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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

LIFE IS FRAGILE

I sit here, pondering the events of yesterday, not knowing how to put my thoughts into words. Yesterday, my dad passed on from this life to eternity - in peace, surrounded by our family. It was not a surprise. I had been expressing thoughts about how long it takes to die. We had been watching him deteriorate, day by day. He went from living on his own to having us stay with him round the clock. He went from spending his days watching TV & reading to not getting out of bed at all. He went from eating dinners out, to eating if we said, to not eating; from drinking to sips to rinsing his mouth only. He went from being in charge, to being totally dependent. And, he went from being "scared" to finding peace. I decided its really hard to die. But now, as I look back, it seems to have all gone so fast!

Being so intimately involved in the right-to-life issues, and reading so much about assisted suicide, death "with dignity" and the "right-to-die", I can't help but grieve for those involved in the euthanasia movement. Had we decided dad's time should be up and taken measures to assure that it was, we wouldn't have witnessed his transformation, his acceptance, his peace. We were blessed with countless hours spent visiting with and caring for him. We were blessed with the opportunity to give back, in small measure, some of what he has given us. Had we made sure his time was up at the first sign of his dependence "*because we know no one wants to be dependent or to live like that*", we would not have experienced his dignified death. Yes dignified, in spite of total dependence. Dignified because of his total dependence and his acceptance. It was a good death, a happy death. Had we taken charge, he wouldn't have been ready. He would still have been scared. We would not have seen or felt peace. It would not have been a good death.

We all take our lives for granted most of the time. Take a moment now, and realize how brief this life really is. Never forget for a moment that life is a gift from above. Don't take it for granted and don't ever think you are in charge. The one certainty is that one day this life will be over and we will pass into eternity. It is not a question of if, only when.

Death is a part of the human experience. For those who have faith it is not an event to be feared, but one that simply marks the end of our time in this life.



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Washington, D.C. 20510

Phone: 1-202-224-3121

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House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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E-mail addresses for **Senators** can be found at <http://www.senate.gov>. You can **reach any senator** by calling the Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Senator Charles E. **Grassley** (R), 135 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. E-mail: chuck_grassley@grassley.senate.gov Phone: 202-224-3744 in Washington; 319-232-6657 in Waterloo; or 319-363-6832 in Cedar Rapids.

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To contact your IOWA Congressmen:

Call the State House to reach your Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Secretary of Ag., Auditor, and Attorney General @ 515-281-5211. To reach your State Senators, call 515-281-3371. To reach your State Representatives, call 515-281-3221. The toll free number to the Iowa Capitol Building is 800-375-7097.

To write: The Honorable _____, Office of the Governor or Senate Chamber or House Chamber, State Capitol Building, Des Moines, IA 50319. Begin letters with Dear Governor _____ or Dear Senator _____, or Dear Representative _____.

To FAX: House - 515-281-6108; Senate 515-281-5868

To E-mail: firstname_lastname@legis.state.ia.us Please note: an underscore character must be typed between the first and last name. When e-mailing your legislator, please let them know where you live in their district. There are various e-mail addresses for legislators.

1. **Senate Battle Over Partial-Birth Abortion Continues** -Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA) has scheduled a vote on September 15, 2003 to approve a joint House/Senate conference meeting to iron out differences between the Senate and House versions (S. 3 and H.R. 760) of the legislation banning partial birth abortions. Both houses of Congress have passed the ban. However, the Senate version contains a non-binding amendment sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) backing Roe v. Wade. ACTION: Please contact your two senators and tell them what you want done with the Harkin amendment. President Bush will sign the ban once it reaches his desk, but pro-abortion groups are coordinating efforts to challenge it in federal courts, possibly 'within hours' of the law's enactment. Quite likely, one or more of these federal judges will prevent enforcement of the law until the issue is resolved. Litigation is likely to be lengthy, and the losing side will certainly appeal all the way to the Supreme Court.

2. The **Unborn Victims of Violence Act** (H.R. 1997) would hold perpetrators liable for any harm done to an unborn child during the commission of a federal crime. Status: 7/15/2003: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee.

3. The Bush administration defunded the **UN Population Fund** for supporting coerced abortions in China. Now, one of UNFPA's partners has been defunded also. Marie Stopes International, one of the world's largest and richest abortionists, just lost US funding for supporting coercion in China. In response, pro-abortion Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) sponsored an amendment in the Senate Appropriations Committee that would overturn the Mexico City Policy. It is likely that pro-life lawmakers were not able to defeat it. Pro-life senators may offer a motion to the bill on the floor to remove Reid's amendment. If that fails, it will likely be removed during the conference committee where the differences between the House and Senate versions of the bill are ironed out.

4. **ETHICAL STEM CELL RESEARCH**: Congressman Chris Smith has introduced H.R. 2852, the **Cord Blood Stem Cell Act of 2003**, which has been endorsed by American Bioethics Advisory Commission Chairman C. Ward Kischer, Ph.D., who says the bill is not only needed, but worthwhile.

- ◆ Regarding judicial nominees: Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, in a letter to senate Republicans, states, "I remain committed to moving ahead on stalled and blocked nominations. All options are open."

PRO-LIFE AWARENESS

Our speaker this year is Colleen Pasnik. Colleen (McDonough) Pasnik graduated from Wahlert High School in 1982 and received a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Iowa in 1986. She received her Masters of Counseling Education from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC in 1995. She has counseled victims of domestic violence, Hospice patients and their families, and women suffering from the effects of post-abortion syndrome. After moving back to Dubuque in 1998, she was the At-Risk Coordinator for Seton Catholic Elementary School and Aquin Elementary School. Until recently she was the Family Life Director for the Archdiocese of Dubuque. She has been married to her husband, Bill, since 1991.

Colleen will share the results of the “three-decade experiment” initiated by Roe- results that clearly show abortions effect on women. Joining her will be several women from all over Iowa, who are MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GROUP called “SILENT NO MORE.” [for more information about SNM, keep reading]

Our speakers are scheduled (details available @ 563-556-5960) to share their information and testimonies to students throughout the area on Wednesday and Thursday, October 8 & 9th. They will be available to the media and will spend time at our Memorial to the Unborn. **On Wednesday evening at 8:00 P.M. there will be a presentation at O’Malley Hall (Rosedale & St. Ambrose Streets) (St. Anthony’s Church basement) that is open to the public.** I encourage everyone to come to hear these true stories about the effects of abortion. Spread the word. Bring your friends. LEARN ABOUT THE CLASS ACTION LAW SUIT FILED IN AN ATTEMPT TO OVERTURN ROE V WADE AND DOE V BOLTON – THE SUPREME COURT DECISION & ITS COMPANION CASE THAT LEGALIZED ABORTION ON DEMAND IN THE UNITED STATES.

THOUSANDS OF WOMEN HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH “ROE” AND “DOE” BY FILING AFFIDAVITS THAT WILL BE USED AS EVIDENCE IN COURT DURING THE LEGAL CHALLENGE TO BOTH ABORTION CASES. BOTH MOTIONS WERE FILED THIS SUMMER (2003), 30 YEARS AFTER THE ORIGINAL COURT DECISIONS (DETAILS AVAILABLE). THESE WOMEN, FROM ALL OVER THE NATION, HAVE BANDED TOGETHER TO FORM A GROUP CALLED: OPERATION OUTCRY: SILENT NO MORE.

Their GOALS are to let women who have had an abortion know that healing is available; to prevent other women from experiencing the pain & devastation that abortion causes; to overturn “Roe” & “Doe”, to raise awareness about the negative after-effects of abortion and speak the truth about

There’s still time to sign up to participate in our 3rd Annual **LEAF RIDE FOR LIFE** on September 28th from 12 - 3 P.M. Pledge sheets are available at the office (1205 Cleveland Avenue) or at the Bike Shack 3250 Dodge Street, Dubuque. Three routes are available. There will be refreshments, prizes and fun for all! Plan to ride in the Leaf Ride for Life or sponsor a friend to ride in your place. Make it possible for DCRTL to continue their efforts to educate everyone and to build a culture of life in this nation. See you there!

HELP WANTED

Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. needs a part time secretary, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. Computer experience and organizational skills required. Applicant must be knowledgeable on pro-life issues and views. Send resume and cover letter to Search Committee, c/o DCRTL, 1205 Cleveland Avenue, Dubuque, Iowa 52003. For more information, call 563-556-5960.

OVERCOMING THE ODDS -

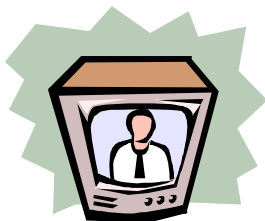
Following an automobile accident 19 years ago, Terry Wallis of Mountain View, AR fell into a coma. On June 12, he surprised his family and doctors by waking from it and speaking. His mothers says his recovery is "a miracle." The director of the National Catholic Partnership, Mary Jane Owen said, "I rejoice that his family had the patience to keep on loving him and recognizing that there was someone there, even when others might have killed him

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILLS:

In OCTOBER, we will be visiting Planned Parenthood in Bettendorf and Emma Goldman Iowa City. Meet Mike Scherr (563-556-2876) @ 7:00 in the parking lot of St. John the Baptist Church in Peosta on Saturday, October 4. Or, meet Bill McDonough (563-582-4436) after **7:00** Mass in the Resurrection Church parking lot on Tuesday, October 21st. **Note the change of time:** Mass at Resurrection has changed back to 7:00 now that summer is over. For more information, call our office @563-556-5960.

WHY PRAY AT THE ABORTION MILLS? "Thanks be to God through your prayers & fasting including all those sufferings offered up, including Our Lady of Fatima's intercession, God blessed us with 5 potential change of hearts for this abortion day. . . . We saw 2 cars come from Dubuque County. . . .as well as the typical Scott & Illinois cars." - (Charlie Burke)

Did you see the nice article about our peaceful, prayerful protest in Sunday, September 14th's Lifestyle section of the Dubuque Telegraph Herald?



Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16! Our programs are scheduled for Monday @ 10:00 A.M., Friday @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturday @ 1:00 P.M. Watch for our **upcoming programs:** this month will feature last April's **LIFE Dinner** and the **Life Dynamics monthly news magazine** (with up to date pro-life news and features).

Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

in memory of the following: from Doris & Bill McDermott for **Jerry Trimble, Bob Fitzpatrick, Eleanor Walsler**; from Mary Kay Portzen for **Cecelia Vosberg**; from Dick & Jean Mescher for **Jace James Sauser**; from Thursday Mothers Rosary for **Mel Tiltgen**; and from Ruth Fransen for **Catherine Driscoll**.

Whenever a gift is given in memory or in honor of a loved one, an acknowledgement card is sent to the person of family you designate. With gifts of \$250 or greater, their name is engraved on our memorial plaque which is displayed in our office.

PRO-LIFE LUNCHEON

Our annual pro-life luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 8 from noon to 1:00 P.M. in the River & Julian Rooms at the Midway Motor Lodge, 3100 Dodge Street. Colleen Pasnik and the women of Silent No More will be speaking on the **Legacy of Abortion**. Come learn about the effects of abortion and about recent attempts to overturn *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*. This is history in the making and we're not hearing about it in the popular press. Don't miss this opportunity to hear first hand from the women involved! The cost is \$9. Call DCRTL (563-556-5960) by Thursday, October 2 to register. October is **Clergy Appreciation Month**, so invite your pastor to join you! It's time you take him to lunch!

WE'RE NOT SURE OF DATES AND TIMES YET, SO IF YOU MIGHT BE AVAILABLE TO HELP PUT UP AND/DO TAKE DOWN THE CEMETERY OF INNOCENTS - CALL JOHN OR SUE @ 563-870-

If you have time and are willing to say some PRAYERS FOR LIFE on October 16, please call DCRTL (563-556-5960) to sign up for an hour of prayer. Our goal is to have someone praying for the entire 24 hours of that day. We all know the battle against abortion is a spiritual one, so lets keep the forces strong!!

SHARE YOUR FAMILY DAY

Take some time on Sunday, October 19th to share a bit of yourself (and your family) with someone. You may visit a "shut in," a long lost relative, a nursing home resident, or someone at Hills & Dales, etc. - use your imagination. Someone lonely? Someone you haven't seen for a long time? Someone you owe an apology to? A long lost relative? Make someone else's day! You'll be surprised what it does for you!

YOUNKERS COMMUNITY DAY EVENT is November 22, 2003. We are participating again this year. If you can help with ticket sales or to volunteer on the day of the sale, please call and let us know (563-556-5960). remember, this fund raiser costs you nothing - you buy a ticket for \$5, we get the \$5 and you get a coupon for \$5 off merchandise at Younkens. The opportunity for pre-sale is available again, so if you're gone on the 22nd, you can still participate.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2004

It's time to make plans to join us for the Iowans for LIFE (IFL) bus trip to Washington, D.C. in January. The buses will leave on Tuesday, January 20th in the afternoon and return on Saturday the 24th. The fee is \$250, payable to IFL. this fee includes transportation to and from D.C. and a hotel room, based on 4 person occupancy, for 2 nights. Meals and incidentals are your own expense. Buses will leave from Des Moines, Iowa City, Dyersville and Dubuque. Call now to reserve your seat -or, if you need more information (563)556-5960. [There is a free day for sight seeing.] We have 5 buses reserved and have several people already signed up. Because our numbers are up, if you are serious about coming with us, **we need to hear from you no later than October 30th**. After that, reservations will be accepted

OUR OCTOBER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CATHEDRAL CENTER @ 7:00 P.M. This month, we are excited to announce that Marian Bourek will be speaking to us. Marian has been involved in the pro-life movement since before Roe vs. Wade and founded Farley Area RTL. The title of her talk is: "PRO-LIFE SUCCESSES"

LIFESAVER SUNDAY (WEEKEND) IS OCTOBER 4 & 5. WATCH FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS IN THE EXITS OF YOUR CHURCH. THEY WILL BE HANDING OUT LIFESAVERS IN EXCHANGE FOR A DONATION TO DCRTL. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

In response to our faithful volunteers who shared that not everyone is aware of who they are representing, we asked for and received 125 signs to identify us when we are out in the community. A huge thank you goes out to Charlie and Tom Giese of **Giese Manufacturing** for the production and donation of the signs. You will notice them in use for the first time on on LifeSaver Sunday. If you see Charlie or Tom, be sure to tell them thanks.

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN US AT 2 P.M. ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 5 FOR OUR LIFE CHAIN. WE WILL MEET AT THE CORNER OF HWY 20 & BLUFF STREET. THERE WILL BE A SHORT WELCOME, AN OPENING PRAYER AND WE'LL BEGIN. SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. THERE IS NO COST. YOU DO NOT NEED TO PRE-REGISTER. YOU MAY PARK AT THAT CORNER OR AT CENTRAL ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL. COME, PICK UP A SIGN AND WALK THE LINE! BE A VISIBLE WITNESS FOR THE MILLIONS OF BABIES KILLED BY ABORTION EACH YEAR. TAKE TIME TO PRAY FOR THE END OF ABORTION.

Hemlock Society Changes Name to Moderate Its Image

LifeNews.com reports that the Hemlock Society, a group that advocates assisted suicide, has announced it is changing its name to End-of-Life Choices. The change may cause problems for the many organizations that actually offer end-of-life services to the elderly and disabled.

SINGLE DOSE ATTENUVAX (MEASLES) AND MUMPSVAX (MUMPS) NOW AVAILABLE

For all parents and physicians who have waited patiently for the single dose vaccines for measles and mumps that **DO NOT CONTAIN ABORTED FETAL CELL LINES** - they are now available for order through your physician. Children of God for Life confirmed with Merck today that they are now taking limited orders - 3 boxes per physician. Each box contains 10 doses and as before, there is a minimum order requirement of 10 doses or one box. Please note that if any doctor is worried about ordering 10 doses and not being able to use them, we will gladly refer patients or find another doctor to take them. Doctors may order the vaccines by contacting their sales rep or by calling **Merck at 1-800-422-9675 or 1-800-637-2579.**

Great news!! Have a blessed, peaceful weekend!

God bless,

Debi Vinnedge, Executive Director

Children of God for Life



COMING EVENTS - Plan now to join us!

- ◆ Our **next monthly meeting** will be held on Thursday, **October 2 @ 7:00 P.M.** in the Cathedral Center. Details inside.
- ◆ **October** - Two opportunities to **Visit** the abortion mills to pray and sidewalk counsel. Call 563-556-5960 for details. (more information inside this issue)
- ◆ MODERN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - 4 **classes**, 1/ month - call 556-5797 or 582-1673 for details.
- ◆ LIFE CHAIN - Sunday, October 5, 2003 2:00-3:00 PM
- ◆ LIFESAVER WEEKEND - Let us know if your church doesn't participate.
- ◆ October is Pro-Life Awareness Month - see calendar and information inside this issue. Many opportunities to participate.

**DUBUQUE COUNTY
RIGHT TO LIFE'S
WISH LIST:**

- ⇒ one month's rent (\$450)
- ⇒ Stamps
- ⇒ **baby shoes**, new or used in good/fair condition.
- ⇒ volunteers (for odd jobs)
- ⇒ **overwhelming** participation in all our events this month.
- ⇒ prayers for the

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