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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



DO NOT RESUSCITATE?

Our society glorifies any decision that favors death. The frightening part is that we don't know it! Think back a few years to the coverage of the suicide death of one of our prominent citizens. The whole process was glamorized. Phrases used at that time were: self-determination—the earned right to choose death on [her] own terms—control— independence—autonomy.

Think back to last year when Terri Schaivo was dying. She did not die from a brain injury. She died of starvation and dehydration. Phrases used at that time were—no one would want to live like that— death with dignity—life & death decisions—prolonging [her] life.

The culture of death has infiltrated our society. We predicted that when *Roe* devalued the life of one segment of society, other segments would follow. Although the unborn are the most discriminated class of our time, they seldom get mentioned in discussions of human rights and justice. And, although there are laws preventing discrimination against persons with disabilities and even providing “handicap accessibility,” their right to life is increasingly being threatened. Not only is handicap used as a reason that abortion is “necessary” but the murder of such individuals by their caregiver or parents is seen as a benevolent act or as the result of frustration from daily care.

The culture of death values people based on productivity, health, wealth and physical attractiveness. The unborn, the disabled, the sick and the elderly lack one or more of these qualities. Sometimes difficult situations lead to decisions against life. But, giving someone the “right” to die doesn't solve human problems, but only takes the lives of those most in need of unconditional love.

I read with interest the news article about the self-described activist who had “DO NOT RESUSCITATE” tattooed to her chest. At one time I might have hailed her decision. No longer. At one time, a Do Not Resuscitate order meant not to keep alive by extraordinary means. It meant, do not perform cardio-pulmonary resuscitation in the event of an arrest. That is, of course, what the order still means. Now, however, there could be more at stake. Society, at the behest of the euthanasia movement, has dictated that we now need/have a “right to die.” The problem? The right will become a duty to die. No longer do we err on the side of life. Do you suppose a “please feed & water me” tattoo would have gotten the same press?

Sometimes a “Do Not Resuscitate” order is fine. At other times, it is not— especially if imposed on someone by another person. Since the Patient Self-Determination Act of 1991 became law, every patient entering the health care system must be informed of their “right” to refuse treatment and to sign an advance directive, which will be provided on the spot. Advance Directives (Living Wills & the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care) can be deadly documents. The frightening part is that we don't know it! Our concern is the uninformed refusal of future care. Studies show that decisions made while healthy are not necessarily those one would make when sick. The standard Living Will has numerous loopholes. Many DPOAs give the opportunity *to end* the provision of food and water. These documents are promoted as being about refusing heroic measures when someone is dying. But the ultimate target of euthanasia laws and Advance Directives is not the patient who is dying but the one who is *not* dying—for example, the cognitively disabled. I don't suggest that you do nothing but rather that you **be careful of what you sign**. One life affirming option is the Loving Will available through us from the American Life League. Call DCRTL for more information on Advanced Directives and the Culture of Death.

“THERE’S AN OLD SAYING IN WASHINGTON THAT CONGRESS LISTENS TO WHO’S TALKING!”



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The following bills are expected to be put to a vote before the end of the congressional session.

(S. 3504) The Fetus Farming Prohibition Act—passage of this bill, sponsored by Senators Rick Santorum (R-PA) & Sam Brownback (R-KS) would, according to Senator Brownback, “stop the gruesome practice of initiating human pregnancies in either women or animal uteruses for the purpose of obtaining human tissues for research.”

(S. 2754) The Alternative Pluripotent Stem Cell Therapies Enhancement Act—passage of this bill, sponsored by Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA), Arlen Specter (R-PA) James Inhofe (R-OK) allows for controversial “alternative” means of developing embryo-like pluripotent stem cells, which its supporters claim may possibly be done without engendering an actual human embryo- “to derive human pluripotent stem cell lines using techniques that *do not knowingly harm embryos.*” Others feel that passage of this bill “could add, rather than detract from efforts to expand scientific experiments on human embryos.”

(S.R. 471, H.R. 810) The Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act—passage of this bill would expand the funding of embryonic stem cell research beyond the parameters established by President George Bush in 2001. Those parameters require that no federal funding may be used for experiments on embryos killed after August 9, 2001. [passed in the House; Senate to vote soon]

(H.R. 1357) The Human Cloning Prohibition Act—passage of this bill, sponsored by Reps. Dave Weldon (R-FL) and Bart Stupak (D-MI) would ban human cloning.

(H.R. 356) The Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act—passage of this bill, sponsored by Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), requires that mothers be fully informed about the unborn baby’s ability to feel the excruciating pain of the abortion procedure.

(S. 8, S. 403) The Child Custody Protection Act—passage of this bill, sponsored by Sen. John Ensign (R-Nv.), would make it a federal offense to transport a minor across states lines to obtain an abortion, if this circumvents a state parental notification or consent requirement.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR U.S. SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TODAY. LET THEM KNOW YOUR VIEWS ON THESE BILLS.

The Ethics of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

"The Nuremberg Code is the most important document in the history of the ethics of medical research. The code was formulated 50 years ago, in August 1947, in Nuremberg, Germany, by American judges sitting in judgment of Nazi doctors accused of conducting murderous and torturous human experiments in the concentration camps. It served as a blueprint for today's principles that ensure the rights of subjects in medical research." The Code requires that experiments be conducted for humanitarian reasons, and **the experimental subject should be protected "against even remote possibilities of injury, disability, or death."** (*The New England Journal of Medicine*, "Fifty Years Later: The significance of the Nuremberg Code" (11/13/97). [emphasis mine]

Interesting that the above statement was written in 1997, 24 years after *Roe vs. Wade*. It seems the authors are lauding the research protections of the Code, but who in actual practice benefits? We have long been issuing warnings of the dangerous "Slippery Slope." The legalization of abortion has indeed led to destruction of other innocent lives.

Students of moral theology are familiar with the Principle of the Practical Doubt. Practical Doubt is similar to common sense. The doubt is not about the teaching involved but about the practical circumstances. For example, ask, "May the hunter shoot if not sure whether it is a deer or a man moving behind a bush?" The answer is obvious. When discussing life issues of embryonic stem cell research and abortion the question is not "Is it wrong to kill the innocent?" but, "Might a person be killed in this situation as a result of this action?"

In *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court violated this principle. The decision stated that they "need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins." The Court didn't say that the unborn are not human. It said they weren't qualified to say. In other words, there was a practical doubt. Thus the decision said that it is ok to kill the unborn anyway, despite the doubt. It embodied a willingness to kill those who are human, **thereby putting all of us in danger.** (Thus, the slippery Slope argument.)

Combined, the Nuremberg Code and the Principle of the Practical Doubt should protect all innocent human beings from death resulting from research. However, researchers are following the lead of the Supreme Court and are ignoring the Principle of the Practical Doubt. This frees them from the need to abide by the requirements of the Nuremberg Code. The result of this is that innocent human beings are being killed through embryonic stem cell research.

We in the pro-life movement will never agree that this research is ethical. We do not want any human lives to suffer "**even remote possibilities of injury, disability, or death.**" We believe that all research on human embryos should be prohibited. And we believe that we should not be forced into compliance with such research through the use of our tax dollars.

BOYCOTT UPDATE: The following is a list of some of the companies **appearing on the boycott list for the first time:** Wal-Mart (including Sam's Club), Basics Office Products, broadcasting company CHUM, coffee maker Daily Grind, George Weston (which operates stores such as Arnie's Bagels, Interbake Foods, and Maplehurst), manufacturer Kees, Torstar (publisher of Harlequin romance novels & several newspapers), and Willis Stein & Partners (publisher of several magazines; maker of snack foods such as Fiddle Faddle). We have not yet received the list but are expecting it soon and wanted to let you know as much as we do! In addition, **New World Restaurant Group Inc. is no longer a target;** Blimpie has been acquired by Kahala. Kahala also sells franchises for Frullati Café & Bakery, Great Steak & Potato, Maui Tacos, Pasta Central, Ranch*1, Rollerz, Samurai Sam's, Smoothie Island, Surf City Squeeze, TacoTime and Wafflo. Life Decisions International has requested that they ask franchisees to not support Planned Parenthood. **Contact this month's boycott target:** Mr. Kevin Blackwell, Chairman & CEO, Kahala Corporation, 7730 E. Greenway Road, Suite 104, Scottsdale, AZ 85260-1787; Phone 800-438-2590 or 480-443-0200; www.kahalacorp.com. Life Decisions International may be contacted at P.O. Box 75161, Washington, D.C. 20013; by telephone @ 540-631-0380; or by email @ fightpp.org. The *Boycott List* is available for a modest fee.

Three reasons to have another child: 1) to join with God in the creation of an immortal soul. 2) to bring joy into your life 3) to grow in holiness and virtue. Children teach their parents patience, perseverance, charity, and humility.. Also, they give their parents the opportunity to practice the works of mercy; feed the hungry, clothe the naked, etc. The gospel of Matthew tells us we will be judged based on our works of mercy. (mt.25:31-46) [source: Steven W. Mosher, Population Research Institute]

Memorials to DCRTL:

Thanks to all who have given a gift of life:

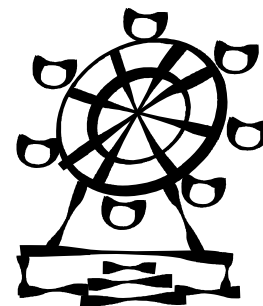
In memory of the following: for **Lloyd Kramer** from Mary Jane Tilp; for **Charles Uppena** from Ron & Pat Donovan; for **Richard Turnis** from Phil & Mary Kay Turnis; for **Mary Bailey** from Maureen & John Regan; for **Alice Althoff** from Jo Ann & Ted Deacon and Dick & Jean Mescher; for **William Krisman** from Dick & Jean Mescher; for **James Rumann** from Bud & Madonna Portz; for **George Freund** from Dick & Brenda Hartig and John & Ellen Markham; for **Floyd & Leora Scholtes** from Gene Scholtes; for **Richard Green** from John & Ellen Markham and Larry & Irene Scherrman and Gary & Lou Ann Switzer; for **Nester McKeon** from Gary & Lou Ann Switzer; for **James Schmelzer** from memorial gifts received by Teresa Koch..

In honor of the following: Jerry & Joan Gaul from Larry & Irene Scherrman

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE IOWA STATE FAIR:

DCRTL is affiliated with Iowans for Life. Each year they (IFL) sponsor a booth at the Iowa State Fair. This year we have been asked to help man the booth. IFL provides tickets to get in and require a 3 hour shift with 2 or 3 people in the booth at a time. At press time, the following openings need to be filled: Thursday, Aug. 10: 12:00 - 3:00 and 3:00 - 6:00; Monday, Aug.14: 9:00 - 12:00 and 6:00 - 9:00; Tuesday, Aug. 15: 9:00 - 12:00, 12:00 - 3:00, and 3:00 - 6:00; Wednesday, Aug. 16: 9:00 - 12:00, 12:00 - 3:00, and 3:00 - 6:00; Fri., August 18: 9:00 - 12:00, 3:00 - 6:00, and 6:00 - 9:00; Sunday, Aug.: 9:00 - 12:00 and 12:00 - 3:00. **Call us if you can help out.**



The Justice Foundation in Texas, which is the legal effort trying to overturn Roe vs. Wade, produces a television show called Faces of Abortion. It is aired on Sky Angel Network and many Public Access stations across the nation [including Mediacom—see **back page** about our local programming] as well as being shown in several other countries. The Justice Foundation has asked Luana Stoltenberg to put together a group of women and/or men who would like to tell their story of how abortion has hurt them. The taping would be done in the Quad Cities, and a date will be chosen to accommodate the most people. What would be required would be to share for 5-7 minutes about the experience. It will not be an interview style, but just individual sharing without interruption. The segment of the show is called "In Their Own Words". Luana would like to see a copy of what would be said before the taping.

If you know of anyone that would be interested or you yourself would be, please contact her by email (lu4life@msn.com) or phone (563-340-2553).

A **Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat** for spiritual and emotional healing after abortion will be held in Cedar Falls on August 25-27. This confidential, supportive retreat is for anyone hurting because of an abortion. For more information, please call Maria at (319)530-2597, or email maria.shores@rachelsvineyard.org. You can also visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call a national toll-free hotline at 1-877-HOPE-4-ME. Or, call us.

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. (see below)
- ◆ MODERN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING -call 582-1673 for details.
- ◆ **Thursday, August 3—Right To Life Social.** Details in article below (this page).
- ◆ Our **next monthly meeting** will be held @ 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, **September 7, 2006.**
- ◆ **Leaf Ride for Life**—September 24, 2006 (details in next newsletter)
- ◆ **October 2006 - Pro-life Awareness** events (Life Chain, Lifesaver Sunday, Unborn Memorial Day, Pro-life Luncheon, etc.) will be detailed in upcoming newsletters.
- ◆ **December 8-9, 9:00 P.M.—1:00 A.M.—National Night of Prayer**
- ◆ **January 20, 2007—Walk for Life** in Dubuque
- ◆ **January 20—24, 2007 Bus Trip to March for Life**
- ◆ **February 14, 2007—Business AM**
- ◆ **March 25—Day of the Unborn**
- ◆ **Life Dinner—April 20, 2007** (featuring Jim Sedlak of STOPP as our speaker.) More details in later newsletters.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AT THE ABORTION MILLS:

Dates for the upcoming visits to pray at the abortion mills are: Tuesday, August 15th and Saturday, August 19th. PLEASE CALL TO LET US KNOW YOU WILL BE JOINING THE GROUP.



MARCH FOR LIFE 2007

PLAN TO JOIN US: MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND START SAVING FOR OUR ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE ON JANUARY 22, 2007. THE FEE IS \$250. THE DATES OF TRAVEL ARE JAN. 20 - 24.

WE WILL JOIN THOUSANDS OF PRO-LIFERS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY! BY OUR PRESENCE WE WILL ASK THE SUPREME COURT TO OVERTURN THE INFAMOUS ROE VS. WADE DECISION, WE WILL STAND UP FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES, AND WE WILL OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR PRO-LIFE SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES. IN ADDITION, THE MARCH ENCOURAGES US IN OUR WORK.



In lieu of our usual picnic, we will host a 'Right To Life Social' at our office on August 3, 2006 @ 6:00 P.M. We will grill out in our parking lot. Please bring your own drinks and table service and a dish to pass. We will provide hot dogs. [If you prefer something else to grill, bring your own.]

Our regular MONTHLY MEETINGS will resume in September.

THE BUFFETT-GATES MONEY MERGER—The announcement that Warren Buffett of Berkshire Hathaway plans to give \$37 billion in securities to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is NOT good news to the unborn. Both men have long histories of support for abortion and population control. Warren Buffett funded RU486 & sent suction machines to the Third World. He has given millions to pro-abortion and population control efforts over the years. Bill Gates dedicates millions to Planned Parenthood (while claiming the money is for services other than abortion), the United Nations Population Fund, and gave \$2.5 million to Johns Hopkins to train Third World experts in population control in 1997. This is not to say that the Gates Foundation does no good. It does much good. It funds research into disease eradication and other health programs. It funds educational alternatives. But it also funds the killing of unborn children and the destruction of Third World societies. And the culture of life cannot compete with that kind of money. Only God can win this fight. We must pray and fast and pray and fast and pray and fast and never stop our humble human efforts on behalf of the unborn.



Our cable access shows can be seen on cablevision Channel 16. Watch for our **upcoming locally taped programs**, scheduled for Mondays @ 10:00 A.M., Fridays @ 3:00 P.M. and Saturdays @ 1:00 P.M.

We now are able to present the **LIFE TALK NEWS**, Life Dynamic's monthly video magazine, and the Justice Foundation **Faces of Abortion** on Cable Channel 15. The scheduled times for **LIFE TALK** are: Mondays @ 9:00 P.M., Tuesdays & Wednesdays @ 3:30 P.M. and Thursdays @ 2:00 P.M. The scheduled times for **Faces** are Tuesdays @ 8 P.M. & Wednesdays @ 1:00 P.M.

Please keep watching to get updated on life issues and events. Mediacom now has 24 hour programming so our shows will also make random appearances during the night and on weekends-so watch to see if you can find our shows at other times than those listed above.
TUNE IN TO CHANNEL 8 FOR THE RIBBON CUTTING!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We have received a chenille bedspread—the kind talented people use to make teddy bears. We are hoping someone with such talent would be willing to make some for us. We would use them as prizes, raffle items, etc. Call us if you are willing and able to help us with this project.

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