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The Choice for LIFE is Clear!

Gubernatorial Candidates

Dick Posthumus

Endorsed by Right to Life of Michigan

(Pro-life political action committee endorses only pro-life candidates)

Provided all pro-life responses to Right to Life - Lifespan's candidate survey

20 years of solid pro-life support in Lansing

"I believe that life begins at conception, and this has guided me throughout my career in public service to protect everyone's right to life: the life of the born, unborn, the disabled and the dying."

(Dick Posthumus for Governor website, www.dickposthumus.com)

Jennifer Granholm

Endorsed by Emily's List

(Pro-abortion political action committee endorses only pro-abortion Democratic women)

Did not respond to Right to Life - Lifespan's candidate survey

No record of pro-life support

"I am pro-choice and always have been."

(Letter to the Editor, Detroit Free Press, July 2002)

"I am 100% pro-choice."

(Numerous public forums and debates)

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U.S. Senate Candidates

Andrew Raczkowski

His voting record is 100% pro-life

Carl Levin

His voting record is 99.9% pro-choice

Get involved

Here's more information to get involved in this year's elections:

Republican Party of Michigan

(517) 487-5413

Fax: (517) 487-0090



Email: tmarquardt@migop.org

Macomb County

Republican Party Chair

Janice Nearon (586) 466-3880

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L. Brooks Patterson (248) 655-0501

Wayne County Republicans

Margaret VanHouten (313) 278-4333

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Fax: (517) 371-2056



Macomb County

Democratic Committee

Ed Bruley (586) 469-3232

Oakland County

Democratic Committee

Gary Kohut (248) 680-8870

Wayne County Democrats

Patrick McRae (313) 531-0011

Campaign Calendar 2002

October 7

Last date to register for November general election.

November 2

Deadline for absentee ballot requests for the November general election.

November 5

General election

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. The phone number is (517) 373-2540; website: 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.

Lifespan's Voters' Survey

Right to Life - Lifespan, Inc. is a non-profit educational and legislative organization. The first informs and motivates people to do something. The second speaks to changing laws. Lifespan can take sides and urge passage of legislation which is called lobbying. Lifespan is not "political." Lifespan does not have a political action committee (PAC) to elect or to defeat candidates.

However, we can publish candidate surveys. This has been clearly permitted on a number of occasions by the U.S. Supreme Court. We can also list office holders and tell you how they have voted on various issues. Such reporting, as we do it, is not "political." Because this comes under Freedom of the Press, such information can be passed out through churches, without jeopardizing their tax status (again by a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court). According to legal terminology, this corporation can engage in "issue advocacy."

Dear Lord,

We ask Your blessing upon the upcoming election.

Bless those who work in the vineyards.

All the time and effort being spent during the campaign—may it be offered up to You in thanksgiving for the wonderful freedoms we have living in the USA.

We especially ask, Lord, that the one freedom, LIFE, not given to all of our citizens, be in the minds of those who work and vote for the candidates.

Help the electorate to see the truth of "freedom for all" and vote accordingly.

We ask that You bless the workers—keep them free from frustration and discouragement.

Give them the physical and mental strength to carry out Your work.

Be merciful to all—believers and nonbelievers. May love and peace reign in our hearts. Amen.

For those who are able, the Lifespan Board encourages you to set aside time for prayer and fasting—from now until the elections—for a pro-life outcome to this election.

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VOTERS' SURVEY

Lifespan sent the following eight-question survey to each candidate for Governor, U.S. Senate, U. S. House of Representatives, Michigan Senate and Michigan House of Representatives:

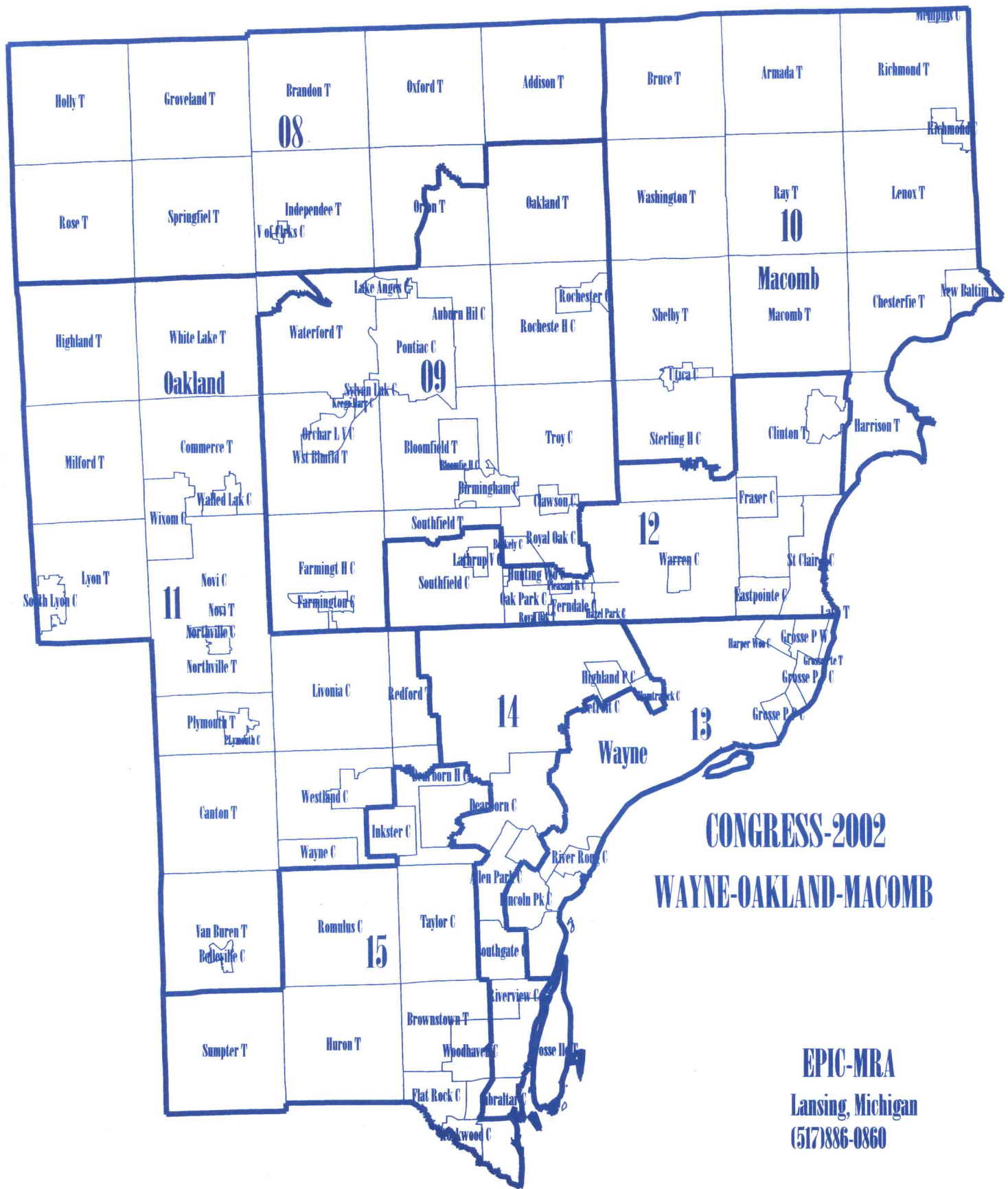
1. The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision allows for abortion for any reason, even as a method of birth control, even in the late stages of pregnancy. Do you SUPPORT the reversal of this decision?
2. Do you SUPPORT a law banning partial-birth abortions, except to prevent the death of the mother?
3. Some public funds are used for abortions or abortion referral. Do you OPPOSE the use of public funds for abortion or abortion referral, except to prevent the death of the mother?
4. Human embryonic stem cells and human fetal tissue are used in some medical experimentation which has no beneficial effects for the fetus. Would you SUPPORT legislation that would prohibit the use of embryonic stem cells and fetal tissue in such experiments?
5. Would you SUPPORT a law banning so-called "reproductive cloning"—cloning meant to result in the birth of a baby?
6. Knowing that the removal of stem cells from human embryos results in the death of those embryos, would you SUPPORT a law banning so-called "therapeutic cloning" (somatic cell nuclear transfer)?
7. Do you OPPOSE laws allowing assisted suicide?
8. Do you SUPPORT honoring the wishes of patients who want life-saving treatment (including food and water) regardless of their degree of disability, age and "quality of life"?

NOTE: Lifespan is not a political organization and does not endorse candidates for election. We have surveyed the candidates as a service to our members. The questionnaires are on file at Lifespan's Main Office for your perusal. If you need further verification on a candidate's stand on these or other issues, please contact the candidate directly (see page 2).



***We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal,
that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights,
that among these are LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.***

—Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776



CONGRESS-2002 **WAYNE-OAKLAND-MACOMB**

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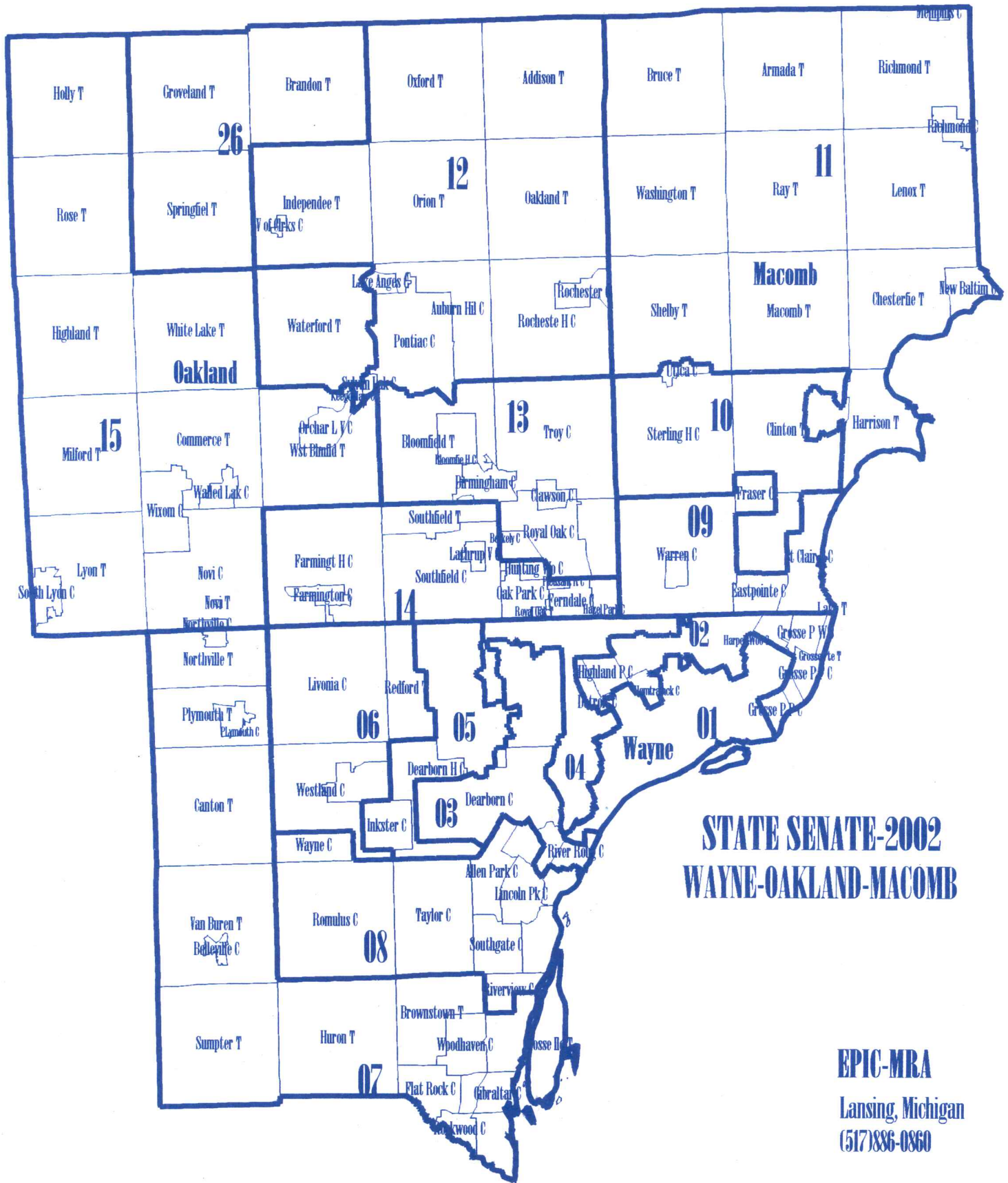
Candidate Questionnaire Responses

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GOVERNOR									3rd State Senate District								
Dick Posthumus (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Jose A. Hernandez, II (R)	No Response							
Jennifer Granholm (D)	No Response								Irma Clark (D)	No Response							
U.S. SENATE									4th State Senate District								
Andrew Raczkowski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Karen L. Mastney (R)	No Response							
Carl Levin (D)	No Response								Samuel Buzz Thomas III (D)	No Response							
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES									5th State Senate District								
8th Congressional District									Bonnie Patrick (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mike Rogers (R)	Y	Y	Y	q	Y	Y	Y	Y	Burton Leland (D)	No Response							
Frank McAlpine (D)	No Response								6th State Senate District								
9th Congressional District									Laura M. Toy (R)	No Response							
Joe Knollenberg (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Eileen DeHart (D)	q	q	q	q	Y	Y	q	Y
David Fink (D)	No Response								7th State Senate District								
10th Congressional District									Bruce Patterson (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Candice Miller (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	George W. Mans (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carl J. Marlinga (D)	No Response								8th State Senate District								
11th Congressional District									Pamela S. Montelauro (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thaddeus McCotter (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Raymond E. Basham (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kevin Kelley (D)	No Response								9th State Senate District								
12th Congressional District									Cecelia A. Stevens (R)	No Response							
Harvey R. Dean (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Dennis Olshove (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Sander Levin (D)	No Response								10th State Senate District								
13th Congressional District									Steve Rice (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carolyn C. Kilpatrick (D)	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Michael Switalski (D)	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y
14th Congressional District									11th State Senate District								
Dave Stone (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Alan Sanborn (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Conyers, Jr. (D)	No Response								Jim Ayres (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
15th Congressional District									12th State Senate District								
Martin Kaltenbach (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Mike Bishop (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Dingell (D)	No Response								Thomas L. Werth (D)	No Response							
STATE SENATE									13th State Senate District								
1st State Senate District									Shirley Johnson (R)	No Response							
Cynthia Cassell (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Colleen Levitt (D)	No Response							
Hansen Clarke (D)	No Response								14th State Senate District								
2nd State Senate District									Marc Wilkins (R)	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y
Jeffrey Schroder (R)	No Response								Gilda Z. Jacobs (D)	No Response							
Martha G. Scott (D)	No Response																

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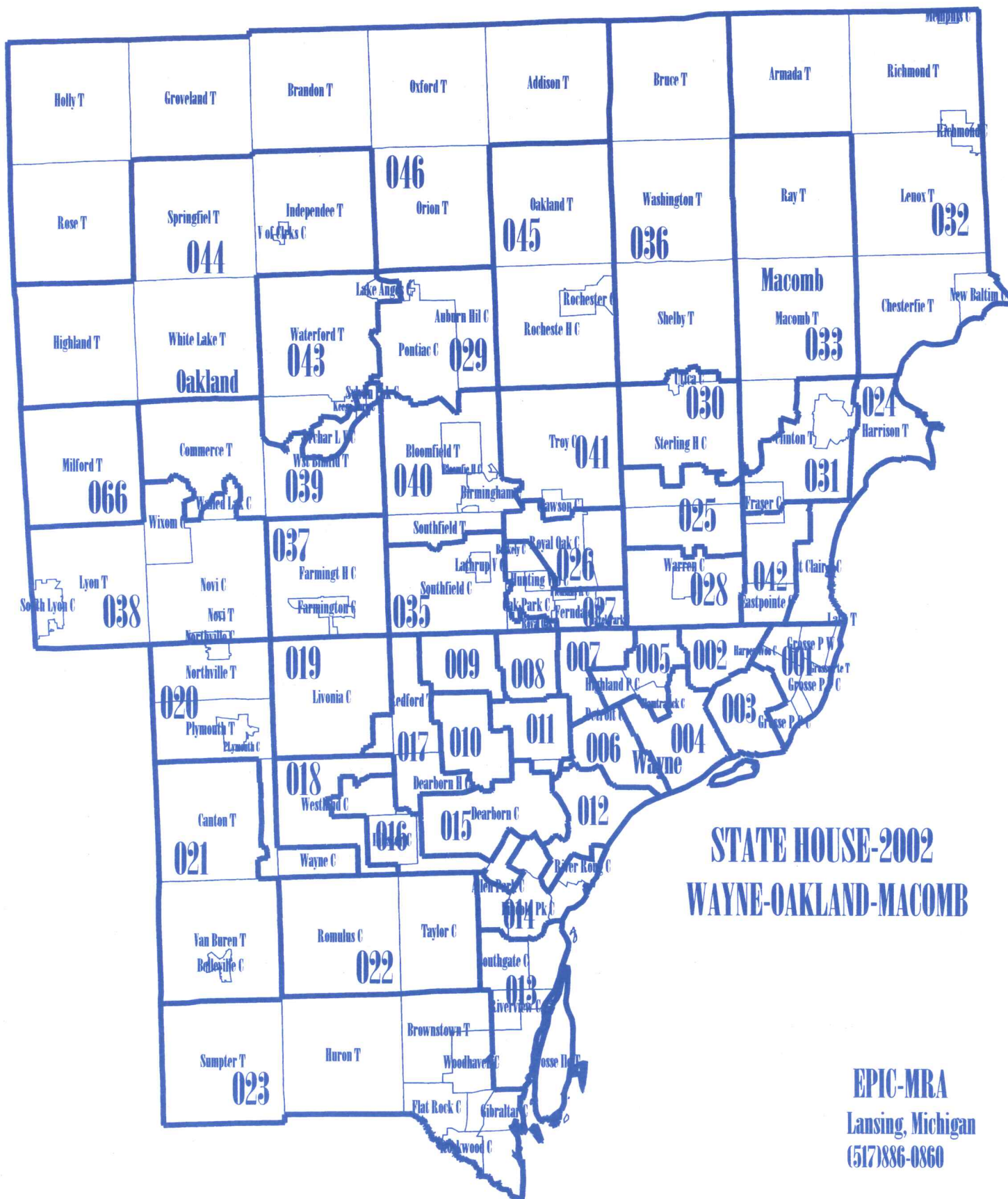
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STATE SENATE contd.									11th District State Representative								
15th State Senate District									Charles E. Powell, Jr. (R)	No Response							
Nancy Cassis (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Morris Hood, III (D)	No Response							
Sean Carlson (D)	No Response																
26th State Senate District									12th District State Representative								
John M. Muller (R)	No Response								Chester R. Calka (R)	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y
Deborah Cherry (D)	No Response								Steve Tobocman (D)	No Response							
STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES									13th District State Representative								
1st District State Representative									Darrell F. Stasik (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Edward J. Gaffney (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Barbara A. Farrah (D)	No Response							
David Paul Putrycus (D)	No Response																
2nd District State Representative									14th District State Representative								
Herbert Russell (R)	No Response								Chris B. O'Loughlin (R)	No Response							
Ken Daniels (D)	No Response								William J. O'Neil (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
3rd District State Representative									15th District State Representative								
Michael F. Embry (R)	No Response								Gary Woronchak (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Artina Tinsely Hardman (D)	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	16th District State Representative								
4th District State Representative									Eric E. Homeier (R)	No Response							
Wayne A. Senior (R)	No Response								Jim A. Plakas (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mary D. Waters (D)	No Response																
5th District State Representative									17th District State Representative								
Richard Maziarz (R)	No Response								R. Miles Handy (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bill McConico (D)	No Response								Daniel S. Paletko (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
6th District State Representative									18th District State Representative								
Dorothy Patterson (R)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Kip R. Lipford (R)	No Response							
Marsha Cheeks (D)	No Response								Glenn S. Anderson (D)	No Response							
7th District State Representative									19th District State Representative								
Dolores Brodersen (R)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	John R. Pastor (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Virgil Smith (D)	No Response								Kerry L. Lowry (D)	No Response							
8th District State Representative									20th District State Representative								
Melvin E. Byrd (R)	No Response								John C. Stewart (R)	No Response							
Alma G. Stallworth (D)	No Response								Mark B. Blackwell (D)	No Response							
9th District State Representative									21st District State Representative								
Richard A. Zeile (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Philip J. LaJoy (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tupac A. Hunter (D)	No Response								Mark Slavens (D)	No Response							
10th District State Representative									22nd District State Representative								
John T. Nazars (R)	No Response								Ronald Vaughan (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Triette Lipsey Reeves (D)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Hoon-Yung Hopgood (D)	No Response							

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23rd District State Representative									36th District State Representative								
Douglas W. Jones (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Brian Palmer (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kathleen Law (D)	No Response								Robert Denison (D)	No Response							
24th District State Representative									37th District State Representative								
Jack Brandenburg (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Valerie Knol (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Frank P. Benson (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Aldo Vagnozzi (D)	No Response							
25th District State Representative									38th District State Representative								
Keith Sadowski (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Craig M. DeRoche (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Steve Bieda (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Linda E. Premo (D)	No Response							
26th District State Representative									39th District State Representative								
Josh West (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Marc Shulman (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Dave Woodward (D)	No Response								Stuart H. Brickner (D)	No Response							
27th District State Representative									40th District State Representative								
Keith P. Sanford (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Shelley Goodman Taub (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Andy Meisner (D)	No Response								Shelli Weisberg (D)	No Response							
28th District State Representative									41st District State Representative								
Scott C. Stevens (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	John Pappageorge (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lisa Wojno (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Richard Fischer, Jr. (D)	No Response							
29th District State Representative									42nd District State Representative								
Tom March (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Jim Riske (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clarence E. Phillips (D)	No Response								Frank Accavitta, Jr. (D)	No Response							
30th District State Representative									43rd District State Representative								
Sal Rocca (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Fran Amos (R)	No Response							
Joe Mc Hugh (D)	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Betty Fortino (D)	Y	Y	Y	—	Y	Y	Y	Y
31st District State Representative									44th District State Representative								
Sheryl Russo (R)	No Response								John P. Stakoe (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Gieleghem (D)	No Response								George Bryan (D)	No Response							
32nd District State Representative									45th District State Representative								
Daniel Joseph Acciavatti (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	John Garfield (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John J. Hertel (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	John Kanaras (D)	No Response							
33rd District State Representative									46th District State Representative								
Leon Drolet (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	q	Y	Y	Y	Ruth Johnson (R)	No Response							
Anthony Ventimiglia (D)	No Response								Robert Reading (D)	No Response							
35th District State Representative									66th District State Representative								
Sylvia Jordan (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Chris Ward (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Condino (D)	No Response								W. James Block (D)	No Response							
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Christmas Cards 2002

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 Right to Life - Lifespan office: Detroit (313) 640-8534, Oakland/Macomb (248) 816-1546 or Wayne West/Downriver (734) 422-6230.



Radiant Star

Elegant card with white and silver embossed figure of Mary holding the Infant, with navy blue background, radiant star and silver-lined envelope

Actual size: 5-1/2" x 7-3/4"

\$15.00 per box of 20

Verse:

*One shining star
to make the world bright
One infant child
on that wonderful night
One little prayer
for those we hold dear
May the Creator of Life bless you
all through the year*

Wishing you a Merry Christmas

Shepherd Boy

Original art in bright colors by artist Jon Buechel, depicts a Shepherd Boy kneeling before the Christ Child

Actual size: 5" x 6-1/2"

\$6.00 per pkg. of 10

Verse:

*May you see Christmas
through the eyes of a child
and
may He who created all Life
bless you*

*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*



*For unto us
a Child is born*

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Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to

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Read the educational information on the candidates contained in this newsletter, and please mail the attached friend-to-friend postcards, addressing them to your friends, family and neighbors.



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Right to Life - Lifespan Legislative Breakfast

**What Did Roe v. Wade Really Do For Women?
The Pro-Life Vote and the Importance of Pro-Life Legislation**

INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS



Dr. David Ramsey is a family-practice physician at Sylva Medical Center, Sylva, North Carolina. He is a member of the NC Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Committee, NC Academy of Family Physicians, Catholic Medical Association and National Catholic Bioethics Center. Dr. Ramsey is a

very committed pro-life doctor who wholeheartedly espouses his beliefs in his medical practice. His guest editorials and letters to the editor on pro-life issues are frequently published and debated by the media and medical journals.

Representative Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski, who

has represented Farmington and Farmington Hills in the Michigan House of Representatives for the past six years, was one of the youngest Majority Floor Leaders in the nation. Presently, he 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.



**Emcee: Mary Dudley, Pro-Life Update Hostess for the Michigan Catholic Radio Show, "LIVE FROM THE SHRINE" —
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Saturday, September 28, 2002 • 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

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Yes, 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 _____

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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.



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:



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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
(2 blks. so. of 5 Mile Rd.) to 7 Mile Rd.
- At intersection of Wayne & Warren Rds.

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Church, Troy

St. Veronica Catholic Church
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St. William Catholic Church
Walled Lake

The Salvation Army, Plymouth

Temple of Faith Baptist Church
Detroit

Trinity Lutheran Church, Warren

Victory Temple, Southgate

Vision Ministries, Warren

Ward Presbyterian Church
Northville

Waterford Community 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, 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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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 Lifespan's Michigan State Fair booth.

We must keep the pro-life message out in front of the public, and the State Fair is one of our most effective outreaches.

Without your help, that would not be possible. God bless you, and see you next year at the Fair!

Eastside Detroit LIFE CHAIN

October 6 is National Life Chain Sunday. A Life Chain is made up of thousands of people who stand peacefully and prayerfully as witnesses against the atrocities of abortion. The Detroit Chain will again be located in front of Assumption Grotto Church at Gratiot and Maple Ridge (between Six and Seven Mile Roads). The time required is just 1-1/2 short hours, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. Call the Detroit office for further information at 313-640-8534.

Entertainment Books

2003 Entertainment Books are now in the office. For just \$30, you still get hundreds of 1/2-off coupons to your favorite restaurants and places of entertainment. Call 313-640-8534. They make wonderful Christmas gifts!

Think Christmas

If your church is having a holiday bazaar and you would be willing to help Lifespan by selling our Christmas cards or Entertainment Books, please call 313-640-8534.

If your church does not sell our beautiful Christmas cards (see page 10), and you would love to help by being our church representative, all it takes is an ad in your church paper with your phone number. We will send you ad copy and a supply of our Christmas cards and/or Entertainment Books. Call us at 313-640-8534.

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Pennies from heaven

Well, our pennies don't come right from heaven, but when they do come, they must be counted, and we really need someone to do that in the Oakland/Macomb office. Irene Tharp is doing double-duty as chairman and treasurer, and her load would be lightened considerably if we could find a new treasurer. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please call us, 248-816-1564, and we can talk about it.

Out of the box

The following item is not really related to pro-life issues, but sometimes we can return refreshed to the seriousness of our efforts after enjoying a

good chuckle. This is offered as a light-hearted critique on our sometimes frustrating and annoying world.

If God had voice mail

Thank you for calling Heaven.

For English, Press 1

For Spanish, Press 2

For all other languages, Press 0

Please select one of the following options:

Press 1 for requests

Press 2 for thanksgiving

Press 3 for complaints

Press 4 for all other inquiries

I am sorry, all of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us and we will answer it in the order that it was received. Please stay on the line.

If you would like to speak to:

God, press 1

Jesus, press 2

Holy Spirit, press 3

If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding, press 4; to find a loved one that has

been assigned to Heaven, press 5, then enter his/her social security number followed by the "pound" sign.

For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive.

Our computers show that you have already prayed today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow.

The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again on Monday after 9:30 a.m. If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor. Thank you and have a Heavenly day.

How wonderful that we all have "instant access" with our prayers—no waiting, no elevator music—just the absolute knowledge that they are heard.

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And the winners are...

Our thanks to all of you who took the time to get pledges and to bowl in Lifespan's 20th annual Bowling for Life FUNdraiser.

Our special thanks to Maureen and Rich Dreslinski who welcomed bowlers and set them up on the lanes. You're a great team and because of you, the event ran smoothly and everyone had a good time.

Those winning the grand prizes for most pledges collected by August 19, 2002 include:

1st	Richard Horvath...	\$300.00
2nd ..	Crystal Howard..	\$260.00
3rd ...	Mary Horvath.....	\$225.00
4th ...	Evelyn Phelps	\$201.00
5th ...	Andrew Woodcox	\$163.00

High games with handicap:

Man:	Ty Joseph Quattlander	233
Woman:	Teresa Quattlander	221
Child:	Andrew Woodcox...	219

High series with handicap:

Teresa Quattlander	639
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Kudos to Laurie Masiarak who solicited all the gift certificates. They were great and, thanks to you, everyone was a winner!

Life Chain

You can be a part of the National Life Chain which stretches from California to New York. See page 13 and select which Life Chain is closest to you. Everyone should try to be in place by 2:00 p.m. and stay until it ends at 3:30 p.m.—the longer the chain, the greater impact it will have on those passing by.

If you are appalled by abortion and have wanted to do something but didn't know how, NOW IS THE TIME! It's free. It's effective. It has saved lives! Your presence at this peaceful and lawful gathering will be a true witness to your desire to stop abortions. Come alone or bring your family and friends. Call for signs. Only official Life Chain signs should be used.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are here with coupon savings up to 50%!! They make great housewarming, hostess, birthday, anniversary and Christmas gifts. The cost has been reduced to \$30.

The book includes Kroger's, Linens 'n Things, car rentals, United Airlines, Amtrak, Footlocker, Best Buy, Krispy Kreme Donuts, Detroit and Plymouth Symphony Orchestras, Freedom Hill, golf courses, motels, fine and casual restaurants and much more.

Come in and browse through the book or call to reserve yours now.

Legislative Breakfast

Call now for your reservations to have breakfast with invited U.S. and Michigan legislators. We try to place attendees with an elected official or aide if you so wish.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet the men and women who make the laws which affect our lives. Make reservations now to insure seating. See page 11.

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From the President's Desk

Attention absentee voters! The importance of your vote is being recognized by all candidates and issue-oriented organizations; we are no exception. If you or someone you know is voting absentee, please remember the unborn child and his or her right to life before you cast your vote. Call our office and get a copy of our newsletter and Voters' Survey for your family and friends. Fill out our friend-to-friend cards, and send them to all those in your address book who live in Michigan.

Much has been said about why people in the freest country of the world do not use their privilege to vote. Their votes do influence how this country will be governed.

Many of our citizens think their vote is meaningless. This is just not true. If we all got involved, we could change how things are done. If we placed the priority of the human person ahead of our own pocket books, we could again be a society "of and for the people."

Please encourage those around you to vote. Everyone's vote IS important. If you are Pro-Life, it may be YOUR vote which would change the atmosphere of this country and make it more Pro-Life.

The most gruesome medical procedure ever developed, "partial-birth abortion," is still allowed in this country. When the bill to outlaw this procedure was voted on, it passed the House and the Senate; President Clinton vetoed it, and we did not have enough votes (number of Pro-Life legislators) in Congress to override the veto—so babies still die brutally during the last three months in their mothers' wombs.

There are many Pro-Life citizens, but not all understand the power of the vote—especially our youth. Let's get out the vote—make sure that we have people in office who will protect the unborn child, the sick and the elderly! Thank you for your love of life and love of this country!

Diane

Brief Catechism

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You do not have to vote for a person because he is pro-life. But you may not vote for any candidate who supports abortion rights. Key to understanding the point above about "disqualifying issues" is the distinction between policy and moral principle. On the one hand, there can be a legitimate variety of approaches to accomplishing a morally acceptable goal. For example, in a society's effort to distribute the goods of health care to its citizens, there can be legitimate disagreement among citizens and political candidates alike as to whether this or that health care plan would most effectively accomplish society's goal. In the pursuit of the best possible policy or strategy, technical as distinct (although not separate) from moral reason is operative. Technical reason is the kind of reasoning involved in arriving at the most efficient or effective result.

On the other hand, no policy or strategy that is opposed to the moral principles of the natural law is morally acceptable. Thus, technical reason should always be subordinate to and normed by moral reason, the kind of reasoning that is the activity of conscience and that is based on the natural moral law.

4. If I have strong feelings or opinions in favor of a particular candidate, even if he is pro-abortion, why may I not vote for him?

As explained in question 1 above, neither your feelings nor your opinions are identical with your conscience. Neither your feelings nor your opinions can take the place of your conscience. Your feelings and opinions should be governed by your conscience. If the candidate about whom you have strong feelings or opinions is pro-abortion, then your feelings and opinions need to be corrected by your correctly informed conscience, which would tell you that it is wrong for you to allow your feelings and opinions to give lesser weight to the fact that the candidate supports a moral evil.

6. If I think that a candidate who is pro-abortion has better ideas to serve the poor, and the pro-life candidate has bad ideas that will hurt the poor, why may I not vote for the candidate that has the better ideas for serving the poor?

Serving the poor is not only admirable,

but also obligatory for Catholics as an exercise of solidarity. Solidarity has to do with the sharing of both spiritual and material goods, and with what the Church calls the preferential option for the poor. This preference means that we have the duty to give priority to helping those most needful, both materially and spiritually. Beginning in the family, solidarity extends to every human association, even to the international moral order. Based on the response to question 3 above, two important points must be made. First, when it comes to the matter of determining how social and economic policy can best serve the poor, there can be a legitimate variety of approaches proposed, and therefore legitimate disagreement among voters and candidates for office. Secondly, solidarity can never be at the price of embracing a "disqualifying issue." Besides, when it comes to the unborn, abortion is a most grievous offense against solidarity, for the unborn are surely among society's most needful. The right to life is a paramount issue because as Pope John Paul II says it is "the first right, on which all the others are based, and which cannot be recuperated once it is lost." If a candidate for office refuses solidarity with the unborn, he has laid the ground for refusing solidarity with anyone.

7. If a candidate says that he is personally opposed to abortion but feels the need to vote for it under the circumstances, doesn't this candidate's personal opposition to abortion make it morally permissible for me to vote for him, especially if I think that his other views are the best for people, especially the poor?

A candidate for office who says that he is personally opposed to abortion but actually votes in favor of it is either fooling himself or trying to fool you. Outside of the rare case in which a hostage is forced against his will to perform evil actions with his captors, a person who carries out an evil action "such as voting for abortion" performs an immoral act, and his statement of personal opposition to the moral evil of abortion is either self-delusion or a lie. If you vote for such a candidate, you would be an accomplice in advancing the moral evil of abortion. Therefore, it is not morally permissible to vote for such a candidate for office, even, as explained in questions 3 and 6 above, you think that the candidate's other views are best for the poor.

8. What if none of the candidates is completely pro-life?

As Pope John Paul II explains in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), "...when it is not possible to overturn or completely abrogate a pro-abortion law, an elected official, whose absolute personal opposition to procured abortion was well known, could licitly support proposals aimed at limiting the harm done by such a law and at lessening its negative consequences at the level of general opinion and morality. This does not in fact represent an illicit cooperation with an unjust law, but rather a legitimate and proper attempt to limit its evil aspects." Logically, it follows from these words of the Pope that a voter may likewise vote for that candidate who will most likely limit the evils of abortion or any other moral evil at issue.

9. What if one leading candidate is anti-abortion except in the cases of rape or incest, another leading candidate is completely pro-abortion, and a trailing candidate, not likely to win, is completely anti-abortion. Would I be obliged to vote for the candidate not likely to win?

In such a case, the Catholic voter may clearly choose to vote for the candidate not likely to win. In addition, the Catholic voter may assess that voting for that candidate might only benefit the completely pro-abortion candidate, and, precisely for the purpose of curtailing the evil of abortion, decide to vote for the leading candidate that is anti-abortion but not perfectly so. This decision would be in keeping with the words of the Pope quoted in question 8 above.

12. What about elected officials who happen to be of the same party affiliation? Are they committing a sin by being in the same party, even if they don't advocate pro-choice views? Are they guilty by association?

Being of the same political party as those who advocate pro-abortion is indeed a serious evil "IF" I belong to this political party IN ORDER TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF with that party's advocacy of pro-abortion policies.

However, it can also be true that being of such a political party has as its purpose to change the policies of the party. Of course, if this is the purpose, one would have to consider whether it is reasonable to think the political party's policies can

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Editor's Note: We felt that this Press Release was necessary to address the concerns and complaints of pro-life people attending the below-mentioned event with small children who saw the gruesome pictures of aborted babies. Even though the pictures show the truth of what abortion is, the display was thought to be inappropriate to the venue.

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

August 16, 2002

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Local Pro-Life Organization Statement

Right to Life - Lifespan is a non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of vulnerable human life from conception to natural death.

Established in 1970, it is the largest and oldest pro-life organization in southeastern Michigan. Lifespan serves Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties.

Our activities do not include sponsoring, encouraging or participating with moving vehicles that portray graphic images of aborted babies. The display at the Dream Cruise the weekend of August 16-17 was in no way connected with Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit or any of its chapters, nor do Right to Life -Lifespan of Metro Detroit or any of its chapters have any relation with the sponsors of the display.

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Dear Friends,
New pencils, crayons, books—it's that time of year

again! And at this time each year, I look around our Wee Care office and see that some of our supplies are very low. Could you help?

We are in need of the following new items: bottles; diapers - sizes 2 and 4; receiving blankets; wipes; shampoo and lotions; onesies - sizes newborn and small.

We also need a driver to occasionally deliver baby things between our offices.

Another special thing to do at this time of year is to consider a Christmas project for our babies. If you are a teacher, a scout leader, a student, a minister, a priest or a member of an organization or church—have I got ideas for you! Everything from a baby bottle from preschoolers to a beautiful Giving Tree collection in December is so appreciated!

If you can help in any way—please give me a call. Please keep Wee Care and our precious babies in your thoughts, your prayers and your heart.

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

A Program of Right to Life - Lifespan

Michigan Nurses for Life

On Tuesday, November 12, Jill Stanek, RN, former labor and delivery staff nurse at Christ Hospital, Chicago, will speak about her experience with live birth abortions. Jill discovered that live birth abortions were being done at her hospital, and these infants were then allowed to die without any medical care. Jill has become a national figure in the effort to protect born and pre-born infants.

Michigan Nurses for Life meets bi-monthly at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Bloomfield Hills, on the NW corner of Lone Pine and Telegraph, at 7:00 p.m. 2.0 CEUs are offered at each meeting. Fees: MNFL member \$5; MNFL non-member \$10; general public—free. Call 248-816-8489.

What's Up With the YOUTH?

Dear Friends
for Life!

Our concert at St. Anastasia had to be rescheduled to a date yet to be determined in February due to the parking lot being torn up for resurfacing. Bummer, I know, but we are over it, and on to planning our trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C!

We will be taking a comfortable 55-passenger National Trails bus from Lifespan's office in Troy. The bus leaves on January 21st at 5:00 a.m. sharp, so you should be there at 4:30 a.m. to get the seat you want. Bus fare is \$70 per person. Lifespan will supply breakfast on the bus. Pocket money will be needed for lunch, about \$5, when we stop for a break. We will arrive in D.C. at 5:00 p.m., in time for an all-you-can-eat dinner (\$5 per person) at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

We will sleep at the Basilica on the lower level with about 400 other pro-life youth, and participate in the all-night vigil (don't worry, we will get enough sleep, but also will take turns in shifts at the prayer vigil to end abortion). Boys will sleep on one end of the Basilica and girls on the other. Separate bathrooms will be close by. Bring shower supplies just in case we are asked to sleep in the nearby gym at the Catholic University of America (the Shrine has no showers).

The morning of January 22nd, we will have an all-you-can-eat hot breakfast (\$5 per person) and then participate in Mass (all denominations welcome) which will be dedicated to the end of abortion, with about 2,000 other pro-life youth. We will then take the metro (I will buy the passes ahead of time for convenience), eat lunch at a fast food place (about \$5 needed), and participate in the March for Life which begins at noon in the Mall area of Washington, D.C., in front of the White House.

It takes about 1-1/2 to 2 hours to complete the peaceful, prayerful March which ends at the Supreme



Court building. We will then take the Metro back to the Basilica to pick up our gear, and board our bus at about 4:00 p.m. to come home. The bus will make a stop for dinner (about \$5 for fast food needed again). The bus will arrive at the Troy Lifespan office for parents to pick up or drivers to drive home at about 1:00 a.m.

Students can attend school the morning of the 23rd. Schools may want you to speak to the class about the pilgrimage, or even speak to the school. Tell your teacher and principal about your trip before you go so they can anticipate your return. Youth ministers should accompany their groups or find a chaperone. Ask your pastor or priest to come with your group! Each year, about 400,000 pro-life teens and young adults March for Life in Washington, D.C. In participating in this pilgrimage, your hearts will be filled with hope for the future of America and its unborn. Permission forms will be mailed to you as well as sponsorship forms (if you are in need of financial aid).

Call soon to reserve your seats, **248-816-1546** at the Troy office. Deadline is November 1st. Total travel expense is \$75 which includes bus fare and metro pass (you should send Lifespan a check for this amount). In addition, you will need \$25 for meals. Join Lifespan and your pro-life president George W. Bush as we March for Life!

Friends for Life,

*Kim DiSalle, Youth Coordinator
Chelsea Babbish, Youth Representative*

Calendar of Events

Sept. 10 Nurses for Life Mtg.
"Preserving Newborn Umbilical Blood"
Sept. 13-15 Troy Daze
Sept. 21 Prayer Vigil
Sept. 28 ... Legislative Breakfast, p. 11
Oct. 6 Life Chain, p. 13
Nov. 5 .. General Election—VOTE!
Nov. 6 .. Essay Contest Deadline, p. 12
Nov. 12 ... Nurses for Life Mtg.
"Live Birth Abortions"
Jan. 14 ... Nurses for Life, "Futile Care"
Jan. 19 Rally for Life
Jan. 22 March for Life
Mar. 9 Baby Showers
Mar. 11.. Nurses for Life, "Alzheimer's"

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Brief Catechism

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be changed. Assuming that it is reason-
able to think so, then it would be morally
justifiable to remain in that political party.
Remaining in that political party cannot
be instrumental in the advancing of pro-
abortion policies (especially if I am busily
striving to change the party's policies) as
can my VOTING for candidates or for a
political party with a pro-abortion policy.

**13. What about voting for a pro-abor-
tion person for something like state
treasurer, in which case the candidate
would have no say on matters of life in
the capacity of her duties, it just hap-
pens to be her personal position. This
would not be a sin, right?**

If someone were running for state trea-
surer and that candidate made it a point to
state publicly that he was in favor of
exterminating people over the age of 70,
would you vote for him? The fact that the
candidate has that evil in his mind tells
you that there are easily other evils in his
mind; and the fact that he would publicly
state it is a danger signal.

If personal character matters in a politi-
cal candidate, and personal character in-
volves the kind of thoughts a person har-
bors, then such a candidate who publicly
states that he is in favor of the evil of
exterminating people over the age of 70 *
or children who are unborn * has also
disqualified himself from receiving a
Catholic's vote. I would go further and
say that such a candidate, in principle—in
the light of the natural law—disqualifies
himself from public office.

14. Is it a mortal sin to vote for a pro- abortion candidate?

Except in the case in which a voter is
faced with all pro-abortion candidates (in
which case, as explained in question 8
above, he or she strives to determine which
of them would cause the least damage in
this regard), a candidate that is pro-abor-
tion disqualifies himself from receiving a
Catholic's vote. This is because being
pro-abortion cannot simply be placed
alongside the candidate's other positions
on Medicare and unemployment, for ex-
ample; and this is because abortion is
intrinsically evil and cannot be morally
justified for any reason or set of circum-
stances. To vote for such a candidate even
with the knowledge that the candidate is
pro-abortion is to become an accomplice
in the moral evil of abortion. If the voter
also knows this, then the voter sins mor-
tally.

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A brief catechism for Catholic voters

Editor's Note: Due to the many questions posed by this year's election of Michigan's Governor by our Catholic members regarding the ethics of voting for a pro-abortion candidate, we felt this educational piece by Fr. Torracco was very appropriate. We hope it makes voting a little easier for our Catholic members. As space was limited in this issue, three of the questions and answers from this article will be reprinted in the next issue of Lifespan News.

By Fr. Stephen F. Torracco, Ph.D.

1. Isn't conscience the same as my own opinions and feelings? And doesn't everyone have the right to his or her own conscience?

Conscience is NOT the same as your opinions or feelings. Conscience cannot be identical with your feelings because conscience is the activity of your intellect in judging the rightness or wrongness of your actions or omissions, past, present, or future, while your feelings come from another part of your soul and should be governed by your intellect and will.

Conscience is not identical with your opinions because your intellect bases its judgment upon the natural moral law, which is inherent in your human nature and is identical with the Ten Commandments. Unlike the civil laws made by legislators, or the opinions that you hold, the natural moral law is not anything that you invent, but rather discover within yourself and is the governing norm of your conscience. In short, Conscience is the voice of truth within you, and your opinions need to be in harmony with that truth.

As a Catholic, you have the benefit of the Church's teaching authority or Magisterium endowed upon her by Christ. The Magisterium assists you and all people of good will in understanding the natural moral law as it relates to specific issues. As a Catholic, you have the obligation to be correctly informed and normed by the teaching of the Church's Magisterium. As for your feelings, they need to be educated by virtue so as to be in harmony with conscience's voice of truth. In this way, you will have a sound conscience, according to which, you will feel guilty when you are guilty, and feel morally upright when you are morally upright. We should strive to avoid the two opposite extremes of a lax conscience and a scrupulous conscience. Meeting the obligation of continually attending to this formation

of conscience will increase the likelihood that, in the actual operation or activity of conscience, you will act with a certain conscience, which clearly perceives that a given concrete action is a good action that was rightly done or should be done.

Being correctly informed and certain in the actual operation of conscience is the goal of the continuing formation of conscience. Otherwise put, you should strive to avoid being incorrectly informed and doubtful in the actual judgment of conscience about a particular action or omission. You should never act on a doubtful conscience.

2. Is it morally permissible to vote for all candidates of a single party?

This would depend on the positions held by the candidates of a single party. If any one or more of them held positions that were opposed to the natural moral law, then it would not be morally permissible to vote for all candidates of this one party. Your correctly informed conscience transcends the bounds of any one political party.

3. If I think that a pro-abortion candidate will, on balance, do much more for the culture of life than a pro-life candidate, why may I not vote for the pro-abortion candidate?

If a political candidate supported abortion, or any other moral evil, such as assisted suicide and euthanasia, for that matter, it would not be morally permissible for you to vote for that person. This is because, in voting for such a person, you would become an accomplice in the moral evil at issue. For this reason, moral evils such as abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are examples of a "disqualifying issue." A disqualifying issue is one which is of such gravity and importance that it allows for no political maneuvering. It is an issue that strikes at the heart of the human person and is non-negotiable. A disqualifying issue is one of such enormity that by itself renders a candidate for office unacceptable regardless of his position on other matters. You must sacrifice your feelings on other issues because you know that you cannot participate in any way in an approval of a violent and evil violation of basic human rights. A candidate for office who supports abortion rights or any other moral evil has disqualified himself as a person that you can vote for.

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