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Dear Friends of Life:

I write this letter after hearing two of our Respect Life Month speakers yesterday. Many of you may have heard Father Walter Quinn of Priests for Life speak at one of the area parishes. I heard him at our Pro-Life Luncheon at the Midway Motor Lodge. His talk on how to spread the facts about law, love and the pro-life movement was stirring, eloquent and packed with factual information. Father Quinn brought a wealth of experience from his years in the pro-life movement, and combined it with his youthful exuberance to educate and inform his listeners. It was wonderful to see a man of God speak publicly about how to recognize what needs to be done in the pro-life movement and how to get it done. A special note of thanks to the good priests and sisters who attended the Pro-Life Luncheon. You are welcome any time!

Last night I heard Patty Schneier speak at St. Joseph the Worker parish to religious education classes. She presented an inspiring talk entitled, "Testify to Love!" Patty's presentation was dynamic and uplifting ... just as advertised! She drew on scientific facts and her own personal experience to inform and educate her teenage audience about the joys of chastity, and how sex outside of marriage is unsafe, unwise, and leads directly to abortion. The students were attentive and thankful for her excellent presentation.

A quick building update -- we are awaiting the results of an appraisal for the building we have set our sights on for the new office. More information will be forthcoming, and thank you again for your patience and prayers. We are pursuing the new building with the blessing of you the members, and there appears to be some light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you for your support and confidence in our stewardship.

I also want to publicly acknowledge and thank one of our volunteers who is, sadly, leaving us to return to Mexico. Layla Reyes has been volunteering at the office since March. She is a computer whiz and has volunteered faithfully three days a week. Ellen and Colleen report that Layla has done a little bit of everything for them at the office and helped in countless ways. Her smile and engaging personality was also a blessing. She will be sorely missed, but we send her to Mexico knowing that it is where she should be, and hopeful that she will continue her pro-life work there. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers, Layla, and thank you for all of your hard work!

Last but not least, do not forget to exercise your voting rights on Tuesday, November 2. There are plenty of voter guides out there, so inform yourself and vote pro-life!

Sincerely,

Arthur F. Gilloon, President
Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc.

MORE FROM THE CANDIDATES: In addition to their responses to our survey, some candidates wrote comments. They are as follows. **Carstensen, Paul:** “We have too many regulations. Less government is better. Moral choice and Christian ethics should rule.” **Cline, Patricia:** #2 “Unaware of what is involved on both sides.; #6 I would also like the option of parents to be present. #11 except for the life of mother in some instances, incest and rape if proven. #14 not sure in what manner you mean. But, I think they need to have more strict regulations and accountability.” **Demmer, Wayne:** #11 “Except when the life of the mother is at stake.” **Hosch, Julie:** “#2 “I never heard of this! must study this first.” “I am all for your effort. If I read any of these incorrect please call.” **Ross, Chris #2** “Need more explanation.”

In order to vote in the November 2nd election, you must be registered to vote by 10 days prior (Oct. 23).

“WHAT CAN YOU TELL ME ABOUT THE JUDGES ON (MY) BALLOT?”

We have received numerous phone calls from people who are concerned they don't have enough information about the judges to vote responsibly. Judges rarely answer questionnaires, saying they can't tip their hand on how they're going to rule on specific matters. Therefore, most often, direct involvement with judges is how one gets the information sought. In this election cycle, we have very little information to go on, or to pass on. If anyone has good information on judges' rulings, statements, and background information that would shed light on their judicial philosophy regarding right to life issues, please contact us. We will file the information and hope to provide this vital voter education service for upcoming elections.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' STAND ON LIFE

PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH

Signed the Partial-Birth Abortion Act into law on November 5, 2003 and said, “For years, a terrible form of violence has been directed against children who are inches from birth, while the law looked the other way.”

Signed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act (also known as “Laci and Conner’s Law”) into law on April 1, 2004. This law recognizes unborn children as victims when they are injured or killed during the commission of federal or military crimes of violence.

Early in his presidency, George W. Bush reinstated the Mexico City policy, which prevents tax dollars from being given to organizations that perform and promote abortions overseas.

Is against taxpayer dollars being used to pay for abortions. While he was governor of Texas, Bush filed a friend of the court brief stating his strong opposition to an attempt to compel the state to pay for elective abortions.

Has addressed the March for Life via telephone.

Backs a ban on all human cloning.

Endorsed by numerous pro-life organizations including Right to Life of Michigan Political Action Committee.

Ruled that federally controlled substances cannot be used to assist in suicides.

SENATOR JOHN KERRY

Voted no on the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act and voted numerous times against previous attempts to outlaw partial-birth abortion.

Voted against the Unborn Victims of Violence Act and voted in favor of a substitute amendment that would have only recognized one victim when a pregnant woman and her child are attacked.

Kerry has stated that his first executive order if elected president would be to “reverse the Mexico City policy.” This action would give our tax dollars to organizations that perform and promote abortions overseas.

Voted numerous times to allow abortions at U.S. military medical facilities and has voted at least 25 times in favor of using taxpayer dollars to pay for abortions in the United States.

Attends and is a featured speaker at pro-abortion rallies.

Opposes a ban on all human cloning.

Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Fund. Planned Parenthood is America’s #1 abortion provider, providing 227,375 abortions in 2002.

Has said that he will filibuster any Supreme Court nominees who don't support abortion and if elected president would only nominate judges who support his position on abortion.

COME ONE, COME ALL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4th AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CATHEDRAL CENTER BEHIND ST. RAPHAEL'S CATHEDRAL AT 231 BLUFF STREET. MR. VINCENT MEIS WILL PRESENT, "SINGLE ISSUE VOTERS -NOT THE SHALLOW THINKERS YOU THOUGHT THEY WERE!"

Our **PEACEFUL PRAYER PROJECT** at the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women began on schedule, Monday October 4th. We received a report from our friends that the pray-ers all showed up and plan to be back next week as scheduled. If you plan to be in that area and can stop by the clinic, even for just a few minutes to pray, please do so. And let us know how it went.

PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILL—Our regular group of pray-ers at the mill has begun going to Cedar Rapids instead of Bettendorf on the third Tuesday of the month. Meet the group after 7:00 Mass @ Resurrection, in the parking lot on November 16th. Call Bill @ 563-582-4436.

The third Saturday group continues to go to Iowa City because the Cedar Rapids Clinic is closed on Saturdays. Call 563-556-5960 if you can join a group on November 20th.

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner! And we (all of us at DCRTL) have so much to be thankful for. And number one on our list is YOU! You are responsible for everything we do; all that we accomplish. Without your support. . . without your assistance. . .without your prayers, we would never be what we are today—a premier local pro-life educational organization.* Membership is the lifeblood of any organization and volunteers are the heart—the pump that keeps it going. We take this opportunity to thank each of our volunteers for whatever it is that you do. Words can't adequately express our gratitude but we hope reading this YOU know YOU are appreciated for all that you have done for LIFE and for us. THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts.

Ellen, Colleen & the Board of Directors

[*While Fr. Quinn was here, he frequently commented on how much our people knew about the issues and about how many projects we had going! He travels all over the country for Priests for Life and WE impressed him!]

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_____ \$250 Defender	_____ \$25 Family	
_____ \$100 Patron	_____ \$15 Individual	_____ \$5 Student

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