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joining HEARTS and HANDS for LIFE

On October 14, 2006, the North Dakota Right to Life Association held its 29th Annual Educational Conference in Bismarck. Our guest speaker, **Olivia Gans, Director of American Victims of Abortion (AVA)** an outreach project of National Right to Life Committee gave three excellent workshops. Olivia herself is a victim of an abortion experience. In the morning workshop Olivia gave some really valuable information about Planned Parenthood and how to handle situations when they arise. Another morning workshop, given by



Olivia Gans

Olivia, for the ND Teens for Life was about being "Survivors and Making their Future, a Bright Shining Future." Olivia's afternoon session for adults and teens was an excellent discussion on how "Abortion affects the whole family because of the Lost Child through abortion." Olivia also talked about how everything starts with changing people's hearts.

Patricia Traynor Board Member, St. Gianna's Maternity Home-Minto, Linda Bass, Director Youth for Christ Teen Moms-Fargo, and Patty Robinson, Pregnancy And Adoption Service Social Worker, Catholic Charities-Bismarck were the panel members for "Alternatives to Abortion" which was very informative and everyone was glad to hear how the program is working in North Dakota.

Kristi Pfliger Keller of the Western North Dakota Regional Center for the Alzheimer's Association MN-ND Chapter gave a very informative and fun talk. She explained how to take care of Alzheimer's patient in a way that the adults and teens could all understand. Kristi explained that you do not have to be elderly to become an Alzheimer's patient.

Nancy Laschkewitsch and Virginia Fergel gave a refresher course on Abortion with a small amount of neonatal surgery included. The material used is a CD-ROM that anyone could use and is available at the North Dakota Right to Life Office. It is called "Abortion 101."

Essay Contest: One of the essay contest winners read

her essay. She was Kathleen Turcotte. Kathleen was the winner in the age group of 9 to 13. Kathleen wrote an excellent essay called "What can I do to help the unborn" and you can read it in this newspaper.

The North Dakota Teens for Life Association held their annual conference in conjunction with the North Dakota Right to Life Conference. The teens enjoyed the same speakers as the adults and had election of officers. They are as follows: Kelsey Zimprich, President; Emiley Mastel, Vice President; Kelsey Schiermeister, Secretary; and Treasurer is Kathryn Klokstad. There are four Regional Districts and the Directors are South East Regional Director Lisa Peterson, North West Regional Director Tina Heth, North East Regional Director Adriana Dalman. The South West Regional Director is still to be announced. Congratulations to all of you and good luck with the NDTFL Association.



We wish you a
Happy Thanksgiving
and may you have a
Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

ND Right to Life and Staff



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

What can I do to help the unborn?

by Kathleen T.

"Imagine," you are helpless. You cannot move your body. It is so small and you are so limp. It is not right to kill a baby. It is a grave sin to kill a baby. I will protest against it. I will ask people to pray to stop abortion. I will write to my congressmen and senators to stop abortion.

There once was a woman who tried to abort her baby three times but God didn't let it happen. The baby was born and right now she is twenty five and is raising a family of her own.

Women need to look in the mirror and ask them, Do I really want to abort my baby? If you say yes then you are killing a part of God's creation and our world population will not increase.

Abortion was first known in the 1900's. Some women drink beer, smoke, or take drugs to kill their unborn child. There are about 4,000 babies aborted everyday. If I put an ultrasound and a baby picture together I wonder if that would change a woman's mind about aborting their baby.

"Thou shalt not kill." I will tell moms not to kill their baby because it is a part of your body, your flesh and blood. I can make posters to send a message to moms not to kill their baby. I will ask permission to protest in front of abortion clinics. I can put together a sidewalk protest.

Aborting a baby is very painful. Abortion is a grave sin. Abortion could cause deep depression, mood swings, or paranoia. Aborting a baby is murder. It can hurt the relationships of parents and the rest of their family. It can cause regret, pain, and suffering.

Maybe I can write to the Supreme Court to stop abortion. Roe versus Wade legalized abortion in our country. Maybe if I write to my congressmen to reverse the Roe Wade decision abortion can stop or come to a screeching halt.

My dad used to believe in abortion. One day a female horse was stuck in a tree and died with a baby inside of it. The baby was so tiny that it could fit inside a small jar and it was a perfect horse. It had legs, hooves, tail, and eyes. That day he stopped believing in abortion.

Help the Elderly by TiRay A.

Imagine that you are an elder. You need someone to take something down for you and you can't because it's too heavy for you to take down. You ask a child to help you. He helps you then he asks if he can cook with you. He helps you around the house and yard. He rakes, takes out the trash, and cuts the lawn. Then you ask if he can come and visit you again. The elder says yes.

He comes back and tells you about the world and how

there is not much gas. He also tells you about his life and that he is in football, track, and baseball. He tells them that he is good at all these things. He also tells you he is going to take you to the parade if you wanted to or go for a walk or go to the store.

Then when you get home he asks you about the past. Was it fun? Was it boring? Were there sports? What kind of jobs were there? I ask the elderly about our culture and if it was hard to live in the past or was it easy. Was it easy to make a living or were a lot of people poor and didn't have jobs or homes. Were there pow-wows or dances?

Then he asks if you made all your sacraments. Then he takes you to mass and after mass the priest comes over to your house to pray with you.

After that day I felt more respectful and less selfish as a person and to be a companion with the elderly. I was less selfish and do less things for myself. That's how the elderly feel when someone helps them and visits them. We can help the elderly and so can adults.

Help the Disabled by Bobbie Lynn

My sister Krista is a disabled child. She can't walk but she tries to everyday. After school when I get off of school, I go to her house, and I help her. We have so much fun. I get her stuff from the shelf. We go to a place where there are a lot of disabled kids. Krista and I go talk to them almost everyday. We also help them in special ways.

I will help the disabled. People could give them books to read. When the disabled can't reach the shelf we could help them. People should make a park for the disabled so they could have fun. People could help them to another place. I could buy the disabled clothes, toys, and food. People could donate stuff they do not want. I will not laugh at them. I won't tease them. I could donate money to them.

I could be a companion. I could share with the disabled. People could be nice to them. We could treat them the way we want to be treated. We could read the Bible to them. We could also teach them the Divine Mercy Chaplet. We could show the disabled how to play a card game and teach them how to read. We could also tell them story about yourself. If you do tell a story about yourself they might like it.

My grandma said we could help them downstairs. If they need help to open a door we could help them. People could bring them to the hospital when they get sick. We could push them around on the wheelchair. We could help them with their homework.

This topic was a really fun topic! The disabled are really sick kids we should respect them, love them, and help them remember that!



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Bush Administration Authorizes Millions for Cord Blood Stem Cell Research

- by Steven Ertelt - LifeNews.com Editor - Nov. 3, 2006.

Washington, DC (LifeNews.com) –The Bush administration on Thursday awarded over \$12 million in contracts to stem cell banks that store umbilical cord blood to obtain adult stem cells for research. The Department of Health and Human Services provided contracts for six institutions to expand their inventory and create a diverse national holding of cells.

This announcement follows the late September announcement of an additional \$ 10 million to build and connect these banks into a National Inventory of Cord Blood - accessible to any physician across the country for transplant use.

The contracts are a result of the Stem Cell Research and Therapeutic Act of 2005 which Congress overwhelmingly approved in December as an alternative to forcing taxpayers to fund embryonic stem cell research, which destroys human life.

The bill authorized a total of \$265 million from 2007-2010 to stock cord blood cells and bone marrow cells, both of which have already been used to help patients, unlike embryonic stem cells.

Rep. Chris Smith, a New Jersey Republican and the leader of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus, was the primary sponsor of the adult stem cell research bill.

“These contracts will allow us to turn medical waste into medical miracles for huge numbers of very sick and terminally ill patients, who suffer from such maladies as leukemia and sickle cell anemia,” Smith said.

Smith said hospitals have previously been throwing millions of umbilical cords rich with cord blood away each year because the infrastructure required to properly collect and store them was not available.

The banks will use the funding toward the goal of collecting 150,000 new genetically diverse units of cord blood, a goal that is intended to meet the needs of 90 percent of patients-both child and adult-and make the units available to a patient within one week (or 24 hours in emergency cases).

All blood units collected and deemed not suitable for transplant will be donated for research. Cord blood stem cells have the potential to grow into other types of cells and reproduce in a Petri dish which makes them valuable for research into diseases that are not blood-related, such as Parkinson’s and diabetes.

“Cord blood stem cells have incredible and immediate life-saving potential through treatments, but also the capacity to lead to long-term scientific advancements through research. To date, adult stem cells, like those in umbilical cord blood, are the only stem cells to have ever produced medical treatments. The funding announced today is vital to advancing and promoting good and ethical science through the use of adult stem cells,” Smith said.

The blood bank contracts follow on the heels of the release of federal funding to create the National Cord Blood Inventory, which will coordinate the nation’s supply of

umbilical cord blood stem cells and bone marrow into an easy, single-access point of information for doctors and patients to search for a match in banks around the nation.

“Thousands of people have been successfully treated with cord blood stem cells for over 67 diseases, many of which were once considered terminal,” Smith explained.

This infusion of federal funds is helping to make a medical miracle available to thousands more and will ensure that research continues so that this source of stem cells can treat many other debilitating and deadly diseases,” Smith said.

Election Day '06

by Stacey Pflieger, Legislative Director

Following election day, we have heard that nationally there are several pieces of bad news.

- The House & Senate is now in the hands of Democrats whose leadership is pro-abortion, as are most members. Even if a small minority of incoming Democrats (along with incumbent Democrats who have a pro-life voting record) are genuine about being pro-life, the leadership from top to bottom is staffed with clones of Nancy Pelosi, the likely incoming Speaker of the House. In other words the pro-abortionists who control the caucus can afford to throw a bone to pro-lifers. Even assuming some of these newcomers are genuinely pro-life, they will hardly be in a position to make a difference.

- Parental notification proposals failed in California and Oregon.

- In Missouri, voters (by a narrow margin) approved Amendment Two which places the right to clone in the state Constitution.

- Last March South Dakota passed a law that bans abortion unless necessary to prevent the death of the mother. State law allows citizens to enact or repeal legislation via ballot. Opponents secured enough signatures to have the law placed on the ballot. November 7 voters rejected the pro-life law.

So what’s the news in North Dakota? As you may have heard there are several new legislators elected to the ND State Legislature. Overall, the ND Legislature has 23 new members that did not serve in the House or Senate during the 2005 Session. Some of these new members have served previously, so we may have a general idea on their pro-life stance. However, not all of these newcomers have a voting record and they may not have returned surveys to NDRL. If you have a new legislator in your district, please be diligent in corresponding with her/him on life issues during the session.

If you would like to be part of the Legislative alerts, please contact your local chapter to become part of their Legislative alert tree. If you do not have a local chapter, please contact the NDRL State Office to be added.

Finally, please continue to pray for the women and men serving in the ND State Legislature.

Catholic Diocese in Arizona Takes on Komen Foundation Over Abortion

- Steven Ertelt - LifeNews.com Editor - Nov. 3, 2006

Phoenix, AZ (LifeNews.com) – A Catholic diocese in Arizona appears to be the first to directly take on the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation over its long-standing relationship with Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion business. The Phoenix diocese is asking parishioners to tell Komen to stop giving money to Planned Parenthood.

Komen said some of its affiliates across the nation have contributed tens of millions of dollars to Planned Parenthood.

The money is used for breast screening instead of abortion, but abortion has been a leading factor in the rise of breast cancer cases since Roe v. Wade.

"Some will argue the grant is earmarked for areas other than abortion or contraception, so the affiliation between the organizations is inconsequential," an editorial approved by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted that appeared in the Thursday edition of the Catholic Sun diocesan newspaper.

"But the sad reality is that the grant money now frees up Planned Parenthood funds for those areas opposing life and counter to our Catholic faith," it explained.

The editorial came after the newspaper featured an article on some area women who participated in Komen's Race for the Cure and it received complaints from pro-life advocates aware of the Komen-Planned Parenthood connection.

In the Phoenix area, Komen, whose race netted it 40,000 people and \$1.8 million gave \$25,000 to Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona, the Arizona Republic reported.

In comments to the Republic, Pat Elder, executive director of the Arizona chapter of Komen, said the money was given to Planned Parenthood because it was the only local organization performing free or low-cost breast exams.

Ironically, a local Catholic hospital is also involved with Komen and St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center donated \$10,000 to the Komen group as a race sponsor this year and it received a \$75,000 grant from the organization.

Sister Margaret McBride, a hospital vice president, told the Phoenix newspaper that news of the Komen link to Planned Parenthood and the editorial in the newspaper will prompt the hospital to look into its funding.

"I am not sure how the diocese will interpret that," she said. "This (news) will open us up to having a conversation with the bishop."

But Shonna James of the Foundation for Senior Living, another local Catholic agency, said she has no problems with the Planned Parenthood grants. Olmsted has authority over that group.

According to former Komen public relations director Kristin Kelly, Komen affiliates awarded \$38.4 million in grants to support community outreach programs in 2003. That figure includes 21 grants to their local Planned Parenthood chapters totaling more than \$475,000.

The grants prompted medical research analyst and Hispanic outreach director Eve Sanchez Silver to resign from

her leadership position within Komen.

Earlier this month, Silver had a meeting with Komen officials about their grants and abortions link with breast cancer.

"SGK officials did not appear to have knowledge of simple breast facts," Silver said in a statement LifeNews.com received.

Silver explained that the breast is an organ that is not mature at birth and SGK officials appeared to be surprised to learn that the breast does not become fully mature until after 32 weeks of pregnancy.

As a result of that state of development, interruption of pregnancy via an abortion before 32 weeks leaves breast cells exposed to estrogen, which is highly carcinogenic.

She indicated the Komen representatives also appeared to be "more concerned about assisting women after they had contracted breast cancer, than informing them to avoid breast cancer risk by avoiding abortions and having [an] early, full term pregnancy.

"This is an appalling lack of concern for the women the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is supposed to be helping," Silver added.

NEW CHAPTER

Congratulations to the newest chapter of North Dakota Right to Life. **BADLANDS RIGHT TO LIFE** - Badlands Right to Life is a new chapter that has formed in Dickinson and surrounding area. Shortly after the chapter was formed, they found out that Sarah Weddington, the attorney in the Roe v. Wade abortion decision, was going to be speaking at Dickinson State University. A lot of the new chapter members attended. November 6, 2006 the Badlands Right to Life Chapter along with Dr. Pat & Patricia Glashan, Knights of Columbus Council # 1515 and Mackoff Kellogg Law firm sponsored Georgette Forney, Co-Founder of Silent No More. Silent No More is an organization of women who have had abortions and now regret that decision. There was a full house at the Dorothy Stickney Auditorium, May Hall on Dickinson State University Campus. Ms. Forney spoke on how we need to get the word out that abortion and euthanasia are wrong. She also stated that the best way to get the word out is by word of mouth to our friends and neighbors as we are practically always shut out of the media. Ms. Forney said, "change has to start in each persons heart." Ms. Forney also spoke at Dickinson Trinity High School, a dinner gathering of Priests and Pastors and the New England Women's Correctional Center.

STEM CELL RESEARCH AND OUR LEGISLATORS

by Ellen Humble - NDRL Treasurer

During the recent election, you have probably heard ads or news reports about one candidate supporting stem cell research while another candidate voted against it. You may have read articles of someone receiving medical help from stem cells. If we pay close attention, most of the stories we hear or news reports do not tell us what kind of stem cells were voted against or were used in a patient's medical assistance. We, as pro-life people, need to ask - what kind of stem cells? Where did they come from?

Stem cells are normally classified into two categories - Adult Stem Cells (ASCs) and Embryonic Stem Cells (ESCs).

Adult stem cells are found in almost every part of the human body, including bone marrow, blood, fat, skeletal muscle, nasal tissues, hair follicles, corneas, and retinas. ASCs are also found in umbilical cord blood.

Embryonic Stem Cells come from human embryos that are destroyed for their cells. The focus of some in the biotechnology industry is to clone human embryos for the sole purpose of harvesting embryonic stem cells - like a crop.

Earlier this summer, the Bismarck Tribune ran a story of a Grand Forks man whose heart disease was treated using his own stem cells. In September, another Tribune story told of a Washburn man whose leukemia was being treated with stem cells from umbilical cord blood.

At this point in research, all of the successful treatments using stem cells have come from ASCs. This includes successful trials where patients improved after suffering with heart damage, multiple sclerosis, lupus, sickle cell anemia, spinal cord injury, and liver damage. (Contact our office for more stories and the positive results using adult stem cells.)

Cures using ESCs? According to an article in the February 23, 2006, Investors Business Daily, "Since 1998, when researchers at the University of Wisconsin discovered how to isolate and develop human embryonic stem cells, no human disease or condition has been successfully treated using them." Despite all the news stories talking about the promising effects of ESCs, they have not gotten past laboratory and animal trials. In addition, since they are a foreign tissue, ESCs cause a transplant rejection in the body.

So, where do our three congressional delegates in Washington stand? Given this information, in this past year, Senators Dorgan, Conrad and Representative Pomeroy all voted for a bill that would require our tax dollars be spent on embryonic stem cell research which requires killing of human embryos. (President Bush vetoed this legislation.)

My questions for Senator Conrad, Senator Dorgan and Representative Pomeroy would be:

If research is allowed at any stage that would kill a human embryo, what age of development is your stopping point for killing? Is it two days in the petri dish? Seven days? Four weeks?

Three months (in an artificial womb)? Up until birth? What about after birth if the baby is born with a serious disability, like Princeton Professor Peter Singer believes? What is your stopping point?

Research using adult stem cells should continue as the results are positive and are working. Research that includes the killing of any human or human embryo has to be banned, not financed with tax dollars. There is no justification in the taking of one human life in the hope of finding medical benefits for others.

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Partial-Birth Abortion: It is What Its Name Implies

- Douglas Johnson - November 9, 2006
Legislative Director for National Right to Life Comm.

Last June, Linda Greenhouse, who has covered the Supreme Court for the New York Times for most of the last 28 years, took time out to receive an honor at Harvard. According to a later report about her speech on National Public Radio, Greenhouse lamented, among other discouraging developments, what she called a “sustained assault on women’s reproductive freedom and the hijacking of public policy by religious fundamentalism.” She added, “To say that these last few years have been dispiriting is an understatement.”

Trooper that she is, however, Greenhouse is back on the front lines at the Supreme Court this week with a commentary in the Times’s Sunday, November 5, “Week in Review” section about the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, on which the Court will hear oral arguments today.

There are several points in Greenhouse’s essay that are worthy of careful analysis, but here I will focus on just one: Her attempt to discredit the idea that human babies are really being mostly delivered alive before they are killed. It seems that Greenhouse recognizes that this notion bothers a lot of people - including even many people who, for some reason, are not so troubled by other types of abortions.

Greenhouse quotes, from a legal brief, a characterization of the partial-birth-abortion method as “killing a child in the birth process.” She then comments, “While this description is true in the sense that uninterrupted gestation leads to birth - ‘He not busy being born is busy dying,’ in the words of the Bob Dylan song - it is well off the mark as a description of what actually occurs.”

But off the mark in what way? Greenhouse offers only one statement in support of her “off the mark” declaration - a quote from abortionist Warren M. Hern, who explains that he (among others) kills a fetus by injecting a lethal drug into the womb and then removing the cadaver a day or two later. “The cognitive construct of the law has nothing to do with current medical practice,” Hern said.

All that demonstrates, however is that Hern is not performing partial-birth abortions. That is not terribly surprising, since Hern once told American Medical News that he did not employ the method because of safety concerns: “I have very serious reservations about this procedure.... You really can’t defend it. I’m not going to tell somebody else that they should not do this procedure. But I’m not going to do it.”

The method Hern says he uses is not covered by the law, because his killing takes place entirely inside the uterus - a free-fire zone under *Roe v. Wade*. In contrast, by explicit definition in the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, a “partial-birth abortion” is an abortion in which the abor-

tionist “delivers a living fetus until, in the case of a head-first presentation, the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother, or, in the case of breech presentation, any part of the fetal trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother, for the purpose of performing an overt act that the person knows will kill the partially delivered living fetus” [emphasis added].

Greenhouse apparently wants her readers to believe that nobody is actually “killing a child in the birth process.” Such exercises in studied denial are nothing new. When the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act was first introduced in 1995, groups such as NARAL and Planned Parenthood propagated a myth that anesthesia given to the mother caused the fetus to expire peacefully before the rest of the process commenced. But this fabrication soon was exploded by the leading professional societies of anesthesiologists, who said that the fetus is not much affected by anesthesia given to the mother.

In reality, it has been established beyond reasonable dispute that many abortion practitioners do, in fact, mostly deliver living babies before killing them by puncturing the base of their skulls with sharp instruments, such as the seven-inch Metzenbaum surgical scissors or the trochar (a pointed, hollow metal tube). The practitioners who prefer this method usually employ it in the fifth or sixth months, and sometimes later.

Martin Haskel, the abortionist who initially engendered controversy over the method when he promoted it in an explicit 1992 instructional paper, was asked by American Medical News whether the fetus is dead before the delivery. “No, it’s not. No, it’s really not,” he replied, estimating that about “two thirds” were alive at the time of their “extraction.” (He added that “80% are purely elective.”)

Other abortionists made similar admissions during the trials in the three separate legal challenges to the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act - some of which were quoted by Cathy Clever Ruse in her powerful article “Partial-Birth Abortion on Trial.” For example, in the trial before U.S. District Judge Richard Casey in New York, Dr. Carolyn Westoff testified that there is “usually a heartbeat” when she begins delivery in a partial-birth abortion, and that the fetus is living until she collapses the skull.

Another abortionist, Timothy Johnson, told the judge that when the fetus has been extracted, “Feet could be moving, yes.”

After hearing extensive testimony from both sides, Judge Casey said in his opinion: “The Court finds that the testimony at trial and before Congress establishes that D & X [partial-birth abortion] is a gruesome, brutal, barbaric, and uncivilized medical procedure...[and finds] credible evi-

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dence that D&X abortions subject fetuses to severe pain.”

Obviously, the babies would not experience pain if they were already dead.

But still – is it really a partial birth?

Legally, under the laws of virtually every state and under federal law, once a human is all the way outside the mother and draws breath, or shows other signs of life such as heartbeat or movement of voluntary muscles, a live birth has occurred, and all the protections of law attach – whether or not the babe is “viable” (capable of long-term survival.

In February 1997, Ron Fitzsimmons, the executive director of the national Coalition of Abortion Providers, told Greenhouse’s newspaper that “in the vast majority of cases” the method is used on “a healthy mother with a healthy fetus that is 20 weeks or more along” (New York Times, Feb. 26, 1997). Twenty weeks is halfway through a full-term pregnancy – the middle of the fifth month.

Even early in the fifth month, babies are often born alive when expelled spontaneously by premature labor. By 20 weeks – 4-1/2 months – a prematurely delivered baby may breathe for an hour or so before dying. By 23 weeks (just into the sixth month), roughly one third of preemies survive long-term. By 24 weeks (about halfway through the sixth month), more than half are long-term survivors.

To put it another way: At the stages of development that most partial-birth abortions are performed, the great majority of babies would be legal “live births” if they were expelled by spontaneous premature labor, and many would be long-term survivors.

So, in a partial-birth abortion, a premature human is deliberately pulled to within just a few inches of being, medically and legally, a live-born person even under the law of *Roe v. Wade*.

Thus, this abortion method does indeed amount to a partial live birth – or “partial birth.”

So, it is Greenhouse who is “well off the mark as to what actually occurs” – and President Bush who spoke the painful, literal truth on the day he signed the law in 2003, when he called partial-birth abortion “a terrible form of violence...directed against children who are inches from birth...”

The Dylan song that Greenhouse quoted is aptly titled “It’s Alright, Ma (I’m Only Bleeding).” On November 8, lawyers for Greenhouse’s side will try to persuade at least five Supreme Court justices that partial-birth abortion, too, is “alright,” just another straightforward application of the constitutional doctrine constructed in *Roe v. Wade* and *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, no big deal. They will try to persuade the justices that the elected representatives of the people must not be allowed to interfere with the practice of borderline infanticide.

If, God forbid, they succeed, many will see it as yet another declaration by the nation’s highest tribunal (if I may borrow further from the same song):

That not much
Is really sacred.

NEW EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

DVD & CD ROM -

Abortion 101 - The Basics on Abortion CDROM 60 Minutes - Life Issues Institutes 2006. Can be used as a power point presentation with statistics and facts. This CDROM would be an excellent presentation for High School and Adults.

Hear My Voice - Holly’s Story - DVD - 65 minutes - A popular teenage girl, Holly, struggles with unexpected feelings of depression and alienation from her friends after getting an abortion as a result of her unwanted pregnancy. Holly finds solace at a crisis pregnancy center where an understanding counselor shows her acceptance, forgiveness, and hope in her situation.

One Day in May - DVD 89 minutes - Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. Business is booming at this midtown abortion clinic. Clients range in age from 13-40 slowly take their seats in the waiting room. Enter Matt and Drew, a couple in love. And in trouble. Although deep inside Drew knows it’s wrong, she believes abortion is her only option. Matt’s far from convinced but will do anything for Drew-including standing by as she carries out her fateful decision. As the couple waits, a tense, sometimes sad, sometimes bizarre drama plays out.

BOOKS -

Stand Up Girl - Take charge of your unexpected pregnancy - Becky Fraser with Linda Shands. - You have some significant choices to make, decisions that will affect you the rest of your life. Becky Fraser knows just how you feel: as an unmarried, pregnant college student, she once had to sort out her options and come to grips with her future. Her book, loaded with information, will enable you to do the same.

Surprise Child - Finding Hope in Unexpected Pregnancy - Leslie Leyland Fields - Unplanned pregnancies happen to women in every season of life: the newly married, the never married, the empty nester, the teenager, the overworked mother, the career woman. Yet we rarely talk about how lonely and confusing this experience can be.

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2006 CHAPTER AWARD

The North Dakota Right to Life Association presents an annual chapter award to a chapter of the Association that works hard toward the goal of the association. The 2006 Chapter Award was presented to Williston Basin Right to Life. Williston Basin Right to Life has been working hard to build a Culture of LIFE for many years. Some of the criteria that helps determine a winner includes: collecting memberships, attending Board Meetings, selling ads for the Educational Conference Book, having regular chapter meetings, doing community activities such as; newsletters, fair booths and letters to the editor.

Past recipients of this award include: Ramsey County Area Right to life (1994); Griggs County Right to Life (1995 & 2002); Traill County Right to Life (1996); Fargo Right to Life (1997); Bismarck/Mandan Right to Life (1998 & 2002); Minot Right to Life (1999); New Salem/Almont Right to Life (2000); Hankinson Right to Life (2001); Nelson County Right to Life (2003); Glen Ullin Right to Life (2004) and Greater Grand Forks Right to Life (2005).

Rally At The Capitol

North Dakota Right to Life is once again sponsoring a peaceful, prayerful, pro-life rally on the North Dakota Capitol steps to remember the day - January 22, 1973 - when the U.S. Supreme Court made abortion legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy. Please join us as we speak out for the precious gift of life.

*Sunday,
January 21, 2007*

2:00 p.m. CT
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