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COME TO THE RALLY

To memorialize the
19th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*

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January 22 Highlights

Bells for babies

In conjunction with nationwide prolife activities, churches are being asked to toll their bells on January 22, 1992 in solemn remembrance of the 28 million unborn children killed through abortion since 1973.

If your church has bells, please request your pastor to ring them 28 times at noon to participate in this remembrance. If your church does not have bells, Lifespan has some audio tapes of ringing bells which are available for churches to borrow. Call us at 533-9090 if your church plans to participate or if you wish to borrow a tape. It is suggested that your bells also be rung during services on Saturday, January 18 and Sunday, January 19.

Candles

Lifespan's Chapter offices have candle kits available for you to use as luminaries on your front porch on the night of January 21. We urge you to contact your local chapter to obtain at least one candle to burn through the night in memory of the 28 million babies who have lost their lives. For Chapter office phone numbers, see pages 6 and 7. Candle kits will also be available at some local churches.

March for Life, Washington, D. C., January 22

The 19th Annual March for Life will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 1992 in Washington, D.C. This year's theme is "Ensure the Right to Life at the Federal Level."

Prolife Americans in multitudes must rally on Jan. 22 to give our strong, clear prolife message to abortionists and all of official Washington: "Stop the killing of our unborn brothers and sisters."

We will Rally in the Mall at 7th Street for the Program at 12:00 noon, then March for Life along Constitution Avenue to the Capitol and Supreme Court.

A live broadcast of the March program will be heard on Washington station WOL 1450 AM from noon to 1:00 p.m. You are urged to bring your portable radio with you to the March; though a very large sound system is in place, there are distractions with the large crowd.

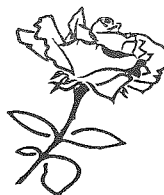
After the March, each participant is encouraged to go into the Congressional Office Buildings to lobby with his/her Representative and Senators. Appointments with your Congressmen should be coordinated with your local Lifespan chapter.

Lifespan is chartering a bus for your convenience in attending the March. Please see the reservation form below. For more information, call 533-9090.

Say it with roses!

On Jan. 22, live red roses are delivered to each Member of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the President and Vice President.

If you would like to "say it with roses," send your name, address, city, state, zip and phone, along with a check for \$3.00 for each rose requested, to MARCH FOR LIFE, Box 90300, Washington, D. C. 20090.



Memorial service

On Sun., Jan. 19th at 7 p.m. Warren/Center Line RTL is holding an ecumenical memorial service at North Pointe Baptist Church, 11174 13 Mile Rd. (between Hoover and Van Dyke). After the service there will be a procession and prayers at the abortion clinic next door. Contact Roger at 771-5772.

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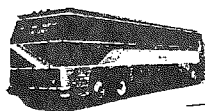
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Come with us to the MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington, D. C.!



Right to Life - Lifespan is chartering a bus that will depart Livonia at 7:30 p.m. the evening of Jan. 21st. It will depart Washington, D. C. on Jan. 22nd at 5:30 p.m. and arrive in Livonia at approximately 5:30 a.m. on Jan. 23rd. The cost of this bus transportation is \$60.00. Make checks payable to **Right to Life - Lifespan**. To reserve a space on the bus for yourself and friends, please complete the form below and mail it with your check to: 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia 48152. For more information, call 533-9090. Trip is contingent upon number of reservations made by January 7.

Yes, reserve a space for me on the Jan. 21st bus trip to Washington, D. C.!

(Minors must be accompanied by an adult.)

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ (If necessary, please use a separate sheet of paper to list additional names.)

Celebrate Life Rally

Sunday, January 19, 2 - 3 p.m., Kennedy Square, Detroit

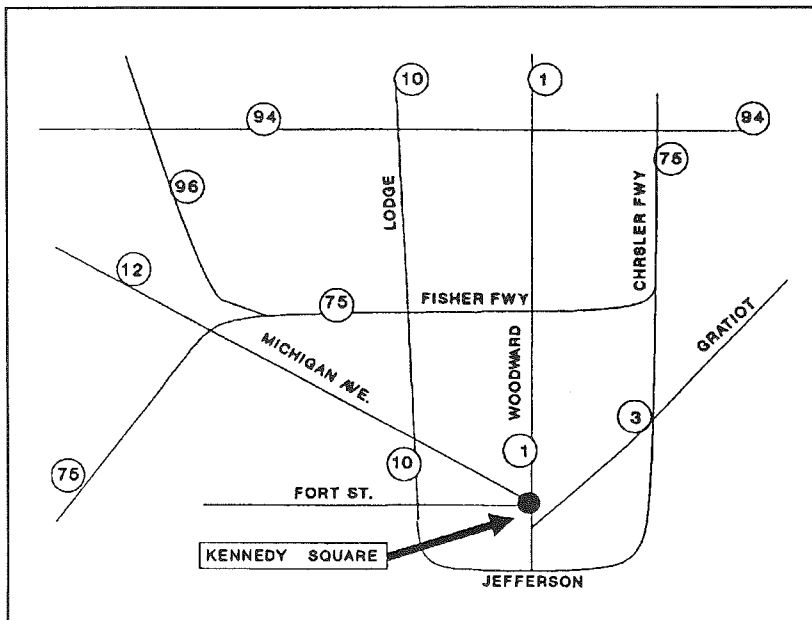
A Celebrate Life Rally will be held on January 19, 1992 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Kennedy Square in downtown Detroit. This annual prolife rally is hosted by the Detroit Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit.

Each year on the Sunday before the January 22nd anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, proliferers gather to memorialize the 1973 Supreme Court decision. 1992 will mark the 19th year of legalized abortion on demand.

We invite you to come Celebrate Life with us. Life is a beautiful gift from God. The rally is a family event so bring your children. There will be balloons, music and speakers. Al Kresta and Sandra Murray will be the featured speakers, and the St. Charles Gospel Choir will perform.

Bus transportation will be available, free of charge, from the Lifespan Chapter offices in Birmingham and Livonia.

For more information and/or to make a reservation for the bus, call 874-0432 or 533-9090. Hope to see you there!



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. For more information and/or Rally fliers, call 533-9090 or Carol at 861-2749 evenings/weekends.
2. Reproduce and distribute the flier to family, friends, co-workers and church members, encouraging them to attend.
3. Bus transportation will be available free of charge. Call the phone numbers above for a reservation.
4. Carpool or bring a bus load. Bring at least 5 other people.
5. Pray, pray, pray.

Abortion 
stops a beating heart

Call Lifespan 533-9090

It's not too late to help with the "Adopt a Billboard" Campaign. We still have not reached our goal. Please fill out the form below and send it in with your donation. Thank you.

Please make your contribution payable to:

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, MI 48152

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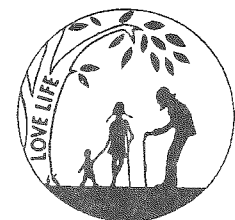
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We are sorry, but your donation is not tax-deductible.



The Horror Within Dr. Tiller's Clinic

*A former employee describes
the methods and ethics
of Wichita's most notorious abortionist.*

In a letter delivered July 9 to the Wichita City Council, Luhra Tivis described her experience as a former employee of Dr. George Tiller, the Wichita physician who aborts babies between six and nine months' gestation. Her horror over Tiller's practices led her to oppose late-term abortions.

The following is an excerpt from Tivis' letter.

Dear Gentlemen:

I am a former employee of Dr. Tiller. I worked for him for about seven months approximately four years ago.

My job involved typing report letters on all the abortions and handling patient medical records. After six weeks of working solely on the computer, I was trained in answering the phones in order to schedule patient appointments. It was at this time, coupled with my growing awareness of the medical significance of the patient medical records, that I began to realize the scope and intent of Dr. Tiller's late abortion practice.

I found that a very high percentage of the late-term abortions were done on healthy fetuses. I handled the records for every patient on whom Dr. Tiller performed an abortion for over six months. In every instance, the fact of the condition of the fetus was noted in the records, whether it suffered from some abnormality, such as spina bifida, or was normal.

Since I was there for a relatively representative time period, I can note that the number of late-term abortions performed each week averaged 10-20 per week. The financial return on such procedures was known to all employees, since all knew the prices which had to be quoted over the phone, and since sales figures in numbers of sales were posted in the office. Through that information, and by figuring a conservatively high cost-of-doing-business, I estimate that Dr. Tiller's entire practice, consisting primarily of the late-term abortions, brings in a net of \$500,000 per year, in addition to his investments and other ventures.

It is my personal feeling that Dr. Tiller doesn't care about women, that he exploits them in his medical practices and that he acts in an unprincipled and unethical manner in the pursuit and protection of his late-term abortion practice.

Since I could no longer respect Dr. Tiller, and could not in good conscience ignore the ramifications of his late-term abortion practice, I decided to give information about him to the governor and the media. It was a difficult decision for me, since I am not a person in a position of importance, have very little money, and felt myself to be vulnerable to possible retaliation. But I thought about the viable fetuses, living babies, that he was killing each and

every week, and I couldn't remain silent.

Please allow me to briefly inform you as to the methods Dr. Tiller uses in performing late-term abortions. Although many clinics who refer patients to him think that he performs tests for viability on the fetus, to my knowledge no such tests were ever performed while I worked there. The first day the procedure is initiated, a needle is inserted into the living heart of the fetus and a "foeticidal agent" as Dr. Tiller calls it, is injected to kill the fetus. Over the next couple of days, laminaria packs are inserted into the cervix of the patient, and labor-inducing drugs are administered. Sonograms are done at various points in the procedure — and Dr. Tiller measures the BPD (bi-parietal diameter) at its *narrowest* point, instead of at the usually measured widest point, leading to a BPD reading by Dr. Tiller of, say, 24 weeks gestation, when the medically accepted norm might be 26 weeks gestation. This method is not illegal, but is currently just a matter of accepted practice.

Aided by the body's natural inclination to expel a dead fetus, labor commences on the fourth or fifth day, and the group of patients are kept in a room in the basement together, separated by only a few feet of space from each

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Nevada — A 21-year-old Las Vegas woman is dead after an abortion which perforated her uterus, according to an article in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. Anjelica Duarte, about 19 weeks pregnant, sought an abortion at the Women's Place abortion clinic Oct. 30. She began hemorrhaging after the abortion, performed by Dr. Larry Thompson, and was taken to a nearby hospital. A hospital spokesman said she was dead on arrival, having lost 90 percent of her blood after hemorrhaging for about four hours. She leaves behind a husband and two daughters, ages 1 and 3.

National Right to Life Chapter News, 11/12/91

Brooke Shields says she could never have abortion — Actress Brooke Shields was quoted in the August issue of *Redbook* magazine as saying: "Being a virgin is nothing to be ashamed of. It's sacred. I'd be ashamed if I slept with someone just for the h--- of it. And I'd be devastated if I slept with a guy and he ran around saying, 'I had sex with Brooke Shields.'"

She also said, "I could never, ever have an abortion. Even if I were raped by a man who was a drug addict, I'd have the baby. And I'd keep it."

LA Times, 8/10/91

Ann's choice: Score two for life

By Jay McNally

Dr. James Smith looked at his patient thoughtfully after the exam in his small office.

It was time for the 38-year-old mother of six to give up making babies. The objective medical conditions were clear — more than clear — and he minced no words as he explained the awful truth.

"You know, Ann, you might not survive another labor and delivery. This one might kill you," he said. The new child growing within her would be due only 17 months after Ann's twins had been born. "I know a doctor who will perform an abortion for you."

Not much was said for a few short, but seemingly eternal moments. Ann was a registered nurse who presumably knew all about these things.

"I don't see any alternative," he said plaintively.

Not much thought went into Ann's decision. There would be no abortion, she declared firmly. God willing, things would turn out OK. And if they didn't it was God's will anyway. It was tough to lose when applying those kinds of metaphysical principles. Or perhaps, in the eyes of the physician, superstitions.

John Walter was born in a terrible fury, blasting his way into the world with such force that Ann's insides were badly torn. The predicted complications set in and Ann was rushed to the intensive care unit with massive hemorrhaging that flowed unabated for days. Her husband was told to expect the very worst as she received pint after pint of blood.

The brothers and sisters of the newborn were shunted out to friends and family. It was reported that the Monroe IHM nuns, two of whom were Ann's sisters, were storming the heavens with prayers for Ann. And the baby, and the family. Informal discussions included deciding where the children would be sent if Ann died.

God and Mother Nature prevailed and Ann survived her closest call with the Grim Reaper.

But the story repeated itself five years later, with a less blissful outcome. Upon learning of the pregnancy, the same doctor declared there was little chance of survival for Ann. He explained it was a miracle — if there is such a thing to a doctor who prescribes abortions — that Ann had lived through her latest delivery. There was, he declared, no possible alternative to abortion this time.

Ann, at age 43, perhaps too dogmatically, too stubbornly, declined the offer

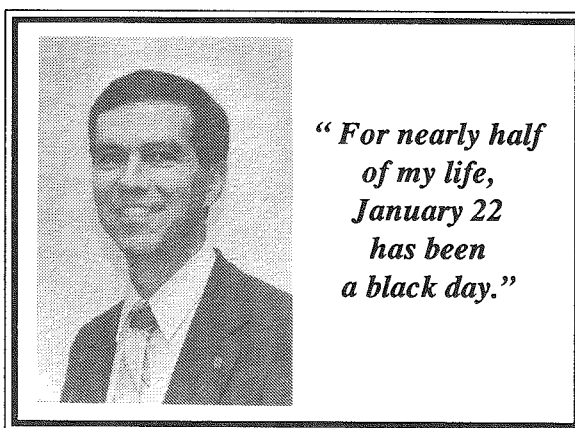
frightening, and I will go to my grave with one disappointment, which is probably just as well. I have not had the opportunity to meet my would-be executioner.

Tuesday, January 22, is the 18th anniversary of the notorious *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court ruling that made abortion legal at any stage of pregnancy in America.

For nearly half of my life, January 22 has been a black day. It is a day of deep sadness for those who understand the

brutality of abortion and the depth of the abyss into which the United States is falling. After a generation of disposable babies, leaders in the medical and legal community in 1991 march lock-step in defense of easy disposal of the handicapped and elderly.

January 22 is a day I thank God that in a quiet room 39 years ago, my mother stood against the



and went on with the pregnancy: God's will, simply.

It wasn't a showpiece delivery, but it wasn't bad. No complications. But several days later Ann suffered a stroke.

Maybe, some will argue, the doctor was right. Maybe Ann should have stopped at six children. Maybe the abortion — or the abortions — would have been best.

I've heard the story of Ann's last two deliveries hundreds, maybe thousands of times. I am John Walter, the little tyke who was the central figure in that first drama 39 years ago. Needless to say, I have strong opinions about what most in the medical community and the media today would cite as Ann's peculiar, unintelligent behavior.

And Clare, my younger sister, if she were so blessed as to be in the newspaper business, would share an opinion too.

The certainty with which the doctor decided my mother would die is

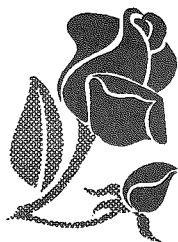
world, against the supposedly best medical advice, and said simply, "no."

By her quiet example she taught me perhaps the greatest lesson: In the depths of despair there is always hope.

A final point about that stroke that seemed so awful 33 years ago. Ann recovered completely and has, by any standard, lived a full, rich life. These days she's enjoying her 15 grandchildren and anxiously awaiting number 16, Clare's third.

*Michigan Catholic, 1/18/91
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Editor's Note: Jay McNally is Editor of the Michigan Catholic and a member of Right to Life - Lifespan. Though it has been a year since this article originally appeared in the MC, it was purposely saved to be reprinted now because of its timely poignancy. This January 22 marks the 19th year of legalized abortion.



Chapter

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Office hours

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

Christmas cards

To those who worked so hard to sell our Christmas cards and gave so generously of their time and to all our friends who were so kind in purchasing them, we wish to extend our most sincere thanks. We wish to extend to all of you a very peaceful and happy New Year.

Take a bus to Kennedy Square

Time is running out, and we need to know immediately if you plan to take the bus to the Celebrate Life Rally on Sunday, January 19, 1992 in Kennedy Square in Detroit. The number to call is 874-0432 or 533-9090. Please call at once. Leave your message on the answering machine if we are not available. Thank you.

Needed

The Detroit Chapter is in need of a volunteer with a station wagon or van to occasionally pick up baby cribs and

other baby items to be delivered in the Detroit area to mothers-to-be who have no means of transportation. Our volunteer who has been doing this for years recently turned 81 and no longer has a car large enough to transport these items. This work is rather sporadic, sometimes occurring a couple times a month with intervals of maybe 2 or 3 months. Please call Betty Queen at 874-0432 or 775-8776 for further information.

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Diane Fagelman, Chairman
Clare Schneider, Secretary

New Year's message to all members of Lifespan - Oakland County Chapter

A heartfelt thank you for your support of Lifespan in dues, service and prayers. We could not continue our efforts without you.

January is dues renewal month, and the Membership Committee hopes to get in touch with each and every one of you personally to learn how we can better serve you in 1992.

We still need a chairperson for the coming Bowling for Life, a first-time project, and help with the annual Mother's Day Dinner.

A special thanks to all our Church Representatives who have served Lifespan over many years. Their tireless efforts have been the backbone of the Right to Life movement.

The first regional meeting was a success, and we are looking forward to the succeeding meetings to come in January.

Next time you see your Church Rep give him or her a pat on the back for a job well done. They need your encouragement and to know you really do care!

Special recognition and gratitude must go to the members of the Board of Directors of Lifespan - Oakland County Chapter. As a group they have given Lifespan over 140 years of service.

Tom O'Neill, Phyllis Sullivan, Diane Trombley, Margaret Joyce and myself have given over twenty years each.

Irene Tharp and Pat Barrett served over ten years.

Sue Hopkins and Cinda Holloway are well on the way to five and Holly Pomaville well over that.

Joe Johnson and Mary Ehlen joined us in 1991.

Let's hear a round of applause for these very special volunteers!

May all of you enjoy good health, wealth and prosperity in 1992. May you find joy, hope and inner peace in your lives today and tomorrow. Keep us in your prayers.

Yours in Life,
Diane Fagelman, Chairman

Write to Oakland's Prosecuting Attorney

We encourage you to write to Richard Thompson, Oakland County Prosecuting Attorney, in support of his efforts to bring Dr. Kevorkian to justice.

Even though Kevorkian did not actively administer the final injection that resulted in the deaths of three women, he created the equipment that allowed them to kill themselves. Kevorkian is an accomplice. The Right to Die implies the Right to Kill.

Write: Mr. Richard Thompson, Prosecuting Attorney, 230 Elizabeth Lake Rd., Pontiac 48341.

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M-F 9-4

Patricia Holscher, Chairman
Linda Kournoian, Ofc. Mgr.

We have not moved!

We are still in the shopping center at the northwest corner of Inkster and Schoolcraft.

Yes, Patricia, there is a Santa Claus!

For years, our volunteers have remarked about our outdated system of routine record-keeping, letter-writing and other everyday tasks.

If you've been in the Schoolcraft office lately, however, you know all the excitement and smiles are attributable to the new computer and printer which has its place of honor.

Although the donors wish to remain anonymous, our Board of Directors, volunteers, Linda and I thank them for their generosity. We also got a professional programmer in the deal! Our thanks, also, to the gentleman who donated the great computer table.

Bake sale for LIFE

Our thanks to Sheila Burke and the fine bakers from St. Raphael's for the successful bake sale they had for the Wayne West/Downriver Chapter. This financial help could not have come at a better time.

If you could have a fundraiser for our Chapter, it would be greatly appreciated as donations during 1991 have been down drastically because of the economy.

We operate entirely on donations and are not funded by any other source.

Melvindale CPC

The Crisis Pregnancy Center at 18595 Prospect across from the Melvindale High School needs office volunteers and pregnancy counselors. They would like to schedule appointments between 1 and 3 p.m. and do not have trained people who can work these hours. If you volunteer, you would be thoroughly trained. After-school counseling is a MUST — this is an age group we're trying to reach. If you can help, please call Debbie at 382-6879.

Speakers

If you've been considering having a speaker at your church or for an organization, you may preview three of our speakers at the following churches on Sanctity of Life Weekend, January 18 and 19:

Margaret Spas, St. Edith, Livonia
Mary Ryan, St. Raphael, Garden City
Charles (Chip) Kleinbrook, St. Valentine, Redford

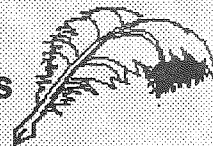
Call 422-6230 for times and locations.

Kudos!

To everyone who participated in our '91 Christmas Card sales, general chairmen, distributors, buyers and sellers, we thank you for an outstanding job. This takes a lot of time and effort on everyone's part to make this project successful. Because of you, 105,000 homes will receive the prolife message that God is the Creator of all Life.

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Downriver Chapter
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From the President's Desk



Dear Friends,

Have you made your New Year's resolutions yet? Maybe you've already broken most of them, but I've got one more for you.

Decide to do something at least once a month to advance the prolife movement, or even better once a week. Write a letter to the editor or your congressman. Bring your family to the Detroit Rally, attend one of the upcoming prolife seminars, give a gift at our baby showers to benefit the crisis pregnancy centers in April, or at least share this newsletter with a friend. Believe me, there is much to do.

This reminds me of a story which you may have heard, but it bears repeating. I particularly like it because I grew up one block from the Gulf of Mexico in Florida and spent a lot of time on the beach.

Every morning thousands of starfish were left stranded by the tide on a stretch of beach. Tourists came to the beach to gather the starfish for souvenirs.

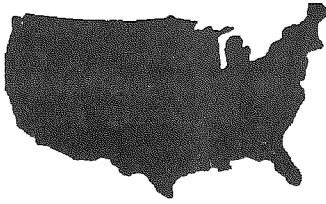
However, one of the local boys tried to beat them to the starfish, and he would fling as many as he could back into the ocean before they died.

This went on day after day. Finally, someone asked the boy why he was making such an effort to save a few starfish.

As he was throwing another starfish to safety, he replied, "It makes a difference to this one!"

It's up to you to make the difference.

Babies, not starfish, are dying.



Legislative

NATIONAL NEWS

Addresses

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Dear Senator (last name):
or

Dear Representative (last name):

A dangerous new law

Starting December 1, any adults who enter a hospital or nursing home will now be told they have a right to have a living will or durable power of attorney for health care, and asked if they have one.

On that date, the federal "Danforth Amendment" — sometimes called the "Patient Self-Determination Act" — went into effect.

Long promoted by the Society for the Right to Die and medical organizations, the "living will" is a written legal document that directs that life-preserving medical treatment or care — and often food and fluids — be withheld from the document's author under certain conditions. A "durable power of attorney for health care" is a different written legal document that names another person who will be authorized to make decisions about health care — including the withholding of life-preserving medical treatment or care, and often food and fluids — for the author if the author becomes incompetent (no longer able to make decisions for himself or herself). Both are considered "advance directives" because they give directions in advance for whether medical treatment or food and fluids should be provided, or who is to make such decisions.

Contrary to some misunderstandings, the federal law does not require patients to sign either a living will or a durable power of attorney. Indeed, the law [the key parts of which are found in 32 U.S.C. §1395 cc(f)] specifically forbids health care facilities from requiring an advance directive of

any kind as a condition of providing medical care.

These days, however, most of the push to cut off lifesaving medical treatment, food, and fluids does not come from patients or family members pressuring health care providers still committed to the Hippocratic Oath. Instead, it comes from health care providers who have long ago repudiated Hippocratic principles and who try to bring about the death of patients with a "low quality of life."

In this context, the great danger as the Danforth Amendment goes into effect is that cost-conscious hospitals and nursing homes will use the admission interviews and the "community education" programs which it mandates to convince patients that they really ought to sign documents yielding up their right to live. By raising the spectre of "runaway medical technology" and the financial and emotional "burdens" on a patient's family, they may induce many out of fear or a sense of ethical obligation to sign documents not truly reflecting their wishes.

Instead of signing a form provided by a hospital — or the Society for the Right to Die — it appears increasingly necessary to prepare different documents directing that one receive food and fluids, and receive life-saving medical treatment in all but very clearly and narrowly defined circumstances.

*Excerpts from an article by Burke Balch
National Right to Life Committee
State Legislative Director
NRL News, 12/10/91*

The Horror Within . . .

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other, and delivered of their dead infants. However, occasionally a labor begins at the motel where the patients are required to stay, so Dr. Tiller keeps a nurse there at night.

I feel that Dr. Tiller's late-term abortion practice is wrong and bad and should be made illegal. It is a blot on the record of the Kansas Legislature that they have allowed this nauseating business to continue.

Syndicated columnist Cal Thomas has reported that Peggy Jarman, spokeswoman for Tiller, acknowledged that Tivis once worked at the clinic and handled its medical records, but denies that the clinic performs 10 to 20 late-term abortions every week. Jarman says the number was closer to 10 per year. Thomas said Jarman did not return two phone calls he made in an effort to clarify the discrepancy.

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Assisted Suicide

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need to examine the experiment with euthanasia in the Netherlands where the government has found at least a thousand cases in which physicians killed patients without their explicit request!

The advocates of this movement were confident the people of the state of Washington would launch a nationwide movement with the passage of a euthanasia proposition at the ballot box. But the voters in Washington overwhelmingly said no after fully examining the ominous implications of such a policy.

It is vitally important that we address the question of ending a prolonged terminal illness with laws that are very carefully and very narrowly drawn. Michigan has passed the Durable Power of Attorney legislation that allows an individual to designate another person

to make medical decisions if that individual becomes incapable of acting on his or her own behalf. Withdrawal or withholding of treatment for a terminally ill person to hasten an imminent death and to ease suffering is one thing. Euthanasia, the active destruction of a non-terminal life, is something completely different. In my opinion, we must proceed with extreme caution, always attentive to government's role in preserving and protecting life.

The events in Michigan, the various court rulings and the vagueness of our laws make it very clear that Michigan must develop responsible legislation dealing with this controversial issue.

*Sen. Frederick Dillingham,
R-Fowlerville, is a 14-year veteran of
the State Legislature*

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Please note:

Legislation has been introduced by Rep. Ted Wallace, D-Detroit, which would allow physicians to administer fatal injections to their patients who request it under certain guidelines.

This is very dangerous legislation and is similar to the initiative which was defeated in Washington State in November.

If this so-called "Death with Dignity Act of 1992" is passed by the Legislature and signed by Gov. John Engler, it would be subject to a statewide vote before taking effect.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Please contact your state legislators. Tell them you are opposed to doctor-assisted suicide and support Senate Bill 32 to make it illegal.

Right to Life -Lifespan, in conjunction with a number of prolife and pro-family organizations in the Detroit area, presents a must event for anyone who wants to be an effective advocate for the rights of the unborn.

The Life Activist Seminar

with Mark Crutcher

You will learn . . .

- . . . the right answers to the tough questions
- . . . the questions they can't answer
- . . . the practical application of sales and debating strategies
- . . . how to handle the sales tactics used by abortion advocates
- . . . how to discuss abortion on our terms
- . . . how to survive against a hostile media
- . . . and much more!

Saturday, February 1, 1992

Check-in time between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m.

Seminar is from 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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Registration: \$30 per person (including manual)

\$45 for a husband and wife (sharing one manual)

You **MUST** pre-register to attend - no walk-in registrations will be accepted. To register, your check made out to Life Activist Seminars must be received by January 27. Send to: Life Activist Seminars, P. O. Box 2302, Denton, TX 76202. Please indicate that you heard about this through Right to Life - Lifespan. There will be a lunch break, but lunch is not included with reserv.

The Power of Friendly Persuasion: Getting Out the Prolife Message

featuring

DR. JEAN GARTON
President
National Lutherans for Life

and

DR. MOLLY KELLY
Executive Director
Pennsylvanians for Human
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SEMINAR

Saturday, March 28, 1992
Brother Rice High School
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
\$35.00, includes lunch

Seats are limited to the
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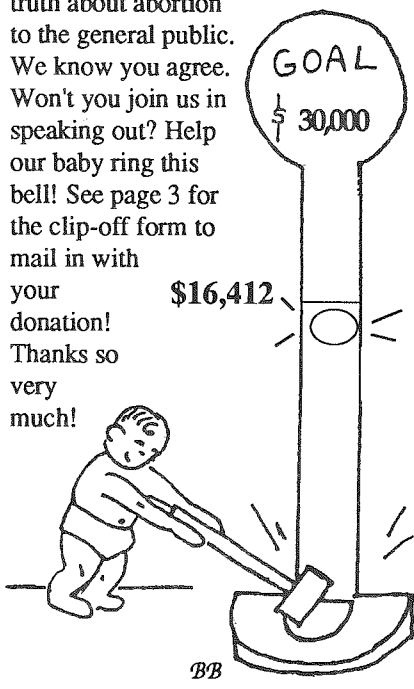
Showers predicted!

On Sunday, April 5th, Right to Life - Lifespan will be hosting over 20 baby showers simultaneously at different locations throughout the metro area for crisis pregnancy centers.

If you or your church would like to help coordinate a baby shower, please call Mary Jo Raftery, our Baby Shower Co-Chairman, at 261-3383, or our Main Office at 533-9090. The babies need you!

Have you seen one yet?

There are over 50 Lifespan billboards throughout the metro Detroit area proclaiming the message, "Abortion stops a beating heart." We feel this is a very effective way to tell the truth about abortion to the general public. We know you agree. Won't you join us in speaking out? Help our baby ring this bell! See page 3 for the clip-off form to mail in with your donation! Thanks so very much!



1992 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 19 Celebrate Life Rally
Kennedy Square
- Jan. 22 Anniversary of
Roe v. Wade
- Feb. 1 Life Activist Seminar
Mark Crutcher
- Mar. 28 Prolife Seminar
Featuring Molly Kelly
and Jean Garton
- Apr. 5 Baby Showers for
Crisis Pregnancy
Centers

Natural family planning

A series of four classes on Natural Family Planning will be presented by the Couple to Couple League at Christ the Good Shepherd Parish, 3737 Howard, Lincoln Park.

The classes will be held on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon: January 11, February 8, 29 and March 21, 1992.

To register or ask questions, call the teaching couple, John and Claire Mueller, 729-5407.

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit Membership Form

Right to Life - Lifespan believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Membership	\$ 15.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly pledge	\$ _____
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Vietnam War (58,655)

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