

Our lives begin to end the day we become
silent about things that matter.

– Martin Luther King, Jr.



Insurance Companies Quiet on Healthcare

As of this printing, it is predicted that the U.S. House Stupak-Pitts amendment preventing federal funding of abortion will be excluded from the final healthcare bill, and the Senate version on abortion included. The Senate version gives federal funds to private insurance plans that cover abortion and creates an Office of Personnel Management to administer new national insurance health plans that would cover abortion.

The Senate version also includes the Mikulski amendment, which defines abortion as "preventive care" thus insurance companies would have to accept taxpayers' premiums to pay for them. Insurance companies have been quiet on these developments. Most private insurance plans already cover abortion, but with this bill, federal taxpayer funds would pay for them.

A recent Forbes analysis article attributes this silence to money. Abortion is much less expensive than giving birth. According to the *Health Care Blue Book*, a first trimester abortion of a baby costs \$300-\$450, while a vaginal delivery costs \$5,992, and c-section \$8,558.

John Nugent, CEO of Planned Parenthood of Maryland, bluntly admits that this cost difference is "why the insurance companies think they should be offering it. It's cheaper to terminate an unwanted pregnancy rather than taking it to term."

Americans Oppose Abortion Funding

The proposed federal healthcare bill is increasingly unpopular among Americans on many fronts, but much debate hinges on taxpayer-funded abortion. A January Rasmussen poll shows that 53% Americans want a ban on abortion coverage in any federal health insurance plan. A December national poll from Quinnipiac University shows 72% Americans oppose tax-funded abortion. And a recent Ohio Right to Life poll shows that 70% Ohioans oppose taxpayer funded abortion.

Black Americans Still Targeted

Abortion is the leading cause of death in the African American community. In an analysis of the *National Vital Statistics Reports* (Vol. 58, No. 4, October 14, 2009), Arnold Culbreath, Director, Protecting Black Life reveals, "For every 100 White babies born alive, there were another 18 White babies who died by abortion."

While in tragic comparison, "For every 100 Black babies born alive, there were another 77 Black babies who died by abortion. Said another way, for every 1 Black baby born alive, practically 1 Black baby died by abortion." (www.protectingblacklife.org)

Ohio Abortion Center Closes

The abortion—providing Mahoning Women's Center in Youngstown, Ohio closed January 12th, after 34 years performing abortions. Many good pro-life men and women, plus the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, have worked for this to happen. The new owner is reported to be a physician, but no other information is known regarding plans for the building.

Ohio RTL Presents Sarah Palin

Ohio Right to Life is sponsoring Sarah Palin, Friday, March 5, at the Aladdin Shrine Center at Easton, Columbus, OH; \$40 per person; parking available. Purchase tickets at www.ohiolife.org; *no tickets will be sold at the door*.

Doors open at 5 p.m.; general event starts at 7:15 p.m. Seating for the general event is not reserved—arrive early! Refreshments will be available for purchase before the event.

Limited tickets to private reception are also available; includes admission to reception, onstage seating at event, copy of Sarah Palin's book and photo with Sarah. (614/547-0099)

"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

Area Pro-Life Events

Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Prayer Vigil for Life, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27 & March 6, 13, 20, 27 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati; Feb. 18 & March 18, 8:30 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Western Hills (513/984-6742)

First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary & Mass, Feb. 6 & March 6, 9 a.m., followed by coffee and speaker; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH (513/522-7247)

Third Friday Pro-Life Mass, Feb. 19 & March 19, noon; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

"Forgiven & Set Free" Post Abortion Recovery Study Begins Feb. 2010, strictly confidential; call or email HEART (Helping & Education in Abortion Related Trauma) for dates and times (513/985-9959, heart@evecenter.org)

Dancing with the "Pro-Life" Stars Feb. 13, 6 PM, Manor House, 7440 Mason-Montgomery Rd., Mason, OH 45040; \$60/person; sponsored by One More Soul (www.OneMoreSoul.com, 800/307-7685)

Bringing America Back to Life March 8-9, Bringing America Back to Life symposium in Cleveland; top pro-life speakers include Archbishop Charles Chaput, Dinesh D'Souza, Star Parker, Immaculee, Raymond Arroyo, and more; Sponsored by Cleveland Right to Life for statewide participation (www.clevelandrighttolife.org)

Cincinnati Right to Life Annual Meeting, March 10

Way of Love March 28, 2pm, Burnet Woods, Cincinnati, OH - held on Palm Sunday only this year (513/314-91210, www.thewayoflove.org) (see this page)

Way of Love for Palm Sunday

This year the annual Way of Love Lenten prayer walk will be one day only on Palm Sunday March 28, from 2-3 pm. Led by the Knights of Columbus, this is the eighth year for participants of all ages to conduct a Rosary prayer walk from Burnet Woods to the Women's Med Center abortion mill on Jefferson Ave. then back, in prayer for the healing from abortion and the conversion of hearts. (www.TheWayofLove.org, 513/314-9121)

Pray With 40 Days for Life

Greater Cincinnati will again participate in the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign during Lent, February 17 to March 28, along with other cities across the nation. This successful prayer campaign involves many who have never been involved in pro-life efforts and has become a force for changing hearts and minds, including mothers considering abortion.

The prayer vigils will be held in front of Planned Parenthood's abortion headquarters, 2314 Auburn Ave. Organizations, churches, and individuals are already on board, but more are needed. Contact Greater Cincinnati director, Mary Clark (513/791-4039, cincinnati40days40@live.com) or sign-up at www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati.

2010 Pro-Life 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Family Fun Run



Mark your calendar now for Cincinnati Right to Life's 2010 5K Pro-Life Run/Walk and Family Fun Run, Saturday, May 8, 9:00 a.m., Winton Woods. Build teams, collect sponsors, and register at www.5krun4life.org for this wonderful event, featuring races for serious athletes plus plenty of fun for everyone including families with children. Everyone is welcome to celebrate spring, Mother's Day and God's good Gift of LIFE! (www.5krun4life.org)

Elementary Students' Poster Contest

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati is now accepting submissions for our 8th Annual Right to Life Poster Contest for students in grades K-8, deadline March 31. This year's theme is "Protecting Life at Every Age and Every Stage." A 1st place \$25 prize plus 2nd and 3rd place ribbons are awarded for the winners in categories K-2, 3-5, 6-8. **For entry forms and contest rules see www.cincinnatirighttolife.org or call our office.**

Donation for Life

Thanks to Mr. Menke, you have an opportunity to be the proud owner of this beautiful 3 story victorian style doll house. The siding is pink with pale green and white trim and a shingle roof. The interior is unfinished. Suggested donation is \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets. **Deadline for entry is Friday, March 26, 2010.** Please send completed form with donation to Right to Life, 1802 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45239.

(No donation necessary to win. Winner responsible for pick-up).

Doll House 2010

Enclosed is my donation of \$_____ for _____ tickets.

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Dr. Willke Writes

and others. They also, however, list with apparent approval genetic testing, prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome and infant screening for rare metabolic disorders. The implication here is that in these three cases, the "treatment" could be abortion for genetic defects. This is why the Right to Life movement recommends that you support other organizations that are completely pro-life.

abortion and oral contraceptives do raise breast cancer risk. Her changed opinion is due to the results of a study she co-authored with researcher Jessica Dolle, which documents a 40% increased risk for breast cancer for women who have abortions, and up to a 320% risk increase for breast cancer for women using oral contraceptives.

ANTICIPATED HEALTH CARE BILL: As of this printing, it is anticipated that Congress will be voting on the Senate version of federal healthcare legislation, which would:

- Permit federally-funded and promoted elective abortion
- Promote & encourage assisted-suicide
- Eliminate conscience protections for health care entities and workers who object to contraception, especially abortifacients, and do not want to participate in abortion and other immoral practices (especially affecting Catholic hospitals)
- Ration health care, particularly for seniors
- Prohibit school-based health clinics from directly paying for abortion, but permit referrals to off-site abortion mills
- Expand funding for permissive, contraceptive based sex-ed programs
- Increase federal subsidies for leading abortion chain Planned Parenthood

MARCH OF DIMES AGAIN: The March of Dimes' *Global Report on Birth Defects* documents many birth defects and their frequency in the U.S. and other countries. It suggests that with proper "treatment" before and after birth, 70% of the defects and deaths could be avoided. Accordingly, they list some "health initiatives and prevention programs," including some very laudable such as nutrition programs, folic acid supplements, intrauterine surgery

CALIFORNIA STEM CELL RESEARCH CHANGE: In 2005, California passed Proposition 71, authorizing \$3 billion for embryonic stem cell research. Due to the complete lack of any substantial practical advances, the decision has been made to allocate most of this funding to successful research on adult stem cells, which does not kill embryos.

ADULT STEM CELLS RESTORE EYE-SIGHT: In London, a man was blinded when ammonia was squirted into his eyes fifteen years ago. He has had his sight restored by the use of adult stem cells.

ANOTHER STEM CELL ADVANCE: Not long ago Dr. James Thomson revealed that adult stem cells, using a new reprogramming method, could be in effect backed up into an embryonic cell-like stage. This was amazing but did leave behind viruses and genes, which could cause problems if planted in a human body. Now Thomson has developed a safer way of creating the cells without this problem. His new technique is one that any basic molecular biology lab can use, opening the possibility for using these cells for therapy in humans.

ABORTION & BREAST CANCER: In a workshop in 2003, the National Cancer Institute denied an abortion-breast cancer link. Dr. Louise Brinton, an NCI official who helped organize the conference has reversed her opinion, admitting that

CANCER AND PREGNANCY: Over the years it has been the norm to advise a pregnant woman with cancer to abort her baby. Studies now show that it is actually better for pregnant women with cancer to carry to term. And it has been shown that those who aborted died younger and more frequently from their cancer.

EVANGELICALS' TOP MORAL ISSUE: The National Association of Evangelicals group asked its board members, "What is the greatest moral issue in America today?" The respondents answered "abortion," with their close second choice "the crisis of moral relativism", which claims there are no absolute truths.

MEGA-ABORTION CENTER: Planned Parenthood is opening a six-story, 78,000 square foot abortion super center in Houston, Texas. It is located in the midst of four minority neighborhoods, which have 80–85% Hispanic and Black population.

TWO-THIRDS ABORTION CENTERS CLOSED: Operation Rescue has released an extensive research report showing that the number of abortion facilities continues to dwindle as Americans become more pro-life. In 1991, it estimates there were 2,200 abortion clinics in the U.S. Today, there are 713. The only negative part of this report is the fact that while Planned Parenthood continues to close some of its abortuaries, it is building some larger mega centers.

Membership 2010

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati exists to educate and inform the seven-county area of pro-life issues and concerns. Please renew or begin your membership today, as well as encourage others to do so. Membership levels start at \$10 individual, \$15 family, \$25 honorary, and \$100 patron. Your contribution will be used for Right to Life efforts, and all donors receive our monthly newsletter, all special mailings, and free use of the Right to Life resource libraries. Mail your membership today!

Yes! Please include my name on this year's membership list.

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Please make checks payable to and mail to Right to Life, 1802 W. Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45239.

Television Ads Tell the Truth

Cincinnati Right to Life is again sponsoring VirtueMedia's beautiful pro-life television ads on local stations (www.virtuemedia.org). This year the ads will be shown on WKRC, CinCW, Channel 64, Fox, CNN, MTV, and the adult cartoon network. Also, Time Warner will air VirtueMedia's "Truth" video, and the Crisis Pregnancy Center ad is being shown on Channel 19, and Media Bridges Channels 4, 15, and 24.

All ads direct viewers to CincinnatiRightToLife.org, which displays prominent links for pregnancy and post-abortion help—identifying Carenet's OptionLine to direct women and men to the nearest care centers. PregnancyCare of Cincinnati has reported, not only that client visits increased during weeks when ads were being shown, but that a baby is known to have been saved from abortion due to the pregnancy help ad on cable!



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