

NDRL News

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Fun at the Fair

by Nancy Laschkewitsch

NDRL again sponsored a booth at the ND State Fair. The fair was held July 22 through July 30. This year there were approximately 244,874 people that attended the fair.

This makes for a lot of people passing by our booth. According to our figures we used a lot more materials. That means we gave more balloons, children's tattoos, brochures for adults and teens, and many more people saw the video that we were showing.

Our NDRL booth was open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Commercial II building. That's 99 hours of volunteer time to educate people from all over North Dakota, the U.S., and Canada. A number of great NDRL members volunteered their time and also some of the Teens from NDTFL Chapters. Again, the Minot chapter was helpful in keeping the booth going when necessary and taking care to be sure it was open and closed down every day.

We would like to **THANK ALL OF THE VOLUNTEERS** that worked for **LIFE** at this year's state fair.

Each year we have items available for a drawing. This year the prizes included: a child's rocker that was won by Sylvia from McClusky, a Christmas wall hanging that was won by Brittney from Devils Lake, a Pro-life T-shirt that was won by Alvina from Kenmare, a doll that was won by Lana from Minot, and a bear that was won by Tara from Cavalier. We would like to congratulate the winners and thank everyone that stopped by the booth to ask questions and give NDRL their support.

Next year, the ND State Fair will be held July 21 to July 29, 2006. A 2006 Fair sign up sheet for volunteers has already been started at the NDRL State Office. Prayerfully consider if you, your family, or your church could volunteer to host the booth for an hour, an afternoon, or even a day. Please call the State Office with any questions.



North Dakotan's Attend National Right to Life Convention in Minneapolis

by Nancy Laschkewitsch

After several years of not being able to attend the NTL Convention, North Dakota Teens for Life again had the largest delegation of 23 Teens at the NTL Convention that was held in Minneapolis, MN from July 16 to July 18,



2005. We left on July 15 and made stops in Fargo and Fergus Falls, MN to pick up the Teens. These Teens were from Bismarck, Grand Forks, Portland, Aneta, Gardner, Wahpeton, Hankinson and Fargo. We had open seats on the bus and we opened the seats to any adults that would like to go. We had five adults that took us up on the offer.

The convention consisted of three days of workshops which included subjects such as euthanasia, abortion, infanticide, assisted suicide, cloning and ethics. The speakers were all great and we all learned a lot, asked good questions, and gave knowledgeable answers. Some of the sessions were shared with the adults. One of the most interesting sessions was "For the Life of Our Sister" given by Bobby Schindler and Suzanne Schindler Vitadamo, brother and sister of Terry Schindler Schiavo. All of the adults said that they learned a lot and really enjoyed the workshops.

One of our own, Dominic Dalman, was asked to be on the National Teens for Life Board. Congratulations Dominic.

After the pizza party and dance on Saturday, we returned to our respective homes where we will share all the information that we learned with our communities, friends and family.

Thank you to our ND Chaperones, Virginia Dolajak, Matt Kraemer, Missy Lengenfelder and Mary Sears.

Changes at the NDRL Office

By Virginia Fergel, NDRL President

At the end of May Stacey gave her resignation to the Executive Committee. After our initial shock we proceeded to put ads in the newspapers around the state and at Job Service. We received many applications and we interviewed several people that best fit our needs. Due to us being unable to meet their expectations of salary, many withdrew their applications. We were brainstorming budget and ideas and came up with a good idea. We decided to ask Nancy to take this position. She has had 22 years of experience with NDRL and we thought she would be able to handle the position. We asked her and she accepted. The Board of Directors has hired her for that position. Stacey proposed an idea of remaining part time and being our Legislative

Director. With her experience and all the legislative activity both here in our state and in National Congress, we thought it would be beneficial for NDRL. Nancy will be hiring a part time bookkeeper/receptionist for the office. With Stacey handling all our election and legislative activities this will help make Nancy more available for educational activities such as going out to speak to chapter meetings, church, and organizational meetings. We need to be more visible in our communities and available to help people understand the current issues and stand up for life for all those who cannot speak for themselves. So welcome Nancy to her new position and Stacey for continuing to help NDRL in the political arena.

"It's Been a Great Year"

By Dave Andrusko

Mary Balch, NRLC's director of state legislation, has never been known for hyperbole or overstatement. That's why her conclusion in a recent interview with National Right to Life News was so significant.

"It's been a great, great year," Mary said unhesitatingly. "We passed genuinely substantive legislation in a lot of places."

The list of achievements is so lengthy that the following overview only captures a rough sense of how well pro-lifers fared in their state legislatures.

Oklahoma passed a trifecta plus one—an omnibus pro-life measure that included four components: parental notification, woman's right to know, unborn victims of violence, and wrongful death.

"Both Republicans and Democrats worked on this bill, and both want to claim credit," Balch said. "They put aside their partisan differences on other issues to do the right thing."

Many legislatures did the right thing. For example, besides Oklahoma, West Virginia and Arizona passed Unborn Victims of Violence Acts (UVVA). Maryland, a notoriously difficult state for pro-lifers, passed a much more limited UVVA that applies after viability.

A new thrust, Balch explained, is that six states - Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, Texas, and Louisiana - appropriated money for pregnancy care centers and maternity homes. Ever creative, they accomplished this desirable outcome in different ways: by a free-standing bill, by using federal Temporary Aid to Needy Children funds,

or by including dollars as a line item in the state budget. But whatever route they took, they reached a happy destination - helping provide women in crisis pregnancies with services they need to go forward.

There were other triumphs: Florida (after a long, long battle) joined Oklahoma in enacting parental notice laws. Idaho passed a parental consent measure as did Arkansas and Texas.

Meanwhile, Georgia passed a Woman's Right to Know bill while Arkansas enacted a fetal pain prevention bill. This law requires that women contemplating an abortion be made aware of a brochure that documents how unborn children 20 weeks and older can experience pain.

Knowing how slovenly many abortion clinics are, Florida and Indiana were able to pass clinic regulation measures. In addition, Arizona now has a ban on public funding of cloning while Indiana passed a comprehensive ban on cloning.

Balch was emphatic that pro-lifers not overlook how the Movement also made headway in a number of instances by winning passage in one house of a legislature. "That often means we will eventually prevail," she said.

And success also means defeating bad bills. In Virginia, for example, a law was cruising through that would have funded all stem cell research, including lethal embryonic stem cell research. Pro-lifers added just a few words, and now money can only go to research that uses sources other than human embryos.

Asked if she had any final comment, Balch thought for just a second and said, "**I can't wait until next session.**"



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Purpose of this publication is to educate about pro-life issues. NDRL maintains a state office at 1102 S. Washington St., Suite 110 in Bismarck. Phone 701-258-3811 or 1-800-247-0343. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Write NDRL at PO Box 551, Bismarck, ND 58502-0551 or fax us at 701-224-1963, email: ndrl@btinet.net.

2004 ND Abortion Statistics

Total Induced Abortions in North Dakota....1,357

Abortions Per Year**:

1979	483
1980	833
1981	2,554
1982	3,076
1983	3,028
1984	2,872
1985	2,826
1986	2,664
1987	2,562
1988	2,221
1989	1,761
1990	1,723
1991	1,602
1992	1,493
1993	1,406
1994	1,301
1995	1,334
1996	1,291
1997	1,219
1998	1,242
1999	1,345
2000	1,341
2001	1,216
2002	1,219
2003	1,354
2004	1,357

**Reporting was not required before 1979.

Abortions by Age of Preborn:

5-8 weeks	705
9-12 weeks	526
13 weeks	59
14 weeks	39
15 weeks	21
16 weeks or more	7

Previous Abortions:

0	963
1	269
2	90
3	26
4 or more	9

Reported Complications:

None	1,357
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Woman's Education:

Less than HS diploma	233
HS diploma	419
Some College	533
College Graduate	141
Post Graduate Study	24
Not stated	7

Age of Woman:

Under 15	4
15-19	271
20-24	512
25-29	289
30-34	167
35-39	86
40-44	25
45+	3

Marital Status:

Not Married	1,131
Married	226
Not stated	0

Race of Mother:

White	1,133
Native American	157
Black	35
Asian	23
Other/Unknown	9

Woman's Place of Residence:

North Dakota	848
Minnesota	426
South Dakota	68
Other States	11
Other Countries	4

Living Children of Aborted Women:

No Children	607
One Child	340
Two Children	239
Three Children	101
Four Children	49
Five or more Children	21

By North Dakota County of Residence:

Out of state	510
Barnes	10
Benson	6
Burleigh	84
Cass	283
Grand Forks	133
Morton	22
Mountrail	8
Nelson	6
Pembina	7
Ramsey	19
Richland	16
Rolette	15
Sioux	15
Stark	18
Stutsman	16
Traill	9
Walsh	13
Ward	94
Williams	14

Abortions Reported by the Red River Valley Women's Clinic: 1,357

By Governor's Planning Region:

Region I	20
[Divide, Williams, McKenzie]	
Region II	111
[Burke, Mountrail, Renville, Bottineau, Pierce, McHenry, Ward]	
Region III	48
[Rolette, Towner, Cavalier, Ramsey, Eddy, Benson]	
Region IV	159
[Pembina, Walsh, Nelson, Grand Forks]	
Region V	317
[Cass, Richland, Ransom, Sargent, Steele, Traill]	
Region VI	38
[Barnes, Griggs, LaMoure, Dickey, Stutsman, Kidder, Logan, McIntosh, Wells, Foster]	
Region VII	131
[Burleigh, Emmons, Morton, Sioux, Grant, Oliver, Mercer, McLean, Sheridan]	
Region VIII	23
[Adams, Bowman, Golden Valley, Billings, Stark, Hettinger, Slope]	
Out of State	510

These statistics were received from the North Dakota Department of Health. **Note:** The Department of Health states that the reason some of the total numbers do not equal the state occurrence total is the confidentiality issue. The Department does not release totals under 6 (six) for most categories. It has been determined that lower numbers could result in the identification of an individual.

Gender Test Raises Concerns about Sex-Selection Abortions

As early as five weeks after conception, pregnant women willing to spend \$275 can now send away for a test that will determine their baby's gender.

The testing kit, called the Baby Gender Mentor Home DNA Gender Test, is available on a web site called PregnancyStore.com. The site's president, Sherry Bonelli, told the Boston Globe that the test is intended for "the type of woman who can't wait to open Christmas presents."

The kit costs \$25 to buy, with a \$250 laboratory fee. The pregnant woman pricks her finger to get a blood sample and mails it to a lab in Lowell, Massachusetts. "The technique traces the amount of Y chromosomal DNA in the maternal blood to determine gender," according to a PregnancyStore.com press release. "If the Y chromosome DNA is present in the maternal blood sample, it's a boy; if the Y chromosome DNA is not present, it's a girl."

Many, however, are concerned that the tests could be used to abort children when the parents specifically want either a boy or a girl. In countries such as China and India, unborn girl babies are killed in great numbers when the parents discover the gender, leading to a severe imbalance between females and males.

"The sex test is very controversial because it's not clear that you want to broadly facilitate the ability of people to sex-select embryos at a very early stage," Charles R. Cantor, professor of biomedical engineering at Boston University, told the Globe. "It's potentially abusable."

Deeper Into The Darkness Of "Privacy"

FROM THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE PRESIDENT - Wanda Franz, PH.D.

Discussions following release of the Terri Schiavo autopsy report have been thoughtful, caring and deep, from people on all sides of the issue. That she was irreversibly brain dead and blind, in a "persistent vegetative state," is now beyond dispute. But, still, what is the meaning of "life" in such a case?...

The issue in the Schiavo case was simpler: privacy. ... That is precisely what happens many thousands of times, each year, out of the limelight: Families in all corners of this country, confronting the unsought requirement to make difficult end-of-life choices, do so reverently, privately and honorably.

—editorial ("Revisiting Schiavo—The only issue was privacy") in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* (6/17/2005)

Schiavo died of dehydration, said Dr. Jon R. Thogmartin, chief medical examiner for Pinellas and Pasco counties....

Thogmartin also said that if her feeding tube had remained intact, and ailments common to bed-ridden patients had been properly tended to, Schiavo might have lived another 10 years. The finding that she had been under no threat of imminent demise was seized upon by advocates for her parents as proof that her death was unnecessary, as well as immoral.

—*Los Angeles Times* wire story by John-Thor Dahlburg & Karen Kaplan in the same issue of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* (6/17/2005)

Ms. Schiavo was not starved to death. She died of dehydration after her feeding tube was removed in March....

In short, the medical experts who testified that Ms. Schiavo was beyond recovery were right. So too were the 19 judges who reviewed the case and, based on medical evidence and the law, determined that her husband, Michael Schiavo, legally spoke for Terri....

We are a nation of laws, and the law in this case was clear. Ms. Schiavo did not have a living will or other written notice of how she wished to be treated if incapacitated. Mr. Schiavo said that his wife didn't want to be kept alive through extraordinary measures....

We hope overreaching lawmakers learned a lesson here, although most appeared unapologetic this week.

—editorial in the *Miami Herald* (6/17/2005)

• Poll question invoking the Schiavo name: *Turning now to Terri Schiavo, a Florida woman who had been in a persistent vegetative state since 1990, and whose parents and husband disagreed over whether she should be kept alive. As you may know, the feeding tube that was keeping Terri Schiavo alive was removed on March 18th, and she died this past Thursday [3/31/2005]. Based on what you have heard or read about the case, do you think that the feeding tube should or should not have been removed?*

Responses: Should have - 53%. Should not have - 41%. Unsure - 6%.

—CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, 4/1-2/2005

• Poll question correctly describing Terri Schindler Schiavo's condition without invoking her name: *If a disabled person is not terminally ill, not in a coma, and not being kept alive on life support, and they have no written directive, should or should they not be denied food and water?*

Responses: Should - 7%. Should not - 80%. Not sure - 13%.

—Zogby International poll, 3/30 through 4/2/2005

• Poll question: *Do you agree or disagree that it is proper for the federal government to intervene when disabled people are denied food and water by a state court judge's order?*

Responses: Agree - 44%. Disagree - 43%. Not sure - 13%.

—Zogby International poll, 3/30 through 4/2/2005

• Poll question: *Do you agree or disagree that the representative branch of governments should intervene when the judicial branch appears to deny basic rights to the disabled?*

Responses: Agree - 42%. Disagree - 48%. Not sure - 10%.

—Zogby International poll, 3/30 through 4/2/2005

The previous quotes from editorials upon the release of the report on the autopsy of Terri Schindler Schiavo and the sample of poll questions surrounding her case should alarm everyone of us—especially if you are disabled.

The editorial misrepresentations and baffling distinctions are astounding. Mrs. Schiavo "was not starved to death, she died of dehydration" is the petulant observation of the *Miami Herald*. Does that make killing her morally acceptable?

No, the autopsy did *not* show that Mrs. Schiavo was "irreversibly brain dead" as the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* falsely claims. Had she been, she would have been on a ventilator. The autopsy did *not* show "beyond dispute" that she was in a "persistent vegetative state"—that is a clinical diagnosis to be made on a *living* patient. And physicians disagreed whether she was or not. No one had "to make difficult end of life choices" because she was not dying. She "might have lived another 10 years," the medical examiner said.

But "the only issue was privacy," states the editorial headline in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. Indeed, it is judicially invented "privacy" that allows one to make the *decision* to end the life of a disabled relative—as long as that relative is physically unable to voice an objection. The "private" decision to end the disabled person's life still

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The Forgotten

By Dave Andrusko, Editor, NRL News

Quick, what is missing from this statement: “Women in the United States have aborted over 46 million unborn children since 1973”?

Stumped? It’s any mention of the husbands/boyfriends of these women who are also the fathers of these unborn children.

And it is precisely the omission of any reference to fathers—even by pro-lifers— that must be corrected if the Movement is not only to win the day for unborn children but reconcile entire families grievously wounded by legal abortion. That is the contention lawyer David Wemhoff and marriage and family therapist Greg Hasek made indirectly in their workshop “Lost Fatherhood and the Male Response to Abortion” and more directly in a subsequent interview with NRL News.

Both Wemhoff and Hasek know of what they speak. Each was involved in an abortion when they were young men and nothing could be clearer than that both remain deeply affected by behavior that both believe was cowardly. Yet abortion’s extraordinary impact on men remains the stealth issue in our ongoing conversation about a decision that has ripple effects far beyond just the woman and the unborn child.

Hasek pointed out that many components of the classic negative impact of abortion on women also holds true for men who have been a party to the abortion of their child: anger, depression, avoidance, grieving, guilt, inability to sleep—to name just a few characteristic behaviors. This can hold true not just for men who opposed the abortion, but also when the man initially acted passively—“it’s your decision”—and even when he actively worked to compel the woman to abort.

Part of it, Hasek said, is because abortion so “goes against the grain.” Any man knows it is his job to protect his family, not end the life of one of its members and abandon the other. Part of the reaction is attributable to a profound sense of powerlessness.

Still another reason an abortion can take a huge toll on men is that their remorse remains buried. They are not comfortable laying their emotions on the table—and even when they do, there are precious few outlets anywhere for them to safely share their pain.

But as many of the most eloquent written expressions of male grieving demonstrate, an abortion fundamentally means the loss of fatherhood. When this loss of a child is compounded with a poor relationship with a man’s own father, the results can be devastating, even shattering, Hasek said.

“Society has not yet accepted that post-abortive men are suffering and as a result our society and families are bearing the brunt of the symptoms,” he said.

Hasek believes there is a real hole in dealing with abortion’s aftermath. Almost all post-abortion counseling is by women for women.

“Men and women must heal together,” he argues. “If abortion begins with a man and a woman, ultimate reconciliation must end with a man and a woman.”

Hasek said there needs to be a paradigm shift in thinking about how to reach the post-abortive man in the future: “Programs need to focus on how men grieve, which is often through thinking and doing.”

Wemhoff said that Dr. Vincent Rue and Dr. Philip Ney have been pioneers in studying the impact abortion has had on men. “Both found the negative behaviors described by Greg Hasek, and more,” he said.

And it won’t be until we recognize that abortion hurts men, too, that they will at last be able to begin the healing process.”

Justice O’Connor Announced Her Retirement Here’s What You Can Do to Help!

Justice Sandra Day O’Connor has announced her intention to retire from the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice O’Connor was the deciding vote in a 5-4 decision to keep the gruesome partial-birth abortion procedure legal. And she was the swing vote in a 5-4 decision to curtail the free speech rights of pro-lifers to lobby on behalf of unborn children in the McCain-Feingold campaign reform case.

President Bush will now nominate a new justice, who must survive the minefield of Senate confirmation. Senators Boxer, Leahy, Schumer, Clinton, Kennedy and others will stand in the way. In some ways the coming fight to confirm a true constructionist who respects the words and real meaning of the Constitution will be every bit as bitter as the fight to confirm Robert Bork in 1987. And we lost that fight.

And because we lost that fight, abortion has remained legal through all nine months of pregnancy in the United States!

There are two critically important things you can do to help:

First, call North Dakota’s two U.S. Senators **TODAY** and ask them to vote for a justice who will interpret the words and actual meaning of the Constitution, not legislate from the bench. Senator Dorgan can be reached at 1-800-666-4482. Senator Conrad can be reached at 1-800-223-4457.

Second, continue to visit the National Right to Life Committee website, www.nrlc.org, regularly for the latest information regarding the confirmation battle.

Into Darkness. . .

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requires that the actual killing take place *outside* the privacy of one's home, with the cooperation of *others*. You can't just quietly suffocate that relative at home—not yet.

"In privacy" one may also make the decision to kill that relative in a manner that would violate the Eighth Amendment's prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment—if it were used to punish a serial murderer. And you may *not* starve/dehydrate to death your dog or cat or horse; and your veterinarian may not do it either. But a *physician* and other health professionals can be your accomplices in the protracted starvation/dehydration death of your disabled spouse, child, or parent—all in the name of "privacy."

"We are a nation of laws, and the law in this case was clear," proclaims the *Miami Herald*. But it is highly disputable that the law was followed as Judge Greer elevated sheer hearsay (remembered years after the disabling incident) to the level of "clear and convincing evidence" that Terri Schindler Schiavo wished to be starved/dehydrated to death.

Look at the polls and be very concerned.

Protecting Life. . .

Today and tomorrow



Urgent Congressional Alert: Urge Senate to Reject Embryo-Killing Research

The U.S. Senate has delayed until September votes on various bills dealing with the use of human embryos in medical research.

One bill strongly opposed by National Right to Life, H.R. 810, passed the House of Representatives in May. Representative Earl Pomeroy (D) voted for final passage of H.R. 810. Representative Pomeroy voted for a bill that would mandate federal funding of research that requires the killing of human embryos in order to obtain their stem cells. President Bush has threatened to veto the bill if the Senate also approves it.

Your help is needed! Please contact Senator Byron Dorgan (D) and Senator Kent Conrad (D) urging them to oppose H.R. 810 and any other bill that would fund research that depends on the killing of human embryos. In addition, urge them to support legislation to prohibit the creating of human embryos by cloning (the Brownback-Landrieu bill, S. 658).

Mother Arrested Trying to Stop Teen Daughter From Having Abortion

by Maria Vitale Gallagher, *LifeNews.com* Editor, April 15, 2005

Granite City, IL (*LifeNews.com*) — A Southern Illinois woman was arrested after trying to stop her 14-year-old daughter from having an abortion. The woman came to Hope Abortion Clinic in Granite City to try to find her daughter, who she found out was not at school.

"My husband and I rushed to the abortion clinic where we saw our daughter's name on the roster and the time she had checked in," the mother told the *Illinois Leader*.

She then took a seat near the main desk, but "was told I could not prove my daughter was there so I began calling her name. A medical tech at the clinic told me, 'It's your daughter's rights, it's her body. You have no rights.'"

Authorities were called in, according to the *Leader*, and the mother was arrested after she continued to call out her daughter's name and cried out, "Don't do it."

The girl told her mother she could hear her but when she asked workers to give her mother a message, they came back to the room and told her that her mother had left.

The girl was reportedly taken to the abortion facility by the mother of the man who allegedly impregnated the 14-year-old, the *Leader* reported. The woman, posing as the girl's grandmother, had the girl called off from school.

When the girl left the abortion facility after having an abortion, employees told her, "No one will ever know you were here, we'll bury your records."

Meanwhile, the woman who had taken the girl for the abortion was slipped out the back door of the clinic, the *Leader* report indicated.

Police apparently told the girl's mom that they couldn't intervene despite the fact the girl was a victim of statutory rape. That's because the allegation of rape took place seven weeks after the incident. Police told the girl's mother that, while she had no right to stop the abortion, she did have the right to go to the abortion facility and speak to her daughter.

Illinois has no law requiring parental permission or notification before an abortion is performed on a minor girl.

***Note: In 1981 the North Dakota Legislature passed a two-parent parental consent law.**

**HOW TO REACH
OUR ND
CONGRESSIONAL
DELEGATION**

Senator Conrad:
1-800-223-4457

Senator Dorgan:
1-800-666-4482

Representative Pomeroy:
202-225-2611

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1030 Interstate Avenue

Bismarck, North Dakota



Guest Speaker

Mr. Brian Johnston

Western Director for the National Right to Life Committee

Member of the National Right to Life Committee's Board of Directors

Director for the California Pro-Life Council

Brian Johnston is the author of the important book *Death as a Salesman: What's Wrong with Assisted Suicide*. This handbook provides invaluable information and analysis to those dedicated to protecting the medically vulnerable and those suffering from depression-prime candidates for "assisted suicide." Both the book and a subsequent documentary film based on the book have been used as educational tools throughout the world. Mr. Johnston is the Western director for the National Right to Life Committee. He also serves as director for the California Pro-Life Council and is a member of the Board of directors of NRLC. Mr. Johnston is a well-known advocate for the elderly and the dependent. He has appeared on CNN news programs, ABC's *World News Tonight*, the *McNeil-Lehrer NewsHour*, and many other programs.

2005 NDRL Educational Conference Registration Form

Check or money order MUST accompany registration form. Please make check payable to NDRL Educational Conference.

Adult Registration*:

___ Early Bird Registration: \$35 (includes lunch and workshops) and receive a free gift at the conference.

Must be postmarked by September 16.

___ Registration: \$35 (includes lunch and workshops). Postmarked by September 23.

___ Late Registration: \$45 (includes workshops, but lunch is not guaranteed). Postmarked after September 23.

___ Workshops only \$20

Teen Registration* (a teen is someone in grades 7-12 with the only exception being a college freshman who currently holds a seat on the NDTFL State Board):

___ Early Bird Registration: \$25. Receive a free gift at the conference. Must be postmarked by September 16.

___ Registration: \$25. Postmarked by September 23.

___ Late Registration: \$35. Postmarked after September 23.

**If you choose NOT to attend any of the conference, no discounts will be given. No cash refunds will be given, checks will be issued. Persons desiring a refund must submit a written request. The amount of the refund will be pro-rated: one week or more before, full refund of the amount paid; less than one week before, one-half of the amount paid.*

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved through September 23, 2005, at the Comfort Inn, 701-223-1911

Attention Children:

Are you artistic? Do you have a flair with the pen? If so, do we have a special project just for you!!!

As you have read elsewhere in this paper, NDRL is hosting the 28th annual Educational Conference October 8th in Bismarck. In conjunction with the conference, a pro-life poster & essay contest will be held.

Essay Contest:

Theme: The Strength of **YOU**th: What can **I** do to help protect the unborn, the disabled, and the elderly?

Length: 300-500 words; typed and double spaced.

Divisions: Pre-Teen (9-12 years old);

Teen (13 years old and over)

The top winner in each division of the essay contest will be asked to attend the Teen Conference as a guest and will be invited to read their winning essay at the Saturday "Wrap Up" Session at 4:00 pm CT.

Poster Contest:

Theme: Protecting Life...the unborn, the disabled and the elderly

Divisions: Children (8 and under);

Pre-Teen (9-12 years old); Teen (13 years old and over)

All posters will be on display at the Conference.

There will be prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each category. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. All entries must be postmarked by September 23, 2005. Mail your winning entry to NDRL, PO Box 551, Bismarck ND 58502-0551. Please attach the coupon below to the back of your poster/essay.

Name _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Phone _____ Age _____

School or Church and address _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Essay Participants: If chosen, I will be able to attend the conference to read my essay. Yes _____ No _____

