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Dear Friends of Life:
Merry Christmas and seasons greetings to all!

There are lots of things happening at Dubuque County Right to Life in the next few weeks, so get your pens and get ready to mark your calendars. Most of the dates are contained elsewhere in this letter, but please join us for our Annual Dubuque County Right to Life–Walk for Life on Saturday, January 22 at 10:30 A.M. in Washington Park across from the Post Office in Dubuque. We will have a fine program, and then witness the 32nd anniversary of "Black Tuesday"— when Roe v. Wade and abortion on demand became the law of the land. It is a time to remember the Unborn and all the other victims of abortion: the women, the fathers, and yes the clinic workers and abortionists who continue to perpetrate this evil upon our land. They need to be educated and shown that there are positive, pro-life answers to crisis pregnancies that do not have to include killing the Unborn and hurting their mothers.

Peaceful prayer and witnessing at abortion mills in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids will take place January 15 and January 18, 2005. If you are interested in going, call the office at 556-5960. It is important that we witness and pray at abortion clinics. We need to witness the killing so that it never is forgotten, and we need to pray for everyone involved in it.

Now, a building update. We have made an offer to the owner and are awaiting a reply. Please pray that our efforts continue to move forward and go well. Thank you again for all of your support and confidence in our stewardship.

I write this letter having just finished my presentation on stem cells to the combined seventh and eighth grade science classes at St. Columbkille's. The students invited DCRTL to make the presentation, and I was glad to be able to do it. If you could have seen their faces, watched them as they sat attentively, and heard their questions, you would have left the room with feelings similar to mine. Our young people want to know the truth, they want to know the facts about human life before birth and why it is important to protect all persons from conception to natural death. The fact that these students wanted to learn about embryonic stem cell research and the current debate in our society shows that they are inquisitive and eager to get involved in the great issues of our day. I left with a lot of hope about what the future holds, and how the tide will eventually turn from the culture of death to a culture of life.

One final thought. If you are reading this newsletter but are not a paid member of Dubuque County Right to Life, why not give us and yourself a joint Christmas present by becoming a member!? If you have taken the time to read this far, you obviously have an interest in the life issues and learning more about them. That is what we do at Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc.—we educate and inform the public about abortion, infanticide, euthanasia and related life issues. Join us and become part of the civil rights movement for life!

Sincerely,

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

NO MONTHLY MEETING IN JANUARY-if you show up, you'll be the only one there!
INSTEAD, WE ASK YOU TO COME TO THE WALK ON JANUARY 22. OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2005. PARTICIPANTS FROM THE IOWANS FOR LIFE ANNUAL TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE WILL SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES. If you are able to bring treats to that meeting , let us know! (563-556-5960)

COME ONE, COME ALL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE. We will meet at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, January 22 in Washington Park near the Gazebo. There will be a short program followed by a walk past the Courthouse to the KC Hall for the CHILI LUNCHEON. This marks the 32nd anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision by the Supreme Court of the United States which legalized abortion throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. We encourage you to participate in our peaceful protest of the slaughter of millions of preborn babies.

PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILL—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 going there on Saturday, **January 15th.**

Every Friday following 12:10 Mass at St. Mary's in Iowa City, Fr. Ken Kuntz leads the Divine Mercy Chaplet @ Emma Goldman. If you are in Iowa City on a Friday for any reason, stop by to pray with them. Late term abortions are done on Fridays and they are usually busy! :(

Our **PEACEFUL PRAYER PROJECT** at the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women began on schedule. They are open Monday & Tuesdays from 9 A.M.—7:00 P.M. and Wednesday though Friday from 9—5:00. If you plan to be in that area **any weekday** and can stop by the clinic, even for just a few minutes to pray, please do so. For more information or directions, call us at 563-556-5960.

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 January 18th. Call Bill @ 563-582-4436 to let him know you are going.

BOYCOTT UPDATE: Several changes will be found on the new boycott list. Six corporations have been removed and two have been added: *ALTAR* [Ms. Mandy Van Deven, *Altar* Magazine, 955 Metropolitan Ave. Apt. 4R, Brooklyn, NY 11211-2619 (917-337-0443)] and *CLIF BAR* [Mr. Gary Erickson, Owner & Founder, Clif Bar Inc., 1610-5th St., Berkeley, CA 94710-1715 (800-254-3227)] and *WALT DISNEY* is **back on the list!!** Contact:Mr. Michael Eisner, Chairman &CEO, The Walt Disney Co., 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91521-1010 (818-560-1000). It is important to put the heat on the new companies—write to express your displeasure and mention your information comes from Life Decisions International. It is especially important to contact Disney to let them know we are prepared to do without their products again—permanently if necessary!

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