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Dear Friends of Life:

Merry Christmas to all of you! During this special season celebrating the birth of Christ, it is important to remember all of those whose lives are in jeopardy: the Unborn, the elderly, and the disabled. As you ponder that, lots of things have been happening at Dubuque County Right to Life.

December brought the retirement of our beloved Barbara Nicholson. Barb has been the office secretary for many years. Her tireless efforts and smiling face have given a kind and trustworthy identity to our office at 1205 Cleveland Avenue on a daily basis. She never had an unkind word for anyone and never raised her voice. That is a pro-life testament in itself about her character! On behalf of all of the members of DCRTL, I want to thank you publicly, Barb, for your years of service. You will be missed by all of us, but I know "retirement" does not mean you will not be involved in our pro-life efforts. So as soon as we say goodbye as an employee, we say hello as a volunteer!

Joining our staff is Colleen Pasnik. She will be the Executive Assistant to our Director, Ellen Markham. Colleen comes to us with a B.S. degree in Psychology from the University of Iowa (1986), and a Masters in Counselor Education from North Carolina State University (1995). Most recently she was the Family Life Director for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, so she is no stranger to the pro-life movement. Colleen coordinated the "Operation Outcry - Silent No More" speakers' visit to the Dubuque area recently, and did a wonderful job. We welcome Colleen (and her husband, Bill, who she says is "the best husband in the world!").

Here is an update on our "Building on the Foundation of Life" campaign. We have raised over \$140,000 toward our goal of \$250,000. If you know someone who would be interested in a presentation, please call the office at 556-5960. We have a very nice 20-minute Power Point presentation that gives the history of Dubuque County Right to Life and why we are so excited about the new building project. Spread the word to anyone you think would be interested in supporting us as we move to a higher level of efficiency and outreach in our educational efforts.

Please note that the Iowa Caucuses for the Republican and Democratic parties will be held on Monday, January 19, 2004. You can call the Commissioner of Elections to find out where your caucus meeting will be held at 589-4457. We need pro-life people involved at all levels of society, so participate at whatever level you can.

Lastly, do not forget our Annual Walk for Life will be held on Saturday, January 17, at 10:00 A.M. in Washington Park. We will have our usual great program, to be followed by a chili lunch. For more information on how you can help, call the office.

A final parting thought. Always remember that it is the pro-life movement that grows, while the pro-abortion movement shrinks. Once people know the facts of human fetal development and the positive pro-life alternatives to crisis pregnancies that exist all over the country, they come over to the pro-life side.

**NOTICE!**

**THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JANUARY. INSTEAD, PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR WALK FOR LIFE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH. MEET US AT THE GAZEBO IN WASHINGTON PARK @ 10:00 A.M. CHILI LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW IN THE K.C. HALL.**

**ABORTION MILL VISITS**

On Tuesday, January 20th, Bill McDonough (563-582-4436) will be leading a group to Bettendorf. He will meet you in Resurrection Church parking lot after 7:30 Mass (around 8:00 A.M.)

On Saturday, January 10th, a group will be going to Iowa City. Meet in the parking lot in front of St. Joseph's Church, Key West at 7:00 A.M. (Mass in Iowa City if anyone wishes to attend.)

It is helpful (although not mandatory) if you can let us know if you will join us. For more information, call our office (563-556-5960).

**WE ARE CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR ANOTHER VOLUNTEER TO LEAD A GROUP TO THE MILLS DURING WEEKDAYS WHEN ABORTIONS ARE PERFORMED @ EMMA GOLDMAN & PLANNED PARENTHOOD IN IOWA CITY. Can you help us out?**

We are also planning to hold a training session on Sidewalk Counseling and Picketing. Call Colleen at our office (556-5960) if you are interested or for more information.

Please join us in prayer and sacrifices for the unborn. We must all do our part to end abortion. Ask yourself, "Why am I standing by and allowing over 1,200,000 babies to die through surgical abortions every year? What more can I do to end this holocaust?"

A young man was sitting in class when the professor asked him if he knew what the Roe vs. Wade decision was. He sat quietly, pondering this profound question. Finally, after giving it a lot of thought, he sighed and

**We currently have over 3000 people on our mailing list - only about 1/3 of whom are paid members. If you are not currently a member, please fill out the form below and join us. If you are not interested in becoming a member of DCRTL, would you consider a smaller donation to cover the cost of producing and mailing the newsletter? Thank you.**

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