

*Dear Friends of Life:*

*I read stories of three women today. The first is Karen Kubby, Executor Director of the Emma Goldman abortion chamber in Iowa City. She is now part of a coalition of pro-abortion organizations hoping to make the morning-after abortifacient pill more widely available in Iowa.*

*The second is Renee Chelian, the Director of several Michigan abortion chambers. She told Newsweek magazine that when women come to her clinic seeking abortions, "We're not going to correct a woman when she says 'baby' instead of 'fetus' and 'killing' instead of 'termination.'"*

*The third woman is Megan Barnett, a 22-year-old mother whose 18-month-old daughter, Maria, was conceived when Megan was raped in 2004. Megan is bravely criss-crossing South Dakota in support of the November 7 referendum there that would restore civil rights to Unborn children except if the woman's life is in danger.*

*What should be our thoughts regarding these three women? Let me offer the following for your consideration. We should pray for all three of them, the first two because they are mired in the pro-death abortion culture, and the third because she is courageously showing the State of South Dakota and the world that even in the hard cases, innocent Unborn life should not suffer because of the crime of the father or circumstances of the mother.*

*Secondly, we should take notice. Pro-abortion leader Kubby and abortion death chamber owner Chelian are classic examples of why the battle to restore civil rights protection to the Unborn and finding alternatives to abortion has been so long and hard. Kubby and Chelian wrongly but staunchly believe that abortion is a legitimate "answer" to a crisis pregnancy. Fortunately, Megan Barnett and millions of pro-lifers like you know that they are wrong. Our job is to educate others as to why Kubby and Chelian are wrong and Megan is right. The facts of human fetal development, the many positive pro-life alternatives to abortion that are available, and the fact that an estimated two million couples are waiting to adopt are three factors that we should constantly be trumpeting to the public.*

*Lastly, the stories of all three of these women should inspire us to work harder and offer our time and talent consistently, cooperatively and compassionately. The first two women are crystallized illustrations of the obstacles we face. Megan Barnett is an inspirational example of a person living the pro-life view under very difficult circumstances. She has turned her victimization into a life-affirming crusade and shown why abortion, even in the cases of rape and incest, is wrong.*

*One final thought. November elections will soon be upon us, and remember to vote pro-life!*

*Sincerely,*

*Arthur F. Gilloon, President*

#### **COMING EVENTS**

- December 8-9th. National Night Of Prayer for Life. 9:00 P.M.— 1:00 A.M.
- December 10th—Pilgrimage to Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women.
- January 20, 2007—WALK for LIFE in Washington Park.
- January 20-24, 2007—Iowans for Life bus trip to Washington, D.C.
- February 8 —monthly meeting featuring Allan Parker.
- March 25th—Day of the Unborn.
- April 11, 2007—Business A.M. at our new Office & Education Center.
- April 20—LIFE Dinner 2007.

### MS. FALL 2006 ISSUE:

Just this week (October 10), *Ms. Magazine* released its fall issue with a cover story titled “We Had Abortions.” Included are names of women who signed a petition making that declaration. Abortion rights activists are concerned with access in many states, the stance of the U.S. Supreme Court, and the pre-Roe state laws still on the books. Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation which publishes *Ms.* said, “We have to get away from what the politicians are saying and get women’s lives back in the picture.” Executive editor, Katherine Spillar said more than 5000 women have signed the petition so far—heeding its appeal to declare they are unashamed of the choice they made. She said the magazine only had room for 1,016 names but all would be available online. [Online one may sign the petition in support of abortion rights whether or not one has had an abortion.]

Last August, *Ms. Magazine* asked subscribers and visitors to their web site to “join in a campaign for honesty and freedom.” They were starting a petition similar to one they ran in their 1972 debut issue in which 53 well-known U.S. women declared they had undergone illegal abortions. They signed “to save lives and to spare other women the pain of socially imposed guilt.” Their purpose was “to repeal archaic and inhuman [anti-abortion] laws.” This time the initiative was in response to the South Dakota abortion ban. They say it is “even more absurd in 2006” that the government “could deny a woman sovereignty over her own body.”

We often warn our readers of the need for critical thinking. Let me share with you one example of *Ms. Magazine*’s idea of “a campaign for honesty and freedom.” When asked if I could share her note, Luana wrote back: “It is so important to let everyone know how biased the media really is—that they would make it look like all women who have chosen abortion are happy with their decision and they won't even print our numbers much less our stories”. Read on:

To all,

*Ms. Magazine* is asking women who have had an abortion to write in and tell them about the experience. But it appears they are being very discriminatory. They are only wanting women who have had a GOOD experience to write in.

I would encourage all of you ladies and men out there who have been hurt by abortion to please write the editor of *Ms. Magazine* and let her know the truth of how abortion is really effecting our society. I myself wrote in and told her my testimony of how after having 3 abortions I went through self destructive behavior. I drank, did drugs and even tried to kill myself. After I met the Lord and my life turned around, I got married and was unable to have children because of the damage the abortion procedure did to my tubes and uterus. It appears *Ms. Magazine* is not interested in women’s health and the harm abortion does to them only in their own agenda.

Please write in and let’s flood them with the truth about abortion. Here’s the response I received after writing them about my experience:

**Dear Ms. Stoltenberg-**

**It’s too bad you didn’t feel you had any choice but to have three abortions. You should have been informed by friends or family or medical personnel that you had the option to carry your fetuses to term and then give up your babies for adoption. You should have received comprehensive education about birth control, or even been informed of the option to be abstinent, so that you didn’t become pregnant in the first place.**

**But just because you had a negative experience and post-abortion regrets does not mean that the choice to have abortion should be made illegal-or extremely difficult-for the millions of women who still would make that choice. I know you believe otherwise, but I just want you to know where the pro-choice side is coming from.**

Sincerely,

The Editors

*Ms. Magazine*

Lets let them know we are out there in droves. Send this to others you know who have had an abortion.

Thanks,

Luana Stoltenberg

The editors of *Life Advocacy Briefing* question the article as rather odd—that “a movement which has fiercely and loudly demanded privacy (even at the cost of nearly 50 million lives over the past 33 years) would claim self-exposure as beneficial to its practitioners.” They also note that the list represents only a fraction of the numbers of distressed mothers who are Silent No More –about the negative effects of abortion on their lives.

Judie Brown, president of American Life League said that the pitch from *Ms. Magazine* takes “absurdity to a new level with a campaign bragging about their past abortions. . . .Of course, it is in the best interest of the feminist movement to make sure the women don’t have a guilty conscience of negative feelings towards their abortion.” Brown also cited post-abortion research conducted by the Elliot Institute which shows the negative effects abortion has on

### Contraception is Not the Answer

Thanks to Dubuque County Right to Life and the Mike and Sara Brehm family, my wife Becky and I had the opportunity to attend the “Contraception is Not the Answer” conference in Chicago September 22-23. The conference was sponsored by the Pro-life Action League and featured well-known speakers such as Fr. Thomas Euteneuer of Human Life International and Dr. Janet Smith of Ave Maria University. Quite the opposite of being an answer to many of the issues facing families and society, speaker after speaker defended the thesis that artificial contraception is the root of many of the ills that plague us today. As contraception use has increased over the last four decades so have abortion numbers and divorce rates.

Catholic moral theology tells us that anything that is sinful is harmful. The sinfulness of contraception is not only taught by the Church; it is evident in the harm contraception is doing to individuals, couples, and society. At the same time, it must be made clear that a stand against contraception is not a stand against sex. Rather, it is a call to recover and embrace the true meaning and sanctity of the sexual union between husband and wife as God intended it and the role that Natural Family Planning can play in that recovery, meaning and sanctity.

There was so much more to the conference that can be discussed in such a small space. For more information about the conference or obtaining audio CD’s of the talks check out the Pro-life Action League website [www.prolifeaction.org](http://www.prolifeaction.org).

Jerry McGrane

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 7TH.  
DON'T FORGET TO EXERCISE YOUR CIVIC DUTY AND VOTE!



**\*Iowa Candidates Positions**

**Pro-Life**

**Governor—Jim Nussle**

Secretary of Agriculture—Northey  
Congressional District 1—Whalen  
Congressional District 2—None  
Congressional District 3—Lamberti  
Congressional District 4—Latham  
Congressional District 5—King

**Pro-Abortion**

**Governor—Chet Culver**

Secretary of Agriculture—O'Brien  
Congressional District 1—Braley  
Congressional District 2—Leach and Loeb sack  
Congressional District 3—Boswell  
Congressional District 4—Spencer  
Congressional District 5—Schulte

(Note: Non-profit organizations may educate their members on the positions of candidates—they simply may not specifically ask the members to vote for or against a candidate)  
*Iowa Right to Life Committee* ● 1500 Illinois St ● Des Moines, IA 50314 ● 515-244-1012 ● www.IRLC.org

THE ILLINOIS CITIZENS FOR LIFE VOTER GUIDE IS AVAILABLE AT THE DCRTL OFFICE.

The following information was taken from the *2006 Voter Guide* prepared by the Iowa Catholic Conference. We took into account only the questions related to abortion and human cloning. The detailed results of their candidate questionnaire are found at: <http://www.iowa.nasccd.org/>.

The following candidates support the **pro-life** position on questions regarding abortion and cloning:

State Senator

District 13: Lametta Wynn

State Representative

District 25: David Kendall  
District 27: John Hulsizer, Jr.  
District 32: Steve Lukan

The following candidates either **did not check** the “support” or “oppose” box on the form OR amended the question, which changed its meaning.

Governor: Kevin Litten

Governor: Wendy Barth

District 27: Pam Jochum

The following candidates **did not respond** to the survey:

Governor: Mary Martin

State Senator

District 13: Roger Stewart

State Representative

District 25 Thomas Schueller  
District 28: Pat Murphy  
District 31: Raymond Zirkelbach

The Iowa Christian Alliance Voter Guide reports question on embryonic stem cell research:

Secretary of State candidates - Mary Ann Hanusa—Supports pro-life position. Michael Mouro—did not respond.

**What about the judges on my ballot?**

For years we have been asked how to vote responsibly for or against the judges. This has been a source of great frustration because their names appear on the ballot every 4—8 years. We had been told that judges were not to answer questionnaires but in 2002, the US Supreme Court ruled in *Republican Party of Minnesota vs. White* that judges can do so. The case made it clear that a judge's impartiality is not harmed by answering voter questionnaires.

This year, for the first time, an organized effort was made to gather information and educate the public. An association of groups, Iowans Concerned about Judges, conducted a survey designed to gather information useful to constituents about the judges they are asked to retain.

While 16 judges answered the questionnaire, no one from district 1 (Dubuque County) responded. If interested and you have internet access, go to [www.iowansconcernedaboutjudges.com](http://www.iowansconcernedaboutjudges.com) for more information.

As citizens it is our duty to participate in the political process at the ballot box. That most often means voting for a candidate who will be the one directly voting on laws or programs. But voting should not be arbitrary. Voting for any candidate who intends to support programs or laws that are intrinsically evil should be avoided; a vote for them supports the evils indirectly. Here are some guidelines (excerpted from Priests for Life) to consider:

1. Know the candidates—and where they stand on the issues.
2. Distinguish policy from principle—most disagreements between candidates have to do with policy (course of action), not principle (a fundamental truth). But when a policy involves questioning whether people deserve protection, the policy is principle. For example, a policy which allows abortion breaks the principle that every human life deserves protection.
3. Weigh the issues properly—many issues have to be considered but not all have equal weight. First, evaluate the candidates based on fundamental principles (abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research & human cloning). Then look at the wide spectrum of issues affecting the proper care of human life and promotion of human dignity (capital punishment, war, care of the poor, immigration).
4. Distinguish between “choosing evil” and “limiting evil” - if two opposing candidates both support an evil, choose the one who will do less harm. (By choosing to limit an evil, you are choosing a good.)

**I GUESS SOME OF YOU HAVEN'T HEARD (OR MAYBE YOU JUST FORGOT!):**

Do you use Google to search the Internet? If so, please consider using [prolifesearch.com](http://prolifesearch.com) instead. It is powered by Google, but every time you use it, Google donates money to a pro-life group. Plus, there is a built-in filter that doesn't allow objectionable sites to come up. Bookmark it on your computer, and help pro-life groups every time you search the Internet.



**TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF?**

UNICEF is a well-known and popular agency among Americans. What is not well known is their evolution from a life-affirming, child-saving, Nobel peace prize-winning foundation to a contraceptive-distributing, abortion-performing and sterilization-providing partner to some of the world's 'family planning' agencies. One way UNICEF raises funds is by having children carry donation boxes as they go door-to-door on Halloween. The problem is that while some of the money will go toward food, clothing and medicine, chances are some will also go for contraception, abortion & sterilization. Instead of putting cash into the box, we suggest a note similar to the following. Be sure you address the parents. It's up to them to explain it to their child if they see fit.



Dear parent: This evening, your child was at our door for Halloween, carrying a collection box for UNICEF. While UNICEF does many fine things for children in need, some monies go to Third World abortion programs. For this reason we regret that we can no longer donate to this cause.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!** We have so much to be thankful for and the list begins with you. You are responsible for all that we do. Without your support. . . without your assistance. . . without your prayers, we would never be what we are today—a premier local pro-life educational organization. Thanks for all your contributions—of time, of talent and of treasure.

**DCRTL MONTHLY MEETING is on November 2. Join us for our annual election of the DCRTL Board of Directors. There will be a presentation by Board President, Art Gilloon & Executive Director, Ellen Markham on the timely topic, "Defending Pro-Life Principles in an Election Year."** Our meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. and is held in our Education Center @ 2205 Carter Road.  
(If you're able please bring treats.)

Our visits to the abortion mill in November will be on Saturday, **November 18th** and on Tuesday, **November 21st**. Tuesday's visit will be to the Cedar Rapids Clinic for Women, leaving from the Resurrection parking lot after **7:00 A.M.** Mass (note change of Mass time). Call Tom (563-588-1635) if you are able to go on Tuesday. Please call Ellen or Colleen (563-556-5960) for more information if you plan to go on Saturday.

**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. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP, CALL DCRTL @ 563-556-5960.**



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