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## National Life Chain Sunday

October 1, 1995 - 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Woodward Ave., from 7 to 13 Mile Rds.



Thousands of people will be lining the sidewalks of Woodward Avenue from Seven Mile Rd. in Detroit to Thirteen Mile Rd. in Royal Oak, all silently holding uniform, pro-life signs stating **ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN, ABORTION HURTS WOMEN, JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS, ADOPTION: THE LOVING OPTION.** This is what is known as a LIFE CHAIN. This peaceful, prayerful event will provide a visual statement of unity by the metro Detroit church community. Our sixth annual LIFE CHAIN is scheduled in conjunction with National Life Chain Sunday. **Will you invest one afternoon to help save a lifetime?** Call (313) 533-9090 for details.

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Canton

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Presbyterian Church

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Church, Woodhaven

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Waterford

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Union Lake Baptist Church  
Commerce Township

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Church, Livonia

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# NEWS NOTES

## Looking for Mr. Roe

A year-long search, conducted by the National Center for Men (NCFM), has yielded no acceptable plaintiff for a court case the group hopes will one day become the men's rightsequivalent of *Roe v. Wade*.

Mel Feit, executive director of New York-based NCFM believes men also should have a right to decide about parenthood after conception. As it is now, a man can neither force his female partner to abort their fetus nor prevent her from aborting it. And if she decides to have the child, the man often becomes financially responsible for the child for 18 years.

Feit says this is unfair. Rather he wants a court ruling that will allow men to sign away their parental rights and responsibilities—to abort their parental role, so to speak—during the first trimester of a pregnancy.

—*Detroit Free Press*, July 23, 1995

## Abortionist convicted

The New York State Supreme Court convicted abortionist David Benjamin of second degree murder in the death of Guadalupe Negron in 1993.

Benjamin's license had been revoked by the State Health Department for "gross incompetence and negligence" involving five cases in which he perforated the uterus of other patients. Unfortunately, he was allowed to practice while his case was on appeal during which time he performed the abortion on Guadalupe Negron who was five months pregnant.

—*National Right to Life News*  
August 8, 1995

## Good news

China Coast, Red Lobster and Olive Garden restaurants have been sold by General Mills. The restaurant chains have been removed from the corporate supporters of Planned Parenthood boycott list. General Mills, however, remains an active supporter of Planned Parenthood.

For an updated boycott list, send \$4 to Life Decisions International, P. O. Box 419, Amherst, NY 14226.

—*The Caleb Report*  
July & August, 1995

## Daughter of Roe

It took 20 years, but someone has finally taken this country's abortion laws to their logical conclusion: If a woman is legally free to dispose of her unborn child, why is she not free to sell her body for sex?

A woman calling herself Jane Roe II is suing the state of Florida, declaring that the ban on prostitution is unconstitutional. She says the right to privacy found in the Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion should apply in the case of prostitutes.

In an affidavit quoted by *The Wall Street Journal* (June 21), Roe II asks: "If an abortionist can enter a woman's womb to vacuum a fetus to its demise, with a cash transaction from the female to the abortionist and that's deemed a constitutional fundamental right, then how can a woman not have the right to use her own reproductive organs to give away sex or charge for it as she sees fit and not have that use of her womb deemed a fundamental constitutional right?"

But Roe II's lawyer, Elliot Shaw, is prepared to litigate it all the way to the Supreme Court. In fact, Shaw told *The Wall Street Journal* that he got his novel legal argument from a 1977 study co-authored by a law professor named Ruth Bader Ginsburg, now a justice on the high court.

In the study, on "sex bias" in the U.S. legal system, Ginsburg argued that "prostitution, as a consensual act between adults, is arguable within the zone of privacy protected by recent constitutional decisions," a reference to *Roe v. Wade*.

—*Our Sunday Visitor*, July 16, 1995

## Uproar

An outcry rose in France after a court acquitted anti-abortion activists on the grounds that a fetus is "a future human being."

The verdict contradicted a 20-year-old law legalizing abortion. The government will appeal the verdict in which Judge Thierry Denervois de Bonnefond de Laviaille said a fetus is "a future human being, already alive."

—*Detroit Free Press*, July 6, 1995

## Aaron's 10 days

Yesterday I assisted a young father and mother in the burial of their 10-day-old son, Aaron. Because they had no particular religious affiliation, a local funeral home asked me to pray with and for the family. I chose the scripture passage which tells of Jesus encouraging the little ones to come to Him for it is to such as these that the kingdom belongs (cf. Luke 18:15-17). My heart went out to this young couple. This was their first born. He had never really come home because immediately after his birth, he was transported to Children's Hospital for his impaired heart. Even though several operations were performed, his little heart gave out after just ten days. Amazing. The Bible says a full life is three score and ten years. Ten days.

In a day when cutting short a young life in the womb has almost become commonplace, here is a little boy, with beautiful blue eyes that opened but once, having only ten days to make his mark on our lives. What mark? Why a sense of urgency, of course! Namely, that we who fret and worry about this inconvenience or that nuisance, this change or that change in our lives, how short life is for all of us. Maybe, just maybe, we will be better off if we put our concerns into focus and allow only those concerns which truly matter to affect the way we respond to life.

A friend of mine at the funeral home mentioned to me that he heard someone suggest that if the parents had known through ultrasound about Aaron's heart defect they might have opted for an early abortion. When he told this to his wife, she responded with gratitude that Aaron had been allowed to be born, even if only to live for a short time.

So as each of us goes out to live this new week, perhaps we can say a prayer for Aaron's parents in their grief. We may also wish to realign our priorities. After all, what really is important? In memory of Aaron, let's let the rest go.

—*Dr. Michael Meyer, Pastoral Assistant*  
*Our Lady of Good Counsel Church*  
Plymouth

# Medicare/Medicaid: The Threat of Rationing Through "Managed Care"

By Wanda Franz, Ph.D.  
President of National Right to Life Committee



## The Threat of Health Care Rationing is Back

**T**wo years ago, the conventional wisdom inside the Washington Beltway was that Clinton-style health care "reform" was a "done deal." We at NRLC saw a *deadly* deal that had to be stopped. We knew that our fellow citizens would reject the proposal—if we could get the word out about the plan's mandated abortion coverage and denial of care through rationing.

The task before us was enormous, but you, the pro-lifers at the grassroots level, came through and heeded NRLC's call to action. The word got out, and pro-lifers contributed heavily to the defeat of the ill-advised Clinton health "reform" proposal. But now I must ask you to come through again!

## Proposals to Ration Care in Medicare and Medicaid

There is concern that the Medicare and Medicaid programs may become insolvent in future years. Unfortunately, some reform proposals in Congress

would "fix" the problem by forcing the participants in these programs into "managed care" and HMOs (health maintenance organizations). There is now sufficient evidence that, in many cases, "managed care" can amount to "managed death."

Why should you worry? First, the threat of government-mandated "managed care" in Medicare and Medicaid is directed at *you and your family*. Yes, I know, as pro-lifers, we are used to being advocates for others—the unborn—and not for ourselves. But we all expect to retire or we may already be retired; that means *any change in Medicare will affect us*. Some of us are disabled or we may become the victims of economic reverses or we may run out of money late in life; that means *changes in Medicaid will affect us*.

Second, Medicare and Medicaid represent more than half the total national expenditure for health care from public and private sources combined. That means that Medicare and Medicaid are inviting targets to save money. It also means that any changes in the system can have negative consequences for a very large number of people. Let me be clear: **NRLC does not oppose the restructuring of Medicare/Medicaid in order to save the taxpayer money. And as a single-issue organization, NRLC takes no position on whether the government or private resources should provide health insurance. But NRLC must oppose any government program that forces health care rationing on the participants and thus makes them potential victims of involuntary euthanasia through the denial of care.**

Third, Medicare is a *mandatory* program, and any insurance "duplicating" what it covers is currently illegal. Older people therefore face the threat of government-imposed rationing—and euthanasia through delayed or denied care. **NRLC opposes any government edict forbidding you to use your own money to obtain adequate health insurance and unrationed care.**

NRLC is for positive alternatives that would still allow Congress to balance the budget without tax increases. One such alternative is to change Medicare into a voucher program that would allow you to buy insurance on your own, supplementing the Medicare check with your own funds and thus avoid the rationing of care. Another approach would combine such a voucher with a "Medical Savings Account" (MSA) established by you with pre-tax dollars. Together with "catastrophic" health insurance, MSAs could reduce or eliminate the need for government-sponsored programs that deny you choices for medical care.

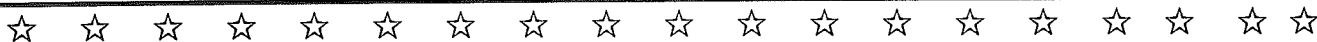
## Problems with "Managed Care" and HMOs

In February 1995, the Congressional Budget Office reported that the "savings" under "managed care" come primarily from *reduced care*: HMOs reduce health services on average by about 8% in comparison to traditional fee-for-service indemnity plans. *And HMOs that require patients to be treated only by doctors employed directly by the HMO have reduced services by about 20%.*

"Managed care" turns the traditional arrangement between patient and doctor on its head. Physicians used to make money by *providing* care; under "managed care" they can make money by *denying* care. Why so? About half the nation's HMOs have contracts with health care providers who receive a monthly capitation fee for every patient enrolled in the program. If the primary care providers' cost of treating you exceeds their capitation income, they lose money. And in HMOs that employ physicians directly, physicians who keep costs down often get a bonus; those who don't get reprimands or worse. This is a prescription for denial and rationing of care.

Under "managed care," you cannot decide when to go to a specialist or who

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# Legislative Update



## 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 (Spencer Abraham, Carl Levin)  
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):

## Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act

In a partial birth abortion, the fetus is pulled feet-first from the womb through the birth canal until all but the head is exposed. The doctor pokes surgical scissors into the base of the skull and opens them—creating a hole through which a catheter is inserted that suctions out the brain. The skull collapses; the head is removed (*Richmond Times-Dispatch*, July 20, 1995).

The House Judiciary Committee, on July 18, approved a bill (HR 1833) to place a nationwide ban on the use of the partial birth abortion method. Congressman Charles Canady of Florida sponsored the bill in the House. In the Senate a companion bill (S 939) has been introduced by Senator Bob Smith of New Hampshire. Michigan co-sponsors of HR 1833 are Joe Knollenberg and James Barcia.

The bill is aimed at the basic method described and practiced by Dr. Martin Haskell of Dayton, OH and Dr. James McMahon of Los Angeles, CA. The National Abortion Federation now says that these two doctors perform about 450 such abortions every year but Dr. McMahon has circulated literature in which he refers to having performed a series of more than 2000 abortions by this method.

Abortion advocates fear that if the partial birth method is outlawed, other methods might be outlawed hereafter.

**ACTION:** Contact your congressmen whether or not they are mentioned above and encourage them to hasten the passage of the bill.

## China Update

U.S. Representative Steve Stockman of Texas has sponsored a bill to repeal the Most Favored Nation (MFN) status for China. In the July, August 1995 edition of *Lifespan News*, three separate articles dealt with China's human rights violations. Please contact your U.S. representative and urge him or her to support the Stockman bill to repeal China's MFN status.

## "Committee of Correspondence"

Borrowing the title of the above committee that operated in the infancy days of this nation, we commit ourselves to contacting, by phone or letter, whatever elected representatives are pertinent to current legislation. They may be either in our statehouse or Congress. Just contact your Lifespan chapter (see Chapter News) and ask to have your name and address added to our list. You will be contacted when crucial bills occur. We need lots of concerned members to make our cause properly understood.

## Call Washington for free!

The number is 1-800-962-3524. This will reach the Capitol switchboard. Ask for the office of the Senator or Congressman you wish to contact. You will either be answered by an aide at his/her office, or you will be answered by a tape, in which case, you will be invited to leave your message. This is especially useful when there is a debate in progress and you are aware of it on TV.



# Right to Life - Lifespan Invites You to Breakfast

With invited guest speakers



*U. S. Senator  
Spencer Abraham*



*Michigan State Senator  
R. Robert Geake*

**Saturday, November 4**

**9:00 - 11:30 a.m.**

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

## Italian American Banquet Center

39200 Five Mile Road  
Livonia

### DOOR PRIZES

**Reservations are required**

**\$15.00 per person**

Make check payable to  
Right to Life - Lifespan  
and mail to

28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127  
Livonia 48152

For more information, call (313) 533-9090  
or (313) 422-6230

## Plan now to hear an update on legislative issues

Send me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$15.00 each

\$\_\_\_\_\_ total enclosed

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a complete list of names and addresses for all people for whom you are ordering tickets, using the back of this form, if needed, so that we may assign seats with legislators and other constituents from their districts.



# Chapter

## Office hours

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

## State Fair thanks

A good time was had by all our volunteers who so graciously gave of their time to help at the Michigan State Fair booth.

Thank you to the new volunteers and the season

veterans who always make the booth interesting and professional. We have to keep the pro-life message in front of the public, and the State Fair is one of our most important outreaches.

## Think Christmas

If your church or school is having a holiday bazaar, and you would be willing to help our chapter by selling our Christmas cards or Entertainment '96 books, please give the office a call at (313) 874-0432. If your church does

not sell Christmas cards for Lifespan, and you would be willing to be a church rep for us, we'd love to hear from you.

This is one of our major fundraisers that allow us to keep the Detroit Chapter office open, and we could really use your help. God bless you for all you do for those who cannot do.

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

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## Office hours

M, Th, F 9-3; T, W 1-7  
Diane Fagelman, Chairman  
Theresa Koehler, Ofc. Mgr.  
Mary Murphy, Adm. Asst.  
Clare Schneider, Secretary

## Fairs, festivals

This is the time of year to try to set up a Lifespan booth at your fall and winter local city, school and church festivals, fairs, bazaars and picnics.

It's not too late to ask your local event chairperson about representing Lifespan in your fall or winter church or community event; many festivals and bazaars still welcome tables and booths until the last minute.

This is a great way to spread the pro-life message, and begin selling 1995 Lifespan Christmas cards! We will provide the materials and volunteers. Call Mary (810) 816-1546.

Thank you to a very special group of 36 volunteers who helped make our booth at the Oakland County 4-H Fair in Davisburg the week of July 31 through August 6 a great

success. The booth gave us some very positive exposure, and the response has been great!

Coming fair booth attractions include the State Fair (Labor Day weekend), St. Renee's Harvest Days (September 9 and 10) and Troy Daze (September 15 through 17). If you would like to volunteer for one of these events, please call Mary (810) 816-1546.

## Educational series

The Oakland Chapter's Educational Series program is off the ground. We have an active and excited committee that is contacting church representatives and community organizations. We plan to be in a different community each month for a year.

We will be presenting life issues topics such as Managed Health Care, Fetal Experimentation, RU-486, Abortions and Complications, Planned Parenthood: "The Big Lie," Teen Sex Respect, Euthanasia, Feminists for Life, Post-Abortion Syndrome, Life Issues with Your 1996 Candidates and more.

We will be presenting these issues in community centers, college campuses, libraries, elementary and high schools, to small groups and large groups. We need your help to schedule and publicize these events; call Theresa at (810) 816-1546 if you know a contact person at a community building to schedule one of these events.

Thank you to all of the church representatives who have volunteered to work together to sponsor one of these presentations. A full schedule with dates and places will be available soon.

## Check your mailing label

The date above your name on the address label of this newsletter is the last date you donated to Lifespan. If this date is over a year ago, or if there is a pink heart sticker on this newsletter reminding you to renew, please use the form in this issue to renew your membership today.

## Bowl-a-thon

The Oakland Chapter had a very successful First Annual Bowl-for Life-a-thon on Saturday, August 19. Thanks to all the bowlers and volunteers who "gave up" a beautiful summer Saturday morning to have a lot of fun bowling and meeting new pro-life friends, as well as raising cash for Oakland County Lifespan. Thanks to all the church representatives who came through with some bowlers almost at the last minute. Special thanks to all sponsors. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

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**Oakland County Chapter**  
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1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Suite G  
Troy, MI 48084-3540  
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# News

## Office hours

M-Th 10-4

Patricia Holscher, Chairman  
Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

## Bargains galore

Cindy's Annual Garage Sale  
26781 Timber Trail  
Dearborn Heights  
Between Inkster &  
Beech Daly  
(313) 565-2246 or  
(313) 422-6230

Fri. and Sat., Sept. 8 and 9  
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tools, jewelry, knick-  
knacks, household items,  
appliances in good working  
order, etc. are still needed.  
No clothes, please.

Won't you please donate  
some items to insure a  
successful fundraiser.  
Workers are urgently needed  
for pricing and selling.

## Christmas card distributors

The 1995 Christmas card  
selling season usually begins  
in the middle of October, and  
we need more distributors to  
market our cards.

When presented to the  
public, these cards will sell  
themselves, but we need  
people who are willing to  
show them at work, group  
meetings, churches or from  
their homes to neighbors,  
family and friends. We have  
a wide variety of styles to  
interest different tastes.

If all of our members  
would buy a box of cards for  
themselves and sell a box, we  
would dispose of our entire  
inventory, and have a very  
successful year.

Many of you have expressed your  
willingness to do more for Lifespan, but  
are unable because of your busy  
schedules. This is the perfect opportu-  
nity for you to do something which  
requires little time and effort, yet is very  
beneficial to our treasury and will  
ultimately finance our educational  
programs.

Please call to see how you can help.  
We need YOU!

## Fetal models

Because of your generous donations  
to our '94 Christmas Crib, we were able  
to purchase two small sets of life-size  
fetal models which we are offering for  
use in school primary grades, to home  
schoolers and to church Sunday school  
programs.

It is our contention that if children are  
introduced to the living, developing  
baby in the womb by visual aids (the  
models), and are able to view them and  
hold them, they will affix in their  
memory, this picture of the preborn  
child.

As they grow older, and hear words  
such as fetus, a glob of tissue or any  
abortion rhetoric, they will visualize a  
baby because this image was bonded in  
their subconscious as youngsters.

You're welcome to visit our office to  
see them, or you may call to reserve  
them for your classes.

## Education

Don't forget to let us know if your  
school, church or city is having a fair,  
festival or gathering where we can have  
an educational pro-life booth and/or  
supply a pro-life speaker.

There would be no cost to the  
organization who invites us.

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



**Educational  
Center for Life**

## Office Hours

M, T, Th, F 10-3

Phyllis Sullivan, Director  
Linda Seng, Ofc. Mgr.

## New videos for loan

*To Rescue Our Young  
from the Sexual Revolution*

Emmy award-winning St. Gabriel Me-  
dia has produced a new, enormously help-  
ful film for parents. Nationally recog-  
nized experts give practical advice to par-  
ents about sex education, immoral TV,  
movies, music, effects of divorce, need  
for family prayer and more. This one-hour  
film is also available for purchase for \$25.

## Sexual Health in the '90s

A compelling video that reveals the  
truth about "safe sex"...and its potentially  
deadly consequences. In this hard-hitting  
presentation, Dr. Joe McIlhaney, a well-  
known gynecologist, reviews the medical  
facts surrounding the epidemic of STDs  
that is threatening an entire generation of  
Americans.

With frankness and clarity—backed by  
proved clinical research—he exposes the  
health risks of casual sex, explaining why  
abstinence until marriage is not only a  
good idea, it's a necessity.

**New ECL Pro-Life Resource Catalogs**  
are available listing updated materials in-  
cluding videos, pamphlets and books. Stop  
by the office to pick up a copy.

We received wonderful comments on  
our Speakers' Workshop on June 17th.

We hope to announce the date of our  
next workshop soon, so be sure to check  
your *Lifespan Newsletter*.

## Remembrances

In honor of Msgr. F. X. Canfield, com-  
memorating 50 years' service in the priest-  
hood, requested by Madeline Satwicz.

**Educational Center For Life**  
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(810) 816-8489

## Medicare/Medicaid

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that specialist will be; instead, you must be referred by your "gatekeeper" primary care doctor who has strong economic incentives to hold down the number of referrals.

The bottom line is that under "managed care" it is *not* you and your physician who alone decide what treatment should be used; instead, bureaucrats will make "cost-benefit" life and death decisions for you.

Another typical limitation of "managed care" is that you get care under the plan only if you go to a physician approved by the HMO. If your grandmother spends part of the year in another part of the country, she'll be out of luck; most HMOs are geographically limited.

Much more could be said. But one thing should be clear by now: You must act quickly and decisively in the defense of life. **Contact your senators and representative in Washington. See page 4 for addresses and phone numbers.**

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## Attention students

**You can't afford to miss this one!**

Ontario Students for Life is holding their Conference '95, just across the river in the Windsor area, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 20, 21 and 22.

Among the dynamic speakers will be Frank Tanana, member of Pro-Life Athletes and former Detroit Tiger's pitcher.

It promises to be an action-packed weekend including a scavenger hunt, pizza party, dance, karaoke and talent show.

Early bird fee is \$50 before Sept. 30, \$60 afterwards. For more information, call Lifespan (313) 533-9090, (519) 326-7450 or (519) 734-6793.

## Be a Cross Bearer

There is a nationwide effort by churches and schools to visually demonstrate the number of abortions

daily in the U.S. by placing thousands of crosses on their lawns.

Our Oakland County Chapter is attempting to raise the \$6,000 needed to purchase a quality set of plastic crosses for use throughout the metro area.

Please consider contributing to this project with a donation made payable and addressed to: Right to Life - Lifespan, Oakland County Chapter, 1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Troy, MI 48084. For more information, call (810) 816-1546. Sorry, donations are not tax-deductible.

## Who's who?

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 21 for an "evening to remember" with two important guests.

Watch for details in the October issue of *Lifespan News*.

## Help wanted

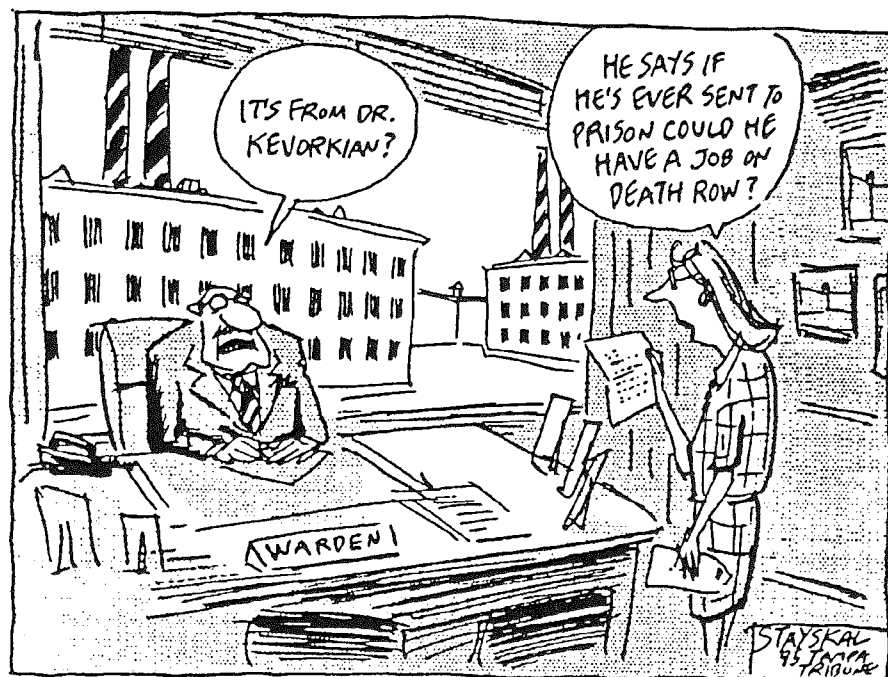
Right to Life - Lifespan is looking for a pro-life administrative assistant to work part-time in Lifespan's Main Office in Livonia. Duties, in this hourly position, will include coordinating special projects.

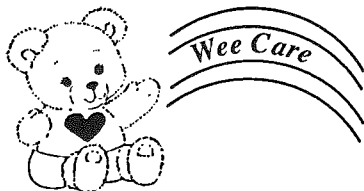
Send letter or resume with references to: Right to Life-Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia MI 48152.

## Letter to the editor

The fiftieth anniversaries of the atomic bombings have prompted debates about the ethics of warfare. Meanwhile, America's war on prenatal children has raged on unabated, routinely trashing every ethical principle. It has consisted exclusively of literally surgical first strikes against the totally innocent and helpless, intended to preempt the recognition and protections normally accorded at birth. Rather than honor the immunity of noncombatants, it has deliberately targeted them. It has employed poisonous weapons, refusal of quarter and live dismemberment of the unarmed target population, even subjecting them to experimentation, in contravention of the laws of war and all international standards for the treatment of prisoners. It has violated "Just War" principles, including just cause, last resort, proportionality and competent authority by placing the decision for a death-dealing act, grotesquely disproportionate to the ends usually sought, in the hands of the frequently ill-informed, distraught and underage. It's rationalization on the basis of so-called hard cases has reduced the vast majority of those slaughtered to collateral damage at rates that would be morally horrendous if practiced by the military.

—*Alfred Lemmo*  
*Dearborn*





As summer is rapidly disappearing, so are our supplies at Wee Care! Our babies need you—more than ever.

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“Home from the Hospital” outfit?

Do you belong to an organization or club whose meetings will be starting up again in September? Would the members be interested in “adopting” Wee Care as a project for the year or even just for one meeting? If every member brought just one receiving blanket (for example) to the meeting—it would be a godsend to Wee Care!

Are you a teacher or a leader of a youth group and would like to have your children learn to share and care for others? A collection of baby bottles or pacifiers (all under \$1.00) would be like Christmas to Wee Care!

There are so many ideas and so many beautiful babies that will desperately need your help in the months ahead.

Please, think of us, and give us a call.

Thank you for all you do for our little ones!

—Karen Patrosso, Director  
Wee Care

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## Alive and growing

This year's National Right to Life Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, lived up to its title. Among the many dynamic speakers were Molly Kelly and Jean Garton, Congressmen Chris Smith and Jim Bunn. The workshops were inspiring, the general sessions optimistic!

There were about 1,200 persons in attendance, with an additional 100 teens present for the National Teens for Life workshops. They were an uplifting addition to the convention.

My roommate, Alice Radwick (former president of Lifespan), made the announcement that she is now the president of Crossville, Tennessee Right to Life. She

and Carol, her office manager, and I all left Nashville rejuvenated and hopeful for the tasks that lay ahead.

Other Lifespan attendees at the convention were Theresa Koehler, office manager for the Oakland County Chapter, and Dale Griffith, church representative. They both enjoyed the offerings at the convention very much.

The Oakland County Chapter purchased several audio tapes regarding euthanasia and fetal experimentation at the convention. These tapes are available to be checked out from the Oakland office; call (810) 816-1546 if you are interested.

—Bev Bettega, Treasurer  
Wayne County West/Downriver Chapter



Carol, Alice and Bev at National Right to Life Convention

## Pro-Life Essay Contest

### ELIGIBILITY:

Any student in grades 9-12, in public, private or home school, who resides in Oakland, Wayne or Macomb Counties, is eligible for the contest except for students in the immediate family of a Board Member of Right to Life - Lifespan.

### RULES:

1. The topic of the pro-life essay entry may feature one or more aspects of abortion, infanticide or euthanasia.

2. The essay shall be a minimum of 500 words, a maximum of 1000 words. No poems will be accepted.

3. The essay should be typed, but may be legibly handwritten.

4. Each entry must be the student's original work and shall not have been submitted to any other publisher or in any other contest.

5. On the back of the last page of the essay, the student MUST PRINT neatly his/her name, address, phone number, age and grade, plus the name of their parent or guardian.

6. Each entry becomes the property of Right to Life - Lifespan, and each student who enters the contest assigns copyright for the entry to Right to Life - Lifespan.

7. The essay shall be judged on content and style.

8. All entries shall be considered by impartial judges selected with experience in the content. Judges reserve the right to award no prize winner if no entry is deemed meritorious of the prize.

9. Decisions of the judges shall be final.

10. All entries must be received by 3:00 p.m., Monday, November 13, 1995, and mailed or delivered to: 1995 Student Contest, Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, MI 48152.

### PRIZES:

First prize: \$500 Savings Bond

Second prize: \$200 Savings Bond

Third prize: \$100 Savings Bond

The first prize winner shall also be invited to read the winning essay at the 1996 Rally for Life in Detroit, and the winning entry shall be printed in *Lifespan News*. For more information, call Lifespan's Main Office (313) 533-9090.

## "Catholics for a Free Choice"

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Kissling was founder of the National Abortion Federation, an association of abortion providers. She was also director of one of the first legal abortion clinics in New York City and ran illegal abortion clinics in Mexico and Rome.<sup>4</sup>

She left the Catholic Church in her youth but claims she has returned. But, returning to the Church, she says, did not mean "coming back to Sunday Mass...and all those things that are the memories of my childhood." Instead, she returned to the Church "as a social change agent."<sup>5</sup> Or with a lethal agenda, carved in stone.

CFFC has maintained close ties to Planned Parenthood. There appears to be a concerted effort on the part of these two to drape themselves in the mantle of the Catholic Church while systematically working to destroy it. The current President of Planned Parenthood of America (PPFA), Pamela Maraldo, claims to be no less Catholic while parting with the Church on family privacy and reproductive autonomy.<sup>6</sup> She sees herself as a faithful Catholic as she provides the services that Vatican II describes as an "unspeakable crime."

CFFC claims to represent millions of Catholics but there are no membership dues. Yet it produces many publications: "Conscience—a news journal of Pro-choice Catholic Opinion" (Washington, DC)<sup>7</sup>, "Aportes" (Uruguay) and

two others in Latin America which are sent free to anyone who wants them.

If there are no dues and the publications do not sustain themselves, who pays the bill? Part II of this booklet enumerates the answer in painstaking detail. The total money taken in since CFFC's beginning is \$8,138,797 of which over \$2 million came from the Ford Foundation—a prime supporter of abortion and population control. The second supporter, with \$1,091,700 is the Sunnen Foundation, which has been a long time enemy of the Catholic Church. Since its total worth is only \$20 million, a modest sum as foundations go, its generosity speaks of its enthusiasm for the cause.

The remainder of Part II is a detailed analysis of the contributors, who they are, where they come from and why they are among the donors. To order the booklet, send \$6.50 to Human Life International, 7845 Airpark Rd., Suite E, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

### Footnotes:

1. Page 1, Part I
2. Introduction
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7. *Writer's Market*, 1994, p. 567.

—Paula Ervin, author of "Women Exploited—the other victims of abortion," is a board member of *Right to Life - Lifespan*, Church Representative Coordinator and Committee of Correspondence Chairman

### Adoption survey

Are you an adoptive parent? Have you received the priceless gift of a child from an unknown mother who carried him/her to term and placed the child in your arms?

If so, please respond to our Adoption Survey. Write to "Survey," c/o Right to Life - Lifespan, 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Tell us:

a) Are you active in pro-life circles, or do you approve of pro-life activities? b) When and how many adopted children do you have? c) Did any have special needs?

This survey is non-intrusive. Your names will not be used publicly nor will they be passed on for a mailing list. The purpose of the survey is to add to the growing body of information on the pro-life movement. For more information, call Lifespan (313) 422-6230.

## "Adopt a Billboard"

Over the last several years, millions of metro Detroiters have seen Lifespan's pro-life messages on billboards and buses and in 1994 heard it on the radio. This annual educational project has been very successful in telling the truth about abortion and offering loving alternatives.

This year's billboard campaign consists of having a rotary bulletin positioned on metro Detroit's main arteries. It will move to a new location every sixty days. This gives us six different locations during a one-year period. This plan enables Lifespan to reach a large target audience. The total cost of this year's project is \$36,500. The total amount raised so far is \$9054. We need \$27,446 to reach our goal. Will you, your family, church or organization "Adopt the Billboard" for a day for only \$100, or a week for \$700? But you can help by making a donation in any amount. For information, call (313) 533-9090. Please send your contribution to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152.

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We have accumulated 50,000 points to be redeemed for a base unit for our display boards to enable them to be free-standing. We need only 4,000 more points.

The following are donors of coupons in the past two months—thanks for eating at Knapp's!—Higgins, Little Sisters of the Poor, Ellsworth, Kleinbrook, Virag, O'Connell, St. Linus Seniors, Sudeck, McLaughlin, Proppe, Lesiak, Nizol, Lucas, Dadabbo, Ziemba, Gerhardt, Rosevear, Garden City Christian Center, Bergmooser, Spas, Duncanson, Hoefer, Tschirhart, Riley, Trombley, Behaeghe, Church, Masterson, Schemanske, Reuter, Ober, Leger, MacDonald, Burke, Angelides, Schwalm, Roy, Ervin, Modes, Schmid, Queen, Lohrengel, Wilhelm, Gibbons, Nye, Kaminski, Doyle, Costlow, Bowker, Bosco, Konopka, DellEva, Poeppe, St. Perpetua Church, Ostrowski, Wynsberge, Malicke, Donohoe, Nowland, Bradley, Engelman, Dolence, Bosley, Neam, Miller, Graham, Bettega, Basner, Salesky, Phillips, St. Sabina Queenship of Mary Guild, Harrington.

Please continue saving for our next project. When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's Restaurant, ask for a Community Support Coupon. Send the coupons to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152.

## Requiem for innocents

"Requiem for the Innocents," a premier musical performance commemorating the unborn children who have died from abortion, will be performed at St. Louis Church in Clinton Twp. on Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 each. For more information, call Joan Moses (810) 792-7057.

## Post-abortion support

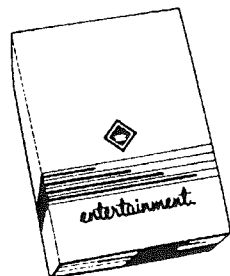
Metro Life Choices Crisis Pregnancy Center of Dearborn and Fairlane Alliance Church will be offering the "Women in Ramah" post-abortion bible study. They will cover topics such as forgiveness, depression, guilt and hope.

The group will start September 12th at 7 p.m. and meet at Fairlane, 905 Mason in Dearborn.

Call Lynette Downey (313) 271-1223 or Claire Hency (313) 382-2423 if you have questions, if you are interested in being part of the bible study or to commit to prayer for the group.

Metro Life Choices also needs volunteers to work in their center. If you are interested, please call (313) 581-8830.

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Donations may be made in memory of loved ones who have died. A memorial card will be sent by Lifespan in your name to the family of the deceased.

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

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- In memory of **Rose Murphy**, requested by Mrs. James Conway.
- In honor of **Msgr. F. X. Canfield**, commemorating 50 years' service in the priesthood, requested by Madeline Satwicz.

## Walk-a-thon

AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center will be holding their 2nd Annual Walk-a-thon on Saturday, September 23, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Veteran's Park, next to the YMCA in Livonia. Call (313) 425-8060.

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# "Catholics for a Free Choice" Exposed

By Paula Ervin

"Catholics for a Free Choice" Exposed  
by Human Life International, 1995.

**T**hey are quoted in the media when a controversy deals with the Catholic Church. The name of Frances

Kissling, current president, looms like an oracle in subjects like abortion, sexual ethics and feminists "rights."

Who are they? How "free" are their choices? Whom do they represent? And most of all, what are their activities and who pays for them?

These questions are concisely answered in a modest little booklet titled, "Catholics for a Free Choice" Exposed. Divided into two parts, it is published by Human Life International.

In Part I, compiled by Magaly Llaguno, director of HLI's Latin American office, two facts become apparent: Catholics for a Free Choice (CFFC) is not Catholic, and its choices are not free. On November 4, 1993, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops declared that although many people may be led to believe that CFFC is an authentic Catholic organization, it is not. "It has no affiliation, Catholic or otherwise, with the Catholic Church."<sup>1</sup>

CFFC promotes contraception, sterilization, lesbianism, homosexuality, radical feminism and the New Age movement throughout the world.<sup>2</sup>

Nor are its choices "free." CFFC has fought the giving of factual information to pregnant women about their child in their womb on the grounds that this is a propaganda tool for the "anti-choice" position, and has even referred to abortion as a "sacred act."<sup>3</sup> When

opposition to New York's permissive abortion law, and when *Roe v. Wade* became law in 1973, CFFC became an affiliate of the Religious Coalition for Abortion Rights. Its first president, serving until 1979, was Joseph O'Rourke who had been expelled by the



Frances Kissling

factual information is choked off, where does "freedom" come in?

The organization was founded in 1970 to protest the Catholic Church's

Jesuits in 1974. Since 1980, Frances Kissling has served as president and director.

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