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Right to Life - LIFESPAN's 27th Annual Celebration of Life Dinner & Silent Auction

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

San Marino Club

*1685 East Big Beaver Road
Troy, Michigan*

- ★ *Silent Auction begins 5:30 pm*
- ★ *Dinner served 7:15 pm*

Special Guest: Kristan Hawkins



Since high school, Kristan has been an advocate for the unborn and a pro-life speaker/trainer. Her pro-life mission began when she was asked to volunteer at a Pregnancy Resource Center during her sophomore year of high school. After spending three months counseling women not to abort their children, Kristan started the first pro-life group at her high school. Now, as President of Students for Life of America, Kristan directs the mission and strategy of SFLA. In addition, she serves as the organization's official spokeswoman and has appeared on multiple news agencies. She is a frequent blogger and has also been quoted in numerous national and regional newspapers. A dynamic speaker, Kristan travels the country talking to students and adults alike on a wide range of topics including Planned Parenthood, Real Feminism, Real Social Justice, Pro-Life Activism and Leadership.



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Silent Auction and Tin Can Raffle

Auction Items Needed!

Every year at our *Celebration of Life Dinner* in May, we have a wonderful variety of items for the Silent Auction and Tin Can Drawing. We are looking for items that will bring in large auction bids, such as:

- Accommodations at tourist destinations
- Restaurant Gift Cards (Red Lobster, Applebee's, etc.)
- Sporting Event Tickets
- Specialty/Department Store Gift Cards
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- Family-Friendly places to visit
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Celebration of Life Dinner Silent Auction

Tuesday, May 16, 2017*

San Marino Club

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- ★ Silent Auction begins at 5:30 pm
- ★ Dinner served at 7:15 pm

*Dinner will be on Tuesday after Mother's Day this year.

What a great Mother's Day GIFT... Bring your mom to our Celebration of Life dinner.

Dinner Reservations: \$50 per person/\$475 per table of 10. Students (*under 21*) \$25 per person

*Adult with Student (*under 21*) \$65 for 2 persons.

Advanced reservations by Friday, April 21, 2017.

Yes, I (We) plan to attend. Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ reservation(s). (Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper). *For Adult & Student reservation: Student's age: _____.

Seat with _____

Yes, I (We) plan to sponsor a table to 10. Enclosed please find one check in the amount of \$_____ for _____ table(s). (Please list names of all those for whom table reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper. Table seating will be determined by date of receipt of paid reservation).

I (We) are not able to attend. Enclosed is a donation of \$_____ to support your pro-life efforts.

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Email Address _____



For Dinner reservations, please make checks payable and mail to:

Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 1637 W. Big Beaver Rd., Ste. G, Troy, MI 48084. For more information, call 248.816.1546.

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Legislative Update



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House Votes to Overturn Obama Rule Forcing States to Fund Planned Parenthood

By Steven Ertelt

The House of Representatives voted [February 16] to overturn a rule pro-abortion President Barack Obama put in place preventing states from defunding the Planned Parenthood abortion business. The rule from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) prevented states from blocking Title X funding to abortion companies like Planned Parenthood.

The House voted 230-188 to overturn Obama's anti-defunding rule with Republicans voting 227-2 for it and Democrats voting 186-2 against it.

In recent years, several states receiving Title X family planning grants have opted to direct those funds to county health departments, community health centers, or other types of providers, in preference to organizations engaged in objectionable activities, such as Planned Parenthood.

H.J. Res. 43, if passed by the Senate and signed by the President, would mean that states, if they chose, could continue to attempt to redirect Title X funds away from objectionable organizations like Planned Parenthood.

Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Rep. Diane Black (R-Tenn.) filed bills to overturn the rule and the House passed the measure.

"According to its 2014-2015 annual report, Planned Parenthood performed 323,999 abortion procedures in just one year. Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize the abortion industry in this country. Nor should they be forced to foot the bill for an organization like Planned Parenthood that has displayed such blatant disregard for human life."

—*LifeNews.com, February 16, 2017*

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

In January, the front page of our newsletter asked the question, *What Do We Do Now?*

With the new administration in Washington, D.C. promising to protect human life, we will be offering ideas for action by you. It will change with each newsletter, and, hopefully, will raise awareness for the need to protect human life at all its stages.

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If you see an obviously pregnant lady—at the store, in church, waiting in line—and it would not cause a scene, take a moment, as you pass by, to say something like, "Blessings on the baby and your family," and continue on your way.

It is amazing how gratefully such a small gesture of kindness is received. You might just make the day of a lady who is feeling tired, unwell, fearful or unsure.

Top Training Program for Young Pro-Life Leaders Returns

By Andrew Bair

Far too often, young people in the pro-life movement are referred to as “future pro-life leaders.” While that statement is undeniably true, it omits the current impact young people are having across the country. Young people are not just the future, we are the present!

Young people are stepping up to share the pro-life message at their high schools, college campuses and through social media. Young people constitute the overwhelming majority of the attendees at the annual March for Life. Young people are volunteering their time at local pregnancy centers and taking on key roles within local right-to-life chapters.

Equipping young leaders with the skills and knowledge to carry the pro-life movement into the future is critical for long-term success. For this reason, National Right to Life created an innovative program called the National Right to Life Academy.

The National Right to Life Academy empowers young pro-life leaders through a dynamic five-week summer course held at National Right to Life headquarters in Washington. Students are challenged not only in learning the arguments but effective communication skills and grassroots organizing. Topics covered include abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, healthcare, legislative strategy, history of the pro-life movement, medical ethics, unborn development and lobbying.

Through the National Right to Life Academy, students also have the opportunity to earn three college credits, which may be transferred to their university.

Since its inception in 2007, the National Right to Life Academy has graduated over 75 students. Many of these graduates are currently making a difference through state or local right-to-life groups, college pro-life clubs or pregnancy resource centers.

Devyn Nelson, a 2010 graduate and former Executive Director for North Dakota Right to Life, noted, “The National Right to Life Academy served me well in preparing me for the position as Executive Director of a National Right to Life affiliate. Not only did the Academy give me a thorough understanding of all the life issues, it helped me become comfortable and confident in speaking the truth about the life issues in public.”

Chelsea Shields, a 2011 graduate and the current Legislative/PAC Director for Wisconsin Right to Life noted, “While lectures and practicum require a great deal of stamina and brainpower, the whole experience prepares Academy students to be highly effective advocates for life.”



Speaking as a graduate myself, I can testify that nothing has had a greater impact on my pro-life advocacy than the National Right to Life Academy. The program gave me the tools and knowledge to take my deeply held pro-life convictions and put them to work to make a real difference.

Each of us in the pro-life movement has a part to play. We each have unique gifts and talents that can be used to share the pro-life message. It's up to us to get off the sidelines and take action.

I am reminded of the inspiring charge of late Father Richard John Neuhaus; “Whether, in this great contest between the culture of life and culture of death, we were recruited many years ago or whether we were recruited only yesterday, we have been recruited for the duration...And, in this the greatest human rights struggle of our time and all times, we shall overcome.”

The National Right to Life Academy is currently accepting applications for its 2017 program, which runs June 29-August 4, 2017. For more information, email: academy@nrlc.org.

—LifeNews.com, March 2, 2017

Play Ball

The Oakland/Macomb Chapter of LIFESPAN is considering a youth and family outing to Jimmy John's baseball stadium in Sterling Heights this summer. Many of you have been to the park and know how family-friendly it is. Let us know if you would be interested. Call 248-816-1546. We will pick a day or evening and, as they say, “Play ball!!!!”

“A person's rightful due is to be treated as an object of love not an object for use.”

~ Karol Wojtyla (St. John Paul II) ~



LIFESPAN Chapter News

Oakland/Macomb Counties

A Special Letter

The following note was found in a baby bottle at one of our Showers:

“Dear New Mother to Be:

I’m very glad you’ve decided to keep your baby. May God grant you the strength to be a good mother to this precious gift He’s given to you. Always cherish this baby and seek help if difficulties arise that you think you can’t handle. I don’t know your circumstances, whether married or not, but this baby is a precious gift from God. Good luck to both of you and peace.”

Volunteer Luncheon

March 25 is a special day for all our wonderful Oakland/Macomb volunteers. That’s the day we get to tell you “thank so much” for all your hard work for Life. We will be having lunch at Joe Bologna’s in Sterling Heights from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.

Try as we might, it is inevitable that we miss someone important with our mailed invitations. If you have helped us this past year in ANY way, and have not received your invitation either by U.S. mail or email, it is not because we did not want to invite you, but because we made a mistake. Please call us and reserve your luncheon choice, **248-816-1546**.

White Crosses

Our cross display has been replenished, refreshed and renewed and is ready for display at your faith community or organization. The power of this display is really incredible. It creates a visual image of the number of abortions done in the U.S. each year that simply cannot be ignored. If you want to schedule the display, please call the Oakland/Macomb office for details. This display is for all chapters of LIFESPAN.

Celebrate Life Dinner

See the information about our Celebrate Life Dinner on pages 1 and 3. This will be a great dinner for you, your high school and college-aged children and grandchildren to attend. We will highlight those who have laid the foundation of the pro-life movement in general and LIFESPAN in particular, and then, Kristan Hawkins, President of Students for Life of America, will explain the path for the future with the involvement of what has come to be known as “The Pro-Life Generation.”

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Diane Trombley, Director/Ofc. Mgr.

Lynn Gura, Ofc. Staff & Youth Director

Garage Sale!

Set your calendars for Thursday, May 18—Saturday, May 20th. We are once again having a Garage Sale and all of the proceeds will benefit LIFESPAN! You never know what treasures you will find! There will be Star Wars collectibles available!

May 18 - 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

May 19 - 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

May 20 - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**36709 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia
(next to Roosevelt Elementary School)**

Donation items needed for garage sale! Your donations are tax-deductible! Please call **734-422-6230** for drop-off and volunteer information. (Not accepting clothing or over-sized items). Volunteers are needed to price and work the garage sale!

Mother’s Day Flowers

NEW THIS YEAR: Many area churches will have LIFESPAN Mother’s Day live carnations and Mother’s Day small gifts available for donation. This is a simple and poignant way that you can honor the Moms in your life.

Sign Painting FUN!

On April 29th, grab a friend and join us for a FUN evening of Sign Painting at the Wayne County Chapter Office in Livonia.

This is not “free-hand” painting, so painters do not need to be artistic. Anyone can create a sign that will look like an artist painted it. YOU will be the artist, and it will turn out amazing!

These hand-crafted signs make great gifts for Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Graduation or Teacher gifts! These signs are also a great way to personalize a space in your home.

Advance registration is required to have your custom template made. Choose the size of your sign: 12” x 12”, 4” x 24” or round 12”.

Call our office at **734.422.6230** or go online to miLIFESPAN.org to select your design. You will be able to choose your own colors of paint on April 29th. Cost is only \$30 per person and LIFESPAN gets a percentage of every ticket sold!

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Wayne County



Wee Care

To all our mothers and mothers-to-be...

...the new mom surrounded by family, flowers, balloons and gifts at the hospital...
...the new mom dropped off at the homeless shelter with her newborn baby...

...the mom cradling her adoptive baby as she is placed in her arms...

...the mom holding tightly her baby's blanket as she makes the ultimate sacrifice and gives her baby up for adoption...

...the mom, who has tried for so long, who cries tears of joy at discovering she is pregnant...

...the teen mom, who is terrified, who cries when she discovers she is pregnant...

To all our moms, mothers-to-be and their precious babies—we love you and care about you!

To moms, grandmothers, great-grandmothers everywhere—God bless you for having the hardest, best job in the world! Happy Mother's Day!
Love, Karen



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All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.

Think Before You...Travel



Life Decisions International has released a revised edition of their Boycott List. This lists corporations and companies that support Planned Parenthood. Below are companies you might want to think twice about before traveling.

Expedia

Operations: Leisure/travel (reservations: ClassicVacations.com, Egencia.com, Hotwire.com), lodging (reservations: ClassicVacations.com, Hotels.com, Hotwire.com, Trivago.com, Venere.com), transportation (reservations: CarRentals.com, ClassicVacations.com, Hotwire.com).

Contact: Mr. Dara Khosrowshahi, Pres. & CEO, Expedia Inc., 333 1-8th Ave. NE, Bellevue, WA 98004, Phone: 425-679-7200.

Hilton

Operations: Lodging (hotels/resorts: Conrad, Doubletree, Embassy Suites, Hampton Inns & Suites, HomeWood Suites, Home2 Suites, Waldorf Astoria).

Contact: Mr. Christopher J. Nassetta, Pres. & CEO, Hilton Worldwide Corp, 7930 Jones Branch Dr., Ste. 1100, McLean, VA 22102, Phone: 703-883-1000.

Marriott

Operations: Lodging (hotels/resorts: Autograph Collection [AC], Bulgari, Courtyard, Delta, Edition, ExecuStay, Fairfield Inn, Gaylord, Grand Residences, Horizons, Renaissance, Residence Inn, Ritz-Carlton, SpringHill Suites, TownePlace Suites)

Contact: Mr. Arne M. Sorenson, Pres. & CEO, Marriott International Corp., 10400 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817, Phone: 800-450-4222 or 301-380-3000.

Southwest Airlines

Operations: Leisure/travel

Contact: Mr. Gary C. Kelly, Chm., Pres. & CEO, Southwest Airlines Co., 2702 Love Field Dr., Dallas, TX 75235, Phone: 214-792-4000.

Wyndham

Operations: Lodging (hotels/resorts: Baymont Inn & Suites, Days Inn, Dream Hotels, Hawthorne, Howard Johnson, Knights Inn, Microtel Inns & Suites, Night, Planet Hollywood, Ramada, Super 8, Travelodge, TRYP Hotels, Windgate).

Contact: Mr. Stephen P. Holmes, Chm. & CEO, Wyndham Worldwide Corp., 22 Sylvan Way, Parsippany, NJ 07054, Phone: 973-753-6000.

Remember: It is important that you stop doing business with boycott targets. This is the first step. The second step is to contact these organizations and tell them why you are no longer supporting them. We have included the contact person for each company.

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Words of Wisdom

Professor of Neurobiology: Human Life Begins at Conception, Fertilization

Charlotte Lozier Institute

Maureen Condic, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor of Neurobiology and Anatomy at the University of Utah. She has been a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life, a distinguished group of physicians, scientists, and theologians from the international community whose mission it is to study questions and issues regarding the promotion and defense of human life from an interdisciplinary perspective, since 2014. Dr. Condic is one of our nearly 40 associate scholars. In this interview, she discusses the beginning of human life and the moral status of the human being.

What can science tell us about when human life begins?

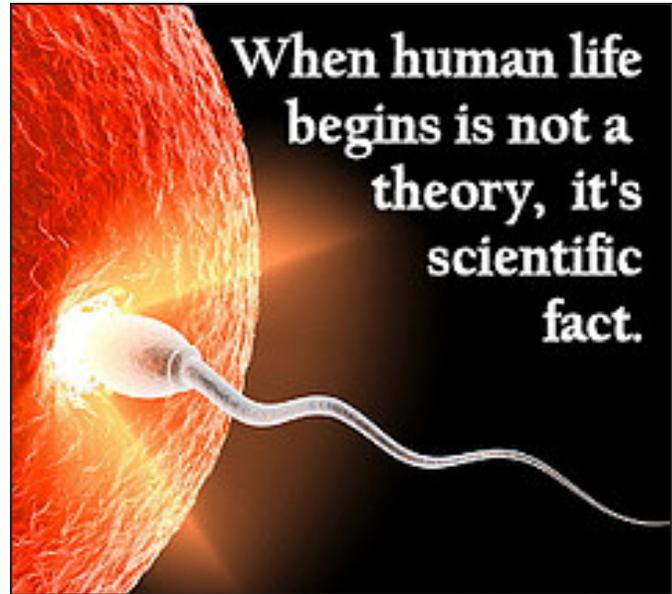
Condic: The question of when life begins has been addressed for a very long time by philosophers and religious thinkers—often without the benefit of detailed information regarding what actually happens during prenatal life. Consequently, this question has also been answered in a wide variety of ways, leading many to believe that the question simply cannot be answered.

The advantage of a scientific approach to the question of when life begins is that the answer is not based on opinion or personal values, but rather on direct observation. And in the modern age, we have very detailed observations, confirming beyond any reasonable doubt, that the cell produced by sperm-egg fusion (the zygote) is a human organism; i.e. a human being. We know this because immediately upon the binding and fusion of the gametes (a rapid event taking less than a quarter second to complete), the newly formed zygote enters into a sequence of molecular events that determine and direct its subsequent maturation and growth. The fact that the zygote autonomously initiates the process of embryonic development distinguishes it from a mere human cell and clearly indicates that it is a full and complete, albeit immature, member of the human species.

What can reason tell us about the moral status of the unique human being who comes into being at conception?

Condic: Similar to the question of when life begins, the question of when human beings have moral status and a right to life has also been answered in many ways. The three most common approaches are to confer rights based on 1) some aspect of form and/or function (ability), 2) social convention (or fiat) and 3) status as a human being (or nature).

Most of us reject linking rights to abilities as repugnant. It defies our basic sense of justice to envision a world where the strong, the beautiful, and the intelligent have a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, while the weak, the plain, and the slow are enslaved or



killed. Similarly, most of us find repulsive the idea that a simple plurality of opinion can decide, as it did in Nazi Germany, who has rights and who does not.

The principles of liberty and justice form the basis of all civilized societies. The only way of viewing human rights that does not offend these principles is that rights are inalienable for all human beings; i.e. that we have rights only and always because we are humans. And this would apply equally to humans at all stages of maturity, including the zygote stage.

Why is it important that the right to life of the human being from conception until natural death can be established by scientific and philosophical, rather than revelation-based, arguments? Does this mean that religious arguments are somehow unimportant or should be excluded from the public square?

Condic: I don't believe that the right to life of the human being can be established by a scientific argument. Science is simply a useful system for making accurate and neutral observations. As such, it does not speak to abstract principles like human rights.

In contrast, reason and logic are common to both philosophy and science. And the conclusion that all human beings have human rights is a logical, not a scientific conclusion. This does not mean that the truths revealed by religion have no place in formulating moral judgments. But I would argue that religious truths must be consistent with both reason and observation. For example, a religion that denies rights to people of a particular gender, race, or faith would have to reconcile this belief with scientific fact and place it within a logically consistent framework.

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Norma McCorvey, Jane Roe of *Roe v. Wade*, Passes Away: She Never Had an Abortion and Became Pro-Life

By Steven Ertelt



Norma McCorvey, who was the Jane Roe of the infamous *Roe vs. Wade* Supreme Court case legalizing virtually unlimited abortions, passed away recently. McCorvey never had an abortion and eventually became pro-life and dedicated her life to overturning the

horrible Supreme Court decision that bared her pseudonym. McCorvey died [February 18] at an assisted-living facility in Katy, Texas. She was 69.

McCorvey never wanted an abortion—she was seeking a divorce from her husband—but young, pro-abortion feminist attorney Sarah Weddington used McCorvey's case as a means of attempting to overturn Texas' law making most abortions illegal. Weddington took the case all the way to the Supreme Court, which invalidated every pro-life state law in the nation protecting unborn children and the rest is history.

But most Americans don't know that McCorvey, who was "pro-choice" on abortion at the time, became a pro-life advocate. She dedicated herself to reversing the Supreme Court case that bears her fictitious name, Jane Roe.

In a video, McCorvey explained her effort to obtain a legal abortion in the 1970s when facing an unplanned pregnancy. However, she never had an abortion and realized that her court case was the biggest mistake of her life.

"Back in 1973, I was a very confused twenty-one year old with one child and facing an unplanned pregnancy," she said in the ad. "At the time I fought to obtain a legal abortion, but truth be told, I have three daughters and never had an abortion."

"I think it's safe to say that the entire abortion industry is based on a lie... I am dedicated to spending the rest of my life undoing the law that bears my name," McCorvey said.

She concluded the 60-second ad with the words: "You read about me in history books, but now I am dedicated to spreading the truth about preserving the dignity of all human life from natural conception to natural death."

As pro-life attorney Casey Mattox wrote at *LifeNews.com* previously:

There is a 46-year-old woman, born in Texas, who should be dead right now. In fact, she should have never been born. Forty years ago, the Supreme Court decided that the Texas law that prevented Jane Roe from ending the life of her unborn daughter was unconstitutional. But by the time the Supreme Court issued its decision in 1973, she had already been born and adopted by a family—likely

not knowing that all that ink spilled in *Roe v. Wade* was about her.

Norma McCorvey is "Jane Roe." She claimed then that her pregnancy was the result of a rape, although for over a decade she had been outspokenly pro-life and publicly admitted that this, and virtually every fact on which her case was built, was a lie. Both McCorvey, and Sandra Cano, the Doe of *Doe v. Bolton*—"Roe's companion case from Georgia decided the same day—have been outspoken pro-life advocates who have sworn that their cases are built on lies.

But before the Supreme Court could decide whether McCorvey did have a constitutional right to end her unborn daughter's life, it had to overcome a procedural obstacle that slowed down the process—a delay that factored into whether her daughter would ever have a family.

Because of that delay, McCorvey had already had the child by the time the Supreme Court issued its decision in January 1973. She had been adopted into a Texas home, perhaps somewhere in the Dallas area where McCorvey lived. The court nevertheless said that McCorvey's case was not moot since her circumstances were "capable of repetition" because courts would never be able to decide the question during the time of a woman's pregnancy.

Procedural history is never the exciting part of a lawsuit. But for McCorvey's unborn daughter, the dry complexity of legal procedure is the reason she exists today. Fortunately for a three-year old girl, "the wheels of justice grind slowly," and by the time the court issued its decision, a Texas family had adopted her. If the courts could have moved more quickly, she (and her family) would have never had that chance. Lemonade comes from lemons.

It is unknown to me whether the adoptive family ever even knew that their daughter was the supposedly unwanted child who was the subject of *Roe*. As far as we know, they raised her not knowing who she was and certainly never telling her.

—*LifeNews.com*, February 18, 2017



SAVE THESE DATES! LIFESPAN EVENTS - 2017

Annual Dinner & Silent Auction: Tuesday, May 16

Mother's Day Flower Sale: Sunday, May 14

Garage Sale, May 18-20

Father's Day Pen/Candy Sale: Sunday, June 18

National Day of Remembrance: Saturday, September 9

LIFE CHAIN: Sunday, October 1

***“Mother” is the name for God
on the lips and hearts of children***

~ William Thackery ~

What an incredible thought. Take a moment not to be offended, but instead to soak that sentiment in.

To a child that knows nothing more, this is the power a mother holds. We are everything. Their giver of life, their protector, their nurturer, their shelter, their food source...everything.



When did we stop embracing that power? When did we stop celebrating it? When did it become something to destroy? When did we become at odds with those that depend on us for everything?

We control their entire universe yet feel “empowered” when we destroy it. How? And why? Just because we can? Because we are bigger and stronger and have the power to do so? As a feminist, that sounds awfully familiar.

The power to create and destroy. The power to give life and take it...I guess that does make us gods, huh? But isn't that everything people hate about God? How He allows evil, and destruction and death. After every natural disaster, after every school shooting, after every act of terrorism people are always asking where “God” was and why He didn't stop the violence.

Yet, when the violence is suddenly a “woman's right to choose,” we are silent in the face of human oppression.

Our ability to destroy another human being simply because they are powerless against our aggression, and can't say no...that will never be a human “right.” Because that is the very definition of oppression.

We have so much power. But how will we use it? For good or evil? To give life or to take it?

Violence against human beings—no matter how vulnerable, weak, or unwanted they are—that can never be something we champion as feminists or people.

We fight for those who cannot fight for themselves. And because of that, abortion is the human rights violation of our lifetime.

—Destiny Herndon-DeLaRosa, *New Wave Feminists*

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You can live on after death by helping those whose lives are threatened by abortion, euthanasia or infanticide. A bequest in your will to Right to Life - LIFESPAN will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

From the President's Desk

Norma McCorvey passed away February 18, 2017. Maybe some of you are not familiar with her. She was "Roe" in the 1973 Supreme Court Decision *Roe v. Wade*. Norma was a woman who was used by the ultra-liberal feminists, and then thrown away like the babies thrown in the garbage or dumped down the drain due to the *Roe* decision. Sarah Weddington and other ultra-feminist attorneys found in Norma an uneducated, poor, promiscuous substance abuser who faced an unwanted pregnancy.

Hearing Norma speak, years later, I saw a woman filled with remorse for her participation in this horrendous decision. By the manipulation of Norma, and through her, the Supreme Court and the rest of the nation, Weddington and her friends, with the help of untruths and a liberal press, managed to change a nation that protected all human life to a nation which permitted and tolerated the killing of the next generation.

I pray for Norma and I pray for all women who have been misled and used by those who have power and money. The real war on women is the propaganda which states that we as women need, above all things, total reproductive rights, which include, above all else, abortion. The real war on women is not informing, especially young women, the connection between abortion and breast cancer, the incurable diseases contracted by sexual promiscuity, the inability to have a solid relationship, if one has multiple sexual partners, and the pain and suffering so many women experience today because of their abortions 60-70 years post-procedure.

Norma will always be known as *Roe*—she was the woman in the *Roe v. Wade* decision. But, through the dedication of the pro-life community, she found her way to the knowledge of just what abortion is. She always regretted her action that caused so much death, yet knew she was forgiven. She tried passing this on to women who were suffering from their own abortions.

Remember always, when speaking with post-abortive women, that you can never know what is in their hearts. We must always be aware that in abortion, there are two

victims, the baby and the mother. Norma never did have an abortion, but due to the terrible court decision, she knew she was a part of thousands of deaths. Norma was a victim of a zealot feminist group of women who used her for their gain. She took the responsibility for her actions—she made the choice to follow these progressive feminists, and by doing so, her life was full of despair and guilt. May God have mercy on Norma's soul. May she now be at peace.

We must continue our work to help others understand the effects of abortion in their lives. Thank you for being there to help stop this evil that permeates our society.

—Diane Fagelman, President, Right to Life - LIFESPAN, Inc.

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Why should the state not fund or promote embryonic stem cell research, and what alternative research should the state support?

Condic: As a matter of justice, no state should support, or indeed tolerate, research that involves the destruction of a living human being. While embryonic stem cells are scientifically interesting, research on stem cells derived from ethical sources (for example; animal's stem cells, stem cells from mature tissues, and stem cells produced by cell reprogramming) are viable alternatives to human embryonic stem cell research.

Why are you pro-life? If you had 60 seconds to explain to someone why you have pursued the work that you have throughout your career, what do you tell them?

Condic: I have pursued scientific research because I am fascinated by how things work. And human development is an enormously complex, and therefore enormously engaging intellectual problem. It is also an astonishingly beautiful process; an elegant, intricate, and yet quite robust molecular dance. It seems to me that anyone who appreciates the beauty of human development and who has paused long enough to think through the logical implications, would inevitably have a profound respect and admiration for the beauty of human life.

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Lennart Nilsson, Who Took the Most Amazing Photos of Unborn Babies, Passes Away at 94

By Dave Andrusko

Each generation of pro-lifers is shaped and molded by what we might call common core knowledge. For those of us who were recruited in the 1970s and early 1980s that stock of must-read/must-view information included The Willkes' *Handbook on Abortion*, Jean Garton's *Who Broke the Baby?* and what were always called "the Nilsson photos."

The latter refers to a series of photos taken by Swedish photographer Lennart Nilsson which first appeared in *Life Magazine* and then in the book, *A Child is Born*.

Mr. Nilsson passed away [January 28] at 94.

Here's how one publication described the impact of Nilsson's work:

His 1965 book, *A Child is Born*, was one of the most successful photography albums ever, selling in the millions and becoming an iconic work for the anti-abortion movement. "Iconic" is one of the two or three most misused/overused words in the English language. In this case, it is absolutely accurate.



The *Independent* newspaper said of Nilsson: He started as a freelance photographer in the 1940s but later experimented with photographic techniques to take extreme close-ups.

By combining that with very thin endoscopes that became available in the mid-1960s, he was able to take the photos that made him famous.

What I did not know about Nilsson until I read a brief obituary was "He is commonly credited with the first photographs of the AIDS virus and the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) virus, using a scanning electron microscope."

Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

"When the supporters of abortion were arguing that the baby was nothing more than a 'blob of tissue,'" said Dr. Randall K. O'Bannon, NRLC Director of Education & Research, "these photographs were exposing that lie on the magazine racks of checkout counters all across America."

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