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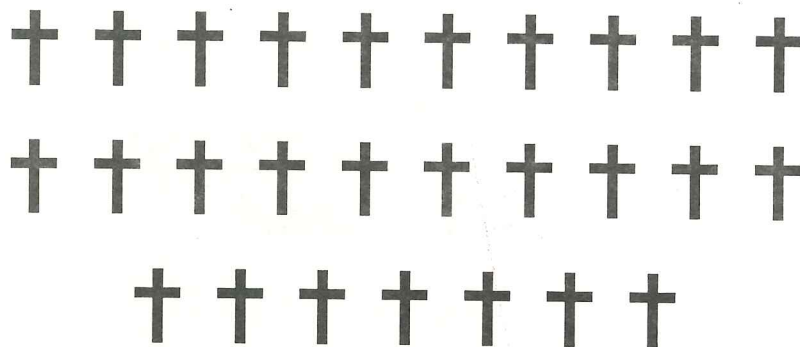
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**In memory of
27 million babies
killed by abortion**



Each cross represents one million lives

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January 22 Highlights

Candles

Lifespan's Chapter offices have candles kits available for you to use as luminaries on your front porch on the night of Jan. 21. We urge you to contact your local chapter to obtain at least one candle to burn through the night in memory of the 27 million babies who have lost their lives.

Bells

In conjunction with nationwide prolife activities, churches are being asked to toll their bells on January 22 in solemn remembrance of the 27 million unborn children killed through abortion since 1973.

If your church has bells, please request your pastor to ring them 27 times at noon to participate in this remembrance. If your church does not have bells, Lifespan has audio tapes of bells chiming 27 times which are available for churches to borrow. Call us at 374-5111 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 and Sunday, January 19 and 20 to commemorate this tragedy of lost lives.

Send a rose

On January 22, to call to mind the 27 million aborted babies, MARCH FOR LIFE hand-delivers red roses and individually typed letters to President Bush, Vice-President Quayle, each member of Congress, and each Supreme Court Justice. With each rose and letter is a list of the names of the constituents sending the roses. 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.

March for Life

The 18th annual March for Life will be held on Tuesday, January 22 in Washington, D.C. Marchers will walk

with thousands of others from Michigan and the nation along Pennsylvania Avenue, to the Capitol and Supreme Court.

Arrival by plane will allow you to visit congressmen before the march. Appointments with your Congressman should be coordinated with your local Lifespan chapter.

Rates based on 10 people booked, subject to change until ticketed—\$321 per person, Northwest #346; leaving Detroit at 7:25 am and Northwest #239, leaving Washington at 5:45 pm. Please make your reservations through Redford-Windward Travel, 27544 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150; phone 427-2727, contact Nancy. Please specify that you are with Right to Life - Lifespan's GROUP TRIP TO WASHINGTON MARCH.

Hudson's update

The Dayton Hudson Foundation reversed an earlier decision and approved an \$18,000 grant for Planned Parenthood. Dayton-Hudson owns Dayton's, Target, Marshall Field's, Hudson's and Mervyn's department stores in 33 states.

The foundation had decided to end 22 years of financial support of Planned Parenthood. But the move prompted protests by pro-abortion groups.

Planned Parenthood is the number one provider and promoter of abortions in the United States. Their number one agenda is to keep abortion legal and to thwart any laws protecting the unborn and the women involved, especially teenagers. A contribution to Planned Parenthood, for any reason, promotes abortion.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. Write Dayton Hudson, 700 On The Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55420, and tell them you have stopped shopping at their stores until they stop funding Planned Parenthood permanently.
2. Cancel your Hudson's/Mervyn's charge accounts and tell them why.
3. Call your Right to Life - Lifespan office for a complete list of Planned Parenthood corporate sponsors.

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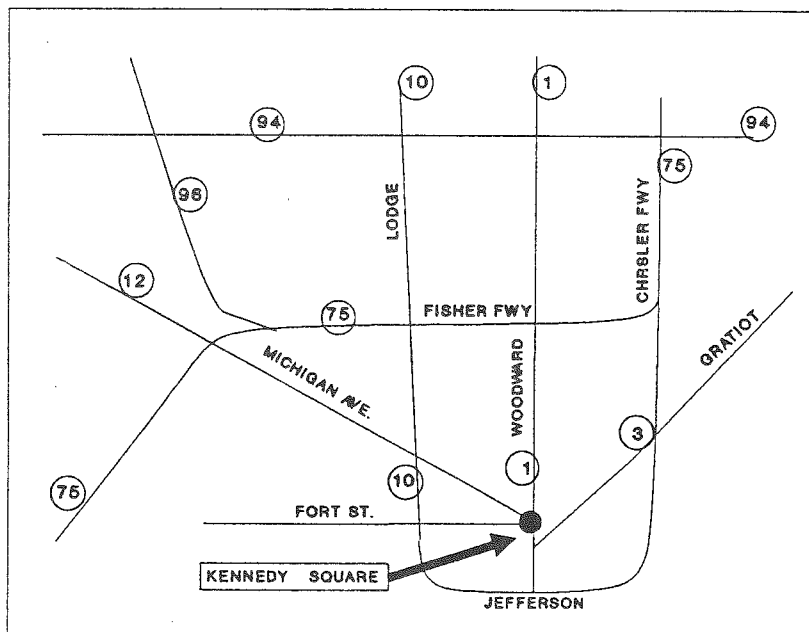
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CELEBRATE LIFE RALLY

January 20, 2-3 pm., Kennedy Square, Detroit

Last January, on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, in cities all over this nation, large groups of pro-lifers gathered to show their respect for unborn human life. There were over 20,000 in Oklahoma City; 28,000 in Montgomery, Alabama; and 15,000 in Atlanta. In the frigid north country, over 7,000 gathered in St. Paul, and in the rarified air of Denver another 10,000 gathered to publicly protest killing the unborn.

For the past decade the Detroit Chapter of Right to Life - Lifespan has been hosting a rally in downtown Detroit. Each year we have great speakers and excellent media coverage; however, only several hundred people attend. This year on January 20th, from 2 to 3 pm., we would like our numbers to rival those of other large cities. We cannot accomplish this through wishful thinking. We need you and your friends to send a powerful life message to the people of metropolitan Detroit and Michigan.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

1. For more information and/or Rally fliers, call 374-5111 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. Carpool or bring a bus load. Bring at least 5 other people.
4. Pray, pray, pray.

Showers Predicted!

On Sunday, April 21st, Right to Life - Lifespan will be hosting 17 baby showers simultaneously at different locations throughout the metro area for crisis pregnancy centers. If you 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 374-5111. The babies need you!

Wearing of the green!

We are in the planning stages for our St. Pat's Day Dinner in March. Look for more information in our February Newsletter.

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.

_____ Annual Membership \$ 15.00
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Save the dolphin! Kill the unborn?

By Bernard Casserly

As a dryland sailor during World War II, I worked most of my five-year hitch as a press agent promoting the valiant service of merchant seamen. Even when I went down to the sea myself, I did my time amidships pounding a typewriter, working on payroll and running the ship's store.

When I didn't have to play purser, I loved to stand in the bows of the C-IIs, Liberty and passenger ships on which I sailed and gaze at the great seas around. Sometimes I saw whales spouting like geysers in the distance.

But no sight could compare with the dolphins or porpoises, the smiling mammals who loved playing games with the big iron boats surging through the seas. Good company they were for a homesick mariner as they leaped and dived, acting like escorts or playing hide and seek.

I never bought the palaver about dolphins being able to think or talk, but I have shared the concerns of those crusading to end their useless slaughter by the tuna fishermen.

The U.S. Humane Society has been running a save-the-dolphin campaign for 14 years. It hasn't been too successful: some 10 million dolphins have died in tuna nets in the last 30 years.

Suddenly last April the three major U.S. tuna packers announced they would begin to sell only "dolphin-safe" tuna.

Environmentalists were surprised by the decision, according to the Humane Society. *The New York Times* did a feature, "How Classroom Crusaders Saved

the Dolphin from the Net," reporting how a spreading campaign of publicity and protest by school children paid off.

"When young children approach boards of education to get tuna off the menu, companies have to listen," said one Humane Society official. "For many students," the *Times* said, it was an education "in the awareness that they could affect policy."

One high school freshman launched the anti-tuna campaign in his school after seeing a videotape by a California biologist which showed graphic scenes of dolphin slaughter in tuna fishing. It makes you wonder what might happen if graphic videos of abortion were shown on TV.

Protests do work, and the successful campaign to save the dolphin tells us protests and petitions could save an even more precious mammal—the unborn child.

The newest and most serious threat to the unborn is the French RU 486 abortion pill. Not only does the French government own 36 percent of Roussel-Uclaf, which produces the pill, but it has just begun to

pay French women 80 percent of the cost of killing their unborn children if they use RU 486!

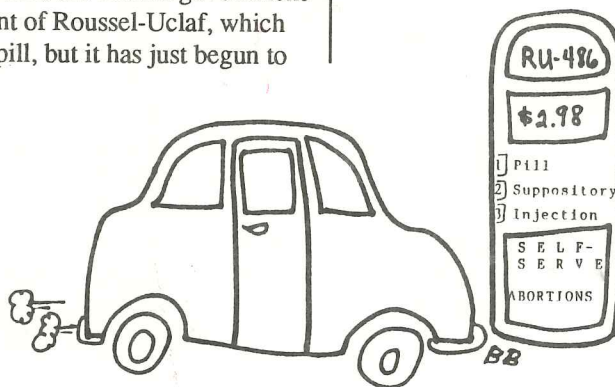
Protests and publicity have so far stopped American drug firms from making the French pill. Pro-lifers have brought their protests to French embassies to alert the public to the government's role in the manufacture of RU 486.

Protesting is finally saving some dolphins. Let's persuade the people of France, once called the "eldest daughter of the Church," to get out of the killing business.

What's more important anyway: one dolphin or one baby?

—From *Columbia*, July 1990

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