

Right to
Life NEWS BRIEF
of Greater Cincinnati

April, 2010

Protecting Life at Every Age and Every Stage

Volume 40, Number 4

OHIO HB 333 Tramples Conscience Rights

HB 333 has been advancing in the Ohio House Health Committee, even though it tramples on the conscience rights of medical professionals and religious hospitals. Under the bill hospital emergency rooms, including those at religiously affiliated hospitals, must provide the Plan B morning-after pill (so-called "emergency contraception") to sexual assault victims.

Hospitals must misinform women that Plan B "does not cause an abortion" or "interrupt an established pregnancy," even though the drug can cause the death of an early human embryo by preventing implantation after fertilization has occurred, thus the tiny person dies. If a hospital does not comply, the Department of Health can impose a fine of at least \$10,000 with no limit on maximum penalty. If there is a second violation, the State can close the hospital. Please contact your Ohio State Representative to oppose HB 333. [Source: Ohio Right to Life]

Massachusetts Seeks Legal Assisted Suicide

A bill has been introduced in Massachusetts to legalize physician assisted-suicide. If it should pass, Massachusetts would become the fourth state to legalize this deadly practice, after Oregon, Washington, and Montana. The bill was introduced on short notice, but some managed to rally to testify against it, including representatives from Massachusetts Citizens for Life, the Massachusetts Catholic Conference, and activists organized by the disability rights organization, Not Dead Yet.

The bill would permit patients medically determined to have six months to live to ask their doctor to prescribe drugs so that they can end their own lives. Marie Sturgis, legislative director for Massachusetts Citizens for Life, testified, "Once we cross the line and enter into the realm of the assisted suicide, we all become vulnerable. It begins the systematic devaluation of human life."

Township Cancels Abortion Coverage

Through the efforts of Sycamore Township board president, Tom Weidman, insurance coverage for elective abortion has been removed from the Anthem health insurance plan for township employees. Anthem agreed to remove the benefit, and the township was also able to negotiate a better plan with an annual savings of \$200,000 for 2010. Mr. Weidman said, "I believe, and my fellow trustees concur, that it is morally wrong for taxpayer dollars to be used for funding abortions."

In Memoriam – Margaret Gorman

Spoken of with love by all who knew her, longtime Cincinnati Right to Life volunteer Margaret Gorman slipped home to our Lord February 23rd. Known for her sweet and kind nature, Margaret is remembered for many acts of service, including years of patience overseeing the old Right to Life addressograph used to mail thousands of newsletters. She is much missed by all but especially her five children, 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.



Mother's Day Flower Sale

Beautiful potted flowers can be delivered to your church in time for Mother's Day. To set up delivery, contact Rosemary Beckman 513-598-4809 and support the work of Right to Life!



2010 Pro-Life 5K Run/Walk

& Family Fun Run

Saturday, May 8, 9:00 a.m., Winton Woods,
www.5krun4life.org (see back page for details)

CROSS THE BRIDGE
for Life
2010

Sunday, June 6, 2010, 2 p.m.,
start at World Peace Bell, Newport, KY
www.crossthebridgeforlife.com

Look Inside! Candidate Survey Issue

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

United States Declaration of Independence

CANDIDATES POSITIONS ON LIFE ISSUES

Knowing the position of each candidate regarding pro-life legislation is of utmost importance. We therefore publish the candidates answers to the following questions for your information.

Because this is a primary we list here only contested races. Due to limited space candidates' responses may be edited. **For full responses to ALL surveys received or surveys received after the publication deadline, see www.cincinnatirighttolife.org or call 513/728-7870 for a copy.**

(C)-Constitution, (D)-Democrat, (G)-Green, (L)-Libertarian, (R)-Republican, (S)-Socialist

* indicates a comment (which may be included here or on the website), — indicates no answer, YX indicates YES with exceptions

JUDICIAL RACES

1. Which former US president's political philosophy best matches your own?
(Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, George H. W. Bush, Ronald Reagan, George W. Bush, Barack H. Obama, Other)
2. Which US Supreme Court Justice's legal philosophy best matches your own?
(Roberts, Stevens, Scalia, Kennedy, Thomas, Ginsburg, Breyer, Alito, Sotomayor, Other)
3. Rate your judicial philosophy regarding the U.S. Constitution on a scale of 1-10 with "living/evolving document" being 1 and "strict constructionist" being a 10.
4. In *Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a "right to privacy" under the Constitution that includes abortion. The Constitution does not include this right. (Agree, Disagree, Undecided)
5. Judges should refrain from "legislating from the bench." The translation of public policy into law and the creation, extension, modification or limitation of citizens' rights (and government authority) are properly within the province of the legislative, not judicial, branch of government. (Agree, Disagree, Undecided)
6. An unborn child is biologically human at every stage of his or her biological development, beginning at fertilization. (Agree, Disagree, Undecided)
7. The law should be applied to pro-life demonstrators in the same manner as is applied to environmental, anti-war and labor demonstrators. (Agree, Disagree, Undecided)
8. There is no provision in the current Ohio Constitution intended to require the use of public funds for abortion. (Agree, Disagree, Undecided)
9. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CLERMONT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, Comm. 1-1-11									
Daniel J. Breyer (R)	Ronald Reagan	Thomas	9	Agree*	Agree	Agree	Agree*	Agree	*
	#4-"I agree with the dissents authored by Justices White and Renquist."								
	#7-"Laws should be applied equally."								
Thomas R. Herman (R)	Ronald Reagan	Scalia	9	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	*

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, JUVENILE DIVISION, Comm. 1-1-11

Daniel J. Donnellon (D) REFUSED TO RESPOND									
Tracie Hunter (D)	Other*	Other*	8	Undecided*	Agree	Agree	Agree	Agree	*
	#1-"I do not prescribe to one political philosophy...."								
	#2-"...I am guided by the Constitution and an interpretation of the laws on a case by case basis."								

To make democracy work, we must be a nation of participants, not simply observers.
One who does not vote has no right to complain.

Author, Louis L'Amour

Volume 40, Number 4
 Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.
 1802 W. Galbraith Rd.
 Cincinnati, Ohio 45239-4829
www.cincinnatirighttolife.org
 Phone: 513-728-7870
 Fax: 513-728-7872

Publisher: Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc., Jack Hart, President
Executive Director: Paula Westwood
Website and newsletter contact: mail@cincinnatirighttolife.org
Newsletter/Bulletin deadline for publication: six weeks prior to month of publication
Educational Materials contact: Barbara Notton - RTLbarbara@cinci.rr.com
Church delivery contact: Melanie Wade - RTLmelanie@cinci.rr.com
Subscription - \$10.00 per year

FEDERAL RACES

The 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* did more than just “legalize” abortion-on-demand; they prohibited virtually any federal, state or local laws from protecting pre-born children from death by abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy.

1. Will you support reversal of *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*?
2. Will you support federal legislation to ban abortion-on-demand from fertilization to birth?
3. Will you support legislation prohibiting use of tax money for organizations that promote or perform abortions domestically and in foreign countries?
4. Will you oppose abortion being funded, subsidized, or otherwise promoted in government programs or education?
5. Will you oppose any legislation that promotes or encourages healthcare rationing for the elderly and other vulnerable people?
6. Will you support conscience protection legislation for healthcare workers who do not want to participate in abortions or other immoral practices?
7. Will you support legislation prohibiting the killing of human embryos used for scientific research?
8. Will you support legislation prohibiting all cloning of human beings?
9. Will you support legislation prohibiting assisted suicide?
10. Will you vote for leadership in the House/Senate who uphold pro-life principles?
11. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 1st CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Steve Driehaus (D)	YES	YX*	YES*	YES	YES	YES*	—*	YES	YES	YES*	*
	#2-”Life of mother” #3-”...I do not...believe in denying funding for womens’ health care unless alternative providers for low-income women are available” #7-”I will continue to support stem cell research that does not necessitate the killing of human embryos and hope that research soon moves to...where embryonic stem cell research is no longer considered.”										
Eric Wilson (D)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										
Jim Berns (L)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										
Jared Croxton (L)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 2nd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

David Krikorian (D)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										
Jim Parker (D)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										
Surya Ylamanchili (D)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										
Debbi Alsfelder (R)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										
C. Michael Kilburn (R)	YES	YX*	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*
	#2-”When the <u>life</u> of the mother is truly at risk.”										
Tim Martz (R)	REFUSED TO RESPOND - See his statement on our web site										
Jean Schmidt (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE, 8th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

John Boehner (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES “N/A”
Thomas McMasters (R)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										
Manfred Schreyer (R)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										

U.S. SENATE

Charlena R. Bradley (D)	YES*	YES*	YES*	YES*	YES*	YES*	YES*	YES*	YES*	YES*	*
Jennifer Brunner (D)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										
Lee Fischer (D)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										
Traci Johnson (D)	REFUSED TO RESPOND										

Primary Election Tuesday May 4, 2010

COUNTY RACES

1. & 2. - same as Federal
3. Will you support legislation prohibiting use of tax money for organizations that promote or perform abortions?
4. Will you support removal or prevention of county-provided health insurance benefits from including abortion coverage?
5. Will you support exclusion of abortion coverage from indigent care and other countywide tax levies?
6. Will you support legislation prohibiting the killing of human embryos used for scientific research?
7. Will you support legislation prohibiting all cloning of human beings?
8. Will you support legislation prohibiting assisted suicide in Ohio?
9. List all organizations to which you have contributed time or money in the past four years.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

BUTLER COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Jose Alvarez (R)	YES*	YX*	YES	YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES	*
	#1-"Mainly because this should not be a federal issue. ...consideration need be given for emergency situations. ..." #7-"...safeguards need to be applied in emergency situations. The other consideration would be the definition of the moment of 'fertilization'. Are all post-fertilization processes to be prohibited? I would have concern with that."								
Cindy Carpenter (R)	YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES	—*	YES	YES	*
	#6-"I am not familiar with this issue and am quite involved with the Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati."								
Gregory Jolivet (R)	REFUSED TO RESPOND								
Paul Nenni (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*
Richard Retherford (R)	YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*
	#1-"The whole premise of Roe v. Wade is wrong. Medical issues should be through the state, which means the people. However, we have laws that will send people to jail for killing an unborn child unless its the mother and done by a dr. This is wrong, Life begins at conception."								
Jesse VonStein (R)	REFUSED TO RESPOND								

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Hubert E. Brown (D)	REFUSED TO RESPOND								
Jim Tarbell (D)	REFUSED TO RESPOND								
Cecil Thomas (D)	YES*	YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES*	YES	YES	
	#1-"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee;" Jeremiah 1:5 #2-"If the life of the mother is at stake. I would leave the decision up to the mother and her family." #6-"...Abraham took the ram and offered him up...instead of his son. Genesis 22:13 (God will provide a ram for stem cell research)."								
Leslie Ghiz (R)	YES	YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*
	#2-"No Exceptions."								
Chris Monzel (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*

WARREN COUNTY AUDITOR

Nick Nelson (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
Linda Oda (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Tom Ariss (R)	YES*	YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES*	YES	YES	*
	#1-"I believe that life begins at conception." #6-"Definitely - this is the taking of a human life."								
Tom Grossmann (R)	YES*	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*
	#1-"I have only supported candidates for office...who are dedicated to overturning Roe v. Wade"								
Chris Koch (R)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	*

REMEMBER TO TAKE YOUR ID WHEN GOING TO VOTE

2010 Pro-Life 5K Run/Walk and Family Fun Walk



Saturday, May 8, 2010 Winton Woods, Harper Meadows

Divisions Men & Women

5K Run
14 & under
15-18
19-24
25-29
30-34
35-39
40-44
45-49
50-54
55-59
60-69
70 plus

5K Walk
29 & under
30-39
40-49
50-59
60 plus

Awards

1st overall,
men & women
1st, 2nd, & 3rd for
each division

1-Mile

Family Fun Walk or Run

All ages can participate.

Picnic & Door Prizes

Enjoy a free picnic afterwards for your entire family! Food provided by JTM and other generous donors.

Registration

Deadlines:

April 30, 2010 (Postmarked, call the office for a form)

May 5, 2010 (Online [5Krun4life.org](http://www.5Krun4life.org))

Fees: \$25 per Individual
\$45 per Family* of 3 or more
(*must be registered or mailed together)

Race Day registration - add \$5

Register Online: www.5KRun4Life.org

Group-affiliated teams: Teams of five or more people can receive a special group rate of \$15 per participant. *All team members' pre-registration forms and fees must be submitted online or mailed together by April 30, 2010 (postmarked).* No t-shirts are provided with this special discount, but are available for purchase. **No team registrations are accepted race day. Build your team at www.5Krun4life.org!**

Packet Pick-up: *If you pre-register* you can pick up your race packet at the Right to Life office on Wednesday, May 5 or Thursday, May 6 from 9 am to 8 pm, or Friday, May 7 from 9 am to noon. **Registration opens on race day at 7:30 a.m.** at Winton Woods, Harpers Meadow, Butterfly Bluff.

Race Day

7:30 a.m. Registration - Butterfly Bluff

9:00 a.m. 5K Run Start - Owl Overlook

There is a \$2 daily fee to enter the park unless you own a 2010 Hamilton County Park Pass.

Arrive early for check-in and registration before events begin.

1802 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239



NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CINCINNATI, OH
PERMIT NO. 3262