, a United Nations committee on February 25 launched an initial round of talks aimed at drafting an international treaty to ban the cloning of human beings.

"Once this technological genie is out of the bottle, trying to control it

will be extremely difficult," said Health Law Professor George Annas of the Boston University School of Public Health.

—Excerpted from Reuters
February 25, 2002, by Irwin Arieff

Day-after pill

The Argentine Supreme Court has banned the sale of the day-after pill, used to stop pregnancies up to 72 hours after sexual intercourse. In a narrow majority ruling, the court ruled that the pill was a form of abortion.

The judges defined human life as beginning at the moment of fertilization, rejecting a previous interpretation that life is created when the embryo reaches the uterus.

—From the newsroom of the BBC World Service, March 6, 2002

Editor's note: How come they understand in Argentina, but not in the U.S.?

Stem cells in amniotic fluid?

In a new development, scientists from Boston's Children's Hospital reported at the American College of Surgeons meeting on October 10, that they found "early state embryonic cells" in the amniotic fluid of pregnant women. Just two milliliters of amniotic fluid can provide up to 20,000 cells, 80% of which are viable. When "scaffolded" together in a lab culture, the cells quickly grew into connective tissue, which could be used as tissue grafts to repair birth defects such as holes in the abdomen or chest of an unborn child. This is another alternative to killing human embryos to get their stem cells.

—"Dr. Willke Writes," Cincinnati Right to Life Newsletter, February 2002

Number of Pregnancy Discrimination Lawsuits Rises

About 4,200 pregnancy-discrimination complaints are filed every year with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and other agencies, an increase of more than 25 percent since 1992.

Many employees don't realize that pregnancy discrimination is illegal. But it has been illegal since 1978, when the federal government passed the Pregnancy Discrimination Act.

Of course, in some cases, it's not a good idea to work while expecting. A doctor may order bed rest for a high-risk pregnancy. Physically demanding work, long hours or long periods of standing can result in premature labor or other complications. And no pregnant woman should work around pesticides, radioactive materials, chemicals, industrial solvents and other toxic substances, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns.

The vast majority of pregnancies, however, present no physical reason for a woman to quit working. Instead, the barriers they face are bosses.

"With more and more women in the workplace and trying to balance work and family, it's not surprising that many of them are confronting pregnancy discrimination," said Adrienne DerVartanian, policy counsel for the National Partnership for Women & Families in Washington, D.C. "There's a constant need for information about fighting pregnancy discrimination."

—Pro-Life Infonet, #2713, May 15, 2002

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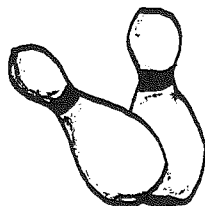
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Mother's Day Dinner 2002



Dear Lifespan,

I still feel an overwhelming honor to be given such an esteemed title. I accepted humbly because what it represents is so important to me. Next to God and my husband, my adult life has always included children. Our children are the future of this country.

It's so difficult to understand that women can deny that life begins in the womb. We pray for them because they have chosen a path that is dangerous and must be defeated...

I'm so proud of Kathryn for composing such a beautiful letter. Indeed she is a loving daughter, and I cherish the day she walked into our lives!

I graciously thank the Lifespan organization for the beautiful plaque, lovely roses and generous gift certificate. Please extend my personal gratitude to all the individuals involved in this special tribute. I will never forget the warmth and love extended to a humble servant of God. God's blessing on your dedicated work!

Fondly, Iris Hramiec

We want to thank the judges who had the very difficult task of selecting our Mother of the Year 2002 from among so many worthy nominations. The judges were: Rachel Cascos, Cindy Gauvin, Isabel Johnson and Ann Sands.



"The Dinner was very enjoyable; the food was excellent; there were lots of very nice items for the Silent Auction, and I thought the Mother of the Year, Iris Hramiec, and Jean Garton spoke very, very well!"



"This year's Mothers Day Dinner was the very, very best!"



"Jean Garton is so special. I will treasure my autographed copy of her book, 'Who Broke the Baby?'"

Mother of the Year 2002

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We began to get better acquainted as I began to explore the Roman Catholic faith. She became my tutor, advisor and sounding board all rolled into one. When I wasn't in religious classes or flipping through reference books, I was sitting knee to knee with Iris, searching for the answers I needed to fill all the gaping holes in my spirit. With her guidance, counsel and time, my anger began to fade and my outlook on all things changed dramatically. She taught me the true nature of faith and how to trust in it during the most difficult moments.

The more I learned about her and from her, the more I wanted to obtain her ever-present quality—sincere inner peace. As an ex-women's libber, I found her background to be fascinating. It seems she was already a liberated woman for the day. She called the shots for herself before it became fashionable to do so. But above all, faith, hope and an unfaltering trust in God's will would best describe her approach to life both past and present.

She was born one of six children to Italian immigrants in a working class Detroit neighborhood. She was raised with a strong work ethic, and as a girl she had little time or interest in sipping sodas by the jukebox. She always held a job after school, and after graduation, she continued on to the University of Detroit where she

obtained a Bachelors of Science degree. She began her career as a school teacher in 1948, a lifelong passion that to this day pulls her out of a warm bed early in the morning. Iris married her best friend, her beloved Ed in June of 1950. They awaited the arrival of children, but none came. She cried, she prayed, she waited...but never lost her faith. Five years later, she gave birth to a baby boy—the first of seven children to arrive during the next ten years.

As much as she loved teaching, she chose to stay home to raise her children with the help and support of her husband and partner, Ed. When the youngest child began school, Iris headed back to the classroom, and ten years later became a much-loved principal at LaSalette parochial school in Berkley until 1989.

Retirement is still not the favorite word in this devoted teacher's vocabulary. She has touched many young lives and continues to do so despite the pain resulting from a progressive bone disease that I'm sure she would prefer I keep private. The lady is not one to complain or tolerate even one moment of self-pity. Her modesty would prefer that I keep many of her attributes and contributions to this world private, but I will say this—Her devotion to her faith, parish, family, profession and the causes of peace and life have been tireless and never-ending. She rarely "doesn't have the time," says "yes"

when she's exhausted and puts everyone else's needs before her own.

Seven years ago, I was confirmed in the Catholic faith. As my sponsor, her hand rested upon my shoulder as I stood before the altar. Her hand is still there. When I need to know how to be a Christian wife, mother, friend or steward, I look to her for my example. As she has with all of her children, she stood by me through happiness and times of crisis, teaching spiritual survival all along the way. No matter how grim the circumstance, she never passes up the opportunity to teach as well as comfort.

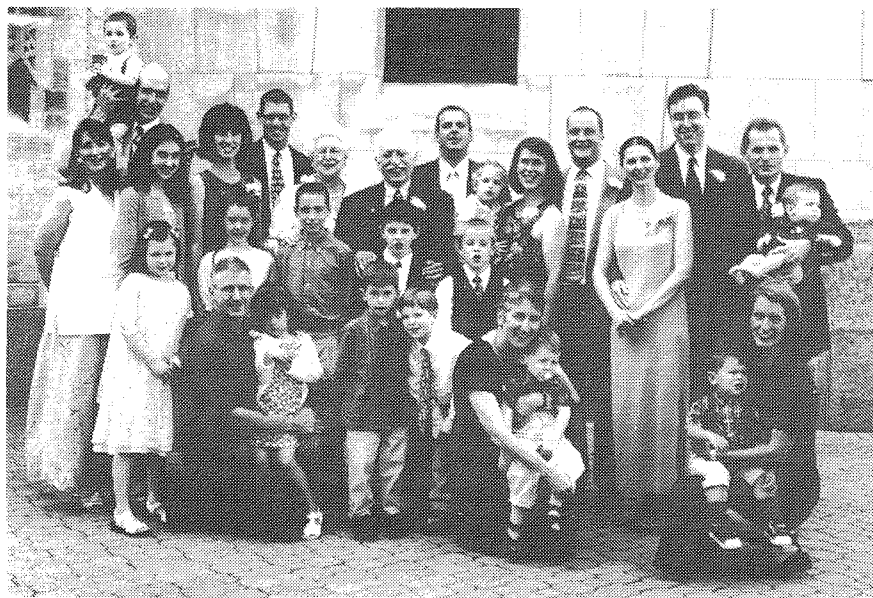
Now that I, too, have become a mother, I use her as the blueprint for creating what I always wished for: A strong, happy family that weathers the good and bad while living and growing in the presence of Christ.

My first mother raised me. She loved me, cared for me and taught me how to keep living. My second mother helped to raise me up. She loved me, cared for my spirit and taught me how to live without regret.

Iris is more than a devoted wife, mother of seven, Nana to sixteen or teacher to over a thousand in the past 40 years. She sees herself as the Lord's handpiece, a servant doing her duty when the need to do so arises. So when she does make a difference in someone's life, she desires no attention, no awards or pats on the back. But since I am one of the lives she has touched and changed forever, I am going to disobey my dear friend and mother and share with the world the kind of person that she truly is. She is special to me because there was a time that I believed that no one like her existed in this world.

In my eyes, her unconditional love can turn an upside-down world right side up. She can right the wrongs with a few well-chosen words and a hearty bear hug. She can and will guide you back to your spiritual home if she feels you have wandered too far. She will empty her pocketbook and pantry without hesitation. She can throw together a sit-down dinner for 25 at the drop of a hat. Simply put, she's an amazing soul, and I am fortunate and blessed to call myself her daughter. (And if I forgot to mention it before, I did marry her son after all.)

—Kathryn Hramiec



Iris and Ed Hramiec and Family



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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Bill to Ban Patents on Human Beings

In response to news that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office last year granted the University of Missouri a patent that would cover human cloning and possibly cloned humans, pro-life Sen. Sam Brownback (R-KS) said May 16 that he will introduce legislation "within a few days" that would prohibit the patenting of human beings or human embryos, including cloned humans.

Brownback said that the pro-life measure would direct the Patent Office to reject all patents on human embryos and "chimeras," the combination of human and animal embryos.

"If we allow for the patenting of human embryos, we will be sending the message that humans are property and that they can be exploited and destroyed for profit," Brownback said.

Although no law exists that would exclude cloned humans or "genetically modified human beings" from being covered by patents, some lawyers have said that such patents could not be allowed because of a possible violation of the 13th Amendment's prohibition of slavery. Brigid Quinn, a spokesperson for the Patent Office, said that although the agency was "not using the 13th Amendment argument" any longer, it would not grant patents on humans without guidance from Congress or the courts. Brownback said his legislation could provide needed "clarity" for the office on similar future patent applications.

—Pro-Life Infonet #2716, May 20, 2002

Senate Debate on Human Cloning Ban Delayed Again

The office of Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, South Dakota Democrat, says the much-anticipated Senate debate on human cloning will not happen until after the Memorial Day recess, even though Daschle had promised it would happen much sooner.

"I think we're probably going to have to pick up where we left on stem cell research sometime after we get back," Daschle told reporters.

Ranit Schmelzer, Daschle's spokeswoman, said yesterday that other issues have taken more of the Senate's time than expected, so the cloning debate will not happen before the break. However, before senators leave town, they likely will consider a unanimous-consent agreement setting up the rules of the human-cloning debate, the spokeswoman said.

With several bills opposed by pro-life groups competing with the Brownback-Landrieu ban on all human cloning, the rules for debate could be vital to the success of the legislation. The House already passed an identical measure.

—Pro-Life Infonet #2714, May 16, 2002

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Michigan bans public funds to abortion clinics

Arguing that taxpayers shouldn't have to support an organization that performs abortions, the Michigan Legislature approved a bill designed to keep state and federal dollars out of Planned Parenthood's coffers.

The Senate voted 23-14 on May 2 to create a tiered-funding system for family planning grants, giving money first to clinics that don't perform abortions and are not affiliated with those that do.

Only if there is no such clinic in an area, can the money go to clinics such as Planned Parenthood. Ultimately, determining what constitutes an area lies with the Department of Community Health.

The law would likely take effect April 1, 2003. The Senate failed to come up with the 26 votes needed for immediate effect. [This means that the next Governor will sign the bill into law or veto it.]

The bill also gives priority funding to clinics that don't refer pregnant women to abortion providers; or maintain a written policy that says elective abortion is part of a continuum of family planning.

Lawmakers added a provision that clinics can't be penalized for performing an activity required by federal law.

Michigan joins a handful of states that have implemented similar procedures to prevent or restrict Planned Parenthood from receiving public funds.

—Excerpts from *Booth Newspapers*
May 3, 2002

Michigan's born-alive infants' protection act

If the Michigan Legislature approves a package of fast-track bills, an abortionist would have to take steps to save the life of a baby who survived an abortion.

The proposals would require abortion doctors to call 911 or transfer custody to another doctor if a baby showed "evidence of life" following an abortion. The pro-life Michigan state representatives said they developed the package of five bills after an annual report issued by the state Department of Community Health re-

corded 18 cases in 2000 in which aborted babies showed "evidence of life." "This is a simple matter of right versus wrong," said Rep. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, a sponsor of one of the bills. "This is a human being that's been born. It is entitled to the respect accorded to all of us as human beings."

Current law does not address the situation of a live birth resulting from an abortion, so the decision is made on a case-by-case basis.

Introduced in early May, the five-bill package was unanimously approved by the House Family and Children Services Committee. The bills now move to the full House.

Twenty-one other states have similar "born alive" laws, according to Elizabeth Nash, a public policy assistance with the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a national research group.

Under the proposed law, an abortionist would have to inform the woman that the infant was alive. She could refuse to assume parental rights or approve medical care and retain her parental rights.

If she refused parental rights, the child becomes a ward of the state and the doctor is required to call 911. If the procedure takes place at a hospital, the doctor has to call in another physician.

"This allows those babies who do survive, to be adopted by loving and caring families," said Rep. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck.

The bills are House Bills 5994-98.

—Excerpted from *Booth Newspapers*
May 10, 2002

Choosing political leaders

"When we choose political leaders, we place tremendous power in their hands. When we recognize that they will inevitably use that power to shape the world in their own image, then we must take into account the character of the person into whose hands we place the power to shape the future of the world in which we, our children, our grandchildren and generations yet unborn will live."

—Rev. David Adams
Lutherans for Life of Michigan
Lifelines, August, September, October 2000



Election Calendar 2002

Registration Deadline for Primary

July 8

Deadline for mailed absentee ballot requests for Primary Election

August 3

State Primary

Tuesday, August 6

Registration Deadline for General Election

October 7

Deadline for mailed absentee ballot requests for General Election

November 2

General Election

Tuesday, November 5

Are you registered?

You may register at a number of state and local government offices, including all Secretary of State branch offices. For more information, call your county, city or township clerk, or contact the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections, P. O. Box 20126, Lansing, Michigan 48901; (517) 373-2540; <http://www.michigan.gov/sos>

Absentee ballots

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

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

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



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Bouquets of thanks

Our annual Mother's Day rose sale was a great success. We wish to extend our sincere thanks and profound gratitude to all our church volunteers.

Father's Day reflection

Occasionally, I get a call at the Detroit office from a father who desperately wants the woman he loves to carry their baby to term. Because of the law, I have to sadly inform him that he has no legal right to stop the death

of his child if the woman wants to abort. I offer him pregnancy help numbers and try to give him all the help he might need to persuade her to change her mind, but the conversation usually ends with me offering to pray for the baby and both of us crying over what could have been.

On this Father's Day, after you hug your own dad and then the husband of your children and thank them for all the wonderful things they have done, take a few moments to pray for the young men out there who were denied the chance to play ball with their sons or sing songs to their daughters.

Garage sales

Summer is a time for garage sales. Are you up to your neck in clutter after your spring cleaning? Why not use that unwanted junk and turn it into

someone else's treasure and at the same time help save lives by donating your proceeds to Detroit Lifespan. Get your family, friends and church involved. Also, remember while you are out there shopping at other garage sales, keep in mind your local pregnancy help centers and pick up a few gently-used baby items to donate.

Helpers of God's Infants

The next prayer vigil, led by Bishop Britt will be Saturday, June 22, 7:30-10:30 a.m., at Assumption Grotto, 13770 Gratiot (between 6 and 7 Mile Rds.) For more information, call 313-640-8534.

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Mother's Day Dinner Memories

You remember the old saying, "Be there or be square"? Well, if you missed this year's Mother's Day Dinner, you missed a great evening.

There is a temptation to start thanking all those who helped to make this such a great success, but when you start listing names, you always leave someone out so—no names, just heartfelt thanks to everyone who got ads, worked on the Resource Book, donated items to the auction, set the items on display for the auction, arranged flowers, put candy and pens and programs on the tables, helped to seat our guests,

helped with registration, made name tags, and encouraged everyone to keep at it until it was done.

What wonderful people we have in Right to Life - Lifespan and how generous they are with their time and their talents. A huge pat on the back to everyone!

Fun at the fair

It seems impossible to believe, but it is time to start volunteering to staff our tables at one or more of our summer fairs. The 4-H Fair in Davisburg is July 22nd through July 28th, the State Fair days for the Oakland/Macomb Chapter of Lifespan are August 20th through August 25th. Troy Daze is September 13, 14, 15. As usual we need smiling faces to staff our tables, pass out literature and answer questions. If you ask anyone who has ever worked a fair before, they always say it was really fun. Besides, you get to eat elephant ears and hot dogs on a stick. What more could anyone ask? Call 248-816-1546; let us know when you can help.

New fairs and festivals

Along with the fairs described above, we would really like to be able to participate in three or four more fairs or festivals.

We would particularly like to be a presence at church carnivals or festivals. If your faith community has a summer event such as this, please ask if we can have a table as part of one of your ministry groups.

Our experience is that so many people are just amazed at the information we have to offer as well as learning about crisis pregnancy centers, Wee Care and assists to students. Knowledge is power and we would like to share our knowledge and generate the power necessary to protect all human life.

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Farewell, God bless!

After twelve years of faithful and dedicated service to Lifespan, Linda Kournoian had to resign to take a full-time position. Linda was the pleasant voice you always heard when you called the WW/DR office. She was always eager to help solve your problems or put you in touch with someone who could.

Linda expressed sadness in leaving behind all the friends she'd made, but promised to stay involved so you'll still see her around, from time to time. In fact, she's already volunteered to work a shift at the State Fair.

She is sorely missed already. She is a great asset to the right-to-life movement. We wish her well and hope she will be happy in her new employment.

Thanks a bunch!!

Pastors, church reps, volunteers and donors are responsible for making our Mother's Day rose tribute a great success, and WE THANK YOU!

With your constant support of pro-life activities, we are able to offer free literature, books, videos, fetal models, speakers, etc. to students, schools, churches and the general public.

Please stop in for a visit and become acquainted with the staff and the free pro-life materials available.

Bowling for Life

This is the twentieth year that we've hosted our "Bowling for Life FUNdraiser," and we're looking forward to seeing both new and old friends. Come on out on Sunday, July 28 and have a great time of fun and fellowship—no one is a stranger in a pro-life crowd. Gift certificates for everyone. See page 3 for complete details. Call the office for information/pledge sheets.

Telechain

Our chapter has reinstated the telechain which is vital when trying to get a message to a legislator in Lansing or Washington when an important bill is coming to the floor or is up for a vote. Legislators can be reached more readily by telephone or e-mail as letters are being delayed because of the anthrax scare.

Lifespan institutes the message and calls the first person on the chain, who then calls the next person, who calls the next person, etc. If the person you are to call is not home, you skip that name and go on to the next person on your list, etc.

You rarely ever speak to the legislator, you'll probably talk to an aide who is recording calls, both pro and con. Leave your name and address, and ask for a written reply from the legislator. Very simple, but very effective.

Will you make the commitment to be a part of this telechain? Please call the office at the number below with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address (if you have one), and your name will be added. You will then be sent a list of names on the telechain.

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

My sincere thanks to all who made our Mother's Day Dinner such a great success. To the committee—Well Done! Your metro Detroit pro-life organization, Lifespan, is vibrant and progressive—thanks to its strong volunteer leaders. The day of the event, due to time constraints, I decided not to introduce the key people who made up our Mother's Day Dinner Committee. I would like to remember them here in my column—they did a marvelous job.

- ♦ Irene Tharp—Dinner Chairman who pulled it all together—from invitations to registration
- ♦ Diane Trombley—Media and registration
- ♦ Lynn Gura—Invaluable help in the Oakland/Macomb office
- ♦ Marge Bradley—Updated and laid out Resource Book; processed ads
- ♦ Ann Sands—Arrangement and placement of photos and ads in Resource Book
- ♦ Pat Holscher—Invitations
- ♦ Leslie Leposky—Invitations and statistics
- ♦ Kay Brown—Hospitality
- ♦ Kim DeSalle—Organized teen assistance during event

Auction Committee

- ♦ Phyllis Sullivan—Co-Chairman
- ♦ Mary Beth Ritter—Co-Chairman
- ♦ Judy Ward—Collected and organized items

Special Acknowledgements

- ♦ Viviano's—Beautiful flower arrangements
- ♦ San Marino Club—Delicious food, and beautiful accommodations

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

Diane



LIFE CHAIN OF Metro Detroit

National Life Chain Sunday

October 6, 2002 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

On Woodward, Gratiot and Middlebelt and at intersection of Wayne and Warren

Thousands of participants will stand in witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs we hold deliver the message that **Abortion Kills Children, Adoption is the Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women, Pray to End Abortion and Life, the First Inalienable Right.** Will YOU stand with us on October 6? Call (248) 777-9090.

COLLEGE



LIFEsavers

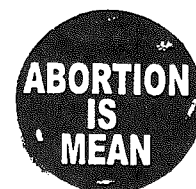


Do you have a son, daughter, niece or nephew, grandchild, sister, brother or friend going off to college in August or September? When he or she gets to their dorm, it is likely that they will find a "gift" box on the bed or the desk. These boxes frequently contain a candy bar, a toothbrush, a phone number from the local pizza delivery store and other such goodies. Unfortunately, more and more often they also contain the telephone number to the local Planned Parenthood clinic, and sometimes, birth control devices printed with a message to "be careful."

We, at Lifespan, would like to give your students a real gift package when they begin their college adventure. We would like to send a gift package that could turn out to be a real "gift of life" for some of our students.

If you provide Lifespan, Oakland/Macomb Chapter 248-816-1546, with the name and college address of your favorite student and \$5.00 for shipping, we will send him or her a Lifeline Gift Pack which will include:

- ★ A pro-life T-shirt
- ★ A pen with the notation "My Dad Loves ME"
- ★ A flexible 12-inch ruler that shows the accurate development of a baby in the inch increments
- ★ A button bearing the slogan, "Abortion is Mean"
- ★ A "Tiny Feet" lapel pin
- ★ A wall poster and bookmark, each of which shows a baby's hand being held safely by an adult's hand and the words, "Take my hand, not my life."
- ★ Two short educational pieces from Feminists for Life (appropriate for men too)
- ★ The e-mail address for American Collegians for Life
- ★ And last, but not least, a roll of Lifesaver candies—a reminder that life is sweet and to be savored



Donations have been made In loving memory of:

Stephanie Trainor
Janice Del Campo
Dorothy White

Given by: Frank & Vivian Hutira

Patrick Colias

Given by: Mrs. James Conway

Dolores Tata

Given by: Gloria Minando
Maria Gorton

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.

Crisis hotline numbers

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office listed on pages 8 or 9. 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 (586) 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, please call 800-281-2102.

WANTED: TREASURERS

LIFESPAN INC & OAKLAND/MACOMB CHAPTER

Accounting or bookkeeping
skills necessary

One meeting per month required

Will keep books of organization

Advise on budget, etc.

Call

Lifespan, Inc. Main Office

248-777-9090

Oakland/Macomb Chapter

248-816-1546



Dear Friends,

June has arrived—and with it—graduations, weddings, vacations and lots of Wee Care babies!

Please, as you celebrate these special occasions and enjoy the warm, fun days of summer, keep our little ones in your thoughts.

If you go to or have a garage sale, we can always use clean, gently-used newborn clothing (up to size 6 months), crib sheets, baby towels and receiving blankets.

If you would like to come in one day and volunteer to help sort clothes, we can always use you!

We can also use computer paper-sized empty boxes and shopping bags with handles (paper, not plastic)!

Most importantly, we can use your prayers—for our moms, our babies and our Wee Care program.

Thank you and have a beautiful summer!

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

A Program of Right to Life - Lifespan

PS: Happy Father's Day to all our special Dads and Grandpas!

Calendar of Events

June 1 ... Nurses for Life/CPC Conf.
June 22 Prayer vigil, p. 8
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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.



_____ Annual Membership \$ 20.00
_____ Student/Senior Member \$ 10.00

_____ Monthly pledge \$ _____
_____ Other \$ _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

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.

What is a Dad?

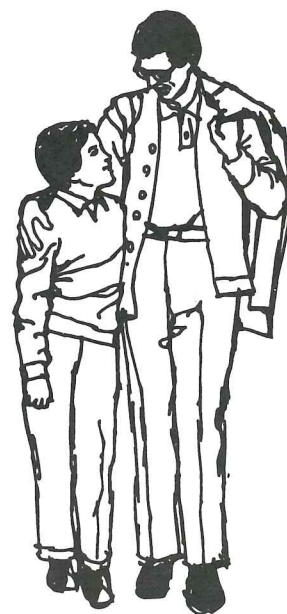
*A Dad is a person who is loving and kind,
and often he knows what
you have on your mind.
He's someone who listens,
suggests and defends.*

*A Dad can be one of your very best friends.
He's proud of your triumphs,
but when things go wrong,
a Dad can be patient and helpful and strong.*

In all that you do, a Dad's love plays a part.

*There's always a place for him
deep in your heart.*

*And each year that passes,
you're even more glad,
more grateful and proud
just to call him your Dad!*



Happy Father's Day, Dad!!

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit
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