

# Lifespan *news*

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## Congratulations 1993 Mother of the Year Mary Ann Clos

In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner on May 4, we honored our 1993 Mother of the Year. She was nominated by her husband, Lawrence Clos, her daughter, Amy Watts and her friends, Nancy Stanford, Dorothy Cullen and Val Lents. We want to thank the judges who had the difficult task of selecting our Mother of the Year from among so many deserving nominations. The judges were: Ardis Spalding, our 1992 Mother of the Year; Maxine Lemming, Bernice Malinowski and Beverly Ann Thewes. Reprinted below are the letters of nomination for Mary Ann.



I would like to nominate my wife, Mary Ann Clos, as "Mother of the Year" for Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit. Mary Ann is a woman who exemplifies the meaning of "Mom." She has the following experience:

- The births and rearing of nine (9) children (ages 3 to 25).
- The loss of another three (3) unborn children through miscarriage.
- Provides a stable home environment as a full-time Mom.
- Nurtures a healthy body and mind with proper meals, habits and variety in continuing education (books, lectures, classes...)
- Active in extended family and church.
- Bachelors Degree in Home Economics Education, with a Family Life Minor (1970).
- Devoted Wife for 26 years (and friend for over 30 years).
- Member of RTL Committee at St. Mary's of Wayne.
- Works with Lifespan's Wee Care Program.

I'd like to tell you more about the woman who is the mother of my children. Mary Ann is a wonderful looking woman (most people can't believe she's the mother of 9) with smiling brown eyes and dishwasher clean hands, needs a sip of coffee to get her going in the morning, on a perpetual maintenance diet (which works), follows

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# NEWS NOTES

## White to retire

Supreme Court Justice Byron White, one of the two original dissenters from the infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision, announced March 19 that he will retire from the Court at the end of the current term. He has been on the Court since 1962. "President Clinton said he will use a pro-abortion litmus test for Supreme Court appointees, which would automatically rule out many highly qualified legal scholars, even Justice White himself," said NRLC President Wanda Franz, Ph.D.

—*National Right to Life Committee Chapter Newsletter, March 26, 1993*

## In memoriam

When 22-year-old Christine Busalacchi died March 7, ten days after the feeding tube that supplied her with food and water was removed on her father's orders, it was an ominous strike against the right to life of medically dependent people everywhere.

"Christine's death was tragic, unnecessary, and a clear sign that the severely disabled are already being starved and dehydrated to death," said NRLC executive director David N. O'Steen, Ph.D.

Christine, who had never given any indication that she would want to be denied food and fluids, suffered severe brain damage in a 1987 auto accident. Since 1990, her father Peter Busalacchi had been involved in a legal battle to remove her feeding tube. He won

permission to do so, as well as to forbid that Christine be given food orally, from a probate court judge in late 1991. The Missouri Supreme Court dismissed efforts to override that ruling in January of this year.

Although several people have testified that Christine was aware of her surroundings, responsive, and able to feel pain, officials at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, where she died, insisted she was in a "persistent vegetative state." She was moved to Barnes shortly before her death from the Midtown Rehabilitation Center, where doctors and nurses refused to stop feeding her.

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## Faith

NBC talk show hostess Faith Daniels revealed recently that she was conceived in rape. She was put up for adoption at birth by her mother, who gave her the name "Faith" because "she felt I would need it," according to Daniels.

—*People, March 8, 1993*

## Long hair and abortions

Lifting a ban on the performance of second-trimester abortions at Valley Hospital in Palmer, AK, the judge said that a woman has a right to a second-trimester abortion for the same reason that male students have the right to decide how long to wear their hair.

—*Washington Times February 11, 1993*

## Letter to the editor

Dear Friends:

I represented Lifespan and National Nurses for Life on a call-in program of WQBH (AM 1400) discussing Kevorkian and assisted suicide on Tuesday, March 2, at 7 a.m. One caller stated she would never commit suicide, but did have a long list of serious health problems and was praying for deliverance from complications of diabetes, neuropathies, loss of sight, constant pain. Also her husband, who has been her care-giver, is now ill. Her concern—"Who will be bothered with me?"

Lonnie (talk show host) responded that she needed a support system and asked listeners to respond. The board lit up with calls—10 within the half hour we were on! —*Madeline Satwicz, M.S.*

## Nurses need help

Hundreds of the 9,000 babies born annually at Hutzel spend the first several weeks of life in nurseries at the hospital in the Detroit Medical Center. They're often babies born prematurely: one of nine births is to a mother who didn't receive prenatal care.

The nurses like to send the babies home with at least an outfit, maybe some booties and a blanket. And they need donations of those items.

Here are more things they need:

- Strollers and mechanical swings. Babies, often several weeks old, want to look around and feel motion. The hospital requests new equipment.

- Cassette tapes of gentle music.

- Artwork and mobiles—

pleasant, colorful pictures. Elementary school teachers take note: The nurses say students could contribute a lot.

- Cash contributions. There are some things the nurses prefer to order like breast pumps and privacy screens for breast feeding, bottle warmers and baby spoons, a rocker recliner, table and lamp.

- Toys. The nursery needs activity toys, too, for siblings of the nursery patients. Books, coloring books and crayons are also needed.

You may deliver or mail items or contributions to **Hutzel Hospital, 4707 St. Antoine, Detroit 48201, in care of the Hutzel Hospital Volunteers.**

Contributions should be made payable to the Hutzel Hospital Development Fund PCN (progressive care nursery) or include a note specifying what you would like the money to be spent for.

You may call the hospital's volunteer office, **745-7667** Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., to ask about donations needed or to volunteer. Volunteers are used for numerous programs from rocking babies to helping young people with orthopedic problems.

# Rachel Weeping

## Book Review

By Paula Ervin

*Rachel Weeping and Other Essays on Abortion,* by James Tunstead Burtchaell, C.S.C. (Andrews and McMeel Inc.) 1982. Available through Life Cycle Books, \$13.95, plus \$3 shipping & handling (416-690-5860).

James Tunstead Burtchaell has liberal and intellectual credentials that are second to none. A Holy Cross priest and once Provost to the University of Notre Dame, he was a late-comer to the life controversies and entered the prolife ranks through the hands of the enemy. The enemy was John D. Rockefeller III.

A skirmish with prolife pickets on University grounds left him with the mind-set that they were "unreasonable, nutty...anti-intellectual." But he began to read more on the subject under debate. So, when John D. Rockefeller III wrote a strong pro-abortion editorial for *Newsweek*, Burtchaell answered it in a letter. This led to an arranged meeting between the two.

Although nothing was changed in Rockefeller, something was changed in Burtchaell. "I came away chastened and thoughtful." He had found, "in the precincts of abortion advocacy, a disrespect for fact, persons and meaning."

He began deliberately to assemble his facts which culminated in the five essays of "Rachel Weeping." At the outset, he examined the "hard cases" that formed the arguments of *Roe v. Wade* (rape and incest, poverty, malformed fetus, etc.), searched for them in the sampling of 100 interviews of post-aborted women as depicted in two books by abortion advocate authors.

He found common symptoms among the aborted women: They

were estranged from a comfortable family circle, submissive to the men who neglected and abused them, and they were incoherent. Finally, the abortion itself was an act "of incoherent self-assertion." Although he admits that out of 1,600,000 yearly abortions there probably are some "hard cases," he found none that surfaced in the two books he studied that were on the side of permissive abortion.

In his book he studies the popular arguments for abortion: "Weeding out the unfit, replacing dirty illegal abortions with safe, aseptic ones, imposing religious dogma on others, well-financed proliferators are callous to those already born." With a surgeon's skilled hand, he cuts away the tainted tissue of these arguments and exposes their true meaning to public view.

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***"A voice was heard  
in Ramah,  
sobbing and loudly  
lamenting.  
It was Rachel weeping  
for her children,  
refusing to be  
comforted because  
they were no more."  
—Jeremiah 30:15-17***

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In like manner, he vigorously defends prolife assertions that the 1857 Dred Scott decision, as well as the Nazi Holocaust are fitting parallels to the abortion blitz—assertions that drive our opponents up the wall. He tracks the grim Nazi story from its first step of morphine overdosing of retarded children to the Auschwitz guards stripping gold fillings from their victims' teeth.

The Nazis depersonalized their victims: Jews, gypsies, Slavs were "subhuman, vermin." (Similarly, the unborn are a "blob, a fetal pla-

cental unit"). And they euphemized their vocabulary of death: The words used were "evacuation, resettlement (for Jews), the final solution." (Today, it is "quality of life, terminating pregnancy, alleviating moral distress.")

There is a penetrating study here of how the distortion of language unhinged the minds of a nation. Dred Scott was preceded by arguments that the blacks were better off enslaved. ("Every child a wanted child" is the siren song of Planned Parenthood.)

Finally, in "Abortion and Infanticide," the abiding philosophy of the perpetrators is shown to be that the end justifies the means. The dark spirit of slavery and Nazism reveals itself in the arguments that value life according to its usefulness. The author insists we are corrupted morally when we treat others according to their value.

This is not a new book, but the material herein is as pertinent today as it was at publication. Part of the book's fascination is, frankly, the fact that its author entered the arena of controversy three and a half years after *Roe v. Wade* and through the doors of Rockefeller Center—"the precincts of abortion advocacy." The author made a long journey from the day he encountered "the unreasonable and nutty" pickets on his beloved campus to the last page of "Rachel Weeping."

Such journeys are seldom made without pain. Yet, from page 1, we find the work to be delivered by a hand that never paused, though it may at times, have trembled. ■



*Paula Ervin, author of "Women Exploited—the other victims of abortion," is a Board Member of Right to Life - Lifespan, Church Rep. Coordinator and Committee of Correspondence Chairman.*

## Mother of the Year

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some of Phil Donahue, Sally 'somebody' and Oprah, is addicted to the 11:00 o'clock news and Matlock, gets the normal, "Mom, I'm sorry I'm late" amount of sleep, knows the normal 'Mom type' advice (for the kids and her husband) and a lot of other attributes and capabilities.

That is only part of the picture of the loving woman I come home to in the evening... Mary Ann is involved with the people in her life. The phone rings and she's smiling and discussing a variety of possible topics; an appointment, a meeting at church, friendly advice. And she always seems busy, in the kitchen making a meal, asking for someone to set the table or put their jacket away, taking time to brush the little girl's hair, helping with homework, coping with mounds of laundry, making and keeping doctor's appointments for sick children, keeping immunizations up to date, baking home made cookies, managing the family budget (how do we do it?), paying the bills, grocery shopping (with coupons, yet). Mary Ann also enjoys cake decorating for family birthdays, celebrations and even professionally (weddings).

Mary Ann is the *Support Person* in our relationship. She's not above shoveling walks (in season, mowing the lawn), taking the car in for repairs, plunging the toilet because our 3-year-old put a toy down it. In the renovation of our home, she personally planned and provided "expert" insight for our contractor; transforming our small 3 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath Ranch style house into a 7 bedroom, 3-1/2 bath Colonial (you can imagine the job in keeping it clean). She recently bought the initial lumber and materials for the latest project we've planned. Mary Ann knows that 90% of the job for me is getting started, and she provides that support lovingly. In fact, as a Support Person in the family, our 12-year-old was going to stop delivering a local biweekly newspaper. She made a deal with him, she helps him deliver (for the exercise) and he collects, splitting the earnings 50/50 so he has some spending money. Now to get her to use her small portion for herself and not put it back into the household.

An example of Mary Ann's support for the people in her life is how she provides for my widowed 81-year-old mother who lives alone. My mother has just undergone major surgery. Mary Ann provides shopping and meals, chauffeurs to doctors, helps in explaining and performing sensitive medical procedures, cleans her house, and shares an encouraging word. Her mother-in-law relies on and 'loves her dearly,' and Mary Ann loves her like a daughter. Mary Ann's own widowed mother normally visits a couple times a week. Again, Mary Ann exemplifies the loving supporting daughter and her respect of everyone's *right to life*.

Mary Ann also loves babies. Her support of Right to Life is as a member and organizer of the Right to Life Committee at St. Mary's of Wayne. She normally does not take the lead on things, but Mary Ann helped initiate the group a few years ago because of the pain and agony she feels for the unprotected unborn. She also works with Lifespan's Wee Care Program, sorting and making up layettes for the newborns. Mary Ann enlisted our married daughter's help, sharing by her example in loving and giving to the helpless unborn. She provides her precious time so that the mothers of these babies can feel the same warmth in caring for their babies that Mary Ann has felt and still longs for when she sees a newborn.

Please accept my nomination of this woman. We are blessed to have such a woman among us.

*—In the name of our children,  
Lawrence Clos*

I am writing in regard to the "Mother of the Year" award. My name is Amy Watts, and my mother is Mary Ann Clos. I am the second oldest of 9 children, who are also nominating her. Being open to God's gift of life 9 times (12 - 3 miscarriages) definitely gives her the title "Mother of the Year" every year by those of us she cared for. Now that I am a mother, I find myself trying to follow in her footsteps. I have to admit, it's pretty difficult.

Through the years, my mother has sacrificed and given of herself for the benefit of her children. It wasn't until I became a mother that I realized the amount of sacrifice your children require and how

easily you give it without a second thought. Growing up, I never really appreciated what my mother gave to us or how often she put our needs before her own. Now, as an adult, I understand mothers don't do it out of obligation, but out of love. They (mothers) don't see what they are giving up, only what they are giving and who they are giving it to.

Still, with 7 children at home, the youngest only 3, she gives her time to many people—the American Cancer Society, the Wee Care Program, Right to Life - Lifespan at St. Mary's of Wayne, school PTA functions and manages to give quality time and love to her family.

Looking back, I remember how rough times were growing up. But, with a mother like Mary Ann Clos, the years that seemed the worst were really the best. With a soft touch of her hand or a simple smile, you realize things could be worse. And even if they were the worst, I know I could always count on my mom. I Love You, Mom!!

*—Sincerely, Amy A. Watts*

We would like to nominate Mary Ann Clos as Mother of the Year, 1993.

We know Mary Ann to be a dedicated Mother and Homemaker. She is Mother to nine children and the Grandmother of one.

In addition to running a busy household, Mary Ann serves on the Right to Life Committee at St. Mary's Parish, she volunteers in the Wee Care Program and she also is the District Chairman for the Cancer Society's annual drive.

Her husband, Larry, also said she has a greater appreciation for life after suffering three miscarriages.

He proudly states she is also dedicated to her extended family as well, recently helping his 81-year-old Mother during a recent illness and convalescence.

Mary Ann holds a degree in Home Economics with a minor in Family Life. This has certainly served her well in running a large household.

She is a soft-spoken, loving Mother and Wife. Her family always comes first. She truly exemplifies Christian Motherhood.

*—Nancy Stanford  
Dorothy Cullen, Val Lents  
Right to Life Committee  
St. Mary's Church, Wayne*



# Mother's Day Dinner

Our annual Mother's Day Dinner on May 4 was an outstanding success. Five hundred proliferers gathered at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills to hear Molly Kelly and honor the 1993 Mother of the Year, Mary Ann Clos.

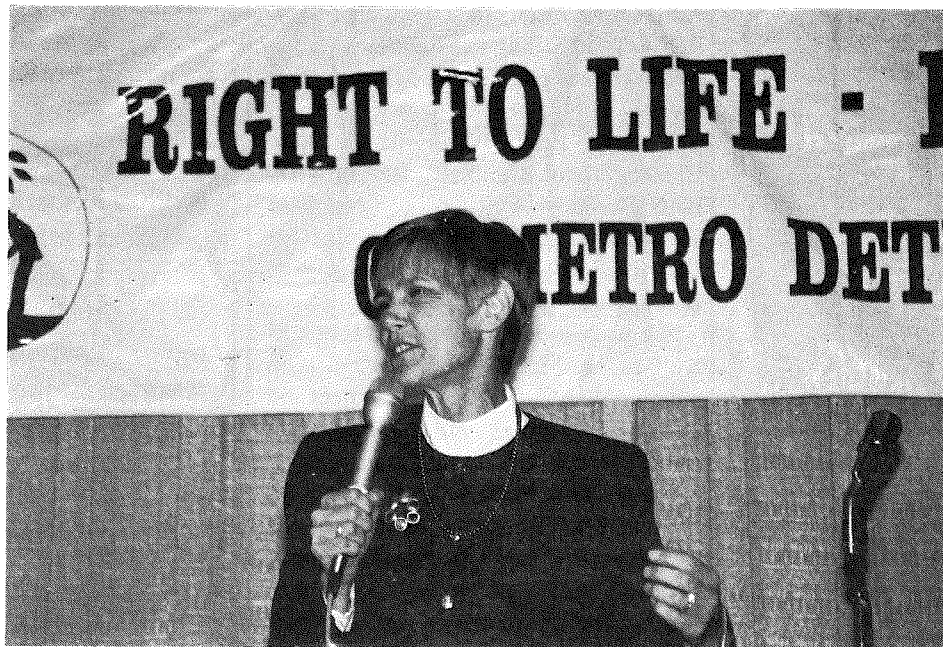
Patrick Barrett, our Master of Ceremonies, kept the program running smoothly. We were blessed with the prayers of Rev. Lorenzo Gomez, L.C., Legion of Christ Center in Bloomfield Hills and Rev. Stan Harper, Youth Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church in Troy. Thanks also goes to Richard Cucchi who provided the dinner music, our soloist, Irene Pizzimenti and Judith Vigliotti, our photographer.

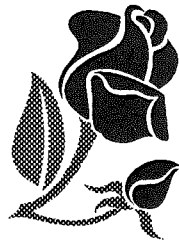
Mary Ann Clos, our 1993 Mother of the Year and her husband, Larry, were honored guests at the dinner. She was awarded a plaque, a dozen roses and a \$100 gift certificate to J. C. Penney's.

The highlight of the evening was, of course, our featured speaker, Molly Kelly.

None of this would have been possible without the handiwork of the Chapters and the Dinner Committee. Our special thanks to Diane Fagelman, Kay Browne, Pat Burtka, Susan Hopkins, Margaret Joyce, Holly Pomaville, Phyllis Sullivan, Beverly Ann Thewes and Judith Vigliotti.

Thanks again to those who advertised in our Commemorative Book. Please support their businesses. Patrons whose names were received too late to be printed in the book are: Susan Hartrick, Thomas Bayer and Joan Ruttan.





# Chapter

## Office hours

M-F 10-4

Patricia Holscher, Chairman  
Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

## Wee Care

Our Wee Care Program enables us to provide material help to women and their babies who are in an emergency situation. This is particularly critical as many needs cannot be met by other organizations or public agencies. Wee Care is an ongoing project, continuing in Lifespan's tradition of caring for mothers and their babies, born and yet to be born.

The response to this project has been overwhelming with referrals from Headstart; Wayne County Health Department; Hutzel, Grace and Botsford Hospitals; Women, Infant, Children Program of Wayne County; Marrilac Hall, Visiting Nurses Association; St. Vincent DePaul and AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center, to name a few.

**We need more volunteers to help sort and fill orders and to telephone the moms when the orders are ready. If you can donate a couple hours on a weekly basis, please call 422-6230.**

Congratulations to Mary Ann Clos, our first Wee Care volunteer and longtime member who was named Lifespan's Mother of the Year!

## Baby showers

The following churches and organizations could not give Baby Showers on March 28 (the designated day for Lifespan's simultaneous showers), but did have showers on different dates and donated their gifts to AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center: St. Fabian, St. Theodore Youth Group, St. Kenneth, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Richard and St. John Neumann.

The shower gifts received from the following were given to Wee Care: St. Sabina, St. Edith, Northville Christian Center, Divine Child, St. Irenaeus and Faith Lutheran. Full Gospel Church of Westland and Daughters of Isabella (Our Lady of Sorrows Council) gave gifts to both organizations.

We wish to thank all of the above as well as St. Maurice parishioners who adopted Wee Care as a lenten project and gave us numerous items, including four cribs. And lastly, our sincere gratitude to all of you who continue to donate clothing, diapers, furniture and cash donations to help moms and their children have a better life.

## In gratitude

Again, we had a successful Mother's Day tribute with silk roses. 15,000 roses were tagged, "Thanks, Mom for Life," counted and distributed in area churches by our church representatives and volunteers. Our thanks to all of you for making it possible for family members to honor their mothers and loved ones with a single rose, the symbol of Life.

## Bowling for Life

Our 11th Annual Bowling for Life, FUNdraiser will take place at Woodland Lanes in Livonia from 2 - 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 1.

By collecting pledges, you are eligible to bowl 3 games free and win exciting prizes for most money collected and for high games and series. You may be spon-

sored by most pins scored or by game.

This is "good family fun;" all are invited. Further information will be mailed. Call 422-6230 for sponsor sheets and information.

## Mark your calendar

Our next general meeting will be on Thursday, May 20th, 7:30 p.m. at St. Edith Church Hall, 15089 Newburgh Rd. (just south of 5 Mile Rd.) in Livonia.

Professor Margaret Spas of Madonna University will speak on the timely and informative topic, "Thriving Market for Aborted Babies." There is no charge. The public is invited; refreshments will be served. Call 422-6230 for more details.

## Fairs and festivals

Every August and early September, Lifespan has educational booths at the Wayne County Fair in Belleville and the Michigan State Fair in Detroit. These booths present tremendous opportunities to spread the prolife message to thousands of people. Please volunteer to work at one of these fairs. Newcomers will be assigned with an experienced worker.

Is your church, school or city having a fair or festival where Lifespan could have an educational booth? If not educational, then perhaps a craft booth. Please ask—for the children.

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# News

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## Office hours

M, Th 10-2; TWF Closed  
Carol Smith, Chairman  
Betty Queen, Ofc. Mgr.

## Thanks!

Our annual Mother's Day Silk rose fundraiser was a great success. We wish to extend our sincere thanks and profound gratitude to all our

volunteers because without you we could not do this.

Thanks to all who bought a rose or two. Because of your kindness and generosity, we are able to continue in our efforts to protect all life—born and unborn. Thanks to all!

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## Office hours

M, T, Th, F 12-3; W 10-4  
Diane Fagelman, Chairman  
Clare Schneider, Secretary

## Many thanks

A sincere thank you to everyone who participated in the recent Baby Showers; many gifts were sent to grateful mothers and babies. Don't forget the Wee Care Program for any donations between the annual baby showers!

## Our dinner

Thank you for your participation in the Mother's Day Dinner. Wasn't Molly Kelly great? We are already setting up the booklet ads for 1994. Please call us if you can help, 258-9760.

## Fairs coming

Summer is almost here. We need local fairs to promote Lifespan in Oakland County. Please let us know of any dates and locations you may be aware of around you. We have none scheduled in June anywhere. We have the time and volunteers but no place to send them. Won't you help?

## Father's Day

Due to last year's successful test marketing, we will again be offering "Life is Sweet" candy bars for Father's Day. If your church or organization is interested in participating in this project to honor fathers, please call 258-9760.

## Board member highlight

Tom O'Neill was born in Detroit. He has an Associate Degree in Science from Macomb Community College. He and his wife, Sharon have three children—all in college. He has been a fireman for 27 years and a member of Shrine Parish for 20 years.

Tom became active in prolife work in 1971 just before the Voice of the Unborn Campaign on Proposal B needed him.

Tom presently serves as Church Representative Coordinator for the Oakland Chapter. He searches for the churches who support life issues and finds the representative to act as liaison. He helps them to set up a committee and recruit members to do the work. Without his encouragement and willing ear, church reps would be hard pressed to carry on Lifespan's goals.

When Tom is not working on a Lifespan project, he is working on his golf game or carpentry hobby. Thanks, Tom, for being there whenever needed!

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## From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I have been trying to write this column for two weeks, but for some reason, I seem to have writer's block. Maybe it's because I have so much to say, I don't know where to start.

Have you written and/or called your U.S. Congressman, Senators and Clinton in opposition to FOCA? (p. 8). If you have, do it again. If not, please do so ASAP.

Can you volunteer your time and talents to our Wee Care program (p. 5)? We really do need your help.

Have you sent in your membership dues (p.11)?

Thanks to all of you who contributed to the Billboard Campaign. There just wasn't room to print the hundreds of names in this issue. However, we still haven't reached our goal (p. 10).

Life Chain Sunday will be here before I turn around. Have you sent in your response sheet or called to get your church involved (p. 11)?

What a night! For those of you who attended our Mother's Day Dinner, you know what I mean. If you didn't, you really missed out. Molly Kelly was her always "awesome" self (p. 5). Hope to see you at next year's dinner.

Congratulations again to Mary Ann Clos, our 1993 Mother of the Year and her family (p. 1).

Happy Mother's and Father's Day to all of you.

God bless and keep you.



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## NATIONAL NEWS

## Addresses

Dear Representative (last name):

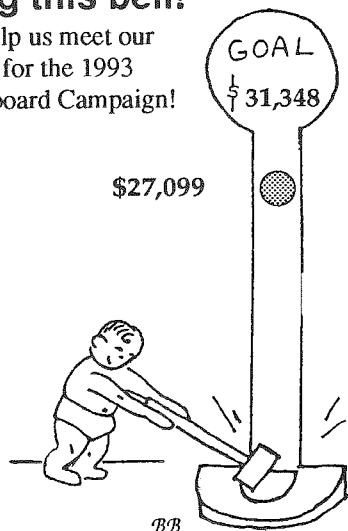
- You will be billed \$8.30 on your phone bill. This HotLine is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.





## Help our baby ring this bell!

Help us meet our goal for the 1993 Billboard Campaign!



Fifty-three red, white and blue billboards with our **"CHOOSE LIFE"** message have been up in the Detroit metro area. Those needing information about the Life issues or help continuing their pregnancies have been able to call our phone number from the ad. These billboards, combined with loving support services, have encouraged women to **"CHOOSE LIFE"** for their babies.

We want to say a special "thank you" to the following donors who contributed the cost of one billboard, \$626.96 or more since last month: Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, Knights of Columbus-Michigan State Council, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Konopka, Temple Baptist Church and Mrs. August Hoefer.

If you would like to help us reach our goal, please fill out the form below, and mail it to us with your donation. Thank you!

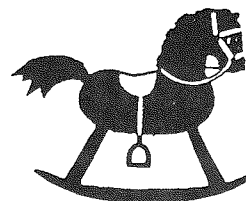
## Eat for LIFE!

Please keep sending those beautiful yellow Bill Knapp's Community Support coupons to us! Our total thus far is just over 53,000. We need 75,000 for a display board to be used by the Detroit Chapter at fairs, educational booths and meetings.

Thank you, thank you to the following folks, our most recent coupon donors: Barrett, Sterbenz, Satwicz, Phillips, St. Perpetua's Church, Rybak, Oblates of St. Benedict, Retzel, Van Esley, Schorn, MacShane, Murphy, Kleinbrook, Ervin, Truchan, Wilhelm, Astalos, Hoffman, Konopka, Garden City Christian Center, Fessler, Freda, Buck, Roy, Barkay, Valliere, Schemanske, Yanik, Michelini, Purcell, McCarthy, O'Connell, Ober, Bien, Gibbons, Tschirhart, Doyle, Luther, Roy, Yenny, Lee, Bryson, Kelly, Mangin, Schultz, Dattilo, Bizon, Bosco, Bowker, Kubik, McCarthy, Grougan, Brien, Proppe, Sudeck-McLaughlin, Schaefer, Nelson, Trombley, McGinn, Whalen, Woolley, Church, Gnaster, Lohrengel, Nye, Konti, Radzialowski, Ring, Kwiatkowski, Secular Franciscan Order, Hoefer, Jaskolski, Hutira, Martinuzzi, Miceli, Jakubowicz, Kovacs, Allen, Bosley, St. Theodore's Church, Detz, Nizyboriski, Rakestraw, Yambrach, Renaud, McLaughlin, Wynsberge, Malicke.

When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's Restaurant, ask for a Community Support Coupon. The cashier will indicate on the coupon how many points are awarded. Points are awarded based on this formula: 1 point equals \$1.00 on the total amount received by the cashier for meals, bakery items, take-out orders or purchased gift certificates.

Please send the coupons to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152.



## Showers of baby gifts

Thank you to all who attended one of

our 22 Baby Showers on March 28 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 fourth year and to the volunteers who did such a splendid job hostessing at the different baby shower locations. Our gratitude to: Brenda Sprague, Susan Sorenson, Margaret Hershey, Donna Flax, Chris Cascos, Mary Cascos, Joyce Wing, Clare Schneider, Phyllis Sullivan, Edie Lovell, Sally Cousino, Sherri Haller, Carrie Bryson, Cindy Gauvin, Laurie Masiarak, Sheila Burke, Gerry Milosch, Theresa Kendrick, Jill Jones, Belinda Cook, Liz Coates, Rosabelle Gurczynski, Therese Husak, Ann Raftery, Cathy Merritt, Ann Sulisz, Margaret Joyce, Maureen Egan, Dan Melnyk and all their helpers.

Mark your calendars for next year's shower—March 20.

## NRLC '93

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the 1993 National Right to Life Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 24, 25 and 26. NRLC '93 promises to be an educationally motivating and exciting experience for all.

The National Teens for Life Convention will also be held at the same time. On site inexpensive child care is available. So plan on the whole family attending. Don't miss this opportunity to learn the facts on...

- Abortion
- FOCA
- RU 486
- D & X Abortion Procedure
- Euthanasia
- Disability Rights
- Working with a Biased Media
- ...and much, much more!

For information, please call 533-9090.

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- ✓ Join Lifespan.
- ✓ Visit the Lifespan office in your area and see our literature. Become well-informed and help others to do so.
- ✓ Do you have a child in grade or high school? Encourage him/her to request teacher's permission to bring a prolife speaker to their class. We can provide the speakers.
- ✓ Suggest inviting a prolife speaker to your church.
- ✓ Join our Committee of Correspondence and learn how to influence our legislators by "lobbying from your kitchen table." We will alert you to the current problems and supply you with the information you need.
- ✓ Come to Lifespan's local meetings held several times a year with excellent speakers.
- ✓ Help to keep your own children and family informed.
- ✓ Volunteer for the Wee Care Program.
- ✓ Pray for 10 minutes every day for Respect for Life.

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# MICHIGAN ABORTION FACTS

The following statistics are from the 1992 Report on Abortions in Michigan, Office of the State Registrar and Center for Health Statistics, Michigan Department of Public Health.

- A total of 34,496 abortions were reported in Michigan in 1992. The number of reported abortions declined just slightly in 1992 (0.2 percent), with 34,555 reported in 1991.
- About 55.4% had no previous induced abortion, while 17.3% reported two or more.
- 56.1% (19,346) of abortions in Michigan were performed in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties.
- Women 17 and younger had 3,081 abortions; 301 of these girls were under 15.
- 188 abortions were performed when the unborn child was over 20 weeks' gestation. Twenty-five showed "evidence of life."
- Reprinted below is the first section of Table A.

**Table A**  
**REPORTED ABORTIONS IN MICHIGAN**  
**1980 - 1992**

Characteristics	1980	1985	1989	1990	1991	1992
Number of abortions reported	45,455	42,678	36,557	36,183	34,555	34,496
Number for residents	43,964	41,400	35,138	34,655	33,119	33,160
Percent for residents	96.7	97.0	96.1	95.8	95.8	96.1
Number of abortions to women under 18	NA	NA	4,329	3,820	3,146	3,081
Percent of all women	NA	NA	11.8	10.6	9.1	8.9
Number of abortions per 1,000 live births (residents)	302.9	302.6	238.8	224.5	220.8	233.5 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Rate is based upon a provisional estimate of 142,000 live births.

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