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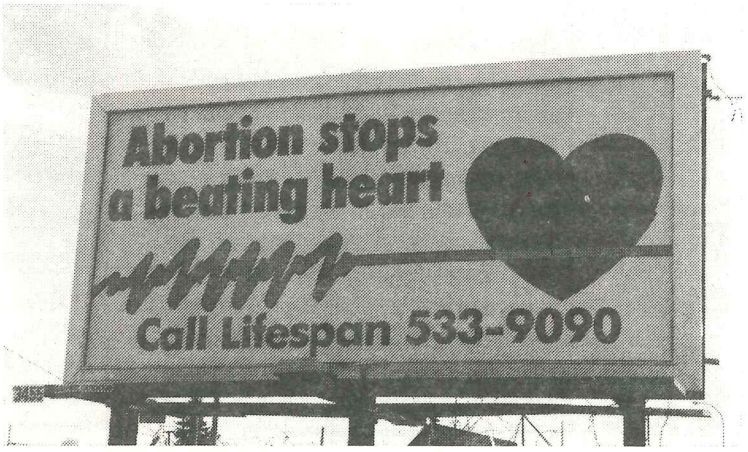

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"Mother of the Year"

In conjunction with our Mother's Day Dinner, we will be honoring a "Mother of the Year." We are looking for nominations from among our members or others for this award. The nominee must be a resident of the Metro Detroit area. Nominations must be submitted in writing explaining why you feel this person qualifies for "Mother of the Year." **Nominations must be received no later than April 15th.** No nominations by or for Right to Life - Lifespan board members will be considered.

Our "Mother of the Year" will be an honored guest at the dinner. She will be awarded a plaque for 1992, a dozen long-stemmed roses, and a $100 gift certificate to J. C. Penney's.

If your nominee is chosen, you will also receive a free ticket to the dinner. If the "Mother of the Year" is nominated by two or more individuals, the first one received will be eligible for the free ticket.

Last year's Mother of the Year was Betty Wasner of Lincoln Park. Betty was nominated by her daughter, Mary Stehno.

Please include your name, address and phone number and also the address and phone number of your nominee. Mail or deliver your nomination for "Mother of the Year" to Right to Life - Lifespan, 28200 Seven Mile Rd., #127, Livonia, MI 48152.

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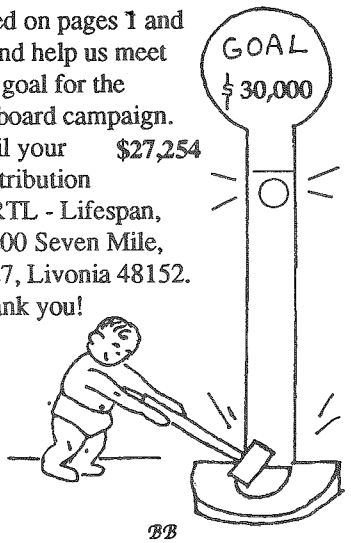

Texas girl dies in abortion

A 17-year-old girl died after an abortion at the West Loop Clinic in Houston, Texas Nov. 2. The young woman was reportedly 22 weeks pregnant and began bleeding profusely after the abortion. She was taken to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

The abortionist, Robert Crist, dismissed the attention given to the young woman's death as media hype. "The whole thing smacks of a media event," he complained to the Associated Press. "We're easy to attack. We're a favorite target now."

Crist has been the subject of multiple malpractice suits in the past, and one other woman is known to have died after an abortion performed by him in 1981. Crist, who at one time worked at the Reproductive Health Services abortion clinic in St. Louis named in the *Webster* case, now performs abortions at clinics in Houston and Springfield, Missouri.

The death of the Texas girl followed closely another abortion-related death, that of Angelica Duarte in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ms. Duarte hemorrhaged for hours after a 19-week abortion performed by Dr. Larry Thompson.

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BABY SHOWER SUGGESTIONS

Sleepers (light to medium weight) 3 mos. to 1 year
White T-shirts - 3 mos. to 1 year or 8-10 lbs. to 1 year
Socks and footies
Receiving blankets
Crib sheets
Cloth diapers/disposable diapers (newborn & medium)
Plastic pants, Baby wipes
Wash cloths/towels
Teething rings/rattles
Clear plastic bottles (without inserts)
Terry cloth bibs
Personal hygiene items for baby: shampoo, soap, nail clippers, thermometers
Cribs and Porta-cribs
Bassinets, Strollers, Swings
Car Seats, High Chairs
Slippers/nightgowns for Moms

Democratic presidential candidates support abortion on demand

Billed as the "first annual pro-choice gala," a January 22 National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) banquet was attended by all five Democratic presidential candidates in Washington, D.C.

Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, Senators Tom Harkin (Iowa) and Bob Kerry (Nebraska), former California Governor Jerry Brown, and former Massachusetts Senator Paul Tsongas all pledged their commitment to the pro-abortion cause.

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February 4, 1992

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Columnist Joseph Sobran asks:

"Why aren't abortionists referred to as serial killers?"

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit

continuing the tradition of caring for mothers and their babies (born and yet to be born)

invites you to its third annual

BABY SHOWER

Can't Come??

Please help to collect items new moms and babies need (cribs, car seats, diapers, baby clothing, maternity clothes, etc), or consider a cash gift. Call the Life-span office 533-9090 to arrange pick-up.

Sunday, April 5, 1992
2 - 3:30 pm

To Benefit Local Pregnancy Help Centers

Join others for an afternoon of fun and refreshments. Bring new or used (but usable) baby or maternity items. Baby showers will be held simultaneously at the following locations:

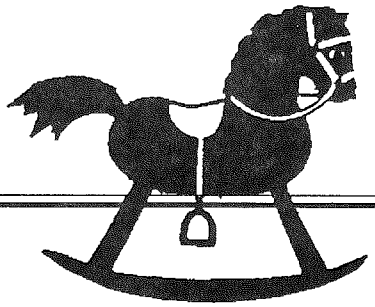
Emmanuel Baptist Church
960 E. Huron River Dr.
Belleville

St. Regis Church
Fr. Shields Room
3695 Lincoln Dr.
Birmingham

St. Mel Church
Church Hall
7506 Inkster Rd.
Dearborn Heights

Assumption Grotto Church
13770 Gratiot
Detroit

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Church Basement
23615 Power Rd.
Farmington



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5775 Merriman
Garden City

St. Clare Church
Teen Room
1401 Whittier
Grosse Pointe Park

Memorial Church of Christ
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35475 Five Mile Rd.
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Ward Presbyterian Church
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26244 Ryan Rd.
Warren

New Life Community Church
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St. Joseph Church
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Lake Orion

To volunteer to help or for additional information, call Right to Life - Lifespan at 533-9090

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Regina Teens for Life

by Christina R. Cascos

In November, Regina Teens for Life became an official organization at Regina High School in Harper Woods. At our 1st organizational meeting, 30 girls joined. After electing officers, our challenge to educate began. We had a booth with educational material and the fetal models at the Regina Open House, where 7th and 8th graders in the area come to see our school. We also had a baby item collection for a local pregnancy aid center. We held a memorial service on January 22. In the future, we also plan on having a schoolwide assembly and fundraising.

Editor's Note: Regina Teens for Life will be hosting a Lifespan Baby Shower for a Crisis Pregnancy Center in St. Clare Church's Teen Room (in the basement of the gym), 1401 Whittier, Grosse Pointe Park, April 5, 2-3:30 p.m.

Go-fer wanted!

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 to mothers-to-be who have no means of transportation. Our volunteer who has been doing this for years recently turned 82 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. Call Betty Queen at 874-0432 or 775-8776.

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Dear Pro-Life Friends,

Attending the Life Activist Seminar presented by Mark Crutcher gave me encouragement and reinforced my convictions that Lifespan has been doing the right things when it comes to the "Respect for Life" issues and "The Cause." We have an issue that represents all that is good in mankind, and yet we are unable to reach the middle of the road of our population to educate them on the movement. The question is why?

The conclusion is we keep trying to target the wrong audience. We should not be spending time trying to convince pro-abortion people to change, because like those of us who have strong convictions about "the Right to Live," we will not change these pro-aborts.

This is something that Lifespan has known for many years. Part of our planned goal is to speak out within our community to many diversified groups concentrating on delivering the pro-life message to all. This is a continuous and on-going effort and the real purpose of our organization. All the political pressure, all the legislative pressure, all the marches, will do little if the hearts and minds of the general public do not understand the message or the purpose behind these activities. The leadership feels our greatest impact will be the message we can deliver to our young people. This is where our effort lies.

Another point that was made was an historical perspective of the evolution of the Right to Life Movement and how the pro-abortion movement used Catholic prejudice to create a split between the strongest of the opposition in 1978 — that is the churched! It was indeed a clever tactic, split Catholic, Protestants and Jews using religion and you have weakened the force that together could beat them. This divide-and-conquer tactic was proven to be very successful.

As I reflected on this day, it became clear how the leadership of Lifespan in the early 1970s brought wisdom into its development and growth. It was because of this known and felt divide-and-conquer philosophy that we, in our bylaws, chose wording that would ensure a place for men and women of all religions and races.

Those of us in leadership — Lifespan — then and now knew this, and we did and will continue to do what is necessary to have an organization in which all can feel comfortable. Our bylaws then and now read:

"Lifespan, Inc. is a non-sectarian, non-denominational organization whose purpose is to promote and enhance a respect for human life."

To all of you who have renewed your membership, we say THANK YOU!

To all of you who will renew your membership, we say THANK YOU!

To all of you who are thinking of renewing or will be joining Lifespan, we say THANK YOU!

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Patricia Holscher, Chairman
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In memoriam

In the past few months, three staunch supporters of the Life movement have died. Fred O'Connor, Carmen Perez and Therese Marie Sullivan loved the unborn dearly, and surely there were choirs of tiny voices who welcomed them into eternal life. We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to their families in the loss of their loved ones.

Bowling for Life Chairman

Our 10th Annual Bowling for Life FUNdraiser planned for this summer is fast approaching, and we need a Chairman. Since becoming Chapter Chairman, it's difficult for me to continue as Bowling Chairman, and give this project the time necessary to insure its past success.

The office will help with the necessary letters and publicity. Needed: Someone with fresh ideas who likes to have fun! No experience necessary.

"Early bird" garage sale

Time to go thru the things you've been meaning to get rid of . . . and donate them to Lifespan's garage sale. It will be held in the garage of Barb Schmid on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2.

Please give her a call at 981-3442 to donate household goods, baby items, toys, appliances, crafts, knick knacks, tools, pictures, etc. Sorry, we do not have the room to handle clothing. Members in Canton and Plymouth are especially encouraged to donate and participate since it will be held in their area (off Ford Rd., just west of Lilley).

Caring is sharing

****ONE DOLLAR DONATIONS****

One dollar represents a very small donation by itself. However, in these lean economic times, many persons giving only one dollar will be a great boon to our Chapter!

If each person reading this newsletter will send ONE DOLLAR, it will help us over the "hump" as far as finances for February! No one person will have to sacrifice and yet, our work for LIFE will be enhanced by your willingness to help!!!

(If you have received a renewal letter, and have not yet responded, please do so quickly and that, too, will be a positive step for LIFE!)

Fill out the coupon below and enclose with your ONE DOLLAR (OR MORE) donation. Make your check payable to Right to Life - Lifespan and mail to the address below.

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Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip _____ $ _____ enclosed
(Remember — it will take ALL of us to make a difference!!)

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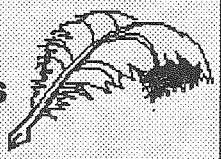
From the President's Desk



A few thoughts . . .

I have to be honest with you. The billboard campaign was an act, or more like a leap, of faith. This was the most expensive project Lifespan has ever undertaken. Thanks to all of you who made the project a reality.

Can it be true that Dr. Billy Graham would make the remark that he had no stand on when human life begins? He certainly would lose alot of credibility if he has decided to straddle that fence.

I was pleasantly surprised when Kevorkian was charged with murder. He deserves to be locked away for a long time. I'm sick and tired of the columnists in the *Free Press* and *Detroit News* who have canonized him.

An update on my son, Michael, who is a college freshman in Atlanta. He made a 4.0 GPA and the baseball team his first semester. But he called again tonight for money. You make the call, is he viable or not?

Sometimes I wonder if anyone reads our newsletter other than my Mom and Dad in Florida. Hi, Mom and Dad! Marge and I spend a considerable amount of time putting this whole thing together every month. If you're reading this, how about dropping us a note or giving us a call, and tell us what you like and/or dislike about *Lifespan News*.

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Fifty billboards were up in the Detroit area with the message, "Abortion Stops a Beating Heart." Lifespan's phone number on the ad provided a source for educational information and referrals to crisis pregnancy centers.

A million people a day saw the truth about abortion.

A special thanks to all those who made this possible especially the following who "Adopted a Billboard."

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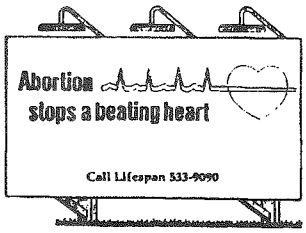

28 Million Abortions in U.S. from 1973 through 1991

There have been over 28 million abortions since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized unrestricted abortion on January 22, 1973.

The following statistics are taken from an article published by the Alan Guttmacher Institute, research affiliate of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America — the nation's largest provider and promoter of abortion.

The figures for 1989 through 1991 are estimates based on the trends from previous years. Although the Guttmacher Institute acknowledges a 6% rate of underreporting, the following estimate of over 28 million takes into consideration only 4% underreporting.

Year	Annual Number of Abortions
1973	744,600
1974	898,600
1975	1,034,200
1976	1,179,300
1977	1,316,700
1978	1,409,600
1979	1,497,700
1980	1,553,900
1981	1,577,300
1982	1,573,900
1983	1,575,000
1984	1,577,200
1985	1,588,600
1986	1,574,000
1987	1,559,100
1988	1,590,800
1989	1,600,000 (estimated)
1990	1,600,000 (estimated)
1991	1,600,000 (estimated)
subtotal:	27,050,500
plus adjustment for 4% underreporting	1,082,020
grand total:	**28,132,520 abortions, 1973 through 1991**

Source for statistics for 1973 through 1988: Stanley K. Henshaw, et al., "Abortion Services in the United States, 1987 and 1988," Family Planning Perspectives, vol. 22, no. 3 (May/June 1990), p. 103.

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January 14, 1992

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit

INVITES YOU TO ITS

Mother's Day Dinner

Tuesday, May 5, 1992
6:00 p.m.
with Local Humorist, Therese McGee
Mother of 14 Children, Grandmother of 28
Author of *Real Grandmas Don't Bake Cookies Anymore*

Vladimir's
28125 Grand River
Farmington Hills

Dinner Reservations: **$30.00 per person/$200 per table of eight**

Number of dinner reservations _____ Amount enclosed _____
(Please list names of all those for whom reservations are made on a separate sheet of paper.)

1992 COMMEMORATIVE BOOK

This book will contain educational material and will be used throughout the year, and your tax-deductible business ad will identify you as a prolife business. An ad represents support for our educational and lobbying efforts in the coming year. Names of Gold Patrons will also be listed, but these donations are not tax-deductible. Just fill out the form below and send it to us with your remittance included.

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

(Please print. Use a separate sheet of paper to list additional names.)
First Name _____ Last Name _____
First Name _____ Last Name _____
Amount enclosed $ _____

Advertising Contract: I wish to publish _____ page ad for the sum of $_____

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

Please attach copy-ready advertising slick, business card, business letterhead, or typed copy of ad. Black and white is preferred. All advertisers will receive a copy of book. Business ads are tax-deductible. Deadline for submission is April 8, 1992. Lifespan reserves the right to refuse any advertisement it deems unsuitable.
REMITTANCE MUST ACCOMPANY CONTRACT.

Signature _____ **Date** _____
Business Name (if applicable) _____ **Phone** _____
Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

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

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Informed Consent

Lifespan News has been reporting on the lack of progress on the informed consent legislation (SB 141) that was passed by the Michigan Senate on May 29th. The bill was assigned to the House Public Health Committee chaired by pro-abortion Rep. Bennane of Detroit.

On February 6th, the Senate decided to try again. They attached an informed consent amendment to a health care profession licensing bill (HB 4280), which had already passed the House. The Senate passed the bill 24-10. Because HB 4280 was amended in the Senate, it had to go back to the House for a new vote.

Originally, the bill was expected to be voted on and passed by the full House on Feb. 19th. However, this bill has also been assigned to Bennane's House Committee. Speaker of the House, Lewis Dodak, has promised the bill will not die there as SB 141 appears to have done. A committee hearing was scheduled for February 20th, but was cancelled.

Informed consent will require a 24-hr. waiting period and the physician to give the patient information about the risks of abortion and a description and picture of the probable physical development of her unborn baby. The physician also will be required to inform the patient that public agencies are available to assist her during pregnancy and after birth, should she choose to give birth, and that help is available to place her child in an adoptive home, should she choose that option.

For a current update on informed consent legislation, please call your local Lifespan office.

Assisted Suicide Ban

The Death and Dying Subcommittee of the Michigan House Judiciary Committee is scheduled to hold a meeting in the Metro Detroit area on March 20th. This subcommittee has before it five different bills including Senate Bill 32. This bill to ban assisting in suicides passed the Senate in March.

This legislation will make it illegal if the **intent** is to actively assist a person to commit suicide. The felony is punishable by up to four years in prison and a $2000 fine. Coercing a suicide would be first-degree murder, mandating a life sentence.

If you are interested in testifying before this subcommittee or in submitting written testimony, please call your local Lifespan office for more information.

"Once doctors have a license to kill, it becomes a duty to kill."

JOHN PICKERING, speaking for the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, which on February 3rd opposed laws that would allow doctors to help terminally ill patients die.

Detroit Free Press
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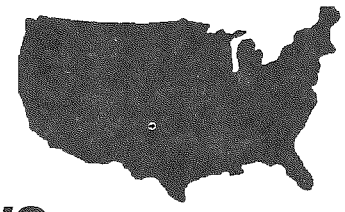

NATIONAL NEWS

Wyden-Cranston RU 486 Import Alert Bill (HR 875)

Due in part to many sloppy press reports, many persons have been misinformed regarding the French abortion pill, RU 486. It is important to understand that RU 486 is used in France to induce abortions only between five and seven weeks of pregnancy. It is administered (with a synthetic prostaglandin, also not approved for use in the U.S.) under very close medical supervision. Thus, RU 486 is not used as a "morning-after pill" that expels a "fertilized egg," even though reporters continue to carelessly use these medically inaccurate terms. Even at the earliest point that RU 486 is used to induce abortion, the drug kills an unborn human being who has a beating heart.

National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) opposes the use of RU 486 for abortion, whether in research or otherwise. However, NRLC does not oppose research on RU 486 for purposes unrelated to abortion. The federal government has placed no barrier in the way of such non-abortion research; indeed, some such research has been funded by the federal government.

In June, 1989, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) added the French abortion pill, RU 486, to the "import alert" list of drugs that may not be imported into the U.S. by private individuals for personal use. Rep. Ron Wyden (R-OR) has introduced a bill (HR 875) that would overturn the FDA import alert on RU 486. On January 14, 1992, Senator Cranston announced that he plans to introduce the same legislation in the Senate.

NRLC opposes the Wyden-Cranston bill. RU 486 is not approved to be prescribed for any purpose in the United States. In the FDA's judgment, the drug poses substantial health risks unless it is taken as part of a carefully supervised research program. The American Medical Association (AMA) has testified in strong support of the FDA's import alert on public health grounds. The FDA officials stressed that the ban on personal importation of RU 486 in no way impedes researchers from obtaining such research licenses, nor will it affect the FDA's consideration of any future application for FDA approval to market RU 486 in the United States.

The AMA supports the testing of RU 486 for abortion and for other purposes. Nevertheless, at the 1990 hearing the AMA testified in strong support of the import alert on RU 486:

> We do not believe that there has been adequate research to establish that this drug is a safe and effective therapeutic modality. [. . .] [I]t is the AMA's understanding that RU 486 poses a severe risk to patients unless the drug is administered as part of a complete treatment plan under the supervision of a physician. During an appropriate course of treatment with the drug, it is common that three or four visits to a physician are necessary to avoid hemorrhaging and to ensure that a complete abortion has taken place. [. . .] Clearly, the importation of RU 486 for personal compassionate use would not be medically desirable given alternative available care methodologies. [. . .]
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> Rumors exist that the FDA, due to political pressure, is standing in the way of research on RU 486. We do not believe this to be true. On the contrary, it is the FDA's responsibility to ban a drug that has not met legal and regulatory requirements for importation into the United States . . . From our understanding of the current situation, the FDA has acted responsibly in issuing import restrictions for RU 486.

There is growing evidence that the RU 486 abortion method poses serious dangers to the women to whom it is administered. Since Mr. Wyden introduced his bill in February, 1991, one French woman has died of cardiovascular shock after an abortion by the RU 486 method. Because of this death and two known heart attacks which resulted from the method, the French Health Ministry, in April, 1991, placed more restrictions on the already highly regulated RU 486, prohibiting its use by women over 35 years and by heavy smokers.

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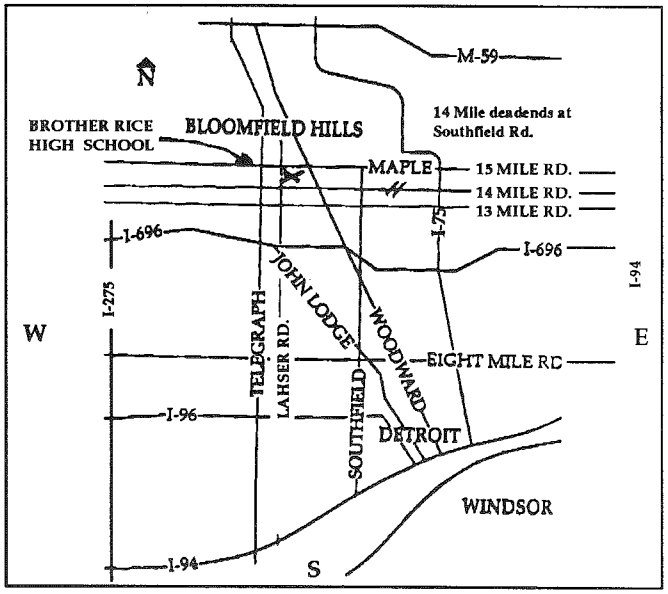

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A former abortionist speaks out

George Flesh, a Los Angeles doctor of obstetrics and gynecology, writes about "Why I No Longer Do Abortions" on the September 12 editorial page of the L.A. Times. After performing hundreds of abortions, he stopped doing them last year on Yom Kippur. He tells of his reasons for doing so in the article:

"Anxiety attacks, complete with nausea, palpitations and dizziness, began to strike me in some social situations. In public, I felt I was on trial, or perhaps should have been. I no longer was proud to be a physician. Arriving home from work to the gleeful embrace of my kids, I felt undeserving that God had blessed me with their smiling faces. The morning shaving ritual became an ordeal, as I stared at the sad face in the mirror and wondered how all those awards and diplomas had produced an angel of death."

Dr. Flesh recounts the event that triggered his change of mind: seeing and playing with a little boy whose parents had come to him for an abortion years before, but then changed their minds. "The connection between a 6-week-old human embryo and a laughing child stopped being an abstraction for me," he writes. "While hugging my sons each morning, I started to think of the vacuum aspirator that I would use two hours later. This was an emotional tension I could not tolerate."

Dr. Flesh warns he has not made a total conversion to the pro-life side: he says he would still perform abortions to save the life of the mother, in cases of rape or incest, or when the baby has a birth defect. Nor does he believe in passing a law against abortions. But, he says, "I am revolted when I see how casually some couples choose an abortion — for the convenience of having a b~by in June instead of February, for example. I do not believe that a civilized society should encourage this."

". . . I believe that tearing a developed fetus apart, limb from limb, simply at the mother's request is an act of depravity that society should not permit. We cannot afford such a devaluation of human life, nor the desensitization of medical personnel that it requires."

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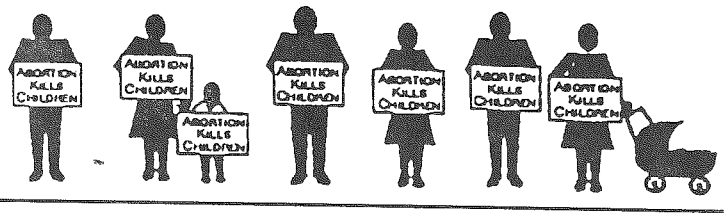

God gave me thousands of signs

I'm only sixteen and being faced with one of the biggest decisions I'll ever make. I never thought it would happen to me, but around the first of October I found out that I was pregnant. I had gone to Birthright after missing my last period, and I didn't really think I was pregnant, but I wanted to make sure. When I found out I started crying. I was so scared I wasn't sure what to do. I talked to one of the ladies there, and she really helped me a lot. I went home that night and told my mom. Needless to say, she didn't take it too well, but she said the decision was up to me.

Luckily for me, my boyfriend stuck by me, and was really supportive. We talked about it, but we both knew the decision was up to me. A couple nights later I said a prayer before going to bed. I asked God to help me do the right thing. And to give me a sign of what I should do. The next day out of the blue, the lady across the street asked me if I could drive her to work and watch her little girl, and I said, "sure." I had to take Woodward, because she worked at Woodward and Fourteen Mile, and on the way there, all up and down Woodward I saw people with signs saying "Abortion Kills Children." I knew right then and there that God had answered my prayer.

I'm 4 months pregnant now, and I have a long road ahead of me. I'm still scared about the future for me and my baby, but in my heart, I know I'm doing the right thing. And I'm going to do everything I can for my baby. I'm starting by staying in school. The baby isn't due until around the end of the school year, and because I have a 3.0 average my mom's going to see if I can take my exams early. During my senior year, my boyfriend's mom will be watching my baby while I'm in school. I know the best thing I'll ever be able to do for my baby is to finish school so I can support it. I know it won't be easy, but at least I know I'm giving my baby a chance!

Shannon

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Debunking the myths . . .

Post Abortion Syndrome

Psychologial trauma plagues nearly all women who have had an abortion

By Paula Ervin

The Alan Guttmacher Institute, the research arm of Planned Parenthood, is and has been a strong abortion advocate.

At the same time, statistics published from its research are accepted by pro-life ranks because of their accuracy in the past.

In October 1991, a statement by the institute — unpublished except in an internal memo to Planned Parenthood — estimated that 91 percent of aborted women "may suffer from physical or psychological 'post procedural trauma.'"

This was revealed by *New Dimensions* magazine in its October 1991 issue.

Pro-life activists knew of the depression and trauma long before 1991, however, because many of those suffering from what is now called "Post Abortion Syndrome" (PAS) have joined their ranks and told them so. But they did not know the numbers were as high as 91 percent.

Following the abortion, a deep raw wound is gouged in the woman's spirit. Although denial can protect her from reality, and denial can last for years, something finally triggers a moment of truth.

Said one, "There were days when I didn't know my name, and I was afraid to see night come on for fear I might kill myself." Another confessed, "I hung a sheet over my mirror because I couldn't stand to look at myself," and later, "I said, Oh God, if there is a God, help me now."

They suffer guilt, shame, anger to the point of rage. Most of the fury is pointed at the abortionist and anyone who encouraged the fateful decision. Marriages and "relationships" have fallen apart.

Entire families are affected. Thwarted grandparents, siblings, and eventually the would-be fathers are in the fall-out area. But the severest point of suffering is the woman, who often becomes morally disoriented, falling into alcohol and drug abuse, and promiscuous sex. Many become pregnant again and again, and seek their solution at the abortionist's hands, which compounds the problem and the tragedy. Some attempt suicide. We don't know how many succeed.

Support groups have arisen to assist the healing of these troubled hearts. The earliest to surface was Women Exploited by Abortion (WEBA). Now there are Open Arms (Abortion Related Ministries) and in California, Victims of Choice. These are patterned partly after the format of Alcoholics Anonymous, in which lay people assist each other in the healing process.

But they all understand that, to be truly healed, the woman must bring her sufferings to the foot of the cross and merge them with the One Who hangs there. She must admit someone has died. Many have given their aborted child a name. Others have held memorial services for the lost baby. Healing is not an event. It is a slow, painful process. Some will require professional counseling.

Catholics have not escaped the late 20th century lures. The bishops estimate some 35 percent of aborted women are, or should be, Catholic. The above support groups use scriptural materials and prayers oriented to Protestant theologies, however, and many Catholic women have joined the faith that healed them.

Ten years ago, Vicki Thorne of the Milwaukee Archdiocese developed Project Rachel, named for the Rachel of the scriptures who was "weeping for her lost children and would not be comforted because they were no more."

Now Project Rachel, which may be seen as the Catholic approach to healing, is in 61 Catholic dioceses in the United States and was introduced on February 6 to the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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