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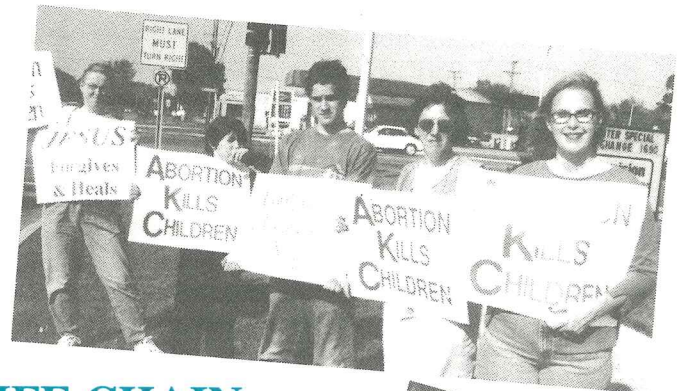
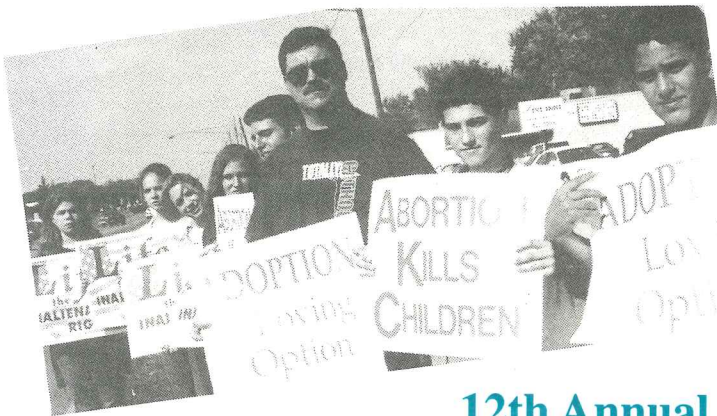
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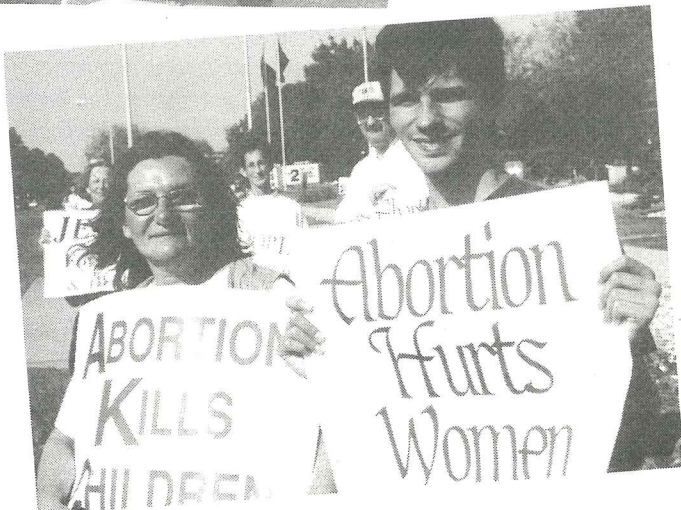
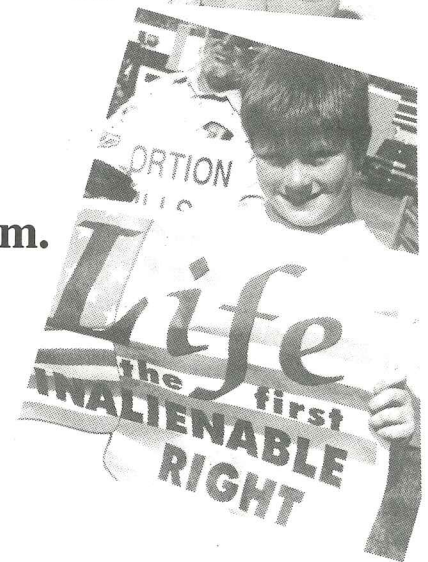
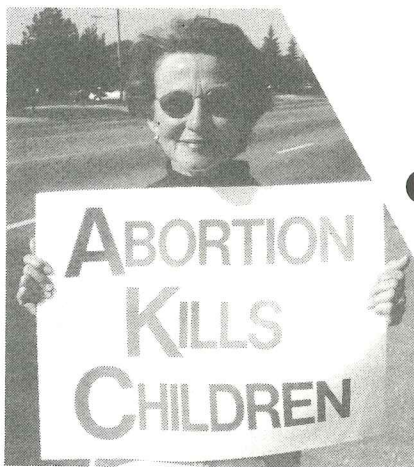


12th Annual LIFE CHAIN of Metro Detroit

National Life Chain Sunday

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- (see page 3 for more details)



News & Notes



A question of right or life

An article published by the *Michigan Catholic* on June 29th, written by John Rosengren of the Catholic News Service accuses its readers of being guilty of the execution of Timothy McVeigh.

At the same time a piece in a local church paper accused the pro-life movement of a curious silence in the face of the federal execution of McVeigh, strongly asserting, "You are either totally pro-life or you are not pro-life!" On the heels of the McVeigh controversy, there appears to be a growing movement among both the church and the unchurched to abandon capital punishment.

In order to clear whatever heavy air lurks around the pro-life movement, let us recall the recent past that brought us to this movement.

The pro-life movement rose from grass roots around the country by numerous peoples who believed that the mysterious child in the womb was a sublime gift from the same God who made heaven and earth. The Supreme Court decision in 1973, *Roe v. Wade*, declared that every mother had a legal right to have that same child destroyed. Immediately following, *Doe v. Bolton* extended that right to virtually the nine months of pregnancy. It is now 28 years later and it is reported that 40 million nascent children have been so destroyed.

(Aside from the human reactions to the above is the practical consideration that 40 million potential taxpayers have been summarily dropped from the rolls and neither do they pay Social Security.)

A cursory reading of the Bernard Nathanson books, (he who was once known as "the abortion doctor") reveals that, in order to produce a *Roe v. Wade* and a *Doe v. Bolton* a veritable army of brilliant activists stormed the country for years to turn the minds of the powerful to the "need" for destroying the unwanted in the womb. On the heels of their successes, a burgeoning disregard for persons already

born has produced such phenomena as child abuse by parents, school shootings by children and a Timothy McVeigh.

But, to return to the McVeigh execution and to the growing push to abolish capital punishment: *Time Almanac*, 2001 reports that 39 states still retain capital punishment. One of these permits hanging.

The pro-life movement burst on the consciousness of this nation in 1973 to answer *Roe*. It has since broadened its base to the 50 states where the carnage in abortion clinics still goes on. Should it now turn aside from protection of the innocent to focus on the 39 states who refuse to protect the guilty?

—Paula Ervin

Author of *Women Exploited—The Other Victims of Abortion*

Calendar of Events

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Michigan Nurses for Life (MNFL) invites you to attend its very informative and educational meetings. All meetings (except seminar, noted below) are located at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 1100 Lone Pine Rd., on the northwest corner of Lone Pine and Telegraph Rds., in Bloomfield Hills.

November 13, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Garrett, Ph.D. will speak on Scientific and Social Implications of the Human Genome Project.

January 8, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Anderson, M.D. will speak on End of Life Decisions Regarding Food and Fluids.

March 12, 7:00 p.m.

Barbara Lubinski, RN, MSN will speak on Respite Care for Chronically Ill, Disabled Children.

March 23, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

MNFL annual Spring Seminar with Dr. Diggs as the keynote speaker on the subject of Abstinence: Just Do It! Tentatively scheduled for Madonna University.

Membership in MNFL is only \$20/year. A donation of \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members is requested for the evening meetings. The public is always welcome. Non-nurse guests are free at the November 13 meeting—so invite a friend to come with you.

The purposes of Michigan Nurses for Life are:

...To raise the consciousness of the nursing profession to protect all human life from conception until natural death.

...To form an educated core of nurses who can speak for their profession by acting as a community resource for life issues.

...To promote public education and awareness about life issues on both ends of the spectrum, from abortion to euthanasia.

...To uphold and defend human life in all stages and conditions of development.

For more information, please call 248-816-8489.

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Church, Dearborn Heights

Our Lady of La Salette Catholic
Church, Berkley

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic
Church, Waterford

Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church
Redford

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic
Church, Detroit

Our Lady of Refuge Catholic
Church Orchard Lake

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic
Church, Grosse Pointe Woods

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Waterford

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St. Hugo of the Hills Catholic
Church, Bloomfield Hills

St. James Catholic Church
Ferndale

St. John Bosco Catholic Church
Redford

St. John Lutheran Church, Fraser

Sts. John and Paul Catholic
Church, Washington

St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic
Church, Warren

St. Joseph Catholic Church
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St. Jude Catholic Church, Detroit

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Church, St. Clair Shores

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Walled Lake

St. Maurice Catholic Church
Livonia

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Dearborn Heights

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Waterford

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Livonia

St. Raphael Catholic Church
Garden City

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic
Church, Redford

St. Sabina Catholic Church
Dearborn Heights

St. Stephen Lutheran Church
Waterford

St. Theodore Catholic Church
Westland

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic
Church, Shelby Twp.

St. Thomas More Catholic
Church, Troy

St. William Catholic Church
Walled Lake

Vision Ministries, Warren

Ward Presbyterian Church
Northville

Wayne Wesleyan Church

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 and Jesus Heals and Forgives.** This is what is known as a LIFE CHAIN. This peaceful, prayerful event will provide a visual statement of unity by the metro Detroit faith community. Our twelfth annual LIFE CHAIN is scheduled in conjunction with National Life Chain Sunday. **Will you invest one afternoon to help save a lifetime? Call (248) 777-9090 for details.**

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Stem cell research

The president's recent decision on embryonic stem cell research has created quite a stir. It seems that no one is really completely happy with the decision, which is usually the case when a compromise is reached, but there is one thing that we must not overlook. Mr. Bush emphasized that he would increase funding in the areas of adult, umbilical cord and placental stem cell research. This is extremely important. The mainstream media has done little reporting on this research, probably because there is no controversy surrounding it. Research using these types of stem cells is 5-10 years ahead of proposed embryonic stem cell research. Scientists have found ways to collect these stem cells, have encouraged them to grow and have found that some of these types of stem cells do indeed become whatever tissue is sought. There is still much that must be considered when speaking of embryonic stem cell research. It is good to know that proven research will continue. Perhaps this research will become so beneficial that the desire for embryonic stem cells will diminish.

Partial-birth abortion

Opposition to partial-birth abortions has gone underground since a Supreme Court decision last year struck down a Nebraska ban on them.

On June 28, 2000, the Supreme Court struck down a Nebraska late-term abortion law in *Stenberg v. Carhart*. The bitterly divided 5-4 ruling claimed the law imposed an undue burden on a woman's "right" to abortion and was supposedly so broadly written that it could ban any and all abortions.

"I don't think by any stretch we've disappeared from the scene," said pro-life Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) who introduced a bill banning the procedure last year. "We still think this is horrible."

Santorum and other pro-life advocates are rewriting partial-birth abortion bans to ensure they stay within the constitutional boundaries of the *Stenberg* ruling yet actually ban partial-birth abortions.

"The statute has to be rewritten to be more specific about what procedure is prohibited," said James Bopp, legal counsel for the National Right to Life Committee. "We have not yet recommended what we think is a proper approach to this matter. When we do, these bills will continue to enjoy overwhelming public and legislative support."

Congress passed bills in 1996 and 1998 banning partial-birth abortions, but President Clinton vetoed them, claiming they go against a woman's health.

President Bush has said he will sign a ban, but pro-life leaders in Congress have a formidable hurdle—the Senate.

"It may be more difficult to get it through the Senate with the Democrats now in control," said Jonathan Entin, who teaches law and political science at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. "There are people who feel very strongly about this decision, and the fact that they lost a Supreme Court case doesn't mean they are going to give up."

—Pro-Life Infonet, August 21, 2001

Carhart reinstated

LeRoy Carhart, the abortion practitioner who successfully challenged

Nebraska's ban on partial-birth abortions before the U.S. Supreme Court, was reinstated to his volunteer faculty position by the University of Nebraska.

The medical school in Omaha reinstated Carhart after he agreed to drop his lawsuit against the university. However, it is unclear what, if any, duties he will have.

Last summer, acting on a lawsuit filed by Carhart in 1997, the U.S. Supreme Court voted 5-4 to strike down Nebraska's partial-birth abortion ban.

Carhart sued the university after his dismissal from the school last year. He alleged the university terminated his position because of political pressure after the Supreme Court decision and news reports on how he was supplying fetal tissue from abortions for research at the school.

—*Pro-Life Infonet*, August 24, 2001

Justices deal setback to right to die movement

Family members may not withdraw feeding tubes from conscious but severely brain-damaged loved ones unless they clearly show that the patient would have wanted to die, the California Supreme Court held on August 9.

The unanimous ruling was a blow to the right-to-die movement and a defeat for the California Medical Association. It will probably affect thousands of patients, including Alzheimer's and stroke victims, who are conscious but unable to communicate their wishes. Tens of thousands of such patients linger in hospital beds nationwide.

Unless these patients have left specific written instructions or designated a surrogate decision maker, their legal conservators may not remove life-sustaining tubes without "clear and convincing" evidence that they would have wanted to die or that death would be in their best interest, the decision said. Life support still can be withdrawn from people who are unconscious—in a vegetative state or a coma—without clear evidence of their wishes. The decision affects those who

retain consciousness but have little, if any, awareness of their environment.

"The impact of this decision is that a number of people who are disabled will not have to fear that HMOs and managed care will be able to make decisions about them without it clearly being in their best interest," said neurologist Vincent Fortanasce.

—*Los Angeles Times*, August 10, 2001

Surrendering to euthanasia means accepting less of life

By José Bufill

The Dutch parliament's decision to legalize euthanasia reverses a universal attitude of respect for the process of death and dying, traditional in the Western societies for more than 2,000 years. For the first time in recorded history, a country has decided to sanction in law, as a reasonable act, the deliberate taking of a human life.

These events expose a deep fault line in our society defined by divergent notions of the human person and the value of suffering. Advocates of euthanasia argue that there can come a time when life becomes too difficult, suffering too burdensome, and when death—on my terms, when I want—is the only reasonable option in those extreme circumstances, and always taking proper safeguards, to relieve suffering by putting the person out of his or her misery may be the most compassionate response. What possible harm can be done by acting to end the life of a fellow human being in these circumstances?

Confronted by these tough questions, we might feel compelled to relent, to admit that, yes, a life like that should be erased. As a medical oncologist, I have struggled with the hard cases from time to time, yet I can conclude only that deliberately to take the life of a dying patient, even in trying circumstances, is a deeply pessimistic and ultimately harmful attitude for patients, doctors and society at large. Suffering is always an intensely personal experience. We can never presume to understand fully what drives persons to euthanasia, but we can know that persons who

suffer deeply are extraordinarily susceptible to external influences. They may be depressed. They may simply be lonely. We need to acknowledge that persons who suffer have their own unique and vitally important contribution to make to society. By inviting us to relieve their suffering, they can help us learn to be human, to be generous with our time and talents, never to be indifferent to the needs and frailties of others. In this way, the sick and suffering can help civilize a society that each day seems less and less human.

Doctors and nurses are privileged witnesses of those raw human experiences that so often bring out the best and the worst in us and our patients. Suffering may elicit contradictory responses of courage or fear, anger or serenity, hope or despair, selfishness or magnanimity. There is probably no better window into the human heart than suffering. But to witness the affliction of others is always an invitation to exercise true compassion, not the misguided mercy of advocates of euthanasia. Compassion is simply the sincere effort to meet the many and varied needs of the sick until the moment of natural death. To do this is to assert, in a tangible and effective way, the dignity of the human person.

To refuse and surrender to euthanasia is to deny that human suffering has value, and to affirm that pleasure (or at least the absence of things unpleasant) is the only value worth living for. The experience of physical pain, the limitations imposed by a disability or an incurable illness, the very personal world of moral anguish are all invitations to seek a good that may be found only over and above ourselves. The word compassion comes from the Latin root meaning "to suffer with." Assisted suicide kills a human being, but there is another victim. Our humanity, the capacity to suffer with the most vulnerable members of our society, dies as well.

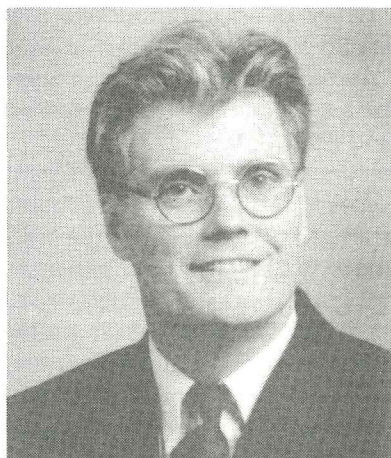
—José Bufill is a medical oncologist.

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Right to Life - Lifespan Invites You to Breakfast & General Meeting

Is the "Brave New World" Upon Us?



INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS

Mark Pickup,
disability
rights activist,

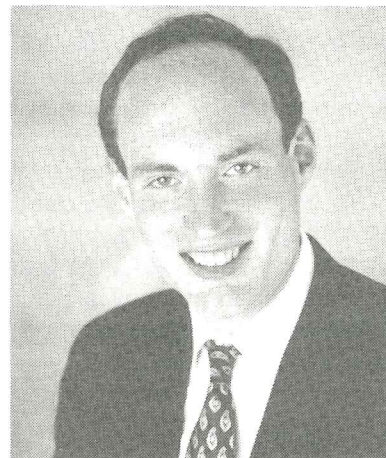
from Alberta, Canada, presents an eloquent and compelling argument to include incurably ill and disabled people within the embrace of the Human Family.

His address is a pow-

erful message incorporating music and visuals to punctuate his gripping, factual, dramatic presentation. He pleads with North America's culture of death to reject euthanasia consciousness and so-called "Death with Dignity," in favor of "Life with Dignity." A featured speaker at this year's National Right to Life Convention, he is invited to speak at this Breakfast by popular request.

**State Senator
Thaddeus
McCotter**

is a lifetime resident of Livonia. In 1989, even before he earned his law degree, McCotter won his first elected office as a Schoolcraft Community College Trustee, and his political career was launched.



He has held many coveted appointed and elected positions in city, county and state government. As a Wayne County Commissioner, he was the driving force behind the successfully adopted Wayne County Charter's "Super-Majority Amendment." Elected to the Michigan Senate in 1998, he has a 100% pro-life voting record.

Also: Understanding Stem Cell Research - Diane Trombley, RN, BSN

Saturday, October 27, 2001 • 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)

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For more information, call (248) 777-9090 or (734) 422-6230

Send me _____ tickets @ \$18.00 each

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Area Code/Phone _____

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Christmas Cards 2001

Your purchase represents support for pro-life activities during the coming year. To place an order, arrange for pickup at a location near you and/or for more information, call your local Lifespan office:

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Verse:

*May you have the joy of Life,
the blessing of hope and the peace
of His love
during this holy season and always*

Wishing you a Merry Christmas



Mother and Child

Graceful drawing in flowing pastel shades of blue with dark blue border

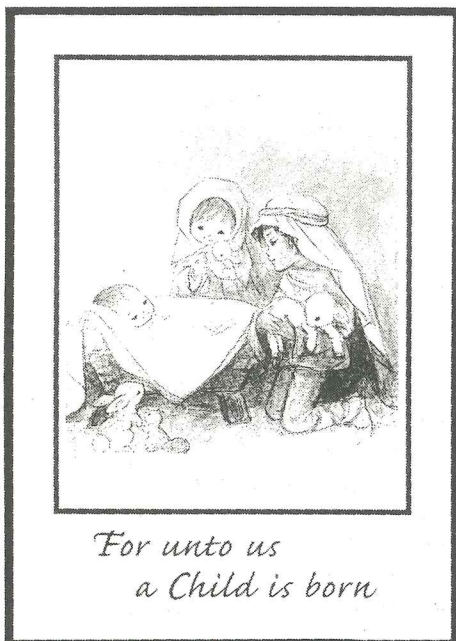
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\$5.00 per pkg. of 10

Verse:

*As the world reflects
on the Christ Child's Birth
may your heart be filled with joy
at the wonder
of God's precious Gift of Life*

Wishing you a Merry Christmas



Children at the Manger

Soft pastels of green and gold with green border

Actual size: 4-7/8" x 6-3/4"

\$5.00 per pkg. of 10

Verse:

*We kneel before You
in childlike wonder
proclaiming Your Birth
May the love of the Christ Child
in Whom all Life begins
be yours this Christmas
and always*



Chapter

Office hours

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

State Fair thanks

A great time was had by all of our volunteers who so graciously gave of their time to help at the Michigan State Fair booth. God bless you; see you next year at the Fair!

Life Chain — Detroit

October 7 is Life Chain Sunday. A Life Chain is made up of thousands of people who actually form a human chain standing

prayerfully and peacefully as witnesses against the atrocities of abortion. Our chain, in Detroit, will again be in front of Assumption Grotto Church, located at the corner of Gratiot and Mapleridge (between Six and Seven Mile Roads), from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. (This Life Chain time is at this location only.) Call the Detroit office for further information, 313-640-8534.

Think Christmas

If your church is having a holiday bazaar and you would be willing to help us by selling our Christmas cards and/or Entertainment Books, please call us at 313-640-8534. If your church does not sell Christmas cards for

Lifespan, and you could help by being our church representative, we would be so happy to hear from you. We will give you ad copy and a supply of our Christmas cards and Entertainment Books.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books 2002 are now in the Detroit office. The price has been reduced to just \$30. Call the office today at 313-640-8534 to order yours!

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Entertainment Books

You will probably see the Entertainment Books mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter; please note that the books are available in the Oakland/Macomb office any day between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Entertainment has added some new features and reduced the price this year, so the book really does make a great Christmas gift.

Life Chain logistics

One of our most visible activities, LIFE CHAIN, is rapidly approaching. One of the things that amazes the organizers each year is that at 1:45 p.m., there is no one there; at 2:15 p.m., the street is full of people; at 3:15 p.m. the street is empty again. It

is almost like trick photography.

Safety officers from the various towns through which the Chain passes have frequently remarked at how well behaved and polite our groups are. Please keep in mind that this is supposed to be a prayerful, silent event. The impact that can be made by hundreds of people standing silently side by side, united in one effort is tremendous. The very silence of the event is what seems to trouble drivers and passengers in some of the cars that pass by. It may be difficult, but try to avoid responding to those who may insult you as they pass. Safety officers in each town in which we stand have been notified.

If there are questions during the Chains in Oakland and/or Macomb counties, please direct the questioner to Diane Trombley at 12 Mile Rd. and Woodward (Shrine of the Little Flower parking lot) or Diane Fagelman in the parking lot of the Clinton Valley Assembly of God Church, at 14-1/2 Mile and Gratiot.

Look for Lynn

The next time you are in the Oakland/Macomb office, be sure to say a

welcome to Lynn Gura. Lynn has joined our office staff, and we are so pleased that she has! She and her husband, Jeff, live in Auburn Hills, and since she started working here in late July, our office efficiency has doubled!!



The late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. He suggested the following prayer be said daily, or often during the day, for one year. This spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God. In the world to come, it is hoped that you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers.

"Jesus, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

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Breakfast— legislative update and general meeting

We're excited to have both Mark Pickup, disabilities rights activist, from Alberta, Canada, as our keynote speaker and State Senator Thaddeus G. McCotter with a legislative update at our annual breakfast.

Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - Lifespan states, "I was privileged to hear Mark's testimony at the National Right to Life Convention in June, and I knew I needed to have him share his inspiring message with you!" Call now for reservations so that you don't miss meeting and hearing these fine gentlemen. See page 6 for details.

LIFE CHAIN

Don't miss being part of the National Life Chain held in your own neighborhood.

Are you really pro-life? If so, will you make time and give 1-1/2 hours to call attention to the 4000 abortions performed daily in the U.S.? See front cover and page 3 for more details.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are here!! They make great housewarming, hostess, birthday and anniversary gifts. The price is reduced to \$30; you save 50% on many items.

The book includes coupons to Marshall Field's, Linens 'n Things, Kroger's, Meijer's, along with some new restaurants in our area, Plymouth and Detroit Symphony Orchestras, Cranbrook Museum, motels and much more. Come in and browse through the book or call to reserve yours now.

And the winners are...

Our thanks to all of you who took the time to get pledges and to bowl in Lifespan's 19th annual "Bowling for Life" FUNdraiser.

Those winning the grand prizes for most pledges collected by August 20, 2001, include:

1st	Richard Horvath	\$450.00
2nd ...	Marty Wunderlich	\$253.00
3rd ...	Evelyn Phelps	\$250.00
4th	Joy Crocker	\$190.00
4th	Noah Crocker	\$190.00
5th	Mary Horvath	\$145.00
High games with handicap:		
	Richard Dreslinski	233
High series with handicap:		
	Brent Burnham	632

It was wonderful to see the children with their moms and dads playing bumper bowl, teens, young adults, newcomers and the "regulars" who all came knowing that their time and donations might save a baby's life. Thank you again and hope to see you all again next year as we celebrate our 20th annual "Bowling for Life."

Lost!!!

Lifespan's set of "fetal models" is lost. If you have borrowed them within the past two years, please check to see if you may still have them. They are in a 16" x 17" gold box which reads, "How You Were Born."

See Tilly! (info on p. 10)

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A letter to President Bush

Dear Mr. President:

In regard to your recent address to the nation pertaining to embryonic stem cell research, I thank you for your strong affirmation of life.

The mass destruction of human life should never be allowed in order for some members of society to be saved. Your decision to not allow funding of embryonic stem cell research on new lines was a courageous decision, especially in light of the over zealous scientists doing today's research.

I am concerned, however, about the decision to allow present embryonic stem cell lines to be used for research. These stem cells are from humans already killed in the name of research. It is disturbing to those of us in the pro-life movement that their destruction came about because of the easy disposal of human life in our society.

One of the questions I have regards the reaction of society if embryonic stem cell research shows a positive link between the use of embryonic cells and the cures for many diseases. What then will happen to your decision on federal funding for more research on new stem cell lines? From all the reading I have done, the use of embryonic cord blood is much more promising than the killing of at least 16 new human beings and the implantation of their embryonic stem cells into one diseased person. Have you thought through the possible outcome of today's research? If it came back to you for more federal money, would you reconsider your decision? How would you handle this dilemma?

A second concern I have is your referral to the early zygote stage of human life as "potential" human life. This wording plays into the hands of the scientific community which wants to redefine when human life begins. May I so humbly suggest that you take the word "potential" out of your vocabulary in

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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

Crosses

2000 crosses, each representing 1/2 of the 4000 abortions performed in our country each day, create a visual image of the tragedy that is abortion. It is easy to dismiss spoken words and numbers, but seeing row after row of small white crosses commands our attention and helps us to truly understand the incredible number of lives lost and lives forever wounded by abortion. The display requires a commitment of time and effort, but it does offer a small measure of the respect these little ones were denied in life.

Below, you will find a schedule of cross placements for this year. Put your faith community, school or service organization on the list for the remainder of this year or plan for next year. Only by seeing and understanding the effects of abortion will we finally reject it as an option available to a caring society. Call 248-816-1546.

September 15-23

St. John Lutheran Church, Taylor

October 6-14

National Shrine of the Little Flower,
Royal Oak

October 20-28

St. Hugo of the Hills, Bloomfield Hills

November 3-10

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Plymouth



Where has the summer gone? One minute I am giving our babies little sunsuits and the next, I'm giving them snowsuits and warm blankets for the cold days ahead. Time passes so quickly at Wee Care and this has been a particularly hectic season for us—but a special season—filled with so many precious babies who have entered this world, and we have been able to provide for them and touch their mothers' hearts, all because of your help!

Speaking of "help"—Wee Care has a little wish list to help us continue our labor of love. We desperately need a DRIVER. Not to deliver our layettes—just to pick up donated items from churches or perhaps to pick up or drop off baby supplies between our Lifespan offices. Most of the year, it would only involve once or twice a month, except for December—our busiest month. We could really use a few MOMS OR A MOMS' GROUP to come in once a month or even just one time to help sort baby clothes. TEENAGERS who need Christian service hours or community service projects for school would be welcomed with open arms!

We need people to encourage their churches to do a GIVING TREE at Christmas time (how better to celebrate the birth of the baby who was born in a stable?). We always need GENTLY-USED newborn to size 12 months clothes. SHOPPING BAGS! Yes, shopping bags—(paper - not plastic) any bag with a handle on it—including grocery bags. And finally—most importantly—your PRAYERS. We need your prayers for some very special volunteers who are ill and very dear to us. We need them for our moms who have made the difficult choice to have their babies and now struggle to provide for them, and for those precious babies themselves, who with God's help and yours, we may be able to help for a long time to come.

Any questions or ideas? Please give me a call—248-777-2727. As always, thank you for everything you have done for our little ones. God bless you.

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

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Donations may be made in memory
of loved ones who have died; a memo-

rial card will be sent by Lifespan in
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You can live on after death by help-
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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.

A letter to President Bush

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the future when speaking on this is-
sue. Its use plays into the hands of
those zealot scientists and others who
will do anything, even lie, in order to
get their research funding.

In closing, Mr. President, I want to
thank you again for speaking to the
nation on the worth of every human
person, no matter how small. I was
one of those many people with whom
you shook hands before the election. I
looked into your eyes and asked if
you would support a Human Life
Amendment to the Constitution. You
looked directly at me and affirmed
that you would, but you stated, "be-
fore this would happen, we have to
change the minds and hearts of this
nation." I have been working on this
issue since 1970, and I believe too, that
that is what is needed.

As we conversed maybe only a
minute, I saw in your eyes a man not
afraid to speak out for his convic-
tions—one who keeps his word. You

have done this by speaking so el-
egantly on respect for all innocent
human life. Those of us in the pro-life
movement have come a long way try-
ing to bring back a respect for human
life—I finally do see a change in the
hearts of our fellow Americans. I see
these changed hearts in our youth.
Your leadership will reinforce their
beliefs and, hopefully, before another
30 years, we will indeed have our
Human Life Amendment to the Con-
stitution.

May God bless you with continu-
ous courage and the wisdom to lead
in truth, no matter what the personal
cost. May He give you health, peace
and happiness.

Diane Fagelman

President
Right to Life - Lifespan
of Metro Detroit

Tilly

Tilly, a play based on the novel by
Frank Peretti and a popular radio
drama from "Focus on the Family,"
will be performed on **Sat. and Sun.,
Sept. 22 and 23, 7:00 p.m., at Faith
Christian Assembly, 25051 W. Outer
Drive, Melvindale** (at the corner of
Dix and Outer Drive). It is a story of
how a mother's life is changed forever
when she meets a sweet, mysterious
little girl named Tilly. This play offers
a unique perspective on the Sanctity
of Life and will strengthen your re-
solve to speak out for the unborn and
reach out to women and families hurt-
ing in abortion's aftermath. A free-
will offering will be accepted. For more
information, call 313-928-8305.

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
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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.

Are You in High School? Enter Lifespan's 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 7, 2001; and mailed or delivered to:**
Student Essay Contest 2001, Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., Ste. 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, 2002. 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:

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