

*Dear Friends of Life:*

*Check out the Newsweek magazine issue of June 9, 2003. The cover story is "Should a Fetus Have Rights? - How Science is Changing the Debate." The cover has a picture of an unborn child, and that in itself will do as much to get people thinking as the articles inside. Read the articles inside with a critical eye, as the authors point out the religious beliefs of the pro-lifers but neglect to ask the beliefs of the pro-abortion leaders. There is a good story on Samuel Armas, the boy who was photographed grasping the surgeon's hand when his spine was operated on at about 15 weeks. He is now a healthy 3½-year-old.*

*At page E14 there is a disturbing article entitled, "To Build a Baby," which describes pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD). This article boldly states, "... PGD is quietly transforming reproductive medicine by giving parents and their doctors unprecedented control over what genes their offspring will have." In the PGD process, test tubes arrive from a fertility clinic. At the bottom of each tube is a single human stem cell, plucked a few hours earlier from a 3-day-old embryo. The doctor has one day before an embryo must be implanted in the womb. The DNA from the stem cell is analyzed with an assortment of specialized machines. If problem genes appear, the embryo is not implanted..... End of story. This is the disturbing practice of eugenics.*

*All pro-lifers should be knowledgeable about these so-called "advancements" in medicine which continue to roll us down a slippery slope.*

***Calling all pro-lifers! Calling all pro-lifers!** Attendance at our monthly meetings is alarmingly low. At our June meeting, Christina Smialek presented a great program entitled, "Living Choices." Those of you who were not able to come missed a wonderful presentation that fortunately was videotaped by the hard-working Ruth Fransen. Unfortunately, we only had about 20 people at the meeting. This just is not enough when our newsletter goes out to 3,000 households and our membership rolls are in the hundreds. Our next formal meeting will be September 4. Another excellent educational program will be offered (read your newsletter for details), so please plan on attending. Our next fun meeting is Thursday, August 7 -- the picnic!*

*A final thought. Recently we had contact with a situation involving a college-age young woman in a crisis pregnancy. Her pro-life friends tried to offer her all of the assistance that is available and help her turn toward Life. She declined, and remarked that, "I really don't have a choice." Isn't it sad to think that with all of the talk about abortion being the result of "freedom of choice" that so many women in crisis pregnancies feel they have no choice because of pressure from their parents and their boyfriends and husbands but to kill their unborn child. What can you do to change this situation? ... Call the office of Dubuque County Right to Life to find out!*

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**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED TO WORK OUR BOOTH AT THE DUBUQUE COUNTY FAIR. PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP US OUT DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 22 -27.**



**MOTHER, DAUGHTER TALK FRANKLY ABOUT ABORTION**

Letters – Troy Daily News (Ohio) – March 10, 2003 –p. 1

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter at the request of my 4-year-old daughter, Gracie. You see, last week she and I had a conversation about abortion. She must have heard the word on TV or something, and was quite curious about what it meant. At first I tried to sugar coat the facts, but like most inquisitive 4-year-olds, she persisted until she got the truth.

After explaining the possible reasons a woman might have an abortion, I planned on emphasizing our pro-life views. However, I never had the chance because she became very upset. “No, that’s not what God wants! Mommy, when God gives you a baby it’s a gift! God wants that baby to be someone!”

I reassured her that she was right and tonight when she goes to bed, she should talk to Jesus about it. (Her comments really made me think, though. They sound simple, I agree . . .but even Jesus himself suggested that we become like children in our faith. Could it be, that as we grow older we absorb so much corruption from the world that our morality and judgment become clouded? Our busy schedules, careers, material things, etc. become more important than a gift from God.)

Anyway, the next morning Gracie came down excited and informed me that Jesus told her if anyone didn’t think they wanted a baby from God, that they shouldn’t kill it – they should just give it to us.

I smiled and went on to explain the Right To Life and all the services they provide. She listened and said, “Yeah, that’s a good thing. God likes that. . . So how are we gonna tell people that we’ll take some babies?”

I tried to convince her that God will take care of things. She finally became very frustrated and said, “Why did you tell me to talk to Jesus about it if you’re not even going to listen?”

Whoa. That really hit me hard. She is absolutely right. After a discussion we came up with putting this letter in the newspaper.

If any women out there are considering an abortion, please call us 526-4336. We would love to talk with you about other options and help you out in any way that we can. We do not want to judge you, just help you. A Baby is a gift from God. If you cannot accept His gift, please don’t destroy it. Give it a chance to become “someone.”

God Bless You.

**VISIT THE MILLS:** The 2 opportunities to pray at the abortion mills in July are: Bill McDonough (563-582-4436) will go to Madison on **July 20th**. He will leave from the Resurrection church parking lot after 7:00 Mass. Fr. Richard Schaefer will go to Iowa City on Saturday, **July 12th**. He will leave from St. Columbkille’s parking lot at 7:00 A.M. Please call Bill or the office (563-556-5960) if you

There will be no General Membership Meeting in the month of July. Our **next meeting**, will be our annual summer picnic to be held starting at 6 P.M. on August 7th at Eagle Point Park in the Eagle’s View pavilion. The Eagle’s View is located in the center green area of the park after the split in the road, near the new restroom building. You will not be charged admission to the Park that night thanks to a generous member of our Board of Directors who offered to “pick up the tab.” Bring your own beverages, place setting and a dish to pass. And don’t forget the whole family and several friends!! SEE

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