

Dear Friends of Life:

First, a few thank yous. Thank you to Steve Fuerst for another wonderful job organizing and presiding over the Walk for Life on January 18. Thank you to Gary and Lou Ann Switzer for providing the sound system. Many thanks to Ellen Markham, our Executive Director, and Barb Nicholson, our office secretary, for all the work they did to organize and send another bus load to Washington, D.C. for the 30th March for Life on January 22nd. Finally, thank you to Loras College Right to Life for hosting our February 6 meeting and to J.D. and Mike for sharing their thoughts on the March for Life experience. Thanks also to Loras College President Jenny Thorson for her help. Also, let's not forget Sara Fassbinder and Francesca Faber from Wahlert High School who gave us their inspiring reflections on what the March for Life meant to them.

This month there will be two more trips to pray at the abortuaries. By the time you get this letter, Bill McDonough will have led a group to Bettendorf, and Mike Scherr will have led a group to Iowa City. Have you ever given any thought to participating in prayer at the abortion mills? Joe Scheidler told us several years ago at our Life Dinner why prayer/witness at the abortion mills is so important. It is because someone needs to be a witness to the slaughter. Someone needs to pray for that expectant mother who is in crisis. Someone needs to pray for the father who is often left out of the decision. Someone needs to pray for the grandparents of the unborn child who is to be killed, especially those grandparents who take their own daughter to the death chamber. Someone needs to pray for the clinic workers and death escorts who know in their hearts that abortion is killing but haven't escaped the rationalization. Usually you can leave by 7:00 a.m. and be back by 1:00 p.m. Watch our next Newsletter for trips for prayer at the abortion mills in March, 2003.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Friday, April 25, and our Annual Life Dinner. Our speaker will be David Bereit, a nationally known pro-life motivational speaker. It will be an evening not to be missed!

Some final thoughts. When is the last time you came to a general membership meeting of Dubuque County Right to Life? Our next meeting is Thursday, March 6, in the Cathedral. Birthright will be making a presentation on their organization. Birthright volunteers are on the front lines of the abortion battle. Their weapons are concern, love, financial and healthcare support for women in crisis pregnancies. Please come and hear Birthright's story.

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some friends. I was looking around for the "tiny feet" lapel pin that I often wear, switching it from one suit or sport coat to another. I was having trouble finding them, and thought for a minute about just forgetting it and going out for dinner to relax. I wouldn't have to worry about anyone asking me about the tiny feet or turning the conversation to abortion. Then I realized I can't just "forget" about them. If I forget, how many lives will be lost? I need to remember always, and to act. Take a few moments to think whether in the coming weeks and months you will "forget" or "remember" the Unborn.

Sincerely,
Arthur F. Gilloon

BOYCOTT UPDATE: The Pampered Chef has been added to the boycott list because the company has been acquired by Berkshire Hathaway, which is controlled by Warren Buffet. Mr. Buffet "has personally donated millions of dollars to the pro-abortion industry, but the important point is that Berkshire Hathaway donates corporate money to Planned Parenthood."

IOWA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - ACTION NEEDED

HF 133 Mandatory Reporting

Explanation: *Currently Iowa's mandatory reporting law, that is designed to help protect children from continual sexual abuse, has a major flaw. The law only mandates reporting for children 11 years of age and under, rather than, all children up to the age of 15. House File 133 changes the age limit from 11 and under to 15 and under.* **Status:** There is support for this bill. It passed out of the Human Resources Committee with only one legislator voting no. During the committee meeting, the Department of Health was asked to testify whether HF 133 would help or harm the department. To the surprise of many present, they testified that it would harm the department. It should be noted that prior to the committee meeting, the representative of the Department of Health was in consultation with the representative of Planned Parenthood at the State Capitol building. **ACTION: We need your help to get HF 133, the Mandatory Reporting bill placed on the House calendar for debate.** 1) PLEASE CALL REPRESENTATIVES GIPP AND RANTS, who are in charge of determining the schedule of bills, ASKING THEM TO "PLEASE PLACE HF 133 ON THE HOUSE CALENDAR FOR DEBATE." 2) PLEASE CALL YOUR REPRESENTATIVE AND ASK HIM/HER TO VOTE FOR HF 133, THE MANDATORY REPORTING BILL. Representative Rants: 515-281-5566 Representative Gipp: 515-281-3054 & the House of Representatives: 515-281-3221.

VISIT THE MILLS: The 2 opportunities to pray at the abortion mills in March are: Bill McDonough (563-582-4436) will go to Madison on March 18th. He will leave from the Resurrection church parking lot after 7:00 Mass. Dr. Rick Dodds (563-583-0968) will go to Iowa City on Saturday, March 29th. He will leave from St. John's in Peosta at 7 A.M. (There is a Mass in Iowa City at 9 if participants wish to attend.) Please call Bill, Rick or the office (563-556-5960) if you plan to go along.

As mentioned in the President's letter, our **next meeting** will feature speakers from BIRTHRIGHT telling us about all they do. The speakers will be Delores Arnold, President of their Board of Directors, Sue Lukasik, Director of Volunteers, and Ann Ogelsby, Volunteer. Come hear them at 7:00 P.M. on March 6th at the Cathedral Center in back of the church, 231 Bluff Street.

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