

Dear Friends of Life:

Lots of big news on the pro-life front!

As you may know, Iowans for Life and Dubuque County Right to Life marchers led the annual "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 23, 2006. This was a great honor and a great way to get area right-to-lifers involved. Many of you may have seen your loved ones on TV or on the front page of Washington Times. Now, we are not only leaders in the tri-state area and the rest of Iowa, but throughout the nation!

Reflections on the March for Life were shared by many at our general membership meeting on February 2nd. Young and old, workers and retired, teachers and students, married and single, they came from all walks of life to tell how they were called to the March and what they saw and heard there. The young people were impressed that there were thousands of young people just like them, and the older folks were gratified that there were young people picking up the torch. They told their stories with compassion and conviction. Several of the students engaged in or witnessed debates between the few pro abortion parade watchers and the pro-life participants. This is where much of the right to life battle has been and will be fought in the future—discussion, debate and education with and for those who need to know the facts about human fetal development, life before birth, and positive pro-life alternatives to crisis pregnancies. All of us must pick up the example set by our marching colleagues and carry the educational torch day to day, week to week, month to month, and year to year . . . however long it takes.

Other big news. WE ARE IN! We moved into the new "Dubuque County Right to Life, Inc. Office and Education Center" on Saturday, February 4, 2006. What a momentous day! Just like the March for Life, we had people from all walks of life helping us. Young and old, weak and strong, we found something for everyone to move, lift, sort or carry. Thanks to all who helped! Watch for the installation of our electronic message center on the sign post, and news about the dedication and open house to come. Ellen and Colleen have been busy settling in, and organizing what will be our headquarters in the years to come for the educational efforts that all of you support so well with your prayers, time and money.

Speaking of money, please note that we still need all your pledges and contributions for the building. There will be a special mailing in the near future updating you on our financial condition. We need your support now more than ever! The Office and Education Center is now the foundation from which we will launch our educational efforts. We already have one high school class that wants to come in for an educational presentation . . . this is just the kind of outreach we had hoped for! Many others will soon follow.

None of this will be possible without your continued support. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Dubuque County Right to Life, women in crisis pregnancies, the unborn, and all the people we will educate in the years to come, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity and faith in Dubuque County Right to Life.

Sincerely,

Arthur F. Gilloon, President

MARCH 25TH—THE DAY OF THE UNBORN

In many countries, the unborn are getting a day of recognition all their own. El Salvador was the first government to decree such a celebration in 1993. Since then Argentina, Chile, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and Peru have followed suit. In other countries, pro-life groups have made such a designation. In the United States, the Knights of Columbus have done so.

We support such recognition of the unborn. What better day than the feast of the Annunciation? Jesus was a zygote, an embryo, a fetus. For us, as for Him, conception is the moment from which we are fully and completely human, endowed with rational soul as well as body.

Come celebrate with us! On Saturday, March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation, we will be gathering at 7:30 A.M. in Resurrection Church where the Knights of Columbus will lead the Rachel Rosary. At 8:00 Archbishop Hanus will preside at a special Mass for the Unborn. All other priests are invited to concelebrate. Following the Mass there will be a reception/continental breakfast. We look forward to seeing you there!

MARCH MONTHLY MEETING—March 2 @ 7:00 P.M. @ the Cathedral Center behind the church. His Handiwork Puppet Ministry will present a skit about abortion and Hannah Brehm and Cathy Brehm will present their talks on fetal development and the handicapped. These are three short but very good presentations. Join us!

BOYCOTT UPDATE: This month's boycott target contact is NIKE. They are new on the corporate boycott list and it is important for us to have them hear that we care what they do with profits from our purchases. A simple note or phone call saying, "I refuse to continue doing business with you until you no longer fund Planned Parenthood" is all it takes. NIKE - Operations: athletic apparel/footwear/accessories & related items (Asphalt, Bauer Nike Hockey [hockey equipment], Cole Haan, Converse, Dunkman, Exeter Brands, Hurley [freedom.of.choice], The Jordan, Jumpman 23, Shaq, Starter, Team Starter); CONTACT: Mr. William D. Perez, President & CEO, Nike Inc., 1 Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, OR 97005; 800-344-6453 or 503-671-6453; nike.com
TO ORDER A COMPLETE *BOYCOTT LIST*, WRITE TO LIFE DECISIONS INTERNATIONAL P.O. BOX 75161, WASHINGTON, DC 20013-0161 or phone 540-631-0380.

Our **visits to the abortion mill** in March will be on Saturday the 18th & Tuesday the 21st. Call Colleen or Ellen (563-556-5960) to get details on the Saturday visit and call Tom (563-588-1635) if you are able to go on Tuesday.

The importance of the judicial battles was highlighted once again on 2-1-06 as two U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals (the 2nd and the 9th) struck down the ban on Partial-Birth Abortion passed overwhelmingly by Congress. One of those cases will end up before the Supreme Court and its newest justice--Sam Alito.

Cable TV: By popular demand, Jill Rokusek, Dubuque's own "Hat Lady" has decided to re-air the "Hat & Fashion Show" she did for us last spring. The air times will be March 13 to the 23rd; Monday @ 6:30 P.M., Wednesday @ 10 A.M. & Thursday @ 7 P.M. Anyone interested in booking a show can reach Jill @ 563-582-5337.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

- **IOWA LEGISLATION**— Current state law Chapter 707B prohibits human cloning for any purpose. A person performing or participating in cloning would be guilty of a class C felony. Transporting cloned embryos is an aggravated misdemeanor. Governor Vilsack plans to repeal 707B and in favor of SF2057 which would alter the current cloning ban into a "reproductive" cloning ban, meaning it's ok to clone & kill but not to clone for reproductive purposes. A similar bill has been introduced in the House (HF2097). Please contact your state legislators about this.
- **FEDERAL** - Members of Congress held a press conference on Feb. 1 to discuss new research showing 8 deaths and more than 840 complications suffered from RU486. HR1079, "Holly's Law" was introduced by U.S. Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-Md.) in March 2005 and is currently in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The bill has 79 co-sponsors. The FDA rarely pulls drugs from the market. Responsible manufacturers pull drugs. However, Danco's only product is RU486. That's why Congress must act. Contact your Congressmen with your thoughts on this!

COMING EVENTS

- Day of the Unborn—March 25, 2006
- LIFE Dinner 2006—April 28, 2006

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