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## 25 Years of Loving Them Both

By J. C. Willke, M.D.

On January 22, 1998, it will be 25 years since the *Roe v. Wade* decision was handed down. This is a birthday that should be observed. Yes, it will be a bitter-sweet occasion, but it won't be a time to hang a lot of black crepe. In many ways, it should be a celebration.

### A Look Back

For those of you who were around 25 years ago, try to go back in time for a moment. Could you then have envisioned where this issue would be in 25 years? Today's situation probably never crossed our minds. It was much too far ahead to predict. True enough, but there was a current of conviction back then that was very clear. Most of us felt that we would have to reverse the Court's decision fairly promptly. We felt that if we didn't reverse it within a very few years, the practice of abortion would become embedded into the very fabric of our society and we would never be able to change it.

On balance, during these years the courts have made the situation worse. We're still killing almost every third baby conceived in America. We now have an entire generation of people in this nation who've never known anything except permissive abortion. That's the bad news.

The good news is that we're still here fighting the good fight. We see no reason to give up, and indicators are that sooner or later we're actually going to win. Yes, we have given up any thought

of getting that treasured Human Life Amendment in one fell swoop and suddenly protecting little babies again. Almost no one thinks that that's going to happen in the near future. Rather, almost everyone feels that this is going to be a slow, incremental process. Nevertheless, there's great optimism out there that this is beginning to happen—that it's not merely a dream but that we are beginning to see some light ahead.

### Their Old Arguments Invalid

Much has changed in 25 years. Back then the central question that we argued was whether or not this was a human life. This argument has basically been answered. Yes, ultrasound and medical technology have gone a long way toward helping us. Nevertheless, an immense amount of credit goes to each of you reading this and to all of those whom you have helped to train, for we have educated a nation and taught them that this is truly a human life from conception. This question is not really in contention any longer.

The other major argument—that this is only a religious issue—still surfaces and is still thrown at us, but now with much less force. As medical developments have proven the humanity of the

unborn, so parallel developments have shown this to be a human rights, a civil rights issue to more and more people.

Other arguments have fallen by the wayside. "Remember these are unwanted pregnancies who will grow to be unwanted and battered children." That argument is essentially dead as, after 25

### 25th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*

#### Indoor Remembrance Rally

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years, we now have, not a decrease in battered children, but an explosion of battered children and child abuse. Abortion clearly has not solved this problem.

"There are too many people in the world. The population explosion mandates abortion to control population." For those who will listen, this argument no longer is valid, although it

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# News Notes

## Planned Parenthood "stars"

Singers Sarah McLachlan, Joan Osborne, Jewel, Emmylou Harris and Lisa Loeb joined forces for a 37-stop concert tour of the United States this summer, including Pine Knob. Named Lilith Fair, the concert was called "this summer's hottest selling tour" by *USA Today*. At every stop the nationwide tour included a Planned Parenthood booth where concert attendees could pick up birth control information, voter registration cards and condoms.

—*The Caleb Report, September-October 1997*

## Prenatal test errs

Women who undergo a kidney transplant and then become pregnant are at high risk for being told—mistakenly—that they are carrying a fetus with Down Syndrome. Biochemical tests on blood samples indicated that eight out of 12 women with kidney transplants were at risk for having a Down Syndrome child according to a report in the *Lancet*. An amniocentesis revealed that none of the fetuses had chromosome abnormalities that could cause mental retardation. The risk is not limited to women who have had a kidney transplant. Twelve other pregnant patients who had never had a transplant were tested in the study, and two were erroneously identified as having a fetus with Down Syndrome.

—*The Lancet (1997:350:1295)*

## Parental rights?

California lawmakers approved a bill that would make it costly to [body] pierce a minor without parental consent. It carries a \$250 penalty. "Before some stranger starts poking needles into your kid, you ought to know about it," said Assemblyman George Runner, who authored the bill. "This is a clear victory for parental rights."

—*The Detroit News, September 14, 1997*  
*Editor's note: Ironically, the California Supreme Court recently overturned a state law requiring girls under 18 to obtain parental consent before having an abortion saying it violated privacy protection guaranteed by the Constitution.*

## Denmark nurse charged

A 32-year old nurse in Copenhagen was charged October 22 with killing 22

patients with drugs at a nursing home for the elderly. Both euthanasia and assisted suicide are illegal in Denmark. She is also charged with theft and embezzlement from nursing home patients of \$108,000.

—*Infonet, October 23, 1997*

## Charged with murder

Prosecutors and investigators said it was the first time in recent memory that an investigation by the California Medical Board led to murder charges against a doctor. Dr. Bruce Saul Steir, 66, was arrested in San Francisco on October 22. If convicted, he could face 15 years to life in prison.

Sharon Hampton, 27, of Barstow bled to death shortly after Steir performed the abortion that punctured her uterus on December 13. The San Bernardino County coroner's office concluded Hampton died of gross negligence on the part of the abortion practitioner and her death was ruled a homicide.

—*Infonet, October 24, 1997*

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A baby in the house at Christmas—is that not one of your most treasured memories?

A tiny, red santa suit, a teddy bear tucked under the tree, an infant's eyes wide with excitement looking at the holiday decorations, and probably the sweetest memory of all—holding your baby tenderly in your arms in the dark stillness of an early Christmas morning, so filled with love you thought your heart would break—those are precious moments a mother never forgets.

Every baby deserves to be warm and fed and cherished on Christmas Day and every day.

Please help make our Wee Care moms' wishes come true by remembering their little ones during the holidays. Everything is needed—from baby bottles to warm, soft blankets.

What a perfect way to celebrate the birth of another poor baby—born in a stable almost two thousand years ago, wrapped in swaddling clothes and held close to His mother's heart.

May you all have a Christmas filled with beautiful memories to treasure.

—Karen Patrosso, Director

Wee Care (313) 533-2727

A Program of Right to Life - Lifespan

## Crisis hotline numbers

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. There are 23 pregnancy help centers located throughout the metro Detroit area.

For more information, you may call your Lifespan office listed on pages 6 or 7. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number; please call 1-800-BETHANY. Or, you may wish to call Project Life at (313) 237-5755. Project Life also offers alternatives to suicide.

Those suffering from post-abortion stress may wish to call Project Rachel at 1-(888) RACHEL5 or PACE (Post-Abortion Counseling and Education) at (313) 722-2839.

For people with life-limiting illnesses, call Angela Hospice (313) 464-7810 or Cranbrook Hospice (248) 334-6700.

# 25 Years of Loving Them Both

## Special Indoor RALLY

Commemorating the 25th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*  
(Supreme Court Decision on Abortion)



**Sunday, January 18, 1998 • 2 - 4 p.m.**  
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*The Washington Post* and *The Village Voice*

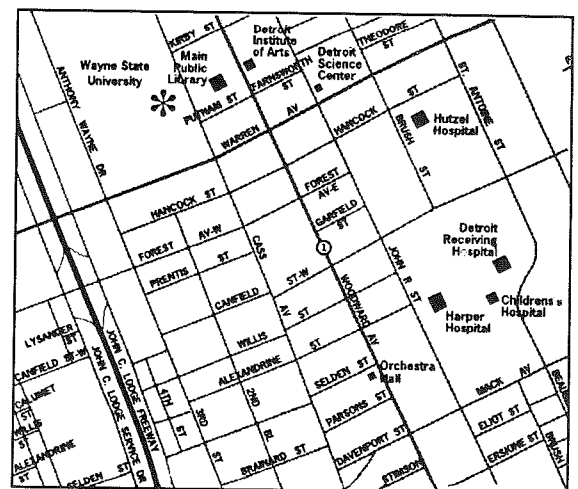
**“25 Years of *Roe* — With its Unsuspected Effects”**

With

**Monsignor John Zenz, Archdiocese of Detroit**  
**Pastor Rick Parker, Bethany Pembroke Chapel**  
**Rebecca Wasser, family-law attorney—**  
(daughter of rape and abortion survivor)  
**Lifespan Student Essay Awards**  
**Richard Hovey and the Midnight Choir**

**Come early for Magnify Gospel Choir concert**  
**from 12 - 2 p.m.**

**YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS  
THIS EVENT!**



**\* WSU Community Arts Auditorium**

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Detroit's Cultural Center with the Detroit  
Institute of Arts, Historical Center,  
Main Library, etc.

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Donations to Educational Center for Life are tax-deductible and will be accepted to help defray costs



## 25 Years of Loving Them Both

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remains center stage, however, for Al Gore, the Clinton State Department and at the United Nations. It certainly is not valid for the U.S. or any Western nation. With only one or two exceptions, Western birth rates are well below replacement level. The problem in the West is not too many people but rather not enough babies being born and far too many old people to take care of. Underdeveloped nations are moving rapidly in this same direction, so this argument, at least in the west, is no longer relevant.

We said it would lead to euthanasia, and they laughed at us. And so, 25 years later it's leading to euthanasia. Happily, we are in the middle of a heartening move away from assisted suicide, which is euthanasia. We await its long-term outcome, but this is no longer a distant threat, and the relation of abortion to euthanasia is increasingly apparent to many people.

The argument for abortion for an assault rape pregnancy continues and remains approved by two-thirds of our citizens. The answer here is education, pointing out that there are only 200-300 such pregnancies a year in the whole U.S.—that only half of these women seek abortion, and that her chief complaint is not being pregnant but how others treat her. Our central answer of course is that we oppose killing an innocent baby for the crime of his father. Sadly, politicians continue to put this exception in law.

### ***Their Remaining Argument— Our Answer***

Their only remaining argument has sadly been extremely successful. As they put it—"The single most important question is, does the woman have a right to choose and keep the government out of this private matter?" For them, no other consideration trumps this argument. Well, yes, something else does, and the rising tide of our answer to pro-choice is the successful use of "Why Can't We Love Them Both."

### ***Soften Image***

A look across the terrain of the pro-

life movement shows a vast difference from 25 years ago. Back then, there was one Birthright office in Toronto. Today, in the U.S. alone, there are almost 4,000 such women-helping centers, 98% of whose staffing is female. Their total thrust—and these make up three-fifths of the pro-life movement—is to help the woman. The fact of their existence, and of the publicity we should be giving them, is in fact *the cutting edge* of our counter-attack to the pro-choice argument.

Research from Life Issues Institute and elsewhere clearly points the way for the next few years. We must soften the negative image given us by the public media. The best way to do this is to publicize our women-helping centers. We have a 25th anniversary coming up. It can offer an unparalleled opportunity to do just that.

### ***Anniversary Event***

"25 Years of Loving Them Both" emphasizes both avenues of the pro-life movement—the educative, lobby and legislative branch which devotes itself to saving babies, as well as the service branch devoting itself to helping women. It is a constructive, almost joyful theme. Yes, the killing continues,

and that is an unparalleled negative. But, yes, the positive aspects of this movement continue to grow and blossom, and that is truly something to celebrate.

*—Life Issues Connector, July 1997  
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acknowledgement of its source.*

*Dr. Willke is President and Publisher of  
Life Issues Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio.*

## **Almighty God and Father**

We place our work in your hands.

Teach us to treat our bitterest opponents with the patient understanding that, as members of the human family, they have reasons for being where they are.

Teach us to treat our own comrades with respect and unfailing love.

Let each of us use to the fullest, in your name, whatever gifts you have given us. Make us "wise as serpents, as gentle as doves."

Almighty God and Father, without you, we are as helpless as the babies we have come to save, as helpless as those in despair who are contemplating suicide. We place our work in Your hands.



## **Each † represents two abortions**

These crosses are a powerful visual display of the human tragedy that is abortion. The 2000 crosses represent less than half of the 4500 human lives that are destroyed by abortion every day in the United States.

This display is an outreach project of Right to Life - Lifespan's Oakland/Macomb Chapter and is available through their office for use throughout the entire metro Detroit area. Everything needed to place the crosses on the grounds of your

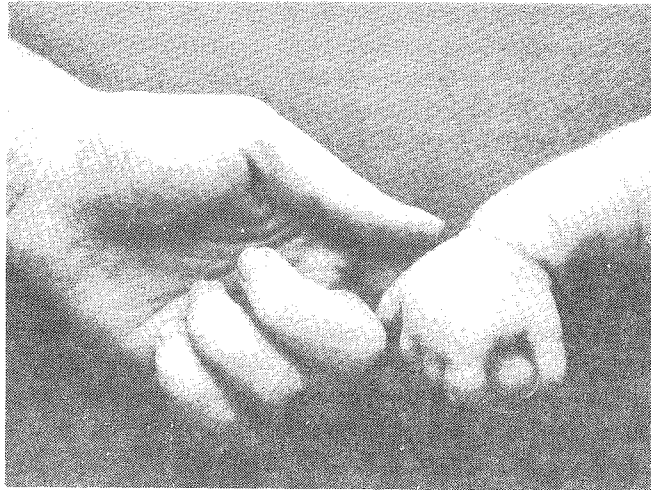
faith community is included with the display. They may remain on your property for as long as two weeks.

We request a \$100.00 donation which is applied to the cost of maintaining the display and for their storage when not in use.

We invite your questions and encourage you to call the Oakland/Macomb Chapter office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., (248) 816-1546.

# Remembering 25 Years

Join Right to Life - Lifespan in a public statement on the 25th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* in remembrance of the millions of lives impacted by abortion.



*Photo by Ben Bradley*

*PLEASE take the hand  
of the helpless  
little one in yours  
for this special  
proclamation  
on LIFE*

Plans are now being made to purchase a full-page ad in the *Detroit News* on Thursday, January 22, 1998. The ad will list the names of the contributing sponsors. **Space is limited to the first 2700 names.** This is not a fundraiser. The \$10 fee for each name listed will defray the cost of the ad.

**Please send your check today so we can list you with those who will not allow this day to go unnoticed.**

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# Chapter

## Office hours

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

## Rally - 25 years of loving them both

It's hard to believe that we will again be coming together to memorialize the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*. It has been 25 years since our government turned it's back on the most innocent and vulnerable of it's citizens by allowing abortion on demand. It has been a long, hard fight, but we cannot stop!

Lifespan needs you more than ever. Instead of our annual "outdoor" Rally at Kennedy Square, we will be having an "indoor" Rally at Wayne State on January 18th. We need YOU, your family, your friends, your church and your organizations to come down and help us send a powerful message to the people of metro Detroit. "No, after 25 years, we are not discouraged. We are NOT giving up until all our citizens are guaranteed the Right to Life which is stated in our Constitution!"

Let us fill the hall to overflowing with the heartbeats of those who truly care and are not afraid to witness for the pro-life cause.

Details can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

## New Year's Resolutions

- Treat my family with love and LIFE-affirming examples
- Participate in a pro-life rally or event
- Vote for only 100% pro-life candidates
- Pray regularly for pro-life concerns
- Write to editors/legislators on pro-life issues
- Become a church rep for Lifespan
- Volunteer for a crisis pregnancy center
- Invite a friend to join Lifespan

For 100 pro-life things you can do, call the Detroit office (313) 874-0432.

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Diane Fagelman, Director  
Diane Trombley, Ofc. Mgr.  
Mary Small, Adm. Asst.

## Terrific T-s

We have some really nice T-shirts that would make excellent Christmas gifts. The design (see picture) is taken from the theme of the 1997 National Right to Life Conference and has an upbeat, positive message.

*Love of Life...*



*Our Hope for Tomorrow*

The shirt (made by Hanes) is 100% cotton and the "little people" featured on it are in colors of green, gold and ma-

genta. Each shirt features a small red heart on the left sleeve. Colors are white or gray. Each shirt is \$10 and comes in sizes Adult—XLarge, Large and Medium and Youth—Large.

We are sometimes criticized for "wearing our heart on our sleeves" when we defend the unborn's right to life and now we can really do it! Call the Oakland/Macomb office to order (248) 816-1546.

## The reason for the season

Readers of this section of our newsletter know that for some of us in the Oakland/Macomb office, Christmas is a very special time of year. When asked to describe, in ten words or less, what each Oakland/Macomb board member liked best about Christmas, they responded as follows:

**Diane Fagelman:** "The message of hope that the coming of the Christ Child brings to the world and besides, Christmas is fun!"

**Irene Tharp:** "The music."

**Katie Barron:** "Christmas brings the family together."

**Pat Barrett:** "The celebration of the birth of Christ."

**Margaret Joyce:** "Having all of my family home to celebrate Christmas."

**Phyllis Sullivan:** "Attending Christmas Mass and having all of my family home to celebrate."

**Judy Ward:** "Recognizing all the people who celebrate the real meaning of Christmas."

**Ginny Czarnecki:** "The joyful feeling the season inspires."

**Theresa Koehler:** "The spiritual activities surrounding the season."

**Doug Ritter:** "Recognizing the birth of Christ."

**Mary Small:** "Advent wreaths, hot chocolate, family gatherings, decorating the Christmas tree."

**Diane Trombley:** "Over the years, my favorite things have changed, primarily with the births and ages of my children. At this stage of my life, my favorite thing is to find some very quiet time, usually late in the evening, and sit in the living room with the lighted Christmas tree for company. This is my time to be amazed by the wonderful blessings in my life—my children, my husband, my mom."

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# News

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## Office hours

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Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

## Never hesitate

I am saddened because I was too late in saving a teenager and her baby. She didn't want to have an abortion, but she called a clinic (abortion mill) for help and she was told that under her circumstances, it would be best for her to have an abortion. By the time I became involved through a friend, she had already aborted.

The baby is safely with his Creator, but this young woman faces the rest of her life without her child because of a teenage decision which came from fear and the pressures of a society where abortion is accepted and encouraged.

Never hesitate when you learn someone is in a crisis pregnancy. Timing is everything. Speak up. Offer to help. Be compassionate and understanding. Don't be judgmental. Get her to a pro-life crisis pregnancy center. Pray.

## Missing link

We need a few new church representatives and city coordinators. You may be the vital connection between your community and Lifespan.

It doesn't take much time, and you can receive "on the job training" like most of us have. The rewards will be great. Call now to volunteer, and be the "voice for the unborn, the handicapped and medically threatened seniors."

## Christmas cards

Thanks for responding to my request for help with Christmas cards. There are a few selections left. Please call soon if you plan on sending pro-life cards.

1998 CALENDARS with a pro-life section, beautiful pictures of children and special quotes are available for \$5.00.

"Ultimate" Entertainment '98 Books are available for \$40 (same price everywhere). Do your Christmas shopping early so you won't miss out on these great ideas for the holidays.

## Important—Don't be misled

The Wayne West/Downriver Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan hasn't moved from Schoolcraft in Livonia. If you are contacted by phone to send your membership dues or contributions to a post office box or to an address other than a Lifespan office, don't be fooled; the request is not from Right to Life - Lifespan. When contacting members, we never identify ourselves without using our name, Lifespan. If you have questions or comments, please call the office.

## Meeting your legislators

Many of you expressed how pleased you were to meet our legislators at the Legislative Breakfast. Your presence conveyed to these elected officials that Lifespan is a viable lobbying organization which will continue to monitor their voting records carefully on the life issues.

Now is the time to become involved in legislative action if we hope to change the minds of pro-abortion legislators; writing letters is one way to accomplish this.

Call the office to sign-up for Lifespan's Committee of Correspondence. You will be alerted on important legislation when immediate action is necessary, and you'll be given adequate information so you can write your legislators knowledgeably.

**Wayne West/Downriver Chapter**  
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Livonia, MI 48150-2203  
(313) 422-6230

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I'm looking out the window at the snow. It's not even Thanksgiving, but already it feels like Christmas—a holiday celebrated around the world to honor a poor homeless child born of a 14-year-old mother.

You can just imagine the advice Mary would receive today from friends and neighbors. Mary was fortunate to have a loving and understanding family. It must have been difficult in a small town 2000 years ago.

Twenty-five years ago, the infant Jesus would have been safe in Michigan. The voters had defeated a referendum to legalize abortion in November, 1972. It wasn't until January 22, 1973 that the world as we knew it changed forever.

Millions of babies have died and countless millions of would-be mothers, fathers and grandparents will never be the same. Thousands upon thousands of proliferators across the country have given their time, energy and money unselfishly since that day of infamy.

I hope you will join me January 18th at the 25th Anniversary Remembrance Rally at Wayne State University (see page 3). I'm also looking forward to reading your name in the *Detroit News* ad on January 22nd (see page 5).

We've taken the road less traveled by. It's been rough going sometimes, but He never said following Him would be easy.

May the happiness of our Savior's birth fill all the days of your life.



## Book Review

By Paula Ervin

### Real Choices

By Frederica Mathewes-Green  
(Conciliar Press, California  
1-800-967-7377), \$12.95/paper

"No one wants an abortion as she wants an ice cream cone or a Porsche. She wants an abortion as an animal caught in a trap wants to gnaw off its own leg." These words were written by the author in a magazine article some years before the writing of this book. The quotation was picked up by Planned Parenthood and other segments of the pro-choice network who agreed that "abortion was a terrible choice."

As the author of "Women Exploited—the other victims of abortion" twelve years ago, I see my own offering to the subject as a prologue. It was a simple survey of 50 victims in 25 states in which it attempted to open a window on the suffering of young women whose headlong leap into chaos was made by them when they were "looking for love in the wrong places." From the devastating evidence here, they still are.

But this goes beyond prologue. This book is the heart of the matter. The author looks the national picture over like a research department head, viewing statistics, putting together the findings of her clinic reporters, listening again to the painful words of the victims, describing with feeling how they look and sound and then finding the courage to suggest where we can go from here.

In this area, she has sensible and hard-nosed words for the young women caught in the trap. Some of them spill over into the job of the crisis pregnancy centers, whom she looks at admiringly as playing a large part in the victims' survival:

The victims are emotionally isolated. We should fight that isolation with friendship. We should encourage natural bonds, especially with the baby's father if she carries to term. She is strong on encouraging adoption, but cool on open adoption, believing that it keeps the wounds open for decades. She takes a straight look at the current welfare system for single moth-

ers and seeks a phasing out through churches and private agencies. She sees government welfare as encouraging dependency on the young mother's part and at the same time setting up obstacles to her forward progress in life. She wants to help build employment plans that will allow the mother—through flexible hours—to mother her child.

This author found, and we agree, that some women's lives are so chaotic that abortion is only the tip of the iceberg, and she views the entire national picture as cultural collapse. However, she says surprisingly, that "the bored and reluctant middle is not the pro-life movement's best ally...instead the pro-choicers are."

She explains this by saying that the pro-choicers whom she knows, who are not in the political wars, are concerned about women, as we are. They say they don't like abortion either. In an apologetic way, she tells us that this is a hunch on her part—that with us, they cannot offer solutions either. She insists, nevertheless, that abortion is an act of violence, like rape. "We must first demonstrate that it is possible to live without abortion." To which we add, "Amen."

—Paula Ervin, author of "Women Exploited—the other victims of abortion," is a board member of Right to Life - Lifespan, Church Representative Coordinator and Committee of Correspondence Chairman.

### Assisted suicide petition

A petition drive by a group called "Merian's Friends" plans to collect 350,000 signatures by January 10 in an attempt to legalize assisted suicide. The issue would then be placed on the November 1998 ballot.

The new law, if approved by voters, would be known as the Terminally Ill Patient's Right to End Unbearable Pain and Suffering Act.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision, ruled that the Constitution does not include the right to assisted suicide.

Both the American Medical Association and the Michigan State Medical Society strongly oppose physician-assisted suicide.

Petition signatures and donations will be solicited at churches, stores and door-to-door. Do not be deceived by their rhetoric. **DO NOT SIGN THIS PETITION.** Warn your pastors, neighbors, family and friends.

### Shoppers, beware

In doing your holiday shopping, remember that the following corporations are ardent financial supporters of Planned Parenthood, the world's largest promoter and provider of abortion.

**Dayton-Hudson**—Operations include Dayton's, Hudson's, Target, Mervyn's and Marshall Field's. Write to: Mr. Robert J. Ulrich, Chairman & CEO, Dayton Hudson Company, P.O. Box 1392, Minneapolis, MN 55440. Phone: (612) 370-6948.

**Esprit**—Operations include: apparel and apparel stores. Write: Mr. Jay Margolis, Chairman, Esprit, 900 Minnesota St., San Francisco, CA 94107. Phone: (415) 648-6900.

**General Mills**—Operations include: Betty Crocker products (SuperMoist and other cake mixes, Hamburger Helper, Pop Secret popcorn), Bisquick, yogurt, Gold Medal flour, all "Big G" cereal varieties, and many more. Write: Mr. Stephen W. Sanger, Chairman & CEO, General Mills Inc., P.O. Box 1113, Minneapolis, MN 55440. Phone: (800) 328-6787

**Hewlett-Packard**—Operations include: electronics (including computer-related equipment and service). Write: Mr. Lew Platt, Chairman, President & CEO, Hewlett-Packard Company, 3000 Hanover St., Palo Alto, CA 94304. Phone: (800) 752-0900 or (415) 857-1501.

**Levi Strauss & Company**—Operations include: apparel (primarily jeans, Britannia & Dockers). Write: Mr. Robert D. Haas, Chairman, Levi Strauss & Company, P.O. Box 7215, San Francisco, CA 94120. Phone: (415) 544-6000 or (800) 872-5384.

**Tandy/Radio Shack**—Operations include: electronics and appliances retailer & manufacturer. Write: Mr. John V. Roach, Chairman & CEO, Tandy Corporation, 1800 One Tandy Center, Fort Worth, TX 76102. Phone: (817) 390-3700.

To obtain a complete boycott list of Planned Parenthood corporate supporters, send a \$5 check to: **Life Decisions International, P.O. Box 907, Washington, DC 20044.** Enclose a self-addressed, business-size envelope with 55¢ affixed.





# Legislative Update



## Addresses

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Dear Mr. President:

### *U.S. Senators*

The Honorable (Spencer Abraham, Carl Levin)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3121  
1 (800) 522-6721

Dear Senator (last name):

### *U.S. Representatives*

The Honorable (first and last name)  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 224-3121  
1 (800) 522-6721

Dear Congressman or Congresswoman  
(last name):

### *Governor*

The Honorable John Engler  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 373-3400  
e-mail: migov@aol.com

Dear Governor Engler:

### *Michigan State Senator or Representative*

The Honorable (full name)  
State Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48913  
(517) 373-1837

Dear Senator (last name): or  
Dear Representative (last name):

## Surgeon General nominee

Dr. David Satcher, the nominee for Surgeon General, has stated that he supports the President's position on partial-birth abortion.

He also states: "Like the President, I believe that the decision to have an abortion should be between a woman, her conscience and her doctor, and that abortions should be safe, legal and rare."

If the Senate confirms the nomination, he will serve as Surgeon General and also as Assistant Secretary of health, which means he will have a role in policy decisions.

Dr. Satcher was also a member of President Clinton's health care taskforce which drafted the failed Health Security Act.

The Senate will consider his nomination to be Surgeon General in January.

**Action: Please contact your U.S. Senators and urge them to "Vote NO on Dr. Satcher's nomination."**

## Partial-birth abortion

January 22, 1998 marks the somber 25th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion. For 25 years, abortion advocates have claimed an absolute right to terminate a child's life for any reason, and at any time during pregnancy. In the name of *Roe*, they now embrace a form of infanticide: the brutal procedure known as partial-birth abortion.

During the fifth and sixth months of pregnancy (and sometimes later) partly-born children are deliberately killed, painfully and violently.

The American Medical Association and other medical authorities have examined partial-birth abortion and determined that it is never medically necessary. Legal experts, including some who identify themselves as "pro-choice," have called for legislation to outlaw the practice.

In 1996 and 1997, the U.S. Congress voted overwhelmingly to ban this procedure.

The current bill is the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 1997, HR 1122. It bans partial-birth abortions with a "life of the mother" exception. On October 10, 1997, President Clinton vetoed it. Contrary to all objective evidence, he insists that the bill should also have a "health of the mother" exception.

An effort is underway in Congress to override the President's veto of HR 1122. To do so requires two-thirds of those present and voting in both the House and Senate. Override votes will likely take place in 1998.

**Federal elected officials need to hear from pro-life constituents with this message: Please vote to override the President's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, HR 1122! Please send this message to your U.S. Representative and two Senators today.** Write a letter, sign a postcard, send a telegram, phone, stop by and visit their local offices, send an email message, attend a town meeting—but act! You might also write a letter on partial-birth abortion to the editor of a local newspaper; these letters are read by elected officials and help to educate other citizens too. Please stand up and be counted!

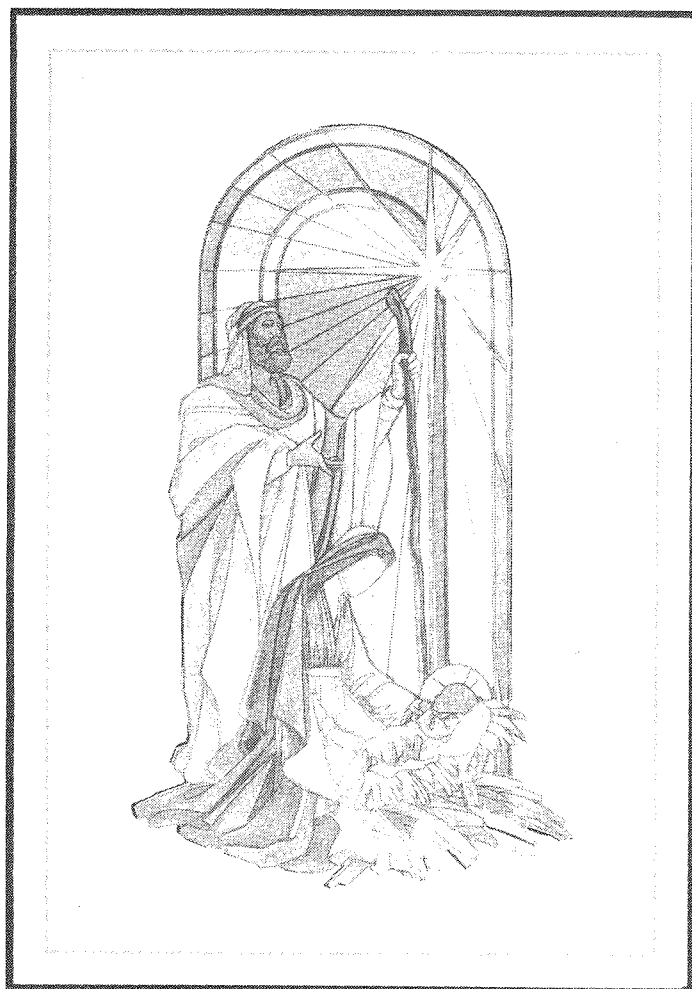
To write, please see the addresses in the left-hand column. Include your name, address and zip code. Ask for a written reply.

When you call the U.S. Capitol switchboard, **(202) 224-3121**, ask for the office of your Representative or Senator. When you are connected to the office, ask to speak to the staff member who has responsibility for the abortion issue. Introduce yourself as a constituent. Briefly convey your request in a clear and polite manner. Leave your name and address, including zip code. Ask for a written reply to your call detailing how the legislator intends to vote.

For more information, call your local Lifespan chapter or the Main Office at (313) 533-9090.

# 1997 Christmas Cards

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: Detroit Chapter at (313) 874-0432, Oakland/Macomb Chapter at (248) 816-1546 or Wayne West/Downriver Chapter at (313) 422-6230.



**Holy Family** (in rich multi-color foil with foil-lined envelopes)

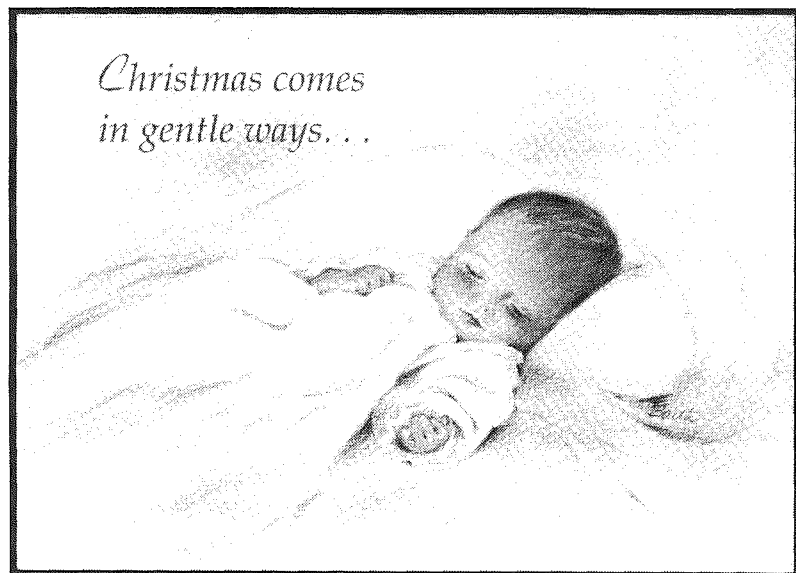
Inside Verse:

*As the Christ Child touches each of us  
with His love  
may our hearts be filled with joy  
for God's precious Gift of Life*

*Blessings to you at Christmas and always*

(Actual size:  $5\frac{3}{8}$ " x  $7\frac{3}{4}$ " )

**\$14.00 per box of 20**



**Sleeping Infant** (in soft pastels)

Inside Verse:

*So gentle this time of wonder  
So holy His moment of birth  
So wondrous this Gift of Life  
When Love was born on earth*

*May the Lord of Life bless you  
this Christmas and throughout the coming year*

(Actual size:  $6\frac{3}{4}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " )

**\$5.00 per pkg of 10**

**Donations have been made  
In loving memory of:**

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Alice Zegarski  
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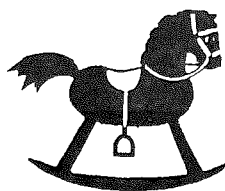
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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died; a memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased.

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. Sorry, they are not tax-deductible.



## Baby Showers

Continuing the tradition of caring for mothers and

their babies, born and yet to be born, Lifespan is planning its ninth annual Baby Shower for crisis pregnancy centers.

On Sunday, March 15, 1998, Lifespan will host approximately 30 baby showers simultaneously at different locations throughout the metro area. Showers are usually held from 2:00-3:30 p.m., but may also be held after church services or simply as a gift drop-off shower.

If you or your church are interested in co-hosting a baby shower, please call our Main Office at (313) 533-9090.

## Washington, D.C. March

Are you planning on attending the March for Life on January 22 in Washington, D.C.? Are you interested in bus or flight arrangements?

Please call our Lifespan Main Office at (313) 533-9090 to help us make travel plans for this event.



## Educational Center for Life

*Chiefs, Cooks and Bottlewashers* is the first ever National Pro-Life

cookbook. Over 650 recipes have been compiled from celebrities, government officials and other pro-life activists to tempt your taste buds.

It contains everything from appetizers to desserts, award-winning dishes and even highlights quick recipes. All recipes are bound in a durable three-ring binder. The cookbook also comes with its own stand, allowing the book to sit upright on the counter while you are creating your culinary masterpieces.

*Chiefs, Cooks and Bottlewashers* is the first of its kind—so get your order in now! The books cost \$12.00 each. Call the Educational Center for Life to order, (248) 816-8489.

A memorial gift to Educational Center for Life has been received in the name of Archie Queen, by Betty Queen.

**Educational Center for Life**  
1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite G  
Troy, MI 48084-3540  
(248) 816-8489

# ABORTION... the ultimate child abuse

Right to Life - Lifespan 313-533-9090



Our year-long billboard campaign is coming to an end the middle of December. This is your last chance to see our sign at the southeast corner of Woodward and Nine Mile. Thanks again to all of you who made this possible.

### 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	\$ 15.00	_____ Monthly pledge	\$ _____
_____ Student/Senior Member	\$ 7.00	_____ Other	\$ _____

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach at the dotted line and return to: Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, MI 48152-3736.

Donations are not tax-deductible.

# Ten Ways You Can Help Spread the News

1. If you want to influence a lot of people at one time, provide your pastor with a copy of *Lifespan News*. You might even want to underline or circle the stories you feel are especially important. Mention the idea of using them during his sermon, when leading discussion groups or when he's counseling.

2. After reading your copy, drop it off at the public library, a high school or college library or at your church library. This can encourage readership among people who might not otherwise see this great educational tool.

3. Every time you write a letter or wrap a package, include an article or two (or even an entire issue) from *Lifespan News*. What's important is that you get it in the hands of new readers.

4. Call your local TV stations and get the names of the news directors. Mail or fax them news and feature stories from our newsletter. Follow up with a personal call.

5. Call the producer of locally produced "talk radio" shows and offer to send him or her some timely articles from *Lifespan News*. Suggest the type of on-the-air discussion you feel the host's audience would like to hear.

6. Remember your hometown newspaper. Even if the editors don't agree with your views, they might be receptive to printing your "letter to the editor." Opposing views are welcomed by most local papers.

7. Take *Lifespan News* to work with you. Share it with friends over lunch. Leave a copy in your break room. Route the newsletter to someone through in-house mail.

8. Make a list of all the clubs, associations and civic or religious groups to which you belong. When you get a chance to speak before one of the groups, hold up a copy of *Lifespan News*, and quote from it.

9. When you meet people who are genuinely interested in becoming active in the pro-life movement, ask if you could give them a free sample copy of *Lifespan News*. If they say "Yes," send us their names and addresses. We'll mail each of them a complimentary copy for their examination plus an invitation to join you as a member.



## One More Thing

10. Here's one of the best ideas yet: Give gift memberships to people you feel would benefit the most from reading

*Lifespan News*. The cost is low—a special rate of only \$5 for each one-year gift membership. Send check or money order along with your name and address, and the names and addresses of your friends. We'll announce that you are sending a gift to them with an attractive card; and don't forget to renew your own membership today.

## Gift Membership Only \$5

### Gift Membership(s) For:

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**Mail to and make check payable to:**  
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**28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127**  
**Livonia, MI 48152**

***And Don't Forget to Renew***

## Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit

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