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ACLU CHALLENGES ABORTION LAW

Judge John H. Hausner of the Wayne County Circuit Court has announced he will rule March 17 on a 15-year-old rape victim's lawsuit challenging Michigan's law banning welfare abortion. The suit was filed Thursday, February 23 by the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan on behalf of the girl who was raped January 15 by three men.

The ACLU had been waiting to challenge the law until it could find a suitable pregnant Medicaid recipient on whom to base the case. The group was on the verge of filing a similar suit in January on behalf of a 19-year-old woman carrying a baby with no kidneys, but the suit became unnecessary when it was determined that the baby had no heartbeat and thus the procedure wasn't abortion, according to an article in The Detroit News.

The ACLU lawsuit will ask that the state be required to pay for an abortion for the girl, whose family is on welfare. It will also ask the court to declare unconstitutional the ban that went in effect in December. Michigan voters last November approved by a margin of 57 to 43 percent a ballot amendment that ended about \$6 million in state payments annually for nearly 18,500 welfare abortions.

Barbara Listing, President of Right to Life of Michigan, accused the ACLU of trying to make its legal point at the expense of the teenager.

"The ACLU said right after the election that they were not going to abide by the elector's decision. I would think there are more than adequate funds among pro-choice advocates to secure an abortion for this little girl. But it's not a matter of finances," Ms. Listing said in The Detroit News article.

Howard Simon, Executive Director of the Michigan ACLU has sent 40 letters, inviting medical and social service and law enforcement agencies to file briefs in support of the lawsuit. The letter also asked for donations to help fund litigation of the case. Attorneys for the State and for Right to Life of Michigan will be defending the law.

Offers to adopt the child or pay for an abortion have surfaced since the child's plight became known earlier, said Ms. Listing.

While Ms. Listing was being interviewed for The Detroit News article, the law clerk for Judge Hausner approached her and said, "There's a call to the judge about someone wanting to pay for the abortion. Should we refer the calls to you?"

"You can refer those calls to the ACLU," Listing said.

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NAME CHANGE RECONSIDERED

In our continuing effort to be responsive to the needs and desires of our membership, we have drawn back somewhat from our plans for a name change and will continue with our more familiar name of Right to Life - Lifespan with the addition of "Metro Detroit."

Most of those who contacted our offices indicated that they felt strongly that our "Lifespan" name was well-known and represented a stable, long-lived organization and that it should not be totally discarded. Therefore, Right to Life - Lifespan is now Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit. We hope that this satisfies the goals of our organization to be more readily identified geographically and retain the successful history of our original organization.

MRS. KLEIN'S LIFE "NOT THREATENED BY PREGNANCY"

According to a column in The Detroit Free Press headlined "The truth is hidden in Klein abortion case," all the facts were not widely known. The column, written by Cal Thomas of the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, is quoted in its entirety.

"According to several people familiar with the Nancy Klein case, the abortion ordered by her husband in hopes of saving her life will not improve her chances for survival from a car accident last December that plunged the Long Island, N.Y. woman into a coma. According to the New York Times, doctors who have examined her hold out little hope that she will emerge from the coma. Even the judge who awarded guardianship of Mrs. Klein to her husband, Martin, said her life was not threatened by the pregnancy.

"This case could not have arrived at a better time for pro-abortionists. The Supreme Court is now considering a Missouri case that could result in the modification or reversal of Roe vs. Wade, the 1973 decision which ushered in abortion on demand.

"The Klein case seems to portray pro-lifers as callous and uncaring toward pregnant women in crisis. They appear to care only about the unborn child. While there is a small minority who would sacrifice a woman's life to save a baby, most pro-lifers agree that protecting the life of the mother is a legitimate reason to have an abortion.

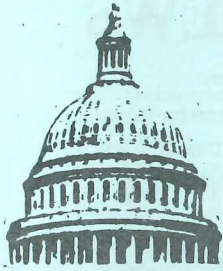
"The Klein case was not such an instance.

"John Curry, M.D., former head of the tissue bank at Bethesda Naval Hospital, and Jack Willke, president of National Right to Life, told me there is no connection between Mrs. Klein's head injury and the baby she was carrying. The female cycle is governed by hormones from the pituitary gland, which is attached to the brain, but when a pregnancy occurs, the uterus takes control as a completely functional organ. The brain has no input in the remainder of the pregnancy and the baby will proceed to term, setting its own birthdate.

"In fact, according to some doctors who examined her, an abortion at 17 weeks may have put Nancy Klein's life in greater jeopardy than carrying the baby to term.

"As if to rebut those who suggested that an abortion would aid Mrs. Klein's recovery, there were press reports the day after the abortion about a woman in Yakima, Wash., who emerged from a coma after giving birth to her son. One doctor said that Barbara Blodgett's delivery probably had a part in restoring her to consciousness. (Continued on Page 6)

LEGISLATIVE NEWS



"RIGHT TO DIE" BILL STYMIED - PLEASE KEEP WRITING

House Bill 4016, sponsored by Rep. David Hollister, which is the "right to die" legislation has still not been voted out of committee. Rep. Hollister will not allow the bill to reach the floor of the State House unless it contains provisions precluding prohibitions in the bill to prevent patients from being denied food and water.

It now appears that the pro-abortion forces will be successful in removing the pregnancy protection clauses from the bill in committee. They have introduced substitute language from other states' living will bills. However, the bill was again deadlocked in committee since there were not enough pro-abortion committee members present to vote on the bill. If and when the bill reaches the House floor, we will have to be prepared to amend it not only for food and fluid, but also for pregnancy protection.

In another development, Rep. Perry Bullard has gotten a "Living Will Bill," HB 4174, out of committee. It is scheduled for a vote in the House on May 16th - Senior Power Day. If Hollister's bill remains deadlocked, Bullard feels he will be able to get his bill passed with the powerful senior citizen lobby present.

Please write and ask your legislators to vote for the Ciaramitaro/Van Regenmorter amendments to HB 4016 which will allow patients to choose an advocate but prohibit this advocate from ordering the removal of food and water thereby starving a patient to death or from not acting in the best interests and survival of an unborn child in the case of a pregnant woman. Also indicate that you are opposed to Perry Bullard's bill, HB4174, in its entirety.

It is especially important that our members who are Senior Citizens write to let their legislators know that they are seniors who don't want a patient advocate bill without the food and water requirement.

The address to write is:

State Senator/State Representative _____
State Capitol Building
Lansing, MI 48909

BUMPER STICKER SLOGANS WANTED

We are looking for prolife slogan suggestions for new bumper stickers. Send or call your ideas to the attention of our Main Office, 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, phone 261-2757. The chosen slogan and its author will receive honorable mention in our newsletter.

NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION JUNE 29 - JULY 1

The annual National Right to Life Convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from June 29 to July 1, 1989. Registration forms are available through the Main Office at 261-2757. Early registration ends May 31. Registration for college students and teens is only \$10.00

USED BOOKS NEEDED FOR BOOK SALE

We hope that you will continue to think about donating books for the first Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit Book Sale. Please call the Main Office at 261-2757 if you have books you are willing to donate.

WAYNE COUNTY WEST CHAPTER NEWS

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Plans are about complete for revitalizing our chapter following the valiant efforts we all made while working directly for CETFA on Proposal A. The work on CETFA was indirectly also chapter work but we did sacrifice significant chapter cohesiveness to make sure tax funding of abortions ended. We are now going to restart our normal membership recruiting efforts by revitalizing our City Committees. I have asked each of our board members who are City Directors to turn their attention back to city projects after almost 20 months of external emphasis. When you see our ad for City Membership in your local paper please encourage your friends, neighbors and fellow workers to join. There is a Right to Life Citizens Committee in every City.

Yours for Life, Christy Wood

Help Needed For Babies

This time of year, between the Christmas Spirit glow and arrival of spring garage sales, those **PRO-LIFERS** dedicating their energies to helping desperate mothers who have rejected abortion, are in dire need of assets! Cribs and mattresses are needed to replace dresser drawers as sleeping places. And car seats. Today every baby must by law use one or stay out of cars. Clothes, especially maternity clothes and newborn sizes are needed. If you have a box of baby clothes and maternity clothes all carefully cleaned and stashed away for that baby you never had (or haven't had yet), perhaps you haven't been saving them for yourself! Maybe, just maybe, you carefully put them away for an unknown woman in desperate need today! If so, call either the AAA Crisis Pregnancy Center (425-8060) or Pregnancy Counseling Center (522-8484). They both can pickup but with very thin ranks of volunteers it would be better if you called first and then dropped off your donation. Garage sales, Salvation Army stores, and other used clothing

Membership Drive Starting Soon !!

Membership held its position last month with a net increase of SIX new members. Starting very soon, perhaps as quick as this newsletter gets delivered, you will see an **Invitation to Membership** in your local newspaper. This will be from your city's Right to Life Citizens Committee under the leadership of your City Rep on Wayne County West Chapter Board of Directors. The city name is highlighted and the chapter is secondary in these newspaper advertisements. This is also the first set of membership advertisements since altering our name by adding **...Metro Detroit**.

MEMBERSHIP
Box Score
1404 members
89 renewals
13 additions
7 dropped

stores are also a sources for these two organizations, but to make the purchases money is needed. If you have already given away all of your baby things, perhaps a cash donation could be your way to help a young mother.

You can personally help the membership campaign by clipping the Invitation from your paper and giving it to a friend. The very best incentive for someone to become a member is a personal invitation from an established member.

CONTRIBUTION
Box Score
\$991 Annual Dues
\$20 Monthly Gifts
from 2 members
\$900 Special Gifts
no \$ Fund Raising

Planning Session Was Success

On Saturday, March 4th, members of our Wayne County West Chapter board met with the members of the other chapter boards to discuss our priorities for the next year. We all agreed that we must be primarily dedicated to three ways of getting timely information distributed concerning Life Issues. First to our members through our publications, secondly to students through a **School Rep program**, and third to the general public primarily through our **Church Rep program**.

Church Representative News

REP Program Continues to Flounder

253 Reps Needed!

Another month has passed with another positive, but very small movement in this effort. The list below has had one church added {St. Thomas Aquinas Parish is now listed among the Dearborn Heights' Churches as having a church rep} and one more person has stepped forward to be an assistant rep. You will find 84 churches listed below as having a Church Rep, but 23 are marked with a pound sign (#). The pound sign means that the pastor has listed himself as the REP for purposes of getting our Monthly Church Notes. The receipt and coordination of the Church notes publication is one of the more important, though by no means the only, task of the CHURCH REP. So, while the pastor is interested, no one else has taken enough interest to develop the program further. Can you help the pastor in any of these cases?

CANTON

Calvary Baptist Church
Word of Life Alliance Church #
St. Michael Lutheran Church
St. Thomas a'Becket Parish
St. John Neumann Parish

DEARBORN

Dearborn Church of Christ
Dearborn Christian Reformed Church #
First Congregational Church #
Guardian Lutheran Church
Divine Child Parish *
Sacred Heart Parish
St. Alphonsus Parish *

St. Barbara Parish
St. Clement Parish
St. Joseph Parish *

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

DEARBORN HEIGHTS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Ukrainian Church
Fairlane Assembly of God-Central
Stephen's United Methodist Church #
St. Albert Parish
St. Anselm Parish
St. John Baptist Parish
St. Linus
St. Mel Parish
St. Sabina Parish *
St. Sebastian Parish
Our Lady of Grace Parish

St. Thomas Aquinas Parish

GARDEN CITY

Church of Christ #
Garden City Assembly of God #
Garden City Christian Center #
Garden City Freewill Baptist Church #
Good Hope Lutheran Church #
Merriman Road Baptist #
United Baptist Church #
St. Dunstan Parish
St. Raphael Parish

INKSTER

St. Kevin Parish #

LIVONIA

Berean Baptist Church of Livonia #
Livonia Assembly of God
The Lord's House #
Ward Presbyterian Church
St. Aidan Parish *
St. Colette Parish
St. Edith Parish
St. Genevieve Parish
St. Maurice Parish
St. Michael Parish
St. Priscilla Parish
St. Gerald Parish

NORTHVILLE

Fairlane Assembly of God-West
Our Lady of Victory Parish

PLYMOUTH

Church of Christ
First Methodist Church #
Lake Pointe Bible Chapel
Lutheran Church of Risen Christ #
United Assembly of God
Trinity Presbyterian Church #

Our Lady of Good Counsel
St. Kenneth Parish *

REDFORD

Covenant Community Church
Dunning Park Chapel
Temple Baptist Church #
St. John's Lutheran Church
St. Agatha Parish
St. John Bosco Parish
St. Valentine Parish

St. Hilary Parish *
Northwest Fellowship

WAYNE

First Baptist Church of Wayne
St. Mary Parish #

WESTLAND

Church of the Nazarene of Westland
Good Shepherd Dutch Reformed Church
New Covenant Tabernacle
New Life Community Church
Prayer Baptist Church #
Warrenwoods Wesleyan Church
Westland Full Gospel Church #
Divine Savior Parish
SS Simon & Jude Parish #
St. Bernadine Parish #
St. Damian Parish *
St. Richard Parish
St. Theodore Parish

As you scanned through the above list you noted that a few church names are followed with an asterisk (*) while others are followed by a pound sign (#). The asterisk means that these fortunate CHURCH REPs also have an assistant or alternate CHURCH REP. If you can be an assistant or alternate, then by all means please contact us. Incidentally, every CHURCH REP both wants and needs several assistants.

It is expected that this list of churches with REPs will soon get too long to be listed on one page along with the program comments. When that happens we will switch and list all the churches without REPs. In the mean time, if your church is not listed **you are needed in your community** to represent the PRO-LIFE voice.

Real Patients Rights Law ?

HB 4016 Ignores the Right to Food and Water!!

The Patients Rights Bill (HB 4016) is presently in the State House Judiciary Committee. Most organizations, that have previously opposed the LIVING WILL bills and other past "right to die" efforts by Rep. Hollister to move us closer to legal euthanasia, are not opposing this bill. The Right to Life movement does not object to what the bill says but rather is terrified by what the bill does NOT say.

Lyn Bankes

needs to be contacted
about

FOOD and WATER AMENDMENT

The supporters of this bill have carefully selected the language so as to avoid defining food and water as medical treatment. However, there is no doubt that their intent is to interpret FOOD & WATER as artificial life supporting medical treatment which could be withdrawn from the handicapped patient.

House Bill 4016 must be amended to guarantee that no human being is deprived of fluids either by mouth or by IV when their bodies are

Deliberate Starvation Planned!

Is Silence Morally Acceptable?

receptive. Feeding tubes to put pureed food into the stomach should be considered as appropriate a feeding tool as spoons and cups and should not be allowed to be classified as "extraordinary life saving medical treatment." A Patients Rights Bill which does not clearly define a right to receive food and fluid **IS NOT** a PATIENTS RIGHTS BILL.

Voting records confirm the following Hol-

lister Agenda supporters in our area: Rep.

*PATIENTS RIGHTS MUST INCLUDE
GUARANTEE FOR FOOD AND WATER!*

NOT SO! say **Barns,
Keith & Kosteva**

William Keith (D) of Garden City/Inkster (District 33), Rep. Lyn Bankes (R) of Livonia (District 35), Rep. James Kosteva (D) of Wayne/West Canton/VanBuren/Romulus (District 37), and Rep. Justine Barns (D) of Westland (District 38). If you contact any of these legislators, please report the results to the office. Bev & Anne are keeping stats.

Three local State Representatives, Richard Young (D) District 32 of Dearborn Heights, John Bennett (D) District 34 of Redford/East Livonia, and Gerald Law (R) District 36 of Plymouth/Northville/East Canton are firmly **PRO-LIFE** in their outlook. Please contact their offices and thank them for their continued support of the Sanctity of Life Ethic. In their struggle to **DO RIGHT** for us we must give them the strength of knowing we are with them.

FIRST TERMER Is WITH Us!

Call Bill Runco (D) and Thank Him!

Everybody in District 31, Dearborn should get the above message to Rep. Bill Runco. If you answer Mr. Runco's recently distributed **Legislative Questionnaire**, watch out for Question 10. Hollister and others consider food and fluids to be "life support systems"! Even though Runco is a first Term Representative and without a voting record, he says that HB 4016 "can not be passed without ammendment."

Roses! Roses! Roses! Roses! For Every Mother, Roses!

Coming Soon The Great Metro Detroit BABY SHOWER

When the condition of her joy is recognized by family and friends in the recurring **BABY SHOWER**, every young first time mother is totally enthralled for a second time (her first joyous enthrallment came with the knowledge that new life was being nurtured by her). The "joy" of new motherhood as seen in the many Crisis Pregnancy Centers is much more subdued. Rather than the bubbly exuberance we usually associate with total enthrallment, it is an un compromising tenacious heroic commitment to

**Courageous Commitment
To Threatened New Life
Will Be Honored and Supported**

complete the task of bringing forth new life regardless of the personal cost.

Because of the complicated conditions of modern life, we are unable to create situations to allow every mother to directly experience personally the **BABY SHOWER ENTHRONEMENT** of the new life she carries. But a *layette* for that new infant she must still locate. It is in this last effort that we can help. Sometime before summer of '89 we need to have a **GREAT METRO DETROIT BABY SHOWER!** We need to call together all of us who are joyous at the determination of the young mothers who choose life in the face of immense coercion. We must count lives spared and estimate the number of layettes needed between now and the summer of '90. We must celebrate by

No Man Ignores The Mother of His Children

The 1989 **SILK ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY** effort is again being organized! Plan now to buy "a dozen red roses" for the mother of your children. Contact your Church Rep now and get in an early order!

Every Child Loves Mother

We would like every school child to take home to mother one rose that says "Thank You for My Life!" We would like this to happen the Friday before Mother's Day. If you agree then contact your school's parent group or teacher council or even individual teachers, but do it this month because the orders must be consolidated early in April.

**All Men are Called to Join
The Honoring of Parenting by
Celebrating Life On Mothers Day!**

American Legion, DAV, VFW, Moose, KofC, and all the rest...can also arrange to give their wives and mothers bouquets of **LONG-STEMMED SILK ROSES**. If a committee rep from any organization will contact us not later than the first week of April we will make proper arrangements so that every Lady gets the Roses she deserves.

gathering from each of us the little bit which after being assembled will bring to each lonely struggling mother the joy of knowing we share her thrill of bring forth life in the face of adversity.



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LET'S TALK

Because of your generous support of our annual fund-raising letter, this is exactly what happened when Molly Kelly came to town in January, 1989. Molly talked to over 3,000 students at six Metro Detroit high schools. She spoke on AIDS, Chastity, V.D., Teen Pregnancy and Abortion to middle school students and parents. It is through your financial donations that we can bring speakers like Molly Kelly to town, and we expect to bring more speakers in on issues of euthanasia and death and dying legislation.

GOOD-BYE AND WELCOME

It is with sadness that we must say good-bye to Marty Logan, our office manager for the past couple of years. Marty's husband has been transferred to Florida. We deeply appreciate all the creative ideas and projects she helped develop for the Educational Center for Life. We wish Marty, her husband and family the very best in Florida, and I know it won't be long before she'll be in prolife activities there also.

At the same time, we are most fortunate to have Joan Cooney join us as our new office manager. Joan was active in the Proposal A victory. Joan has already exhibited those strong qualities of curiosity, learning, assertiveness and ability to work with a board with more ideas than time. Please introduce yourself and get to know Joan.

Klein Abortion Case - Continued from Page 2

"One of the things that occurs during birth is massive changes in hormones," said Dr. Bill Blackerby, a Nashville, Tenn., specialist in head injuries. He said there could be some relationship between the hormonal changes and the metabolic process that increased her level of alertness.

"Though it appears that Martin Klein asked that the abortion be performed thinking it would enhance his wife's chances for survival, one wonders what the response might be from those who favored the abortion should Mrs. Klein regain consciousness and ask the doctors or her husband what happened to her baby. How would they respond to the possibility she might be horrified at what was done?

"We can expect a lot more publicity given to "hard cases" like the Nancy Klein episode in the weeks ahead as the Supreme Court justices debate the future of unrestricted abortion. Already we are seeing costly full-page newspaper ads with coat hangers and hyperbolic language bordering on the hysteric from those who used to accuse the pro-lifers of scare tactics.

"The test will be whether the justices and the rest of us can see through the propaganda fog to the truth. The truth in the Klein case has been obscured. And now, so has her baby--a baby who, before the accident, we presume Mrs. Klein wanted to have." --The Detroit Free Press, February 20, 1989

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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 of Metro Detroit or a donation in memory of a loved one, will be used to save the lives of many through our efforts.

Donations are not tax-deductible.

PROLIFE ISSUES

A world-wide prolife leader, Fr. Paul Marx will be in the Detroit Area April 9 and 10. He is the founder of Human Life International and has started prolife groups in every corner of the world. He is the author of many books, the latest of which, "Confessions of a Prolife Missionary," records his thoughts and observations in carrying the message of life's sacredness into every corner of an often inhospitable world. Fr. Marx will be speaking at a meeting of Catholics United for the Faith on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 on April 9. He will speak at Assumption Grotto Church at 13770 Gratiot near Six Mile. For information on this date, please call Pat Bakken at 538-2563. Father Marx will speak again on Monday evening April 10, at 8:00 pm at St. Francis K of C Hall, 21900 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call Jack Stong at 258-5609.

COMPUTER DONATED! HELP NEEDED FOR SET-UP!

Joe and Sue Kelly have donated a Radio Shack 16B computer with printers, software and auxiliary disc drive. This complete system with word processing, accounting and data handling capability were no longer required in their business and their tremendous generosity now places the equipment at our service. THANK YOU, JOE & SUE!!! We now need another member who has knowledge and experience with Radio Shack systems to help us with setting things up and training both volunteers and the office managers. If you can help call the office (422-6230 or 261-2757) between 10 AM and 4 PM or call Russ Hesch (535-3519) in the evening.

KNAPP'S COUPON PROGRAM CONTINUES

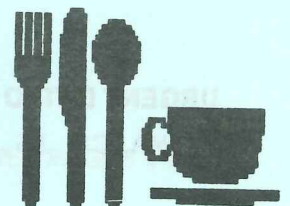
Our collection of Bill Knapp's coupons continues. As it will probably take up to two years for the collection of sufficient coupons to redeem for the IBM compatible computer we hope to get, we are very fortunate in having had donated to us by Joe and Sue Kelly of the Oakland County Chapter a Radio Shack computer system that we may put into immediate use.

In the past month we have received 11,184 coupon points for a total of 24,357 toward our future computer needs. The Bill Knapp goal in points has not yet been determined.

Our contributors this month are: Gavlinski, Libengood, Cutright, McCarthy, Kelly, Dionne, Wheeler, Valliere, Wagener, St. Joseph Church, Tippmann, Armbruster, Kalesavich, St. Damian Sodality, Macomb County Right to Life, Booth, Bonacor-Dee, Irwin, Jakubowicz, Konopka, Bradley, Kleinbrook, Radwick, Bettega, Aiton, LaBerge, Plank, Ervin, Michelini, Aragona, Consiglio, Bell, Fitzgerald, St. Sabina Queenship of Mary Guild, Vecchioni, Radzialowski, Poeppe, Lohrengel, Braunscheidel, Darket, Albert, Barilski, Mehall, Schemanske, Chomin, Tillson, Renner, Klotz, Dolinshek, Bryson, Sharer, Barrett, Dombrowski, LaJoie, Shannon, Bizon, Zombek, Dee, Cavanaugh, Needham, Another Way Pregnancy Center and others whose names we do not have.

When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's ask for a Community Support Coupon. The cashier will indicate on the coupon how many points are awarded. Points are awarded based on this formula: 1 pt equals \$1.00 computed on the total amount received by the cashier for meals, bakery items, take-out orders or purchased gift certificates.

Send the Community Support Coupons to us at Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit, 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150
Thank you so much!!!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 22, Wednesday

Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Unborn
Pray that God will be preparing the Missouri test case, Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services to overrule Roe vs. Wade (the Supreme Court's abortion statute) and that the right attorneys and staff will be involved on the prolife side.

March 24, Friday
to April 2, Sunday

Easter Break - Offices Closed

April 9, Sunday and
April 10, Monday

Fr. Paul Marx, Human Life International
April 9 - Assumption Grotto Church - 3:30
Pat Bakken for information - 538-2563
April 10 - St. Francis K of C Hall, Farmington Hills, 8:00 pm
Jack Stong for information - 258-5609

April 13 - 15
Thurs.-Saturday

Current Controversies in the Right to Live, the Right to Die - Legal, Medical and Ethical Issues
Dupont Plaza Hotel, Washington, D.C.
Call the Main Office for details - 261-2757

April 18, Tuesday

Right to Life of Michigan Legislative Day
Lansing; call 517-487-3376 for information
Speaker: Suzanne Rini, Fetal Experimentation

April 25, Tuesday

Proposal A Victory Dinner to help reduce CETFA debt
Thomas' Crystal Gardens, Southgate, 7:30 pm, \$25
Call Downriver Chapter, 285-6776, for information

June 29, Thursday
to July 1, Saturday

National Right to Life Convention
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Call Main Office, 261-2757, for registration forms

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MARCH 15, 1989

VICTORY CELEBRATION

Proposal A stopped tax funded abortions in Michigan on November 8, 1988. In 1985 Michigan paid nearly six million dollars to fund approximately 18,500 abortions. In 1989 those babies will be given their Right-To Life.

Our Downriver Chapter worked hard and won a big part in the Victory in South East Wayne County. This was a very expensive fight. A Grass Roots effort collected money door to door, from businesses, and corporations. After all of this, Right To Life of Michigan still has a debt of \$150,000. We would like to help resolve some of this debt. Therefore we have planned a Victory Dinner on April 25, 1989 at 6:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. dinner at Thomas' Crystal Gardens, 16703 Fort, Southgate, MI. Tickets are available at \$25 per person and a table of 10 for \$250.

Our guest speakers are Ann and Dave Strubler. They have a beautiful story to tell, "Modern Day Miracle." Ann tells how she found her birth mother. She affirms our stand of Adoption not abortion.

We reserved 200 seats for our dinner. We ask you to come and be a part of our celebration.

We are looking for people who can be a table captain and fill up a complete table of 10. Contact your business associates, your relatives, friends and church, fraternal and civic organizations.

Help us be a SUCCESS. With your efforts we will be a SUCCESS.

For more information please call our dinner coordinator Jay at our office at 285-6776.

OUCH-H-H....A COMPUTER GLITCH

Have you received your February Newsletter? If not please be patient. We discovered we have a computer glitch in our Wyandotte and Riverview mailing when so many newsletters came back to our office with the wrong addresses on them. We are in the process of correcting these addresses and we will be remailing the newsletter as soon as possible.

CORPORATE SUPPORTERS OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD

It has become increasingly popular for major American and international corporations to make financial contributions to Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood has placed high emphasis on gaining such financial support, and at this it has been highly successful.

It is important that pro-life advocates understand that their support of these corporations enables the corporations to support Planned Parenthood. Most corporations donate these monies through a foundation.

Corporations attempt to justify their donations, saying that they are not being used for abortions but rather for Planned Parenthood's ongoing "educational" programs. Some corporations claim that the foundations are independent. Still others admit that they support Planned Parenthood because they subscribe to the Planned Parenthood philosophy.

Corporate leaders need to understand that Planned Parenthood is a controversial organization and no funds should go to them. They need to know that it is bad business to donate to an organization like Planned Parenthood.

Pro-life advocates are encouraged to write to these corporate leaders and inform them of their displeasure. They are also encouraged to educate themselves as to which products and services are offered by these corporations and keep this in mind when making purchases.

A list of confirmed corporate contributors to Planned Parenthood follows. Addresses are provided for letter writing. The editor would appreciate receiving copies of your letters and replies received.

Morgan Guaranty Trust - Mr. Robert Longley, Sr. Vice President, Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. of New York Charitable Trust, 23 Wall Street, New York, NY 10015. Phone (212)483-2323.

Pillsbury - Ms. Carol B. Truesdell, Vice President, The Pillsbury Co., Pillsbury Center, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Phone (800) 328-4466 or (612) 330-4966.

Rockwell International - Mr. John J. Christin, Secretary, Rockwell International Corp. Trust, 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Phone (412) 565-7436.

Scott Paper - Ms. Cynthia D. Giround, Manager, Corporate Social Investment, Scott Paper Co. Foundation, Scott Plaza, Philadelphia, PA 19113. Phone (800) 835-7268 or (215) 522-5000.

Union Pacific - Mr. Charles N. Olsen, President, Union Pacific Foundation, 345 Park Ave., New York, NY 10154. Phone (212) 418-7926.

Winn-Dixie Stores - Mr. James Cameron, President, Winn-Dixie Stores Foundation, 5050 Edgewood Court, Drawer B, West Bay Station, Jacksonville, FL 32205. Phone (904) 783-5000.

Xerox - Mr. John Riley, Operations Marketing Manager, Xerox Corporation, 3501 Silverside Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810. Phone (800) 441-9314.

Dayton Hudson - Ms. Vivian Stuck, Administrative Officer, Dayton Hudson Foundation, 777 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55402. Phone (612) 370-6553.

Eastman Kodak - Mr. Stan Wright, Director, Corporate Contributions Program, Eastman Kodak Co., 343 State Street, Rochester, NY 14650. Phone (716) 724-3127.

General Mills - Ms. Lauren P. Weck, Sr. Program Officer, General Mills Foundation, P.O. Box 1113, Minneapolis, MN 55440. Phone (800) 328-6787 or (612) 540-2311.

H.J. Heinz - Mr. S. Donald Wiley, Trustee, H.J. Heinz Co. Foundation, P.O. Box 57, Pittsburgh, PA 15230. Phone (412) 456-5772.

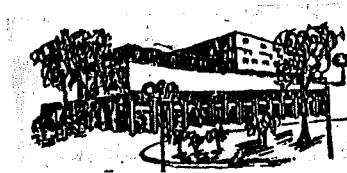
J.C. Penney - Ms. Robin Caldwell, Manager, Corporate Contributions, J.C. Penney, 14841 N. Dallas Parkway, Dallas, TX 75240. Phone (214) 591-1000.

American Express - Ms. Mary Beth Salerno, Vice President, American Express Foundation, American Express Tower, World Financial Center, New York, NY 10285-4710. Phone (800) 528-4800 or (212) 598-5000 or (212) 640-5038.

American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T) - Ms. Jane Redfern, Sr. Vice President, AT&T Foundation, 550 Madison Ave., Room 29-2715, New York, NY 10022. Phone (800) 222-3111.

Citicorp - Ms. Donna Stiansen, Citicorp Foundation, 399 Park Ave., 32nd Floor, New York, NY 10043. Phone (212) 559-8181.

(Above article courtesy of the Christian Action Council, Greater Washington, D.C.)



PROLIFE ACTIVITY AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

Representatives from Young Americans for Freedom of Wayne State University visited our offices on Woodward recently for help in preparing a prolife display on campus. We were able to supply an abundance of material and the students created a very effective display in a showcase located in an extremely high-traffic area of The Student Center. The campus group can be contacted by writing to Young Americans for Freedom, Box 100, Room 211 Student Center, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202.

During the same week in February, Detroit Chapter Board Member Madeline Satwicz was invited to speak to a gathering of Wayne State medical students. Approximately 100 students from the med school and other colleges attended the session. Madeline's knowledgeable talk, based on her years of experience as a nurse for the terminally ill and her long experience as a prolife volunteer, generated many questions from the students. She also showed the film, "The Silent Scream," which was seen by many of the participants for the first time. Madeline reports that the response to her presentation was very positive and that she hopes to be able to appear before University groups much more frequently in the future. If you are student or otherwise affiliated with any of our area colleges, a prolife presentation can be arranged through our Detroit Chapter office. Please call 874-0432. If a member of our staff is not immediately available, please leave a message on the answering machine. Your call will be returned as soon as possible and we will work with you to prepare the best possible program for your group.

"IF YOU ARE MOVING, PLEASE NOTIFY US OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS"

The above message, printed above your mailing label on the newsletter each month, is important,

When you are preparing to move and you change your address with the Post Office, your newsletter is not forwarded to your new address. It is sent back to the Chapter, which is charged 25 cents for each newsletter returned. This charge, added to our bulk mailing costs, means that our Chapter must pay more than 30 cents for each undeliverable newsletter.



We miss our members when they move and we do understand that MOVING = CONFUSION. Please phone the office or send us your change of address AS SOON AS YOU NOTIFY THE POST OFFICE. This will save us time and money.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

If your membership expires in March or April, you have recently received a renewal notice. Please take the time to send it in. Your membership dues are vital to keeping our office in Detroit alive and well. And we want you to keep hearing from us!

TEEN SPEAKER WITH A PERSONAL PROLIFE STORY

Among the speakers at our 1989 Right to Life Rally at Detroit's Kennedy Square was Holly Brooks, high school student and daughter of Gar and Christy Wood of Wayne West Chapter. Following is the text of Holly's talk:

"Good afternoon! It's great to see all of you out here. These rallies have become a kind of tradition in my family and last year I decided I'd like to speak to you because I feel I have a very important message to share.

"I'd like to talk about the adoption option and share my story with you. I was born on December 21, 1972, only one month before the Supreme Court decision making abortion legal. I was put up for adoption and only seven days later I was adopted into the wonderful family I have now. I was one of the lucky ones. My mother gave me the chance to live. Unfortunately, too many people are exposed to the wrong option. So now I feel I have to help make others aware of just how great it is to be alive!

"Through my mom's involvement in Right to Life, I've been exposed to the reality of abortion in our world. I only want to help others to see that adoption is a better option than abortion. I have no bad feelings towards my birth mother for giving me up. She made the choice which she felt was the best for both of us. She gave me the chance to be brought up in a family that can support me and help me to become the best person I possibly can. If only everyone knew how many good families there are waiting to adopt a child. There is so much love waiting for them. They need to live.

"Without this chance at life I would have no hopes, no dreams for my future. I believe we're all put here for a purpose. If only every person considering abortion would consider adoption. All that potential, the hope and dreams they are taking away, the joy of living they are denying to another human being. The gift of life is so sacred that only God has the ability to give it - and only He should take it away.

LEGACY OF AN ADOPTED CHILD

Once there were two women who never knew each other.
One you do not remember, the other you call "mother."

Two different lives, shaped to make you one.
One became a guiding star, the other became your sun.

The first gave you life and the second taught you to live in it.
The first gave you a need for love and the second was there to give it.

One gave you a nationality, the other gave you a name.
One gave you the seed of talent, the other gave you an aim.

One gave you emotions, the other calmed your fears.
One saw your first sweet smile, the other dried your tears.

One gave you up. It was all that she could do.
The other prayed for a child, and God led her straight to you.

And now you ask me through your fears,
The age old questions, unanswered through the years.

Hereditiy or environment...?
Which are you the product of...?

Neither my darling...neither...
Just two different kinds of love.

Article continued from February newsletter, The Legal Foundation for Euthanasia.

It is a grim fact that the shift from a presumption that patients want to live, and certainly want to be fed, to a question of whether or not patients wish to exercise a "right to die" and be starved to death, has moved our society so far that the courts deciding these cases are, in effect, acting on a presumption that all such patients want to die. That really means all patients for whom there is someone -- be it doctor, family member, or friend -- who wants them to die.

Further, as mentioned, the New Jersey Supreme Court has stated that such cases no longer need even be taken to court. Family members, or friends who claim to understand the "personal values and beliefs" of an incompetent patient can now presumably make a substituted judgment to deny them food and fluids in New Jersey without even going to court.

The most grotesque aspect of this whole charade is that it is ostensibly carried out on behalf of the patient. In the recent case of Mildred Rasmussen, an Arizona court even went beyond the doctrine of substituted judgment. The court admitted that it could not determine what that incompetent patient would really want. However, the court went on to essentially reason that Mrs. Rasmussen's "right to privacy" was broad enough to encompass a fundamental right to refuse treatment and care, including food and fluids, one she could not lose even though she was incompetent. From that point the court concluded that a decision had to be made for her in her best interest, which the court decided was that she not be fed.

"Voluntary" Lethal Injection: From the reasoning used to condemn incompetent patients to euthanasia by starvation and dehydration, it is easy to see how euthanasia by lethal injection, as recently proposed in California, would not long remain voluntary.

The argument would go like this: A competent patient can now choose euthanasia by lethal injection as part of his "right to die." Since the right to die is just as basic a right for incompetent patients, they, too must have the option of choosing euthanasia by lethal injection. However, since incompetent patients cannot make their "decision" known, a decision can be made on their behalf by a court or third party recognized by a court, to give them a lethal injection, either by employing "substituted judgment" or by concluding that death is in the patient's "best interests."

Then, following the lead of the New Jersey Supreme Court, it may cease even to be necessary to go to court in order for relatives or friends to have a lethal injection administered to an incompetent patient. Of course, the end result for the incompetent patient remains the same -- whether they are starved, lethally-injected, or, for that matter, shot.

Please call the office (545-8088) if you would like to obtain a copy of this booklet to read further on the subject. Also, AUL will be holding a conference in Wash., D.C. in April on this same subject.

VATICAN CLARIFIES DEFINITION
OF ABORTION:

The November 24 ruling by the Pontifical Commission for the Authentic Interpretation of the Code of Canon Law explains that abortion is not only "the expulsion of the immature fetus" but is "the killing of the same fetus in any way and at any time from the moment of conception." According to Dominican Father Joseph Fox, a member of the Commission, this would apply to abortion whether performed by surgery, abortifacient drug or other means.

Asked whether abortifacients would include drugs or devices that may prevent implantation in the womb, such as the IUD, Father Fox explained that the penalty of excommunication would apply only in the case of a known pregnancy that was known to have been ended by a deliberate choice.

Father Fox also noted that only a bishop or certain church authorities may remove a penalty of automatic excommunication, but many bishops have delegated this authority to priests who hear confessions in their dioceses. He said, "Catholics seeking to have the penalty removed should go to a local confessor." (Art. taken from Dec. RespectLife Report. NCCB Office of Pro-Life Activities).

FORMER GOVERNOR OF N.Y. HUGH CAREY
HAS CHANGED HIS MIND RE ABORTION
SINCE LEAVING OFFICE:
November 6th statement to the Catholic Lawyers Guild of New York).

"Many of us say that we are opposed personally to abortion. We find it morally reprehensible and we say that we cannot ourselves support a decision to take the life of an unborn child. Many of us in public office have couched our arguments in these very terms. But I would argue that this is now not enough. It is fine to be personally opposed to abortion but it is not acceptable to simply wring our hands and say we cannot do anything about it. We must not shirk our responsibility as Catholics or as lawyers. We must stand up and say this is wrong --it is unacceptable--and we are not going to let it continue; we are going to change the law to make it right."

Hugh Carey

ABORTION RULING DUE MARCH 17th:

The ACLU along with nine other pro-choice organizations filed suit in Wayne County on behalf of "Jane Doe," a fifteen year old pregnant child, who was allegedly raped by 3 young men in her aunt's apartment.

The ACLU seems so concerned about this child, claiming they will ask for affidavits from doctors who say the girl's health could be at risk if her pregnancy continues, yet not willing to let someone pay for the abortion.

Questions:

Can the Court usurp a vote of the people and the legislature?

Is this a true case of forced rape or a scared kid -- certainly the two older boys could be guilty of statutory rape, since they are over 17, and she only 15.