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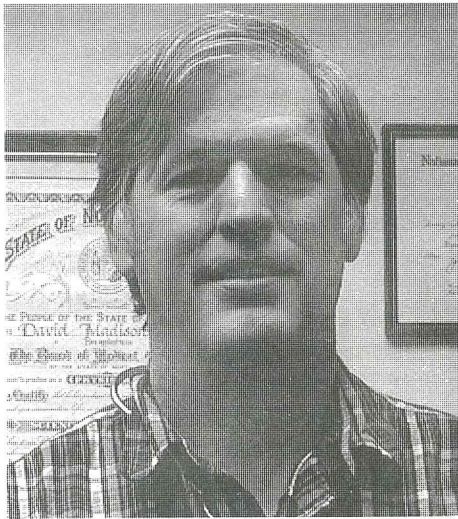
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Right to Life - Lifespan Legislative Breakfast



David Ramsey, M.D.



State Representative Andrew Raczowski

Saturday, September 28

9:00 - 11:30 a.m. • Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Burton Manor

27777 Schoolcraft, Livonia

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

Reservations are required by Wednesday, September 18

\$18.00 per person (\$7.50 for students 21 or younger)

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For more information, see page 3, and/or call (248) 777-9090 or (734) 422-6230

News & Notes

What is the other side up to?

"One of our major objectives in the 2002 election is to retain pro-choice leadership in the Senate," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL). "It's most important because of the potential of nominations to the Supreme Court."

NARAL's political action committee is spending more than \$50,000 for a radio ad backing Senator Robert Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat. Torricelli has a lead in the polls over millionaire businessman Douglas Forrester, the Republican he will face in the general election.

NARAL also plans to offer its help to Democratic candidates in Senate races in Colorado, Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oregon and Texas.

That help could take the form of running ads, contacting voters or assisting with get-out-the-vote activities.

The group plans to spend millions of dollars on the elections and will get involved in 10 to 15 races for the House as well as several governors' races, including races in Maryland, Michigan, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and possibly California.

—Excerpted from *NARAL Takes Aim at Senate Races*, by Will Lester, Associated Press Writer
Yahoo News, July 15, 2002

Attention, Pro-Life Teachers

Have you heard about Teachers Saving Children (TSC)? It is an organization of pro-life teachers whose primary purpose is a commitment to establishing a respect for all human life from conception to natural death, especially among professional educators' organizations.

Are you aware that the National Education Association affirms a woman's constitutional right to "reproductive freedom"? The NEA's definition of reproductive freedom "refers to dual rights—the rights to abortion and to carry a preg-

nancy to term." Through grassroots participation, TSC seeks to alter that position.

Through press releases, editorials and letter-writing campaigns, TSC is committed to informing educators and the public about life issues. If you are interested in becoming a member (\$25/year), please contact Connie Bancroft, president, at 330-537-2546 or tsc-life@juno.com or log on to their website at www.teachersavingchildren.org

Pro-life speech censored

In early May, two students at Houghton Lake High School in Houghton Lake, Michigan, were told to remove their Rock for Life t-shirts. One t-shirt said "Abortion is Mean" and the other said "Abortion is Homicide." The back of both shirts read, "You will not silence my message, you will not mock my God, you will stop killing my generation—Rock for Life."

Rock for Life, a division of American Life League, contacted the legal staff at Thomas More Law Center, which sent a demand letter to school officials at Houghton Lake seeking to secure the constitutional rights of these two students. One of the students has worn the pro-life shirt over 25 times the last two years without incident.

—Rock for Life Press Release
May 30, 2002

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Pro-Life Student Essay Contest ELIGIBILITY:



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

RULES:

1. The topic of the pro-life essay entry must feature one or more aspects of abortion, infanticide or euthanasia. The essay must be titled.
2. The essay shall be a minimum of 500 words, a maximum of 1000 words. No poems will be accepted.
3. The essay should be typed, but may be legibly handwritten.
4. Each entry must be the student's original work. One entry per student.
5. On the **BACK** only of the last page of the essay, the student must PRINT neatly his/her name, address, phone number, age and grade, name of school, plus the names of his/her parents or guardian.
6. Each entry becomes the property of Right to Life - Lifespan, and each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - Lifespan.
7. The essay shall be judged on content and style.
8. All entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience in the content. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.
9. Decisions of the judges shall be final.

10. All entries must be received by noon, Wednesday, November 6, 2002, and mailed or delivered to: Student Essay Contest 2002, Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., Suite 127, Livonia, MI 48152.

PRIZES:

First Prize: \$1000 Savings Bond
Second Prize: \$400 Savings Bond
Third Prize: \$200 Savings Bond

Prizes will be awarded at the Rally for Life, in January, 2003. The first-prize winner shall also be invited to read the winning essay at the Rally, and the winning entry shall be printed in *Lifespan News*. For more information, call Lifespan's Main Office (248) 777-9090.

Pro-Life Teen Concert

Christian Bands!

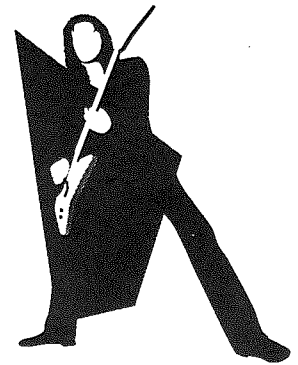
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Join Us For Breakfast! Saturday, September 28

Featured Speakers

Dr. David Ramsey is a family-practice physician at Sylva Medical Center, Sylva, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Florida State University with a major in philosophy and minors in chemistry and biology. He received his medical degree from the University of Florida.

He is a member of the North Carolina Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee, NC Academy of Family Physicians, Catholic Medical Association and National Catholic Bioethics Center. Since 1982 he has worked in family practice, obstetrics, surgery, ICU, nursery and ER in Sylva, NC. For 16 years, he has taught students with the University of North Carolina School of Medicine as adjunct faculty member and hosts first and second year medical students every year in his home as part of the school's introduction to clinical medicine.

Presently, Dr. Ramsey is a Natural Family Planning only physician, which includes obstetrics and pediatric care. He is an active and devout Christian, studying Christian ethical, moral, theological philosophy and history.

Dr. Ramsey is a very committed pro-life doctor who not only wholeheartedly espouses his beliefs in his medical practice, but whose guest editorials and letters to the editor on pro-life issues are frequently published and debated by the local media and medical journals.

Dr. Ramsey and his wife, Allene, have three children.

Editor's note: See back page to read one of Dr. Ramsey's editorials.

Representative Andrew Raczkowski, better known as "Rocky," represents the 37th District in the Michigan House of Representatives where he was the youngest lawmaker in the 89th Legislature.

Born on December 29, 1968, in Detroit, he graduated from Harrison High in Farmington, has a B.A. in Political Science from Eastern Michigan University and an M.A. in Human Resources from Central Michigan University; he completed his law degree at the Detroit College of Law at Michigan State.

His interest in politics began when he first volunteered in 1982 for Dick Headlee and then again in 1984 for Jack Lousma for Senate. Since then, he has volunteered and/or managed dozens of campaigns. He has continued his energetic manner of visiting schools, holding monthly office hours at senior centers and speaking locally to groups since being elected.

Representative Raczkowski served as the Majority Floor Leader for the House, is Vice Chairman of the Committee on Health Policy and has been appointed to standing committees including Criminal Justice, Regulatory Reform and the Appropriations Sub-Committee on the Department of Community Health.

He is currently an Operations Officer with the U.S. Army Reserve and serves at the rank of Captain.

Yes, count me in! I will attend Lifespan's Legislative Breakfast on Saturday, September 28!

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

Name (s) _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Area Code/Phone _____

Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all people for whom you are ordering tickets, on another sheet of paper if needed, so that we may assign seats with legislators and other constituents from their districts.



Chapter

Office hours

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

Fair workers needed

Lifespan will again be at the Michigan State Fair and will need volunteers to be at our booth. Your admission to the Fair is free if you work one of our four-hour shifts. We still have a few shifts open, so call today to help.

Besides having a great time exploring the Fair before or after your shift, you will feel good about helping us spread the pro-life message to the thousands of fairgoers who pass by our booth. Detroit is responsible for fill-

ing Monday, August 26th and Tuesday, August 27th, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Call 313-640-8534 today!

Message from God

When God wants an important thing in this world done, or a wrong righted, He goes about it in a very singular way. He doesn't release His thunderbolts or stir up His earthquakes. He simply has a tiny baby born, perhaps in a very humble home, perhaps of a very humble mother. And, He puts the idea into the mother's heart and He puts it in the baby's mind, then—God waits. The great events of this world are not battles and elections and earthquakes and thunderbolts. The great events are babies, for each child comes with a message that God is not discouraged with man, but is

still expecting goodwill to become incarnate in each human life.

—Edward McDonald

Helpers of God's Precious Infants

"Helpers" primary goals include praying and counseling at two abortion clinics on east Eight Mile Rd. near Gratiot and sponsoring formal prayer vigils four times per year. The next prayer vigil is **Saturday, September 21**. It will be led by Bishop Leonard Blair and begins with Mass at St. Paul's on the Lake Church in Grosse Pointe Farms. Call 313-530-4539.

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Entertainment enticements

Entertainment books will arrive in our office on August 19th. You all know how great these books are for your own personal use and they make terrific gifts—Christmas is coming! Last year's sale was so successful that the company has no "left over" books to offer as a pre-sale incentive for this year. Instead, they are offering a free "Fine Dine" card (\$15.00 value). These cards will allow you to revisit those restaurants that have already "punched" your Entertainment card and you will be able to enjoy the same cost savings you had at your first

visit. This year's book also has several opportunities for all you golfers to save lots of money as well as opportunities to save at area grocery stores. Order your books by calling the office, 248-816-1546.

Adoption option

Those who have formed their families by way of adoption are especially blessed. Most of them pray for the biological parents of their children each day. The following is a poem, posted on the Adoption.com web site. Adoptive parents and pro-lifers can't help but be touched by it:

Choose

How many times have I heard
the word "choose" in this sense?
That I CHOSE not to parent
a child of my womb.
That I CHOSE not to love
a piece of my Soul.
That I CHOSE not to hold him
deep in the night.
That I CHOSE not to help him
walk his very first step.

What I REALLY did CHOOSE was
a family to love him
as much as they could.
A house to be his home
with his very own bed
A better LIFE than I could provide
in my circumstances.

And although I know that I can
never have back
those things that I've lost,
I know that he has them,
And that is enough.

—Cherie Leonard, Nov. 5, 1997

When you hear someone say that abortion is the choice that women want most, think of Cherie and all the other birth moms who have loved their children enough to let them live.

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Thank you, students!

We were pleasantly surprised when Susan Stepien, church representative for St. Dunstan Church, presented us with a \$280.80 check.

The H₂O Junior High Youth Group from that parish had a "pretzel sale" after all the Masses for Lifespan.

We plan to use some of this unexpected money for a set of educational posters which document the growth stages of a baby for nine months in the womb. These colorful 16"x20" posters are an excellent teaching tool for schools, hospitals or doctors' offices.

Our thanks to Mrs. Susan Vaclavek for allowing her group to do this for Lifespan and to the students for selecting us to be the recipient of their fundraiser.

Fairs and festivals...

Are you having a fair or festival at your church or in your community where Lifespan could have an educational booth? Just let us know. Will travel. Fetal models packed and ready to go. Have informative pamphlets. Speakers available on request. We're just a phone call away. Help us to get the truth to the public on the atrocities of abortion which the media refuse to report.

Lost!!!

Lifespan's set of fetal models is lost. They are in a 16"x17" gold box which reads, "How You Were Born" with the name, "Life Cycle Books" printed on it. If you have borrowed them in the last two years, please check your church, school, closets, car trunk, basement and storage area. I know no one would deliberately keep them, but may have used them for a special occasion and forgot to return them.

Also, please check your video collection for videos which might belong to Lifespan; some of ours are missing.

We'd like to continue our free-lending library of pro-life materials; however, when items are not returned, it's costly. If you have any of these items, please give us a call.

Michigan State Fair

If you and your family are planning to go to the State Fair this year, make sure you stop by the Lifespan booth to say, "hello." Our educational booth with the beautiful soft fetal models and pro-life literature always draws crowds. Our presence is important because many people only know what they hear and see in the media regarding abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, and many churches do not address these issues either. As thousands of people go by, we have the opportunity to share the realities of these Life issues and can even suggest productive legislative action.

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From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

How small is a living organism before it becomes insignificant? I was watching an ant the other day and it struck me how small and insignificant this ant seemed. Yet, I doubt that to an ant colony their fellow ants are insignificant.

What in the world does this have to do with our issue? Before you think I have gone completely bonkers, allow me to give you my thoughts.

Anyone who has flown knows how small and ant-like we on the ground appear to those at 20,000 feet above. Yet everyone of us is important—we are all very significant no matter how small we look. As you look down from the plane you see small figures moving through neighborhoods, shopping centers, schools, etc. You see human beings, small but still living out their hopes and dreams. Why then have we been allowed to kill 4000 of these humans every day. Maybe it is because these little humans are so small we see them as meaningless and insignificant. Maybe because we, homo sapiens, our losing our identity and the importance of knowing and caring for each other. It is, in my humble opinion, a part of the "me" generation—what's important is *me, my family, my friends, my neighborhood, my home*. It used to be *our God, our country, our home, our family, our city and our neighbors* which were of prime importance. Maybe it is time to see us human beings again as special—the highest and most significant of God's creation. It is time that our children are taught that the birth of another human being is the greatest gift given to the world and not just another insignificant creature using up natural resources. Pregnant women should not be looked at with distaste as if they have a disease—they should be given respect and a high place in our society. It is OK to work for the betterment of yourself and family—as long as the smallest of our society is not trampled on in order for you to obtain your ambitious personal desires.

So now, let me get back to my small ants. What do you observe when you lift up a rock or log and disturb an ant colony? Do you see them fleeing away in all directions? No. You see a frantic effort to grab

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



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Dear Representative (last name):

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

The U.S. House of Representatives on July 24 approved the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act by a lopsided, bipartisan vote of 274-151.

Congress has approved national bans on partial-birth abortion twice before, but they were vetoed by Clinton in 1996 and 1997. On each occasion, the House voted to override the vetoes, but supporters fell short of the necessary two-thirds majority in the Senate.

The Senate last considered the bill in 1999, when 63 senators voted to pass it (including 14 Democrats), with an additional two supporters absent. **Yet the bill is in peril in the Senate, because Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) is closely allied with the pro-abortion lobby, which vehemently opposes the bill.** "If the ban on partial-birth abortion does not reach President Bush for his signature, the blame will rest squarely on the Senate Democratic leadership," said National Right to Life Committee Legislative Director Douglas Johnson.

—NRLC Press Release, July 24, 2002

Born-Alive Infants Protection Act

The U.S. Senate on July 18 gave final congressional approval to the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act (HR2175). The bill would guarantee that live-born infants are afforded full legal rights under federal law, regardless of their stage of development or whether their live births occurred during an abortion.

"Some newborn infants, especially those who are born alive during abor-

tions, have been treated as non-persons," said National Right to Life Legislative Director Douglas Johnson. "This bill says that every infant born alive, even during an abortion and even if premature, is a full legal person under federal law."

Babies whose lungs are insufficiently developed to permit sustained survival are often spontaneously delivered alive, and may live for hours or days. Others are delivered alive during attempted late-term abortions or even as a method of late-term abortion.

When the legislation was originally introduced in 2000 by Congressman Charles Canady (R-FL) (since retired), it was attacked by some pro-abortion groups, but they later muted their criticism. The bill passed the House 380-15 on September 26, 2000, but it was killed in the Senate by anonymous objection at the end of the 2000 session. The legislation was reintroduced in the current Congress by Congressman Steve Chabot (R-OH) and Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA). It passed the House on March 12 by a voice vote, and on July 18 cleared the Senate by unanimous consent.

The bill would codify (for federal law purposes only) the traditional definition of "born alive" that is already found in the laws of most states: complete expulsion from the mother, accompanied by heartbeat, respiration, and/or voluntary movements. The bill would also codify the traditional principle that the legal term "person" and other equivalent terms "shall include every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development."

—National Right to Life Committee, Inc.
Press Release, July 19, 2002

Human Cloning Ban Delayed Until November

After first stalling debate on the issue for months and then by using procedural methods in formulating the ground rules for the debate, Senator Tom Daschle, (D-SD) succeeded in making the climate for a vote on the issue of creating cloned human embryos unfavorable to its passage. The Brownback/Landrieu Bill (S 1899) would have prohibited all reproductive and "therapeutic" cloning of human embryos. Mr. Daschle maneuvered the voting process in such a way that a defeat would be assured for the ban. Senate watchers did not feel that either S 1899 or other measures offered by Senator D. Feinstein (D-CA) had the 60 votes necessary for passage. Daschle maintains that it did not matter if S 1899 was voted on first or second and scheduled S 1899 for the first round of votes. Mr. Brownback (R-KA) felt strongly that if the ban were voted on first, and not passed, the alternative bill, which does not ban "therapeutic cloning" would receive more votes than expected as a "compromise."

This puts the issue of human cloning over until after the November election. A change in the makeup of the Senate, either for Republicans or Democrats will have a significant impact on future votes on this issue. It is critical that pro-life senators be elected in November.

Bush Withholds UNFPA Money

The Bush administration will not pay \$34 million earmarked for U.N. family planning programs overseas, an initiative aimed at controlling population and one that pro-life groups charge tolerates abortions and forced sterilizations in China.

The president has already signed into law the foreign aid bill that contains the \$34 million. But when he did so in January, he noted in an accompanying statement that it gives him "additional discretion to determine the appropriate level of funding for the United Nations Population Fund."

Two administration officials said Bush is now likely to channel the \$34

million to family planning organizations run by the State Department's Agency for International Development that are not directly involved in abortion.

Critics of the decision said it was driven by politics. Pro-abortion Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) attributed it to the White House's "mindless zeal to take care of their right-wing base."

But Deal Hudson, editor of the Catholic magazine *Crisis*, praised Bush's move. "My information is that it's permanently withheld, and that's good news to people who think like I do," Hudson said. "The U.N. population fund is bad policy because it relies on population control rather than economic development to address problems of poverty; and the problem is not population, the problem is underdevelopment."

ACTION: Contact President George W. Bush; thank him for his decision to withhold funding from the UNFPA. The White House Comment line is (202) 456-1111 (9 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern), or e-mail president@whitehouse.gov

—*Pro-Life Infonet*, #2754, July 22, 2002

U.S. Senators to Vote on Pro-Abortion Treaty Soon

Before August 1, the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee will vote to recommend whether the U.S. should ratify a treaty called the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). [This measure has lain idle in the Senate since 1980.]

Pro-life organizations strongly oppose ratification of CEDAW because it has been construed by U.N. agencies, by the European Parliament, and by pro-abortion activists in the United States to be inconsistent with any limitations on abortion.

Michael Schwartz, vice president of government relations at Concerned Women for America, said abortion advocates have been trying to push this vote for one reason only.

"This whole business is just a political stunt to try and have some influence on the November elections," Schwartz said. "The Democrats are going to vote for it and then take their

bows for people who are in favor of women's rights, and the Republicans will oppose it and then you can blame them for being in favor of discrimination against women." Schwartz added: "That's a cheap trick."

For more information on the dangers of the CEDAW treaty, see a letter from National Right to Life at <http://www.nrlc.org/Federal/LegUpdates/july152002letter.html>

ACTION: Pro-life advocates are encouraged to contact their Senators and ask them to strongly oppose the CEDAW treaty. You can contact your Senators at 202-224-3121 or find specific contact information (fax, phone and email) at http://www.senate.gov/senators/senator_by_state.cfm

—*Pro-Life Infonet*, #2757, July 24, 2002

Legislative Action Center

National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) has just added a sophisticated Legislative Action Center to its website at www.nrlc.org. This new component of the website—powered by CapWiz, the premiere online legislative advocacy tool—will give you the latest information on pro-life issues in Congress.

The Legislative Action Center contains easy-to-use tools to help you to identify your elected representatives and send them just the right message at the right time.

Just type in your zip code, and you will see all sorts of helpful information displayed about your two U.S. Senators and your U.S. House member—including how they have voted on major pro-life issues, and whether they have cosponsored specific good or bad bills that NRLC is monitoring. You also can view the latest alerts and updates on what is happening in Congress, including suggested messages to representatives on upcoming votes.

Election Calendar 2002

October 7

Last date to register for November general election.

November 2

Deadline for absentee ballot requests for November general election.

November 5

General election—VOTE!

If EMILY's List Supports a Candidate, What Does That Tell You?

By Carol Tobias, NRL PAC Director

If the political action committee (PAC) known as EMILY's List is directing money to a candidate for public office, you can be sure of three things:

- * The candidate is a woman.
- * The candidate is a Democrat.
- * The candidate opposes any and all limitations on abortion and supports full tax funding of abortion.

EMILY's List is usually described as a PAC organized to help elect Democratic women who support abortion. EMILY's List specializes in "bundling" — that is, funneling large numbers of contributions from individual donors to the candidates to whom it awards slots on its "list." But to get on the list, it is not sufficient just to generally support legal abortion or *Roe v. Wade*. EMILY's List helped elect two women U.S. senators, Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Blanche Lincoln Lambert (D-AR), in 1996 and 1998, respectively.

In 1999, the Senate considered the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. Both Landrieu and Lambert first voted for a "substitute amendment" that would have gutted the ban — but when that attack failed, they also voted to pass the ban. That was enough to get them excommunicated by EMILY's List.

In the group's December 1999 newsletter, EMILY's List President Ellen Malcolm stated that it would no longer support the two senators because they had voted to ban partial-birth abortions. Malcolm wrote, "Since these senators no longer meet EMILY's List's criteria on choice, they will be removed from the EMILY's List advisory committee and will no longer be eligible for EMILY's List support."

In its report on this incident, a Capitol Hill newsletter noted, "In the future, the group hopes to ensure that its candidates support abortion rights in all its manifestations" (CQ Congressional Monitor, October 6, 1993).

In 1994, EMILY's List refused to support a generally pro-abortion woman in Wyoming because she didn't meet their criteria. Kathy Karpan, who ran for governor, stated, "I flunk the litmus test because I do

not believe in government-funded abortion on demand and I do not believe in including abortion in any health care reform."

If a candidate in your state has been endorsed by EMILY's List, you should make every effort to publicize what that means: A candidate supported by EMILY's List supports tax funding of abortion on demand and supports partial-birth abortion.

—National Right to Life News, June 2002

Letter from the President

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on to the growing larvae and protect the future ants. Just observe this if you haven't already. It's fascinating. Could it be that these little creatures, though seemingly very insignificant, have more intelligence than we? They know the importance of their species even when it is in the early stage of development. They know that their survival depends on future generations. With all our knowledge, somehow we higher beings have lost this very basic concept. Many of us express grave concern about harm to the young of other species, but care not for our own. We are in impending danger of losing our future.

Diane

Donations have been made— In loving memory of:

Stanley Freville

Given by: Ray and Pat Kelly

Marjorie Evans

Given by: Diane and Jerry Fagelman
Joe and Carmen Mosquera

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. Donations may be sent to your local Lifespan office.

What's Up With the YOUTH?

Lifespan has been gathering pro-life youth for a monthly meeting at the Troy office since April, on the second Friday of each month.

Teens from various youth groups and schools in Oakland County have attended, but this is open to ALL teens from the Detroit Metro area. If you would like your area's Lifespan office to host this type of meeting, CALL THEM! It takes just one spark to start a blazing fire, maybe you will be that spark!

Our meetings are intended to support pro-life kids, and give them the resources and fellowship they need to encourage them in their mission. We talk about up-coming pro-life events that are geared toward teens, talk about questions they may have concerning pro-life issues, or how to respond to those who are not pro-life. The kids share notes on their mission, and enjoy meeting other kids like them from other schools, who face the same triumphs or obstacles spreading the pro-life message. Those who have started a pro-life club in their school or church, or are already in one, help those who are just starting.

August 10th, 6:00-9:00 p.m., St. Anastasia Parish Hall in Troy will be the place to be if you are a pro-life teen! Our 3rd concert will be there with pizza, pop, free stuff and Christian bands who support pro-lifers like YOU. St. A's is located on John R Rd., south of Long Lake and north of Wattles. \$4 at the door, food is on us, but if you are feeling grateful, we could really use an optional donation to enable us to do more fun stuff for this nation's future pro-life leaders !!!

If you can't make it, please pray for those who come to the pro-life meetings every second Friday of the month—that the Holy Spirit will place in these youth a deep love for their mission, in working toward a time when all people will once again proclaim and protect the sanctity of all human life.

*Friends for Life,
Kim DiSalle, Youth Coordinator
Chelsea Babbish, Youth Representative*





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13th Annual LIFE CHAIN of Metro Detroit

National Life Chain Sunday

October 6, 2002 - 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

- Woodward, from 10 to 12 Mile Rds.
- Gratiot, from 13 to 16 Mile Rds.
- Gratiot, at 6 Mile Rd.
- Middlebelt, from Jamison
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Thousands of participants will stand on the sidewalks in witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care. The signs will deliver the messages that **Abortion Kills Children, Adoption is the Loving Option, Abortion Hurts Women, Pray to End Abortion and Life—The First Inalienable Right.** This is what is known as a LIFE CHAIN. This peaceful, prayerful event will provide a visual statement of unity by the metro Detroit church community. Our thirteenth annual LIFE CHAIN is scheduled in conjunction with National Life Chain Sunday. **Will YOU invest one afternoon to help save a lifetime? Invite your church or group to become one of the co-sponsors of LIFE CHAIN. Call (248) 777-9090 for details.**

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Humanity is determined by how we care for the helpless

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suggested suicide pills for those "old people ... tired of life." A recent study showed 20 percent of 1,000 euthanasia/PAS patients had not asked to be killed. 59 percent of their doctors do not report euthanasia or PAS as required by law. Already in Oregon, three of the safeguards required by law have all been adhered to in only 34.2 percent of cases. As for "horrific ways people die," "death with dignity," and "strict guidelines and safeguards" check out the Hemlock Society web-page for their helpful book on how to kill yourself with a plastic bag! Yes, "letters and phone calls to our government officials are needed immediately," but to voice support for the laws that continue to make it a crime for your physician to help kill you.

I will always stand by my 2,000-year-old physician ideals, my oath in which killing is not an option. If this secular world is all you have, why hurry death or let others help you hurry it; when it is over, it really is over. Most religions believe in an afterlife and many also believe that killing is a grave sin (pun intended). Could physician assisted suicide put you and your physician's salvation in jeopardy? There are many times in life when we are all unhappy, miserable, and even suffer despite the fake ideal of continual nirvana on earth that this country fosters. My belief is that our character, morality, and humanity are and will help to be determined by how we care for our helpless, disabled, elderly and the suffering, never by how we kill them.

Dr. David M. Ramsey III, is a graduate of Florida State University with a major in philosophy and minors in chemistry and biology. He has a Medical Degree from the University of Florida and is currently a family physician in Sylva [North Carolina].

—Asheville Citizen-Times, May 15, 2002
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Victory and UN Child Summit

The final document does not promote abortion, and many countries put in excellent reservations at the end, affirming the right to life from conception and stating that the family has the primary responsibility for its children. I am so grateful that pro-life President George W. Bush is in charge of the U.S. He is the best hope for obtaining a culture of life in the world.

—Peter Smith, Society for the Protection of Unborn Children & The International Right to Life Federation

During the 1990s, those of us who were active on the international scene would have asked what you were smoking had you predicted the above quote would someday accurately describe a UN meeting.

The story during the 90s was a dreary repetition of succeeding UN meetings. Anti-life, anti-family officials had taken control of most of the United Nations delegations. They were radically pro-abortion feminists, for abortion-on-demand from childhood, without parents' knowledge or consent, in every nation in the world. They saw motherhood as demeaning and marriage as enslavement of women. Teenagers should be supplied with any and all types of contraceptives, for they were to be given total sexual freedom. All of these radical policies were embraced and aggressively promoted by Clinton appointees, Canada and the nations of the European Union, who led the assault on time honored, traditional values.

Then, President George W. Bush was elected. Since almost all of the U.S. delegation is appointed and does not need Senate confirmation, Mr. Bush was able to fairly quickly replace the Clinton people.

The World Summit for Children was to be held in the fall of 2001. In the several months before that, preliminary negotiations had become bogged down. Then in a June 2001 meeting, a Canadian delegate inadvertently admitted publicly that the term "reproductive health services" in fact did include abortion. It was unheard of that their treasured phrase would have been so openly and accurately defined by one of their own. At the time it led to pandemonium in the negotiating room and everything came to a

halt. Negotiations later proceeded, but were abruptly stopped by the September 11th tragedy, which postponed everything for the next six months.

Negotiations on the Child Summit document resumed in April 2002. Again there was a deadlock over abortion-related terms. The standoff was the same as it had been in the past, except this time, the leader of the pro-life forces was the United States. Against tremendous pressure from its former allies, the U.S. delegates fought to exclude language from the outcome document that recognized the right of adolescents to abortion, abortion-on-demand, etc. The U.S. delegates fought determinedly to keep the phrase "reproductive health" out of the document. They also fought against the previous wording that would have been destructive of the traditional family, and they sought to delete the phrase "various forms of the family." While deleting the negatives, the U.S. tried to introduce a totally different way to address reproductive issues. Allied with the U.S. were the previous co-combatants of a number of other nations, plus Muslim countries, including Sudan, Iran, Pakistan and the Holy See, which has no formal vote but nevertheless has influence at the UN. As the time grew short and the deadline of May 10 loomed, frustration grew among the radical delegates while, at the same time, the pro-life, pro-family delegates dug in their heels and held on. Their goal was to negotiate, in good faith, a document that truly protected children. They wanted to and did succeed in largely providing strong provisions against child pornography and child prostitution, as well as, protecting children from armed conflicts, all of which had been rejected by the other countries. Finally, of all things, the United States inserted into the document, arguments for sexual abstinence. In the end, the tables had been completely turned, and a major UN meeting had not only held the line on traditional values but had overturned a significant number of previously accepted radical statements from other meetings.

—Excerpted from *Victory at UN Child Summit*, by J. C. Willke, MD, Life Issues Connector, July 2002

Educational Center for Life

Thank you to all who have responded so generously in support of our "Abstinence until Marriage" billboard campaign! We are in the final two months of our one-year contract. The four slogans that were used throughout the year at rotating sites in the metro Detroit area are: "Don't Buy the Lie—Save Sex for Marriage," "Prove Your Love—Save Sex for Marriage," "Keep It Real—Save Sex for Marriage" and "Y Settle For Less?—Save Sex For Marriage." The current billboard location is in Ferndale, on Woodward Ave., north of Eight Mile Rd.

Recently we received this comment: "Today I saw your billboard in Ferndale. About two years ago, our local school district had planned to teach hands-on condom use to high school students. As a father, I knew this concept was outrageous. I spent about 18 months researching the concept of sex education and the reasons for it being taught. After all my research and watching our local school district along with local media ignore the truth...the truth does need to be told. Thank you!"

A donation has been made to ECL, by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schepansky, in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Stockman. Congratulations!

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Dear Friends,
S a m a n t h a
Runnion, the pre-

cious little five-year-old who was murdered recently in California, caused our hearts to break over and over again as her smiling little face kept appearing on our televisions. Our hearts were crushed as we grieved for her parents and grandparents. What could we do besides pray for them? What we really wanted to do was to hold our own little ones and never, never let them go.

I came to work the day her tiny body was found. There were so many requests for help that day. One special call came in—another little "Samantha" had been born and her mom desperately needed baby clothes and blankets for her newborn daughter.

Because of your continuing support of Wee Care, I was able to help that mom and so many others that day by providing for their little ones and bringing a tiny bit of happiness to their families, as the rest of the nation wept for little Samantha Runnion.

May our prayers be for Samantha's family, and for our country, that everyone treasures and protects each and every life.

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

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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 4 and 5. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number 800-BETHANY. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigayle Ministries 586-326-0459 or Casa Vitae 248-559-5407.

For post-abortion counseling, call PACE 734-455-5255 or Project Rachel 888-722-4355.

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

Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide. If a relative, friend or even yourself are in need of this counseling assistance, call 800-281-2102.

Calendar of Events

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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.



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Humanity is determined by how we care for the helpless, not how we kill them

Editor's Note: Lifespan is pleased and honored to welcome Dr. David Ramsey as one of our invited guest speakers at our Legislative Breakfast on September 28. Breakfast details: pp. 1 & 3.

By David Ramsey, M.D.

In the 25 years of my medical practice it has been a rare event to have one of my patients in "horrific" agony (emotionally or physically) during their final moments in life. There have always been means to help relieve suffering, and more become available almost daily. I have seen a lot more suffering in routine life events such as heart attacks, loss of a child, burns, difficulty breathing with severe pneumonia, as well as during other anguishing and potentially terminal moments. It has never crossed my mind to hasten these patients' deaths or of those who are truly terminal. Life itself is a terminal condition and our knowledge of terminal conditions is humanly finite. Many live happily for much longer than our predictions. The American Medical Association's Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs still terms physician assisted suicide "fundamentally incompatible with the physician's role as healer." Ruth Beard's "Contemplating the odds and ends" (*Asheville Citizen-Times*, April 30) needs to be read in the light of some of the real facts of physician assisted suicide (PAS) and how it supposedly "helps" terminal patients.

Her statement of "months and years in physical or mental severe disability" is a clue as to why disability groups are some of PAS's strongest critics. Disability rights lawyer Diane Coleman has observed, PAS is "primarily promoted by those who are white, well-off, worried and well." A U.S. Dept. of Health study of 998 terminally ill patients showed 10.6 percent initially interested in

PAS, yet half of these had changed their mind in two months. The Oregon law requires three requests for death over a minimum time of 17 days. How many would have changed their mind with care that helps conserve people's dignity ("Dignity-Conserving Care", JAMA [Journal of the American Medical Association], May 1, 2002- V. 287, #17)? A painful death, "the horrific ways people die," was way down at number six on the worry list of the 21 PAS patients in Oregon last year. Loss of autonomy was number one. A little dignity-conserving care might have helped relieve the real causes of these patients' suffering and helped change their minds about suicide. Ms. Beard states "why force family members to endure untold burdens?" The Hemlock Society advocates PAS for the relief of whose suffering?

The promised "very strict guidelines and safeguards" she mentions have not happened in practice. In the Netherlands the slippery slope is already well slid on. In a few short years they have moved from assisted suicide to voluntary euthanasia, voluntary euthanasia for the terminally ill to that of the chronically ill, from physical illness to psychological illness, and from voluntary euthanasia to involuntary euthanasia. Their health minister recently



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