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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

OCTOBER: RESPECT LIFE MONTH

What a lot of activities we have planned for you! What a month this has been preparing and planning! I think when you read this newsletter with all the updates on the issues and see all the things happening, you'll be impressed. Some days were so overwhelming we felt like canceling; instead, we called for help. And I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our faithful volunteers for having forgotten the word, "NO." Our calendar wouldn't be full without your/their hard work. Each activity has a chairperson and most of them have additional people helping. We are eternally grateful to each of you for getting the jobs done. Pro-lifers are the best people in the world!

Now, to those of you unable or unavailable to help with the preparations, I ask that you read this newsletter carefully and attend all our upcoming events. There is a calendar on page 4 that lists what's happening when. So either highlight those you are available for or transfer them to your planning calendar. Then call your friends and ask them to join you. We want record numbers out for the Leaf Ride, the Life Chain, the Cheese Cake Tasting Party, and our Pro-life luncheon. Maybe this is the month to join us in prayer at an abortion mill.

Remember, one person can make a difference. Be that person!

Remember, we need to be the voice for the unborn, the weak, the handicapped and the elderly. We need to be visible. We need to be verbal. We need to show that we aren't going away; that we're growing in number and in activity. We need to be out sharing the message that life is precious - born and unborn, weak or strong, productive or not.

We think that our October events will prove educational and inspirational to all in attendance. Hope to see you there.

Our annual essay & poster contests are underway at area schools. Any 5th through 12th grade student is eligible to participate. If your child hasn't heard about it and would like to participate, call 556-5960.

NOTICE: THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING FOR OCTOBER HAS BEEN CANCELED. We have a number of activities planned for Pro-Life Awareness and hope that freeing up one evening will facilitate your participation in those special October events. See our calendar on page 4.



PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

The addresses and phone numbers for your members of Congress are:

U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: 1-202-224-3121
Capitol Switchboard toll free number: 1-888-723-5246

House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515
Phone: 1-202-225-3121

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E-mail addresses for **Representatives** can be found at <http://clerkweb.house.gov> (and then go to "Write your Representative"). Phone numbers are listed above. Rep. Jim **Nussle**, 303 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, 202-225-2911. Fax: 202-225-9129. E-mail: <http://www.nussle.house.gov>. Dubuque office: 563-557-7740, Waterloo office: 319-235-1109, Mason City office: 515-423-0303, and the Manchester office: 563-927-5141 or 800-927-5212.

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.

Senator Tom **Harkin** (D), 731 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510. E-mail: tom_harkin@harkin.senate.gov/ Phone: 202-224-3254 in Washington; 319-365-4505 in Cedar Rapids; or 563-582-2130 in Dubuque.

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.

- The **Hyde-Weldon conscience clause** remained intact in the departments of Labor and Health and Human Services' funding bill voted on by the House of Representatives. This means that health care providers, insurers or employees who refuse to participate in or fund abortions are closer to being protected from governmental discrimination and pro-abortion lawsuits. Any agency that discriminates against such a person or entity will lose federal funding under the measure. The next challenge is a House-Senate conference committee.
- **Terri Schiavo's** estranged husband Michael has refused to appear at two scheduled depositions. Pat Anderson, attorney for Terri's parents Robert and Mary Schindler, is asking for Judge George Greer to issue a written order requiring Michael and live-in fiancé Jodi Centonze to appear. It has also been reported that Michael has ordered Terri removed from the hospital and sent to a facility where she will be denied treatment for a potentially fatal illness she has contracted.

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- **Choose Life License Plates Transformed into Generic Specialty Plates HF 2552**--The Choose Life license plate bill passed out of the House. However, the bill was dramatically changed in the Transportation Committee into a generic specialty plate bill. The significance to the alteration from the "Choose Life" license plate to a generic specialty plate bill is that it garnered greater support by being an all-inclusive bill for specialty plates. The new bill, HF 2552, affects many groups and organizations. This change may make it easier to obtain the Governor's signature.

COURT REJECTS MOTION TO OVERTURN ROE v. WADE—a 3 judge panel of a federal appeals court dismissed a motion Tuesday, September 13th from the original plaintiff to have the landmark 1973 abortion case overturned. **Norma McCorvey's** motion asserted that she had new information that would affect the case. The panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, Louisiana rejected her claim.

The challengers to the federal **Partial Birth Abortion Ban** have now met with success in all three cases. The judges cited lack of an exception for the health of the woman, in spite of the testimony that PBA is never necessary for health reasons. The Justice Department has filed an appeal in San Francisco and is expected to appeal all three rulings. The prospect that these cases will reach the Supreme Court intensifies the issue of **judicial appointments**.

Volunteers will be offering **LIFESAVERS** after services at area churches on the weekend of October 2 –3, 2004. Please call DCRTL (556-5960) if you are able to help at your church. If not, please be generous in your contribution and encourage others to do the same.

PLEASE JOIN PRO-LIFERS FROM THE DUBUQUE AREA AT 1:45 P.M. ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 3 FOR OUR **LIFE CHAIN**. WE WILL MEET AT THE CORNER OF HWY 20 & BLUFF STREET. THERE WILL BE A SHORT WELCOME AND AN OPENING PRAYER AFTER WHICH WE WILL LINE THE HIGHWAY HOLDING PRO-LIFE SIGNS, WHICH 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.

CROP Walk—Why not? The annual CROP Walk, founded and organized by the Church World Service (CWS), will once again be held on the first Sunday in October. While it seems ludicrous to reject an effort to raise money for hunger relief in the Third World, a closer look (by the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Rockford) at their efforts revealed money used to support “maternal health programs.” (think contraception & abortion) Apparently, CWS has a history of funding contraception either directly or through partner agencies for at least the past 30 years. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has received CROP Walk money in the past but has withdrawn as a designee agency. Fearful of a major boycott by Catholics, CWS offered to allow Catholics to designate their money to CRS. Don't be fooled! This does not solve the problem. Some percentage goes to CWS and there is no system in place to ensure that money pledged to CRS through CROP Walk actually gets to CRS.

ACTION ITEM: *Why not*, out of a respect for the dignity of the poor, reject a form of aid that compromises the moral law, and find other ways to assist feeding the poor of the Third World?
FOOD FOR THOUGHT: “To some, it may seem legitimate to cooperate with an organization which feeds the hungry, even though the same organization also is involved in an evil like the promotion of contraception. It is important to recall that our cooperation with another must be morally good in all of its aspects. Cooperation in feeding the hungry does not justify cooperation in distributing contraceptives to them” (Burke, Bishop Raymond, “Integrity of Respect for Human Life,” published in the *Catholic Times* of the Diocese of La Crosse, September 5, 2002).

MEET OUR PRO-LIFE AWARENESS SPEAKERS

Patty Schneier comes to us from the St. Louis area. Currently she is a full-time wife and mother but is a former high school teacher with “a passion for teenagers!” She and her husband, Larry, have 3 children. They are members of St. Ferdinand Parish where she has been a music minister for the past ten years.

Patty is coming **BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!** Several of us heard her speak at a conference last spring and couldn’t schedule her back soon enough. She will address adults on Tuesday evening with her presentation, "Prove It, God . . . And He did!" and will also speak to area teens about sex, marriage, dating and true love.

Patty is a dynamic speaker with an uplifting message. Her schedule is listed on our enclosed calendar. For details, call us @ 563-556-5960.

[PUBLIC WELCOME TO ALL EVENTS/PRESENTATIONS!]

“PROVE IT, GOD . . . and He Did!”

On Tuesday, October 12, Patty will share her amazing challenge to God. The program will begin at 7:00 P.M. at St. Anthony’s Church in O’Malley Hall.

This presentation is geared toward engaged couples, married couples and singles thinking of marriage someday, but is **open to all**. You won’t want to miss out on her fun presentation of the powerful work God performed in her life.

There will be a **cheese cake tasting party** at intermission. Admission: \$2.50

R.S.V. P. by October 5. Call DCRTL @ 563-556-5960.

PRIESTS FOR LIFE COMING TO TOWN

Fr. Walter J. Quinn, OSA joined Priests for Life in September 1999 and believes this is the most important crusade of our time: to serve, protect and defend life from the innocent unborn to the oldest of the old among us! He has been involved in the pro-life movement since the early ‘60s and served in parish work for 38 years. He called to tell us he will be here in Dubuque from October 9th through the 16th and asked us to keep him busy! We are working on filling his schedule, much of which hasn’t been confirmed as this newsletter goes to print. We will rely on interested individuals to call us to find out when and where they can hear him speak. (563-556-5960)

PRO-LIFE LUNCHEON

Our annual pro-life luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 13 from noon to 1:00 P.M. in the Julien Room at the Midway Motor Lodge, 3100 Dodge Street. Fr. Walter Quinn will present: Responsible Christian Citizenship

The cost is \$9. Call DCRTL (563-556-5960) by Thursday, October 7 to register.

October is **Clergy Appreciation Month**, so invite your pastor or associate, or deacon to join you! It’s time you take him to lunch!

SHARE YOUR FAMILY DAY

Take some time on Sunday, October 17th 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? Make someone else’s day! You’ll be surprised what it does for you!

If you have time and are willing to say some **PRAYERS FOR LIFE on October 25th** 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 let’s keep the forces strong!!

[Planned Parenthood Calls October National Sexuality Education Month](#)

[E-Mail Update, Abstinence Clearinghouse, 9/15/04]

Promoting their programs, website, and literature in the process, Planned Parenthood has yet again declared October National Family Sexuality Education Month (NFSEM). While few people argue that children do need education regarding sexual health and behavior, exactly what and how children are taught is most definitely controversial. Planned Parenthood is widely known for undermining parental authority and encouraging irresponsible and dangerous behaviors for minors. From contraception distribution to performing abortions on minors without parental notification or consent, Planned Parenthood has a history of placing its ideology before the welfare of children or the family.

YOUNKERS COMMUNITY DAY EVENT is November 20, 2004. 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.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2005

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 Saturday, January 22nd in the afternoon and return on Wednesday the 26th. 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 4 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 29th**. After that, reservations will be accepted only if we have vacancies.

Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

In memory of the following: for **Harold Knoernschild** from Norm & Gloria Hein; for **Charles Watson** from Barb Nicholson; for **Pasquale di Pasquale** from Catherine Schoofs; for **Leo Schuster** from Ramona Thomas; for **Jeanette Kleeman** from Mary Ellen Scherrman; for **Sr. Jean Menster** from Fr. John Ptacek & Dorothy Schieltz.

In honor of their 50th wedding anniversary: **Bob & Charlene O’Connell** from Pat Doll.

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

FOR PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILLS:

Meet @ 7:00 A.M. in St. Columbkille's parking lot that faces the church on Saturday, **October 16th** or meet Bill (563-582-4436) after 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Resurrection Church parking lot on Tuesday, **October 19th**. The Tuesday group will be going to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women starting this month.

For more information, call our office @ 563-556-5960.

PLEASE CALL TO LET US KNOW YOU WILL BE JOINING THE GROUP.

PRAYERFUL PICKETING PROJECT

The response to our mission to close down (with prayer) free standing abortion mills has been great! In conjunction with the Priests for Life project, we have "Adopted" the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women and will begin providing pray-ers whose purpose is to shut down the facility through a peaceful prayerful presence. DCRTL is arranging for prayer coverage starting October 4th. Operating hours are from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. on Monday & Tuesdays and from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Wednesday through Friday. While several people have signed up, we will always need more people for this. Especially in October (Respect Life Month) we would like you to try to pray at the site. Any prayer groups, bible study groups, respect life groups, other church groups, youth groups, mothers' clubs, Knights, etc. who might be willing to help are asked to contact our office (563-556-5960) for more information. This is not a "Catholic" project—people of all faiths are welcome and encouraged to join us. Anyone interested in praying on a regular basis (you may pick the time & place), but not wanting to go to the site is asked to let us know. We want to let our pro-life friends in the Cedar Rapids area know of all the prayer support they have. We are overwhelmed by their enthusiasm for this project.



VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO SCHEDULE OUR VIDEO/CABLE ACCESS PROGRAMS

If you enjoy video technology and have some spare time, please call us @ 563-556-5960!

We will train you, so don't shy away just because you've never done it before!

Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16! Watch for our **upcoming programs**, scheduled for Monday @ 10:00 A.M., Friday @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturday @ 1:00 P.M. Upcoming programs feature recent editions of LIFE TALK Video Magazine produced by Life Dynamics, Inc.

Jill Rokusek has received many requests for a repeat of the Hat & Fashion show that she and Cathy Breitbach did for DCRTL last February. This can be viewed on TV Channel 15, Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 7:00 P.M. through the month of October. [To book a Hat Show, call Jill @ 563-582-5337]

- Sarah Eide, Director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, and David Cushing, Pastoral Associate at Blessed Sacrament in Waterloo, will present *Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility* on Thursday evening, **October 7th** at St. Joseph the Worker Church in Martin Hall (church basement) @ 7:00 P.M. There will be an opportunity for discussion and materials will be available. *Faithful Citizenship* is a guide for voters in this fall's election. Interested individuals are welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Steven Mosher, President of the Population Research Institute, will be in Iowa City on Friday, **October 8, 2004 @ 7:30 P.M.** He will present *The Myth of Overpopulation @ the Buchanan Auditorium (W-10), Pappajohn Business Administration Building*, the University of Iowa (corners of Jefferson & Clinton). For more information contact Kathleen Staley at Kathleen-staley@uiowa.edu or phone (319)335-7294.
- Dr. Anthony Levantino and his wife Cecelia will be at Bethel Baptist Church, 1196 N. Academy Street, Galesburg, IL. On **October 10th**. Dr. Levantino is a former abortionist. Questions? Call Pat Conklin 309-343-2852. Event sponsored by Henry County Right To Life.

