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Dear Friends of Life:

Congratulations to all of the March for Life bus riders and others who went to Washington, D.C.! We heard you had a wonderful experience witnessing for Life and joining thousands of others in the March. We held the fort down back here in Dubuque with a well-attended "Walk for Life" on a very cold January day! There was some discussion before our walk about canceling it, but we decided that if the babies have to live through the pain of abortion, we can offer up our frozen hands and feet as a prayer for girls and women in crisis pregnancies.

Our speakers were great, particularly Monsignor Francis Friedl, who had many keen insights into the history of the pro-life movement and the fight to restore civil rights protection to the Unborn.

Watch for some exciting news on our building project soon. Details to follow.

Please take the time to read the rest of this newsletter, and keep up the fight for Life!

Sincerely,

LIFE DINNER 2005

The Board of Directors of Dubuque County Right To Life, Inc. **cordially invites you** to our thirteenth annual **L.I.F.E. Dinner on Friday, April 8** at the Grand River Center, 500 Bell Street. The event will begin with a social hour followed by dinner at 7:15 P.M. Our speaker is Debi Vinnedge, Executive Director of Children of God for Life, a non-profit, pro-life organization focused on the bioethic issues of human cloning, embryonic and fetal tissue research. Debi is considered the foremost authority on the use of aborted fetal cell lines in medical products and vaccines. Ms. Vinnedge is a nationally recognized author and speaker and has provided written testimony for the Embryonic Stem Cell Research (ESCR) Congressional hearings. She has appeared on both local and national television programs, radio broadcasts, and in numerous periodicals. Ms. Vinnedge's extensive knowledge allows her to take the complicated subject of Embryonic Stem Cell Research and make it understandable to the average person. You will walk away with an increased understanding of this issue and its moral implications.

Her presentation, "**Science's Strategy: Stem-Selling the Public**" is sure to inform and inspire us.

The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP by April 1, 2005.

It's time to sign up for our **EASTER PARADE OF HATS:**

WHO: Everyone is welcome!

WHAT: Join us for a fun filled luncheon and EASTER HAT PARADE —under the direction of **Jill Rokusek, Dubuque's own "Hat Lady"** will be: **Nancy Dolan, Laura Dolehide (& children), Mary Ann Gassman, Diane Harris, Jan (Rokusek) Mussmann, Helen Pollock, Jane Uelner & Jeanette Weber**

WHEN: Sunday, March 20 @12:30 P.M.

WHERE: Holiday Inn Five Flags

WHY: Just for FUN

HOW: Mark your calendar; call your friends. Call DCRTL (563-556-5960) to reserve a spot. Or, send a \$15 check for each reservation to us at DCRTL, 1205 Cleveland Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52003. Be sure to designate that it's for the 'hat parade.'



Our NEXT MONTHLY MEETING will be held on March 3rd at 7:00 P.M. @ the Cathedral Center. Our speakers will be Nick & Betty Wagner of Fillmore. They will share the joys and trials of raising Jake, their handicapped child. Join us if you can. (Let us know if you are able to bring treats or drinks to share.) Our April meeting will not be held due to proximity to LIFE Dinner date.

Last year we began what we hoped to be an annual celebration of the Mass on the Day of the Unborn, March 25th. However, since March 25th falls on Good Friday this year, there will be no Mass. We plan to resume the 'tradition' next year!

PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILL—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! :(There will be a group going to Iowa City to pray on the third Saturday (March 19th). If you can join us, please call the office (563-556-5960) to let us know.

Our **PEACEFUL PRAYER PROJECT** at the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women began on schedule. The clinic is open Monday & Tuesdays from 9 A.M.—7:00 P.M. and Wednesday through Friday from 9A.M.—5:00 P.M. 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. If you can pray (at any location) for the closure of this clinic on a regular basis, let us know that you when are doing that. We are trying to get prayer coverage for each hour the clinic is open.

Our regular group of pray-ers goes to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women on the **third Tuesday** of the month. If you can go, meet the group after 7:00 A.M. Mass @ Resurrection's parking lot on March 15th. Call Bill @ 563-582-4436 to let him know you are going.

ACTION ALERT: New flu vaccine from Vaxin to use aborted fetal cell lines

Children of God for Life's executive director, Debi Vinnedge, has issued a consumer warning that a new flu vaccine in early human testing is being produced using aborted fetal cell lines. Vinnedge asked Vaxin Inc., a Birmingham, Alabama biotech firm, to reconsider their decision to use PER C6 in their new flu vaccine. When the company did not respond, Vinnedge went public with the information. "There are ethical alternatives to aborted fetal cell lines for use in vaccines," said Vinnedge. "None of the current flu vaccines on the market today use objectionable sources. Why should we start now?"

Children of God for Life urges you to voice your complaint! Your action does make a difference. In 2001, thousands of protest letters sent to the Department of HHS caused them to award a second contract for smallpox vaccine that did not use aborted cells. **Call or write:** Vaxin Inc., ATTENTION: Francis R. Cano, Ph.D., CEO, 500 Beacon Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35209-3108, Phone: (205)943-8740 FAX: (205) 943-8565, Email: information@vaxin.com

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