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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

“Christian Faith in Troubling Times”

On the Friday after the election, there was an article in the Telegraph Herald that caught my attention. It was about a lecture with the above title given at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. The speaker, Setri Nyomi said, “the problem is that the church has lost its focus and has allowed the same troubling issues that are dividing people and countries to divide it. And the divisions are not even theological in nature, but based on ideology, different perspectives on justice, gender, race, the economy, the environment and who to include or exclude for one reason or another. Such divisiveness sends mixed messages about the true mission of the church and repels inquiring non-Christians.”

That statement reinforced that the confusion I observed with the issues are not unique to me, to my organization or to my church. With all due respect to our members who are not Catholic, I must make issue of how our Archbishop came through for us. [As Austin Ruse of the Catholic Family Association put it— sorry, but the truth is that we had a bad Catholic running for president]. Not only did that confuse good Catholics; good Christians were also concerned. Throughout the negative campaigning and routines of our daily life here at DCRTL, it was difficult not to believe we were the only ones fighting on our side of the battle. We kept right on praying and educating but it seemed the popular press had out-done our efforts. Christian values, even without the Archbishop clarifying Catholic teachings, spoke loudly to us that “we know in our hearts it’s wrong.” Wrong, that is, to ignore abortion, fetal tissue and embryonic stem cell research and euthanasia in favor of issues such as the environment, the war, the death penalty, racism, poverty and other attacks against human dignity. We know that other issues shouldn’t be ignored, but we also know that direct attacks against innocent human life are a proportionately greater evil. It felt good to see that in print.

And in the end: “VALUES VOTERS” speak out! Who would have thought values could trump economics? With all the negative campaigning and the popular press’ coverage of the ‘news’, one had to fear the worst-case scenario. But, in the end, those voters who held traditional pro-life, pro-family ideals came through in record numbers. We must not forget, however, that much work needs to be done—and already the challenges are beginning, some of which are mentioned in articles inside this newsletter. Keep reading . . .and keep up the good work!!



PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS:

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

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Washington, D.C. 20510

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House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

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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.

EUPHORIA SUBSIDES AS REALITY SETS IN

America is not divided. The race was not even close. The verdict of the people was clear. Americans today support traditional values. In spite of the fact that 80% of citizens who based their decision on moral values voted for President Bush, Senator Arlen Specter (R, Pennsylvania) issued a statement warning President Bush not to send to the Senate for a judicial appointment (including the Supreme Court) any nominee who is a strict constructionist (in other words, who is not pro-choice). Specter implied that he is prepared to filibuster any nominee that he considers too conservative. Under Senate tradition, Senator Specter is scheduled to become Chairman of the Judiciary Committee that handles all judicial appointments. Apparently it was considered a foregone conclusion but it doesn't have to happen. The Senate will hold an election for that and other committee chairmanships in the coming days. **ACTION ITEMS:** (Act quickly—this is time-sensitive!)

- Contact your Republican Senators (every Republican senator votes on the leadership) and let them know what you think about Senator Specter's actions and his worthiness to serve as chair. If your Republican senator is already a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, he can be especially influential in deciding who the new chairman will be. Please make every effort to encourage other constituents to contact the Republican committee members who are listed below. (NOTE: One or more NEW Republican senators may be appointed to the committee later this month, but it is not yet known who they will be.)
- **Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA)** (202)224.3744, email: <http://grassley.senate.gov/webform.htm>
- Call the office of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) at 202-224-3344 and ask that he use his power to ensure that a pro-life Republican become chairman.

Senator Mike DeWine (R-OH) (202) 224-2315, email: <http://dewine.senate.gov/> **Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL)** (202) 224-4124, email: <http://sessions.senate.gov/contact.htm#form> **Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC)** (202) 224-5972, email: <http://lgraham.senate.gov/index.cfm?mode=contact> **Senator Larry Craig (R-ID)** 202/224-2752, email: <http://craig.senate.gov/webform.html> **Senator Saxby Chambliss (R-GA)** (202) 224-3521, email: <http://chambliss.senate.gov/Contact/default.cfm?pagenode=1> **Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)** 202-224-2934, email: <http://cornyn.senate.gov/contact/index.html> **Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT)** (202) 224-5251, email: <http://hatch.senate.gov/index.cfm?Fuseaction=Offices.Contact> **Senator Jon Kyl (R-AZ)** (202) 224-4521, email: <http://kyl.senate.gov/>

The following information is taken from the *Communiqué* and although it refers to November, it's never too late to contact them as suggested under 'COMMENT' :

Citing premature birth as the number one health risk for America's newborns, the **MARCH OF DIMES** has named November Prematurity Awareness Month to draw attention to this growing common, costly and serious public health problem. In preparation for "National Prematurity Awareness Month," visitors to the March of Dimes web site are asked to sign a petition to Congress seeking more funding for research into the causes of prematurity. However, nowhere on the web site is the evidence provided that abortion leads to premature birth.

COMMENT: Why won't the March of Dimes tell the truth? Please let them know of your concern that they are failing to admit the connection between abortion and premature birth. Make sure they also understand that until they are totally honest about the horrendous risks related to abortion, you will not assist in their fund raising efforts and you will ask your friends and family to do likewise.

(Contact: E-mail the March of Dimes at http://www.marchofdimes.com/aboutus/contact_us.asp?link=footer) (Reading: "Prematurity Awareness Day," March of Dimes, <http://www.marchofdimes.com/home.asp>; "Induced abortion and risk of later premature birth," Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons, Summer 2003, pp. 46-49, <http://www.aapsonline.org/jpands/vol8no2/rooney.pdf>; "March of Dimes coverup of abortion/preemie link is the real mystery," Elliot Institute, <http://www.afterabortion.org/news/MoD.html>)



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 Life Dynamics News Magazine from October & November 2004 Issues—the latest in pro-life news from around the country!

MARCH FOR LIFE 2005

NEW INFORMATION ON OUR UPCOMING TRIP!

The good news is that we have had to order a 5th bus for our annual trip to the March for Life!!! Yes, three buses are already full and two others are partially to completely full! The bus leaving out of Des Moines is nearly full, so if you plan to leave out of Des Moines, call now. This means that they will not be coming to meet us in Dubuque. So we have added a fourth bus for our (Dubuque) area. This fourth bus has plenty of available space for those of you who didn't get your reservations in on time! That's good news! The bad news is that the fourth bus has plenty of available space—space that we need to fill in order not to lose money on the trip. So, it's time for you 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 evening 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, 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.] Reservations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis for as long as we have vacancies. We need you to join us but you're the one who'll be most glad that you did. It's an experience you'll remember and cherish for a long time to come.

Our general membership meeting will be held on **December 2 @ 7:00 P.M.** in the Cathedral Center. As has been our custom, we will be doing something special for Christmas—details of which are still being worked out. Please join us for this evening of family fun and fellowship!

DCRTL BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS:

Congratulations to Dr. Jack Dolehide, newly elected member of our Board of Directors. A huge thank you goes out to outgoing board member Dr. Rick Dodds for his years of service and support of our mission. Re-elected to another 3 year term were Jim Giese and Art Gilloon. Thanks to them for agreeing to continue to serve and congratulation on their re-election!

HELP WANTED: We're always in need of assistance on the computer, but have a special request at this time. Now that our Layla is gone (see Volume 7 Issue 11), we wonder if someone out there could possibly help on a regular basis with our ongoing need of continuing education on the computer. If you have such skill and time to help, please call us!! (563-556-5960)

Alfred Kinsey Film Misleads on Abortion, Sexuality Pro-Life Groups Say

Hollywood, CA (LifeNews.com) -- Pro-life and pro-family groups are protesting the opening of the controversial movie "Kinsey," saying it is an attempt to glorify the pro-abortion founder of the sexual revolution. The college pro-life group known as "Generation Life" plans to picket theaters showing the film, which opens in limited release Friday. "Alfred Kinsey is responsible in part for my generation being forced to deal face-to-face with the devastating consequences of sexually transmitted diseases, pornography and abortion," Generation Life's Brandi Swindell said. "Instead of being lionized, Kinsey's proper place is with Nazi doctor Josef Mengele or your average Hollywood horror flick mad scientist," Robert Knight of Concerned Women of America's Culture & Family Institute said. Knight calls Kinsey the godfather of the "campaign to strike down abortion laws," adding, "he was a sexual revolutionary masquerading as an objective scientist." Meanwhile Focus on the Family and other groups blame Kinsey for ushering in an era of sex education that has led to promiscuity and abortion on demand. In his review of the film, Tom Neven of Focus on the Family said, "To say that it is rank propaganda for the sexual revolution ... would be beyond stating the obvious."

2004 Overall Essay/Poetry Winners

First Place - Jared Marugg (Beckman)

Second Place - Megan Hafkemeyer (Balltown/Sherrill)

Third Place - Olivia Schwendinger (Nativity)

2004 Overall Poster Contest Winners

First Place - Sydney Oppelt (Holy Ghost)

Second Place - Elizabeth Fleming (Resurrection)

Third Place - Robbie Anstoetter (Seton)

Thanks to all our volunteers and to all who participated!

Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

In memory of the following: **George Simon, Sr.** from Marian & Virgil Bourek, Theresa & Jeff Chapman, Irene & Larry Scherrman; for **Bob Zehentner** from Larry & Irene Scherrman, Mary Rita Zehentner; for **George Esch, Keith Willman & Floyd Klostermann** from Theresa & Jeff Chapman; for **Dan Ripp** from Dick & Jean Mescher; for **Roger & Madonna Tucker** from Mary Kay Portzen; for **Ruth Peterson** from Madonna & Bud Portz; for **Helen Berg** from Esther & David Thome; for **Cliff Knippel** from Judy Woods.

In honor of : **Jim & Marilyn Lansing's** 40th Wedding Anniversary from Doris & Bill McDermott

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILLS:

In December there will be three opportunities to pray at the mills. On **December 12th** we will be going to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women at 3:00 P.M., joining groups all over the nation to pray in front of local abortion mills. See details see the article below. On the third Saturday, **December 18th**, a group will go to Iowa City to pray. For more information, call our office @ 563-556-5960. The 3rd Tuesday group will meet at Resurrection after the 7:00 A.M. Mass in the Resurrection Church parking lot on **December 21st**. Call Bill (563-582-4436) if you can go. PLEASE CALL TO LET US KNOW YOU WILL BE JOINING THE GROUP.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE— On **December 8th** from 9P.M.—1:00 A.M. we will be joining others from around the country in prayers for life. The national hour of unity will be from midnight to 1:00 A.M. EST, which will be from 11:00—12:00 here. We will have the Blessed Sacrament exposed for Adoration at St. Patrick's Church, 1425 Iowa Street, Dubuque. If you can join us, please call the office (563-556-5960) to sign up for (a) prayer hour(s). Thanks to Deacon Tim Lobianco for assisting us in this project. The National Night of Prayer for Life is sponsored by the All-Night Life Vigil group. The four hours will span the four time zones and link us together in prayer with others across the nation. We offer this that we may save the lives threatened by abortion, euthanasia and fetal experimentation and to beg for the conversion of hearts to save the souls of those who have a mentality of accepting these heinous crimes, and for our nation. Let us flood the country with sacrifices and rosaries that night to turn back the evil forces so prevalent in today's culture.

On **DECEMBER 12** we will be taking an image of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women. People from around the nation will be visiting their local abortion mills at 3:00 that day to pray to end abortion. The organizers are trying to have the image at all the abortion sites in the country and we are joining the effort. We plan to 'caravan' there, so we'll meet at 1:00 in the parking lot facing St. Columbkille's Church; we will then proceed to St. Mathias Church in Cascade to pick up more people at 1:30 and then we'll be off to Cedar Rapids and at the Clinic by 3:00 P.M. We plan to pray for an hour and then return home. Call if you can join us! This is not just for the people who normally go out there as pro-life activist. It's a call to families, to children, to people who might not ever have taken a public stance for life. So plan to join us and bring your family & friends!

PRAYERFUL PICKETING PROJECT

Many peaceful pray-ers are rising to the challenge of praying in front of the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women. However, we are a long way from reaching our goal to have full time coverage at the site. For any of you considering this as something you could volunteer for, I urge you to take a leap of faith and join in. Remember, the way to close the mills is the constant presence at the site! Call DCRTL @ 563-556-5960 to volunteer for an hour or two—each month or each week or even on occasion. Please don't misunderstand—we do appreciate the many others who are spending time in prayer at other sites. We have been encouraged by the positive response and the large numbers of people who have agreed to that. Thanks to each of you for your efforts to assist in this project.

MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: In **Dyersville**, Eucharistic Adoration is held every Tuesday at Beckman High School from 8:00 A.M.—2:30 P.M. and at the convent chapel on Thursdays from 8:00 A.M.—3:00P.M. Now, beginning in December, there will also be Adoration from 7:00 A.M.—7:00 P.M. on the first Monday of each month. In **Dubuque**, there is Eucharistic Adoration from 7:30 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. every first Friday at St. Columbkille's Church, & from just after their morning Mass until 5:30 P.M. at St. Joseph Key West ; every Tuesday from 7:30 A.M.-8:00 P.M. at Resurrection. St. Anthony's will begin (on December 2) holding Adoration every Thursday from 4:00-7:00 P.M. . And, of course, there is 24 hour Adoration at the Power of Prayer every day all year long. If anyone knows of other opportunities, please let me know and I will share the information in my next newsletter.

COMING EVENTS - Plan now to join us!

- ◆ **Pro-Life Mass every Wednesday** at 2:25 P.M. at the Power of Prayer - 75 W. 17th Street - Fr. McAndrew, celebrant.
- ◆ Two opportunities to **Visit** the abortion mills to **pray and sidewalk counsel** each month. Call 563-556-5960 for details. (more information inside this issue)
- ◆ MODERN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING -call 582-1673 for details.
- ◆ Our **next monthly meeting** will be held @ **7:00 P.M. on December 2, 2004** at the Cathedral. We will have a Christmas program.
- ◆ National Night of Prayer—**December 8 @ St. Patrick's Church 9P.M.** – details inside this newsletter
- ◆ Our Lady of Guadalupe visit to the abortion mills—**December 12 @ 3 P.M.**—details inside this newsletter.
- ◆ WALK for Life & Chili Luncheon—**January 22** (details next month)
- ◆ Bus trip to the March for Life —**January 22-26, 2005**—more information in this newsletter.
- ◆ LIFE Dinner 2005—**April 8, 2005**



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