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## Mother's Day Dinner

with

**Mary Ellen Bork**

Featured Speaker

Noted Free-Lance Writer and Lecturer,  
Wife of Judge Robert H. Bork  
Addressing "Media Bias"

Thursday, May 5, 6:30 p.m.  
Vladimir's, Farmington Hills



For reservations, see page 3

## *1994 "Mother of the Year"*

In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner on May 5, 1994, we will be honoring a "Mother of the Year." We are looking for nominations from among our members or others for this fourth annual award. The nominee must be a resident of the Metro Detroit area and able to attend the award dinner on May 5. Nominations must be submitted in writing explaining why you feel this person qualifies for "Mother of the Year." Nominations must be received no later than Monday, April 4. No nominations by or for Right to Life - Lifespan board members will be considered.

Our "Mother of the Year" will be an honored guest at the dinner on May 5. She will be awarded a plaque, a dozen long-stemmed roses and a \$100 gift certificate to J.C. Penney's. If your nominee is chosen, you will also receive a free ticket to the dinner. If the "Mother of the Year" is nominated by two or more individuals, the first one received will be eligible for the free ticket. Our 1993 "Mother of the Year" was Mary Ann Clos.

Please include your name, address and phone number and also the address and phone number of your nominee. Mail or deliver your nomination for "Mother of the Year" to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152 for receipt no later than 3:00 p.m. on April 4.

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# NEWS NOTES

## Millions for Planned Parenthood

The United States Agency for International Development plans to give \$75 million to the International Planned Parenthood Federation over the next five years to fight overpopulation, which J. Brian Atwood, the agency's director, says is responsible for the problems in places such as Somalia and Haiti.

The Clinton Administration also plans to resume funding for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities, which has not only worked for the proliferation of contraception and abortion, but has supported repressive policies such as China's one-child-per-family limit.

—*Celebrate Life/March-April, 1994*

## RU-486

Roussel-Uclaf and the Population Council, according to recent reports, may be near an agreement that would allow RU-486 into the United States for clinical trials on women who are seeking abortion. Since the clinical trials have taken so long, Congressman Ron Wyden is reported to have warned both parties that he will hold public hearings to put further pressure on them. The taxpayers' money would be at work again, promoting the destruction of the innocent.

—*Wall Street Journal*  
January 24, 1994

## Dutch euthanasia

The Dutch Parliament has finally, definitely, clearly legalized euthanasia—sort of.

The law approved by the Parliament's lower house a year ago was approved by the upper house or "First Chamber" on November 30, 1993 by a vote of 37 to 34. But it still leaves the longstanding criminal laws in place, formalizing an arrangement crafted over the last two decades by Dutch courts: Physicians who perform euthanasia are still technically committing a crime, but

"guidelines" are provided "that will virtually guarantee physicians immunity from prosecution if followed" [Los Angeles Times, 12/1/93]. How strict those guidelines are might be illustrated by one detail: to win the support of ambivalent legislators, Minister of Justice Hirsch Ballin promised that a physician wishing to kill a patient without the patient's request will first have to consult with another physician [Brabants Dagblad, 12/1].

—*Life at Risk, Jan.-Feb. 1994*

## Day of Prayer

People across Michigan are planning to take part in events celebrating the National Day of Prayer this year on May 5.

The National Day of Prayer is a day designed to encourage people to set aside time for united prayer at work, school, church and home in recognition of this year's official theme—"Heal Our Land."

"Many Michigan cities—large and small—have designed local events to highlight the day and bring communities together to pray for their city, state and nation," says Susan Sorensen, state coordinator for the National Day of Prayer.

The Michigan Prayer Network which Sorensen coordinates, encourages the ongoing effort of faithful and specific prayers for "those in authority" in Michigan. It provides a prayer partner to each state legislator and the "Adopt-a-Leader" program for Christian schools and home school support groups.

National Day of Prayer chairman Shirley Dobson, notes, "If we are to overcome the ills that plague us today, our only hope is to return to the humble practice of our predecessors and to pray for divine mercy, guidance and blessing in our personal and corporate affairs and to petition God to 'Heal Our Land.'"

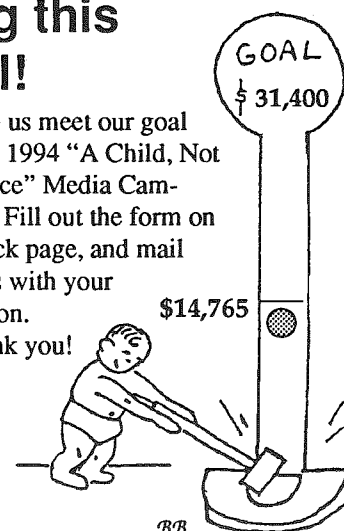
For more information, contact Susan Sorensen at the Family Forum's Michigan Prayer Network at (810) 644-9111.

—*Michigan Family Forum*  
Citizen, April 1994

## Help our baby ring this bell!

Help us meet our goal for the 1994 "A Child, Not a Choice" Media Campaign! Fill out the form on the back page, and mail it to us with your donation.

Thank you!



## Wee Care update

Our phones are always ringing, requesting emergency help for young mothers and their little ones. We, in turn, are asking for your help. We are in urgent need of newborn layette items. We can use anything from a \$2.00 bottle to sleepers, blankets, undershirts, etc.

At our center, we try to put together layettes for the new mom — filled with "gently" used infant clothing, one new sleeper, undershirt and blanket to come home from the hospital in, diapers, bottles, etc. and pack it all with a little bit of love.

Today, we are filling orders for a mom living in a shelter with her two little boys, another who is calling for help for her baby from a motel room and a 16-year-old who has nothing and is expecting her baby this month.

So, as you can see, our needs are varied. If you can help us in any way — it would be greatly appreciated.

We can use: new and used clothing, sizes newborn to 3T, diapers, bottles, bibs, new and used blankets — and, of course, we would be happy to accept money donations.

If you have any questions, please give us a call at 533-2727. On behalf of the "wee" ones—thank you!

Karen Patrosso, Director  
Wee Care





# Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit

INVITES YOU TO ITS

## Mother's Day Dinner

Thursday, May 5, 1994

6:30 p.m.

Mary Ellen Bork, Featured Speaker

Vladimir's  
28125 Grand River  
Farmington Hills

**Dinner Reservations:** \$30.00 per person/\$250 per table of ten.

Number of dinner reservations \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_. Advance reservations required by April 27.  
(Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper.)

## 1994 RESOURCE BOOK

This book will contain informational material that will be used throughout the year. Your ad represents support for Lifespan's educational efforts. Names of Gold Patrons will be listed.

**IMPORTANT:** Starting with the Dinner of '94, a complimentary dinner ticket will be given to any individual for every \$300 worth of new ads obtained for the Resource Book. The ad seller's signature must appear on the contract below when the ad and remittance is received by Right to Life - Lifespan.

Just fill out the form below and send it to us with your remittance included. **Deadline for submission is April 4, 1994.**

**Gold Patron(s):** \$10 for each individual name.

(Please print. Use a separate sheet of paper to list additional names.)

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Advertising Contract:** I wish to publish \_\_\_\_\_ page ad for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Full page (7.5 x 10)</b> \$175  <b>Back cover (inside)</b> \$250  <b>Back cover (outside)</b> \$350	<b>1/4 page</b> (3.75 x 5) \$60	<b>1/8 page</b> (3.75 x 2.5) \$35
	<b>Half page (7.5 x 5)</b> \$100	

Please attach copy-ready advertising slick, business card, business letterhead, or typed copy of ad. Black and white is preferred. All advertisers will receive a copy of book. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable. **Deadline for submission is April 4, 1994. Remittance must accompany contract.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Ad Seller's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes, I want to help, but cannot attend. Please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Make checks payable, and mail to: Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia MI 48152

For further information, call 533-9090 (Donations are not tax-deductible)



# Legislative Update

## Health Care Plan



### Addresses

#### **President**

President Bill Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, DC 20500  
Opinion Line (202) 456-1111, before 5 PM  
(202) 456-1414, after 5 PM  
Fax Number: (202) 456-2461

Dear Mr. President:

#### **U.S. Senators**

The Honorable (Carl Levin, Donald Riegle)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-3121

Dear Senator (last name):

#### **U.S. Representatives**

The Honorable (first and last name)  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 224-3121

Dear Congressman or Congresswoman  
(last name):

#### **Governor**

The Honorable John Engler  
Office of the Governor  
P.O. Box 30013  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 373-3400

Dear Governor Engler:

#### **Michigan State Senator or Representative**

The Honorable (full name)  
State Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48913  
(517) 373-1837

Dear Senator (last name):

or

Dear Representative (last name):

Three key committees of the House of Representatives each will soon hammer out a different version of legislation to drastically restructure the nation's health care system.

Each of the three committees—Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce and Education and Labor—is chaired by a powerful Democratic congressman who supports the thrust of President Clinton's health care bill.

Two of these three House committees are chaired by metro Detroit Congressman. Rep. John Dingell is Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee, and Rep. William Ford is Chairman of the Education and Labor Committee.

However, the committees have diverse memberships, and each panel is expected to make substantial changes in the Clinton bill.

The Clinton bill has engendered fierce opposition among a broad range of prolife organizations because it would force all Americans to pay for abortion on demand, and would result in government-dictated rationing of lifesaving medical care for many persons.

The abortion and rationing problems also exist, to varying degrees, in some of the alternative health bills including the Cooper-Breaux bill.

Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which runs the nation's largest chain of abortion clinics has said it will mount a \$10 million campaign to persuade Congress to include abortion coverage in any national health reform plan.

Other pro-abortion groups such as NARAL are prepared to spend millions of dollars to pressure Congress to approve the Clinton abortion plan, because they say it would put abortion into the "mainstream" of the American health-care system. If they succeed, the number of abortions performed in the U.S. will skyrocket, and you will pay for them.

House Democratic leaders would like to bring a bill to the floor before the end of May.

Two Senate committees—Labor and Human Resources, and Finance—are working on a slower timetable. Formal action in these committees is not expected until April or later, with the timetable for floor action uncertain.

Both houses of Congress are led by senior Democratic lawmakers who support the Clinton health care bill. Nevertheless, Senate Republican Leader Robert Dole (Ks.) may have a great deal to say about what kind of health bill, if any, emerges from Congress.

That's because Senator Dole, by virtue of his position and prestige, is uniquely well situated to shape the debate and, if so disposed, to lead a filibuster. If Dole decides to do this, and can minimize defections among the 43 Republican senators, Democratic leaders might find themselves unable to get the 60 votes required to end the filibuster and pass a bill.

—*National Right to Life News*  
February 28, 1994

### Action Alert

In addition to communicating with your own Congressman and Senators, please contact Rep. John Dingell, Rep. William Ford and Senator Robert Dole. These three men hold key positions in Washington. While personal letters are preferred, you can also use postcards and phone calls to communicate your strong opposition to the inclusion of abortion and rationing in the Clinton Plan and others. You are also encouraged to write letters to the editor and telephone radio talk shows. Your local Lifespan office has postcards, petitions and bumper stickers available. Please call 533-9090 for the office nearest you.

# The Quality of Life Ethic

By Beverly Ann Thewes, RN

**M**odern liberal society is driven by a quality of life ethic. It holds that if a life is of poor quality, it has no value and can be destroyed. This ethic is the basis for justification of abortion, euthanasia and all other pro-death solutions to modern problems. It is a dangerous, destructive and intellectually shallow ethic.

Determining the quality of someone's life requires subjective analysis. It is this subjectivity that makes the ethic so dangerous. Conscious or subconscious character flaws such as personal pride, prejudice, envy, jealousy, thoughtlessness, etc. can all too easily enter into the judgements required to determine the quality of a given life. The truth of this statement was demonstrated a number of years ago on the pediatric ward of a local hospital. A young girl of about ten years of age, whom we will call Mary, had come in for skin grafts. She had been badly burned when she was two years old. Her face and body were scarred. Her lower lip hung so that she had difficulty closing it. One arm came to a point at the wrist so that she had no hand. Although Mary was physically ugly, her spirit was beautiful. She was cheerful and friendly with always a kind word for everyone. There was never a sign of self-pity, only of tremendous courage. She was an example to everyone. One day when Mary was in bed, the mother of another child stopped by the door of Mary's room, stood there, stared, and made pitying remarks such as "Oh, poor thing." It was as if the woman thought Mary was a piece of furniture or some other inanimate object. It was not difficult to imagine that the woman thought of herself as being com-

passionate. In reality, her thoughtlessness was cruel. She made the young girl's life more difficult to bear. In her shallowness and ignorance, the woman could not recognize the value and beauty of the life of the child. This same kind of thoughtlessness, that passes for compassion, can be seen in many of the solutions offered to today's problems—solutions such as abortion and euthanasia. It is why these solutions are dangerous. Rather than creating beauty and strength in the human spirit, they generate cowardice and ugliness. They make courage difficult. And in making courage difficult, they weaken society and are destructive.

But pro-death solutions are also intellectually shallow. This is because life has a greater value than non-life or death. If life and death were of equal value then there would be no immorality in war, murder or any taking of human life. We could kill a neighbor who was an aggravation and troubling the quality of our life without any qualms of conscience because that neighbor's death would be as valuable as his life. But this idea is ridiculous. Taking an innocent human life is both immoral and unjust because something with a positive value is destroyed and replaced by a vacuum or something with a negative value.

In speaking of the quality of life, we are speaking of life as opposed to non-life, but we are also speaking of degrees of value (the judgement of which is highly subjective as demonstrated above). If someone is living a life of low quality, the proper solution is to work to increase the quality or value.

Abortion and euthanasia create non-life. They thus create something of less value than already exists, and they are therefore immoral. It is important to remember the "of life" when we are speaking of the "quality of life." Whatever the quality, the "of life" has a posi-

tive value. Abortion and euthanasia produce non-life, something of negative value. Human beings that offer a negative value as a solution to a positive value that in their own personal, subjective judgement is a low positive value are exceedingly arrogant. By someone else's standards, the pro-death forces themselves could be judged to be leading lives of low quality because of their cowardice and shallowness of intellect.

Many years ago, a teacher told her junior high class that courage was not the absence of fear. She said that it was action in spite of fear. That concept is not difficult to understand. It is when fear is at its pinnacle, when the stomach is tied in knots, when the tongue does not want to move, when the throat closes and the palms sweat that real courage takes place. It is at these times that doing what is right is the most difficult, and courage exhibits its greatest moments. The same is true of pain and suffering. It is when pain and suffering are their most excruciating that courage and strength are their most beautiful and have their greatest positive effect. But it is not easy facing pain and suffering with strength and courage, and people like the woman in the above example and Dr. Kevorkian and his supporters make it even more difficult if not impossible. Their misplaced compassion weakens both the individual and all of society. And in its effect, such compassion is extremely cruel.

Back in the early '60s, a young boy of eleven years of age, whom we will call Joe, was playing near the train tracks when his foot be-



*Beverly Ann Thewes is a registered nurse, mother of six children, member of the Oakland County Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan and member of Lifespan's Advisory Council.*

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# PLEASE DO NOT

A PETITION to amend Article 1 of the Michigan Constitution by adding a Section 25, which would read as follows: "A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a date other than the actual date, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date, is guilty of a misdemeanor." This proposal is to be voted on at the General Election, November 8, 1994.

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents of the county of \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING-A** person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a date other than the actual date, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

## INITIATIVE PETITION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

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**KEVORKIAN'S DEATH**

### CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

I, the circulator of this petition, assert that I am qualified to circulate this petition, that each signature on the petition was signed in my presence; and that, to my best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a qualified registered elector of the city or township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

**WARNING-A** circulator knowingly making a false statement in the certificate, a person not a circulator who signs as a circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.

**Kevorkian is sponsoring an amendment to the Michigan constitution to legalize physician-assisted suicide. This amendment would prohibit legislators from enacting new laws. "Choose for Yourself" (M.E.R.C.Y.), will have to collect 256,457 valid signatures by July 11. He is being deceived by his rhetoric. DO NOT SIGN THIS PETITION. Warn your pastors, neighbors,**

# SIGN THIS PETITION!

5: THE RIGHT OF COMPETENT ADULTS, WHO ARE INCAPACITATED BY INCURABLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS, TO VOLUNTARILY  
6: E. SHALL NOT BE RESTRAINED OR ABRIDGED.

, State of Michigan, respectively petition for said amendment to the constitution.

As a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, and the date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election

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**assisted suicide. To do this, he is leading a petition drive to put the issue on the ballot in the  
against physician-assisted suicide. His organization, the “Movement to Ensure the Right to  
is soliciting signatures and donations at area churches, stores and door-to-door. Please DO NOT  
family and friends. For more information, please call your local Lifespan office (see phone numbers on pages 8, 9).**



# Chapter

## Office hours

MWF 10-2; TTh Closed  
Carol Smith, Chairman  
Mary Cascos, Ofc. Mgr.

## Holiday hours

The Detroit Chapter will be closed beginning Friday, April 1 and reopen Monday, April 11.

## One ad per member goal!

Calling all Detroit members! We are asking for a special effort on your part to obtain one ad per family to be placed in our Mother's Day Dinner booklet.

Please check with your grocer, your school, your doctor, your beauty shop, or your church to see if they would be willing to sponsor

an ad which will help support our educational and lobbying efforts throughout the year.

Again, thank you for your continuing support and prayers.

## Sr. Josamarie visits

In June of 1991 the Detroit Chapter bid Godspeed to Janice DeMaggio when she left our Detroit Lifespan Board to join the new order of "Sisters of Life" which was being organized by John Cardinal O'Connor of New York. We were sad to lose her but proud that one of our board members had decided to commit her life in a very special way, to counter the pro-death philosophy of our age.

Janice returned the first week of this February as Sr. Josamarie after taking temporary three-year vows of poverty, chastity, obedience and to protect and enhance the sanctity of human life. It is a contemplative, active religious order in formation; helping pregnant women physically and spiritually, offering

retreats to pregnant women, prolife workers, women who have had abortions; and organizing a clearing house and resource center on human life issues. Their primary weapon is prayer; fortified by daily mass, bible and spiritual readings.

Sr. Josamarie is the corresponding secretary and Director of Education. Her new address is: 198 Hollywood Ave.; Bronx, New York 10465.

A note to Cardinal O'Connor...we saw her first! We love you, Sr. Josamarie. Hang in there!

## Roses for Mom

Silk roses will be available for Mother's Day. Help us in this annual fundraiser.

Please call 874-0432 to place an order for your church or for more information.

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**Detroit Chapter**  
5930 Woodward Ave.  
Detroit, MI 48202-3516  
(313) 874-0432

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## Office hours

M, T, Th, F 12-3; W 10-4  
Diane Fagelman, Chairman  
Clare Schneider, Secretary  
Mary Murphy, Adm. Asst.

## Holiday hours

The Oakland Chapter office will be closed Thursday and Friday, April 1 and 2.

## Counteract Dr. Death

Dr. Kevorkian is busy scheduling speaking engagements in Oakland County senior citizens' centers. Alert us if you learn of any happening in your area. We will contact the senior citizen

centers and offer prolife speakers. We are entitled to equal time!

## Health care petitions

The National Right to Life petitions on the National Health Care Plan are in the office. The petition urges Congress to oppose abortion coverage in any national health plan. If you have an opportunity to use them, we can copy as many as you need. Also, on hand are postcards, videos, ad copies and literature to help you run a successful campaign. Call 258-9760.

## Mother's Day flowers

Mother's Day will be here in no time. If your church would be interested in selling carnations, please call the office. Fundraiser chair, Sue Hopkins will be taking orders soon.

## Resource Book ads

You can get a free ticket to our Mother's Day Dinner! All you have to do is sell \$300 worth of new ads — ask your car wash, cleaners, vet, florist, etc. to place an ad in our 1994 Resource Book. This book is an excellent prolife educational guide to be used all year long. Let's identify and patronize prolife businesses. See the ad flier on page 3.

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**Remember, \$300 worth  
of new ads,  
and dinner's on us!**

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**Oakland County Chapter**  
800 S. Adams, #102  
Birmingham, MI 48009-7005  
(810) 258-9760

# News

## Office hours

M-F 10-4

Patricia Holscher, Chairman  
Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

## We haven't moved

The Livonia office is still located at the address below.

## Holiday hours

The Livonia office will be closed beginning Friday, April 1 and will reopen on Monday, April 11.

## Mother's Day dinner update

Nominations for Mother of the Year, dinner reservations, advertisers and gold patrons will be accepted until April 4. Use the form on page 3. It is only \$10 per name to be listed in Lifespan's 1994 Resource Book as a gold patron.

Join other proliferers as they give public witness to their belief that all innocent human life is sacred and should be protected, both born and unborn. Sorry, but personal ads are not tax-deductible.

## Mother's Day flower fundraiser

Annually on Mother's Day, our Chapter of Lifespan offers silk roses for a donation in the different churches throughout the metro Detroit area. They are tagged, "Thanks, Mom, for Life!"

Now is the time to plan on ordering them for your churches and schools. Call 422-6230 for suggestions on how to get your church involved.

## 12th annual Bowling for Life

Plans for our Bowling for Life FUNdraiser are on the drawing table. The big date is Sunday, July 31. Now is the time to make revisions in the format, if needed. If you've been a part of any bowling tournament and have any suggestions to offer, we'd be glad to hear from you.

Families are invited to participate. Bowling expertise is not necessary as bowlers may be sponsored by pin or game. Prizes include generous savings bonds or cash. Let's make '94 our best year! CHAIRMAN NEEDED for this event. The office will do the paperwork. No bowling experience necessary. Call 422-6230.

## Renewals

If you have recently received your annual membership renewal, please respond promptly as we rely on these contributions to continue our prolife activities. Every donation is vitally important and reminder letters are costly. (Donations and dues are not tax-deductible.)

We are in the process of ordering new literature and videos which are available to pastors, group leaders, teachers, students or for personal use. Call 422-6230 if you have suggestions for any particular subject matter for videos.

## Garage sale

We are planning a garage sale in the Canton/Plymouth area. Call Barb at 981-3442 or the office at 422-6230 to donate items. No clothing, please. Garage sales really help our treasury; help us with your donations.

Wayne County, West and Downriver Chapter  
27578 Schoolcraft  
Livonia, MI 48150-2203  
(313) 422-6230

## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke at the annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. on February 3. The audience of 3000 included the Clintons and Gores. At one point, most of the audience erupted in a standing ovation. The Clintons and Gores simply stared at her without expression. They did not applaud. Let's hope they were at least listening to these pointed and powerful words on abortion:

"...if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love, and we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts. Jesus gave even His life to love us. So, the mother who is thinking of abortion, should be helped to love, that is, to give until it hurts her plans, or her free time, to respect the life of her child. The father of that child, whoever he is, must also give until it hurts.

By abortion, the mother does not learn to love, but kills even her own child to solve her problems. And, by abortion, the father is told that he does not have to take any responsibility at all for the child he has brought into the world. That father is likely to put other women into the same trouble. So abortion just leads to more abortion. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion."



P.S. Looking forward to seeing you May 5th at our upcoming Mother's Day Banquet.

# Thousands of teens vow to wait

Over half a million teenagers are expected to make public pledges to stay sexually pure until marriage as part of a nationwide abstinence campaign called True Love Waits.

Originally sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board, the year long campaign has attracted youth leaders from several denominations and para-church organizations including: Assemblies of God, Church of God Cleveland, Pentecostal Church of God, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Campus Crusade for Christ, Youth for Christ, Youth With A Mission, National Network of Youth Ministries, Reachout Ministries, Student Discipleship Ministries and Son Life Ministries. In addition, well-known Christian authors James Dobson and Josh McDowell and contemporary Christian recording artists Michael W. Smith, DC Talk, Petra and Lisa Bevell have expressed support for the campaign.

## True Love Waits

As part of the campaign, teenagers are asked to sign covenant cards first before their parents, then in a more public setting at church. The covenant card states: "Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, those I date, my future mate, and my future children to be sexually pure until the day I enter a covenant marriage relationship." The program also includes a five-step approach of family worship times, special church services, associational and state rallies, and a display of signed covenants at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Florida, in June, 1994.

The campaign, begun in April [1993], grew out of a concern "that adults were unintentionally communicating a message to teenagers that we, as adults had given up on them and their generation," said Richard Ross, project coordinator. "Unintentionally, we had communicated that we expect them to be sexually active. The

problem with that is that teenagers experience self-fulfilling prophecies."

Ross says the campaign sends another message to teenagers that "you're perfectly capable of making choices and making promises." He said it would give teenagers who choose to stay away from sex the knowledge that they are not alone.

For those who have already been sexually active, the message is that God forgives and that they can start over with a clean slate vowing to remain sexually pure, "from this day forward."

During a campaign in Oklahoma, one teenage girl told a crowd at a True Love Waits rally that she already has a deep love for her husband, though she doesn't yet know who he is. "I have written him a sealed letter which says I love him enough to wait for him. I will give it to him on our wedding night," she said.

Another girl said the success of her marriage will not be the right man, but "me being the right person."

## Christian Musicians Support

As part of the campaign, a group of contemporary Christian musicians are producing a 10-song audio cassette focusing on God's original design for sexuality.

Featured on the tape, entitled "True Love Waits," are original composition "I Don't Want It," by Christian rappers DC talk; "Old Enough to Know," by Michael W. Smith; "Love," by Petra, and others. The tape was scheduled for release October 15 [1993]. "We've got to understand that the sex game is no game. It's life and death now," Petra lead singer John Schlitt said. The father of four added, "I'm scared for my kids. If we don't get serious about [this issue], then who will?"

## Information

The Baptist Sunday School Board has a toll-free number for more information about True Love Waits — 1-800-LUV-WAIT. The campaign kit, audio cassette or the Christian sex education resources can be ordered for \$3 by calling the BSSB customer service line, 1-800-458-2772.

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## Remembrances

You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide.

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Donations may also be made to honor someone special, and near and dear to you, for a particular occasion, or just because...

- In honor of Alma Warman's birthday, requested by Clare Schneider.
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- In celebration of the birth of Amanda Grace Stecker, born February 10th, daughter of Board Members Dave and Carla Stecker, requested by the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter.
- In honor of Brandon's 3rd birthday and Alexandra's 1st birthday, love, Grandma and Grandpa Kournoian.
- In honor of Jayson's 3rd birthday, requested by Grandma Ann Thomas.
- In memory of Therese Divirgilio, requested by Betty Queen.



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## The Quality of Life Ethic

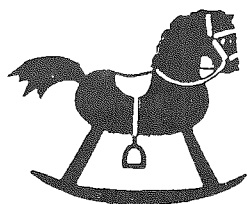
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came lodged in the tracks just as a train was coming. His leg was amputated above the knee. Because of the society in which he lived, he had other strikes against him. He was poor, and he was black. In the future, someone like Dr. Kevorkian will give such young boys an injection that will "put them out of their misery." But back in the sixties, such things were unheard of. And so the boy lived. After the surgery repairing his stump, Joe was supposed to be confined to bed, but the nurses could not keep him down. It was an indication of the strength of his spirit, of his soul that no mere absence of a leg could keep Joe bound to a bed and certainly not the admonitions of any nurse or doctor. When he was discharged, Joe had to return to physical therapy to be fitted for and learn how to use a prosthesis. Because he was poor, he had no transportation, and so a practical nurse volunteered to pick Joe up from his home and bring him into the hospital for therapy. This is how we kept track of him. After he learned how to use the prosthesis, it was not uncommon to hear that Joe was in emergency because he had broken his prosthesis playing football or in some other activity of a normal boy. Joe was not handicapped, only the people who thought of him that way were.

A number of years later, after I had quit nursing to raise my six children, I was watching the late-night news. There was a feature story on a middle-aged white man whose face was badly scarred from burns suffered earlier. The story centered on the courage he showed in spite of the disfigurement. He did not let it prevent him from leading a normal life. When he was asked to what he attributed his courage, he said that when he was in the emergency

room being treated for his burns a young black man came in who had broken his prosthesis playing football. He said that if that young black man could lead a normal life with one leg, than he, a middle-aged white man could most certainly lead a normal life with a scarred face. Joe not only had courage and strength of spirit, but he gave those qualities to others through his example. I think of Joe now and wonder if the Dr. Kevorkians and the abortionists of this world have destroyed his courageous spirit as they have destroyed the courage and strength of so many others. I pray they have not. We need him and people like him now more than ever.

But those who are prolife must also exhibit a special strength and courage. It is the strength and courage to respect the lives of the pro-death forces, to love them and to pray for them. We must pray, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." \*



## Showers of baby gifts

Thank you to all who attended one of

our 29 Baby Showers on March 13 for the crisis pregnancy centers and for your generous gifts.

Many more wonderful donations were made by those who could not come. Many women and their babies will be helped because you care.

Special thanks to Mary Jo Raftery, our Baby Shower Coordinator, who did a wonderful job putting this event together for the fifth year and to the volunteers who did such a splendid job hostessing at the different baby shower locations.

Our gratitude to: Jill Jones, Phyllis Sullivan, Margaret Joyce, Mary Stanhope, Jan Carrier, Clarisse Andrus, Diane Rivard, Cindy Gauvin, Laurie Masiarak, Margaret Hershey, Mary Cascos, Janet Law, Regina Teens for Life, Donna Flax, Ann Raftery, Kim Babcock, Sue Domagalski, Dorothy McGrath, Sheila Burke, Gerry Milosch, Sherri Haller, Edie Lovell, Sally Cousino, Cindy Babcock, Jeanette Grabowski, Halle Spaulding, Sue Larabell, Susan Healey, Joyce Wing, Eileen Meyer, Christy Holmes, Mary Jo Cairo, Susan Sorenson, Mary Alice Merlo, Rosabelle Gurczynski, Therese Husak, Dan Melnyk, Doris Campaign, Barbara Gorman, Marjorie Daratony, Joanne Cafarelli, Maryann Keil and all their helpers.

## Women in Ramah

Metro Life Choices of Dearborn will be offering the "Women in Ramah" post-abortion bible study in April. They are seeking an assistant leader for the bible study and a prayer warrior.

Please call Lynette if you are interested in being part of the bible study, can help as assistant leader or will commit to prayer, 271-1223.

Thank you.

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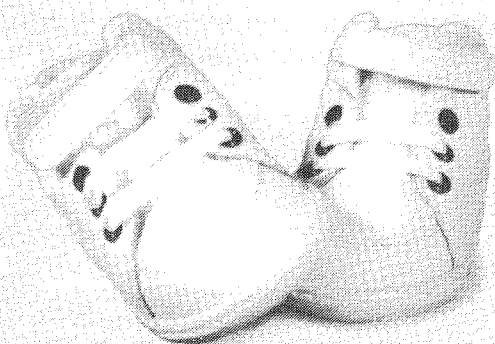
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Although many of you have sent donations, at this time we especially want to thank the following who have "Adopted a Bus" and/or "Adopted a Spot" by donating \$182.22 or more: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Audette, Cecilia Barna, Douglas and Marge Bradley, Gertrude M. Brooks, Council of Catholic Women/Birmingham, Bloomfield, Troy, W. P. and Virginia Czarniecki, Anne B. Devlin, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hillebrand, Isabella A. Hillebrand, Helen Kleinbrook, K of C Michigan State Council, K of C Council #3860-Fr. Patrick-O'Kelley, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Konopka, John A. Kruse, Esq., Ladies of Charity/St. Vincent DePaul, Lifespan's Wayne West/Downriver Chapter, Archbishop Adam J. Maida, Northville Christian Assembly, Thomas and Sandra O'Hara, Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Right to Life-Warren/Center Line, Inc., St. Maurice Parish, Crescence Sterbenz, Temple Baptist Church, Mrs. Beverly Ann Thewes, Barbara M. Valasek, Malcolm E. Williamson, D.O., Mrs. Helen G. Wiser and Helen F. Zimmerman.



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