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"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

We are NOT Terrorists

In April a Barack Obama administration Homeland Security report was released, under Homeland Security director Janet Napolitano, stating that those of us who oppose the holocaust of abortion are "hate oriented" with the implication that we are terrorists.

Note this footnote from the document:

"Rightwing extremism in the United States can be broadly divided into those groups, movements, and adherents that are primarily hate-oriented (based on hatred of particular religious, racial or ethnic groups), and those that are mainly antigovernment, rejecting federal authority in favor of state or local authority, or rejecting government authority entirely. It may include groups and individuals that are dedicated to a single issue, such as opposition to abortion or immigration." (underline added)

This is a fear pressure attempt to silence free speech and stifle good work to help women and save unborn babies from death.

ACTION: Contact your U.S. Senators (www.senate.gov) and Representatives (www.house.gov) and demand that this wording be removed from the Homeland Security document.

Morning After Pill for Minors

The Food & Drug Administration is complying with a federal judge's order to overturn a Bush administration policy and permit 17 year olds to obtain the "Morning After Pill" or Plan B birth control pill without a prescription. The FDA will consider later whether all age restrictions will be lifted.

The Morning After Pill (Emergency Contraception) is a megadose of estrogen and progestin taken within the first 72 hours after sexual activity, then again 12 hours later, in an attempt to prevent pregnancy. If a newly conceived life has already implanted in a mother's womb, the pills are ineffective.

The drug can also alter the uterine wall so that a new life cannot implant, dies, and is expelled-this is abortifacient. Because of this, some pharmacists have lost their jobs because they refuse to fill prescriptions for such drugs.

No studies have been conducted as to the effect of such high doses of hormones on women, especially young women and teens. And while a girl under 18 cannot even get her ears pierced without a parent or guardian present to show ID and sign a release, she can now obtain Plan B with no parental or physician supervision.



Our appreciation to Mary Clark, Chairman, and all involved in 40 Days for Life's spring campaign. Besides individuals and friends, at

least 30 churches/organizations had representative participants throughout this campaign. And the final Friday night vigil included Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Coadjuter Archbishop Rev. Dennis Schnurr, who led the Rosary and encouraged the effort. The prayers of so many for the protection of innocent human life are a tremendous blessing.



Thank You!

Living Will Pro-Life Alternative

Medical professionals require statements from patients for legal protection regarding critical medical decisions, and patients need to be sure their wellbeing is protected. Thus it is helpful for both if individuals document their health care desires beforehand, in writing, and in a legally binding manner. For best care, a durable power of attorney document for healthcare is preferable to the so-called living will.

LIVING WILL

- ◆ Increasingly required by hospitals at admission (when stress maybe great)
- ◆ Vague statement that permits physician to withhold or withdraw treatment for terminally ill
- ◆ A paper that medical professionals may ignore or misinterpret
- ◆ Gives authority to a doctor you may or may not know
- ◆ Family members & others who know your values & desires cannot legally interpret
- ◆ Protection for the doctors and hospitals, none for the patient
- ◆ DOES NOT guarantee your wishes will be carried out

Obtain from:

- ◆ An attorney
- ◆ Probate court
- ◆ State legislature

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE

- ◆ Appoints a surrogate(s) to make your medical decisions in any crisis, regardless of prognosis
- ◆ Generally exempts doctors from liability if following decisions
- ◆ Defers to surrogate(s) and your written wishes
- ◆ An attorney not necessary
- ◆ Needs two witnesses when signed
- ◆ Does guarantee your wishes will be carried out

Obtain from:

Protective Medical Decisions Document

- ◆ International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide
P.O. Box 760
Steubenville, Ohio 43952
740/282-3810
www.internationaltaskforce.org

Will to Live

- ◆ National Right to Life Committee
512 10th street NW
Washington, D.C. 20004
202/626-8800, www.nrlc.org

Area Pro-Life Events

Helpers of God's Precious Infants' Prayer Vigil for Life, May 2, 9, 16 & 23; June 6, 13, 20 & 27; 8:00 a.m. Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati (513/984-6742)

First Saturday Rosary for Life, Mass, Speaker, May 2 & June 6, 9:00 a.m.; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH (513/522-7247)

CareNet Pregnancy Services of Northern Kentucky Gala, May 7, 6 p.m., Receptions, Erlanger, KY; speaker, KY State Representative Addia Wuchner

Cincinnati Right to Life 5K Run/Walk & Family Fun Run, May 9, 8:30 a.m., Owl Overlook in Harper Meadows at Winton Woods, Cincinnati

Third Friday Pro-Life Mass, May 15 & June 19, noon; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

Birthright Annual Founder's Day Prayer Breakfast, May 30, 10 a.m., Embassy Suites, Cincinnati; speaker Rebecca Kiessling (513/241-5433)

Cross the Bridge for Life, June 7, 2:00 p.m., World Peace Bell, Newport, KY (see info this page)



In Memoriam, Bill Brueggemeyer

April 9th, long time Right to Life supporter, volunteer, and friend Bill Brueggemeyer died at the age of 94. Bill retired from the

US Postal Service, and for years he and his late wife Sue, were a cheerful presence helping with pro-life projects and needs. Bill and Sue also lived in Florida for a time and helped significantly with the St. Gerard Campus maternity home in St. Augustine. Bill's unflinching devotion to the sanctity of human life has inspired all who knew him.

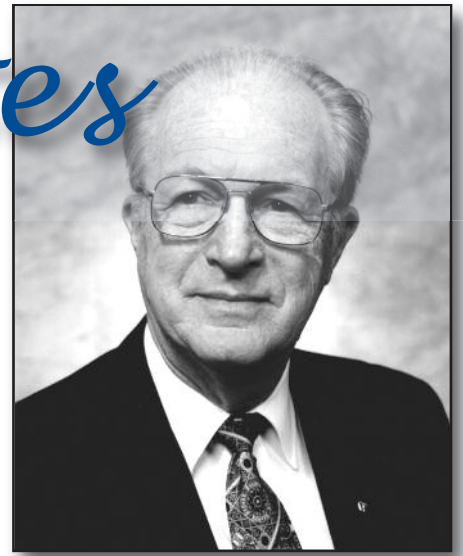
CROSS THE BRIDGE for Life 2009

Be part of the fourth annual Cross the Bridge for Life, Sunday, June 7, 2009, 2 p.m. The event begins at the World Peace Bell on the Newport, KY side of the river, then across the "Purple People Bridge." All ages welcome; no cost! Free t-shirts, entertainment, and picnic by JTM Food Group. A brief opening will include Rev. Arnold Culbreath, Urban Director, Protecting Black Life; 740AM Son Rise Morning Show radio host Brian Patrick; and Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Coadjuter Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. (www.crossthebridgeforlife.com)

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Dr. Willke Writes



RED ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN FLOODS

WHITE HOUSE: For those who haven't heard, there is an ongoing campaign to send a blood red empty envelope to the President at the White House. On the back of the empty envelope senders print, "This envelope represents one child who died in an abortion. It is empty because that life was unable to offer anything to the world." This was one man's brainchild, and many individuals plus organizations have participated. Our latest information is that the White House has received almost 3 million. (www.redenvelopeproject.org)

SEBELIUS SIGNS ONE PRO-LIFE BILL:

Before leaving Kansas for hearings on her appointment as U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius signed her first pro-life bill. It allows a woman to see an ultrasound of her unborn child before an abortion. Why did she sign when she had vetoed every other pro-life bill passed in Kansas, even that requesting abortion chambers to observe sanitary regulations? Because this bill had passed both houses with substantially more than two thirds majorities. If she had vetoed, she would have been overridden. So this gives her no valid pro-life credit.

KOMEN STILL SUPPORTS PP: STOPP

International has shown that the Komen "Race for the Cure," for breast cancer has funneled \$711,485 to Planned Parenthood groups from April 2005 to March 2006, although the Cincinnati Komen affiliate has not given to Planned Parenthood in several years. The national Susan G. Komen Foundation has also come out in support of embryonic stem cell research.

NUVARING CAUSES COMPLICATONS:

Thirty-seven lawsuits have been filed in New Jersey against the NuvaRing contraceptive's maker, Organon. It is alleged that this contraceptive device has caused

blood clot complications resulting in amputations, pulmonary blood clots, and death. NuvaRing is being marketed as a "safe alternative to the birth control patch." Apparently this is not true.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL CONTINUES PRO-ABORTION:

Amnesty International is now demanding that Mexico force doctors to perform abortions, stating that abortions for rape victims are "an obligation of the Mexican government" and "sexual and reproductive rights should not be permitted, but rather should be guaranteed."

MASSIVE STUDY CONFIRMS PREMATURE CAUSE:

New research involving more than one million births in Germany shows conclusively that induced abortion is responsible for elevating numbers of premature births. Dr. Manfred Voigt led the study, published in the German medical magazine *Z Geburtshilfe Neonatol* in late 2008. The study demonstrates that women who have had one prior abortion boost their risk for a very premature birth in the next pregnancy by a 30%. Those who have had more than one prior abortion increase their risk by 90%.

MIXED REACTION TO EMBRYONIC STEM CELL TRIAL:

The Geron Corporation has announced FDA approval of a trial to implant human embryo-derived nerve cells into patients with damaged spinal cords. The media received this as a breathtaking breakthrough, but the Catholic News Service was not impressed. Their statement said, "All Geron Corporation has done is turn all of their embryonic stem cells into mature nerve cells—so what? We can get such nerve cells by far simpler means. They then inject that bunch of ordinary nerve cells and hope like hell that there is not a single embryonic stem cell left in the mix. If there is, Geron is putting the patient at

risk for a tumor on the spine. We note that severed spinal cords have been rejoined and the patient returned to partial function by the use of their own adult stem cells, and this now for the last three years. Why keep trying the more dangerous embryonic ones?"

ADULT STEM CELLS HELP HEARTS:

Using adult (non-embryonic) stem cells, researchers in London, at the University of Utah, and Johns Hopkins have been reporting remarkably successful healing in human hearts. These cells have been repairing damaged muscle, replacing scar tissue with healthy cells, treating cardiomyopathy and building new heart valves—all without killing a single tiny embryonic human.

STEM CELLS BACK TO THE FUTURE:

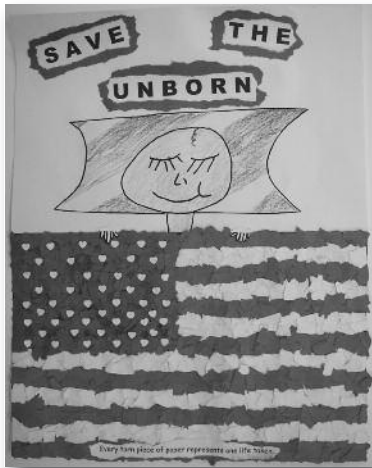
Not long ago Dr. James Thomson of the University of Wisconsin revealed that adult stem cells, using a new reprogramming method, could be in effect backed up into an embryonic cell-like stage. This was amazing but did leave behind viruses and genes, which could have caused problems if implanted in a human 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. It appears hopeful that we are getting into a position where we can use these cells for therapy in humans.

Poetry Contest Winners

The winners of this year's high school Poetry Contest are: 1st place Elizabeth House - "Just How Many?", 2nd place Angela Tuemler - "You Could have Been My Mom", and 3rd place Sally Stewart - "Thoughts From a Womb". We appreciate all who took the time to address creatively the truth of the sanctity of human life. (go to www.cincinnati-righttolife.org to read the winning poems).

Poster Contest Winners

What a fantastic response, we received a record breaking 633 posters from schools and home schoolers all over the Greater Cincinnati area this year! Congratulations to everyone for a great job. See full color pictures of all the winners at www.cincinnati-righttolife.org This year's winners are:



3rd - 5th

First Place: Grace B. - St. Teresa of Avila
Second Place: Abby D. - Royalmont Academy
Third Place: Matt K. - St. Cecilia School, Ky

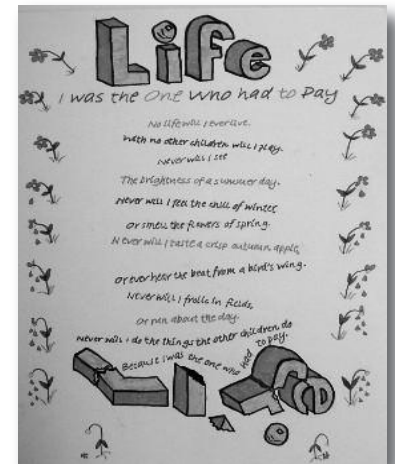
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First Place: Marion R. - Royalmont Academy
Second Place: Lauren P. - St. Cecilia School, Ky
Third Place: Abigail S. - St. Cecilia School, Ky



Mark Your Calendars!

You won't want to miss Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's annual Evening for Life banquet and 2nd annual auction, Thursday October 8, 2009 at Xavier University's Schiff Conference Center. We are pleased to announce speaker Shawn Carney, the National Director for 40 Days for Life; plus popular emcee, Brian Patrick, host of the Son Rise Morning Show on 740AM Sacred Heart Radio/EWTN.



6th - 8th

First Place: Gabbie P. - St. Ignatius
Second Place: Gabbrielle H. - St. John the Baptist
Third Place: Elizabeth S. - St. Cecilia School, Ky