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Dear Friends of Life:

Congratulations to all the bus riders who traveled to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life! Three buses from our area is quite a showing, and we are proud of all of you. Likewise, a big thank you to all the Dubuque area pro-lifers who braved the cold temperatures on January 24th for our "Walk for Life." Steve Fuerst did a beautiful job organizing the Walk, and our speakers and the Mime for Life also were wonderful. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the hall, and to Ron Herrig and Loras & Clarke College Right to Life and the Wahlert Respect Life group for the wonderful chili lunch. It was right and proper to be witnessing the 31st anniversary of Roe v. Wade in cold temperatures . . . still a minor inconvenience compared to the suffering of the unborn and their "victim" mothers who experience the tragedy of abortion.

As I write this letter, we have cancelled the February general membership meeting due to a blizzard. It reminds me that we don't control so much of our world. However, one thing we can control is our dedication, desire and drive on behalf of the Unborn, the disadvantaged, the elderly, the infirm, and women in crisis pregnancies. Only you control how much prayer, time, money and love you give to the Right to Life cause. Please stay dedicated and driven!

The new building project continues to go well. We are in the final phase of a push to reach our goal of \$250,000.00. If you haven't given to date, or feel you can give something more, please do. Every little bit helps. Currently, we have raised \$178,964.00.

Finally, mark your calendars for Thursday, March 4th. That is when we will have the "Marchers" for Life tell their stories of the trip to Washington, D.C. this year. It is always a wonderful evening in which you will hear the stories of witness, conversion and invigoration as told by those who traveled to Washington, D.C. in January. Please join us at the Cathedral Center at 7:00 p.m. and bring a friend.

A final thought. Do something for "life" every day. Say a prayer, make a donation, give your time and energy to the Right to Life movement. The babies and their mothers need you . . . every day . . . each day . . . until the battle is won.

Sincerely,
Arthur F. Gilloon, President

A huge thank-you goes out to our generous donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) for the \$150.00 to pay for

100th CORPORATION ENDS SUPPORT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Sony, Lincoln Financial Group, Multimedia Design Group, Schering-Plough Inc. & the Home Depot are no longer boycott targets. This is due to the efforts of pro-life individuals who have taken the time to let companies know they will not purchase products if the profits go to support Planned Parenthood. Remember that all companies on "the list" have been given "due process" - information about Planned Parenthood along with a request that support cease. The company is added only if its leaders refuse to do so. **New to the latest list** (November 2003) are **Ben & Jerry's** (ice cream) & **Blimpie** (subs & salads). To purchase a list or to get the addresses of companies, call the office @563-556-5960.

HATS OFF TO JILL ROKUSEK & CATHY BREITBACH

Everyone present had a great time at our Valentine Hat & Fashion Show on February 8th. If you missed it, you really missed out. Many present said it was the most fun ever! Thanks so much, Jill & Cathy. You were great!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTIVISM:

- ◆ Abortion Mill Visits: We'll go to the Planned Parenthood in Bettendorf on Tuesday, **March 16**. The group will be lead by Bill McDonough (563-582-4436). You can meet him after the 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Resurrection Church parking lot. A group will also be going to Emma Goldman in Iowa City on Saturday, **March 20**. Meet at 7:00 A.M. in St. Columbkille's parking lot (facing the front entrance of church.) Call our office (563-556-5960) to let us know if you plan to join us.
- ◆ Sidewalk Counseling: We are planning a session on sidewalk counseling for anyone interested in doing counseling OR anyone just interested in learning more about it. Details are still being worked out but we have a list of interested individuals. Let us know if you wish to be a part of this project. Attending the session in no way obligates you further.
- ◆ Speaker Training: A new session of Speaker Training begins on Sunday, **February 22 @ 7:00 P.M.**- you may receive this letter in time to show up @ 1205 Cleveland Avenue. If you are interested and missed the first class, please call to see if we can work something out for you to be able to join in.
- ◆ Life Dinner: Our 2004 L.I.F.E. Dinner will be held on **April 16**. We are looking for help with decorations and a silent auction. If you have some time &/or talent you can donate, please call.
- ◆ If you enjoy video technology and have some spare time, please call us @ 563-556-5960! **VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SCHEDULE OUR VIDEO/CABLE ACCESS PROGRAMS**
- ◆ Younkers sale: The next Younkers Community Day Event will be held on **February 28**. We are once again participating in this fundraiser because it works so well. Each coupon is sold for \$5 and the purchaser gets \$5 off any item they buy with it. We get the \$ and in the end, the purchaser gets their \$5 back. Please call for tickets -to buy or to sell for us! Pre-sale is available for those not able

COMING EVENTS:

- **Martha & Mary Women's Conference:** Saturday, **March 6**, 2004 in the Jansen Music Hall Atrium @ Clarke College, Dubuque. Treat yourself to a Lenten day of renewal. Women have a unique call to holiness. Come join us! To register or for more information call 563-583-6117. \$35 in advance, \$40 @ the door.
- **Day of the Unborn:** There will be a Mass sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. at the Cathedral at 7:00 P.M. followed by a reception in the Cathedral Center (behind the church) on Thursday, **March 25** - the Day of the Unborn. Mark your calendar and join us for this special service on the day of the Annunciation.
- National T-Shirt Day is Tuesday, **April 27**. Show everyone your pro-life views! Do you have a pro-life t-

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