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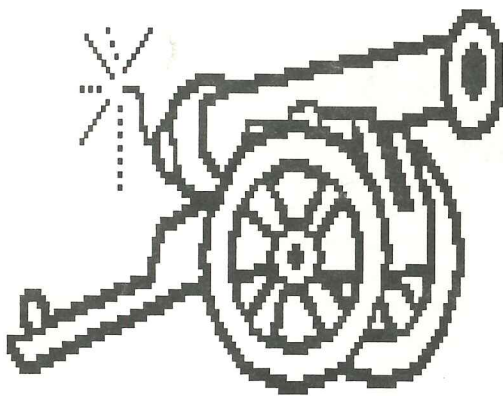
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The War of Words for Babies' Lives



Reproductive freedom
Who decides?
Unborn babies
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Abortion kills! **Pro-choice**
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Never call them "pro-choice"

by Jill Slater

Those involved in the struggle for the lives of the unborn have long known the power of a catchy slogan. With clever use of rhetoric and ridicule, pro-abortionists have successfully shifted the focus of the abortion debate. Never is the unborn child mentioned. Even the word 'abortion' is used infrequently. No, today the issue is "who decides?" Sadly, this catch phrase may even give many proliferers pause. Don't we all cherish our personal freedoms? Don't we all fear the "Big Brother" style of government?

1984 aside, abortion is one 'personal freedom' we can never sanction no matter how oppressive the government, because it snuffs out the life of another human being. This little person will never be able to exercise his own personal freedoms. Just as you may not decide to take the life of your two-year-old child, so you should not be able to choose to take the life of your 2-month-old child, still inside. Prolifers must be bold and forceful in their denunciation of this rallying cry of the anti-life movement. The following quotes from both sides of the life issue further expose the "who decides, pro-choice" myth for what it is.

"The shrewd PR operation that changed pro-abortion into "pro-choice" has belched forth once again with "Who decides?" which is just as good as "Where's the beef?" and shorter. This is a masterful (though completely dishonest) campaign that obliterates the moral issue and turns it into a fable about old males from church and state trying to enter a woman's bedroom. It is one of the great propaganda triumphs of our age. It is very hard to outline a moral argument when someone is deeply satisfied with a two-word bumper sticker."

John Leo, *US News & World Report*, February 19, 1990

"Remember that their smokescreen is intended not only to obscure the crux of the debate itself - the issue of 'who decides' - but also to misrepresent the boundaries of public opinion....They will promote the idea that those who are pro-choice are advocating the use of 'abortion as birth control'. There's no mystery as to why this is their first priority - for it makes abortion the

issue instead of 'who decides,' and attempts to undo NARAL's success by redefining the issue in their terms."

Kate Michelman, executive director of the National Abortion Rights Action League, speaking about the prolife movement in a fund-raising letter.

"We all know what abortion is all about: killing innocent unborn babies. But when you use the phrase "pro-choice" you block that out, ignore the child, and move exclusively over to their side of the ring, accepting their claim that the only issue at stake is the issue of a woman's right to choose. It doesn't take a very astute observer to see that the reason for their recent success has been their almost total triumph in framing the question in the public arena in terms of the right of a woman to choose."

Dr. Jack Willke, president of the National Right to Life Committee, *National Right to Life News*, February 1, 1990.

"Planned Parenthood's leaders must urge free-choice supporters to change the terms of the debate. "Keep Abortion Safe and Legal" is a counterproductive slogan. Even the label "pro-choice" fails to convey the central idea. Framing the argument in terms of "free choice" addresses the real issue at stake. Who maintains the right to choose, the individual or the state?"

Laurie Belin, a Harvard undergraduate, *The Washington Post*, November 25, 1989.

"As for the "pro-choice" label, it is ironic. A bill that affirms a personal choice while stripping from the states a larger power of social or community choice is a study in Orwellian language, if nothing else."

Edwin Yoder, Jr., syndicated columnist writing on the "Freedom of Choice Act", *Houston Chronicle*, January 30, 1990.

"The private decision of whether or not to have children is now in the hands of the Michi -

gan legislature and Governor Blanchard."
Margy Long, public affairs coordinator for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of Michigan on the Webster decision, The Detroit News, July 4, 1989

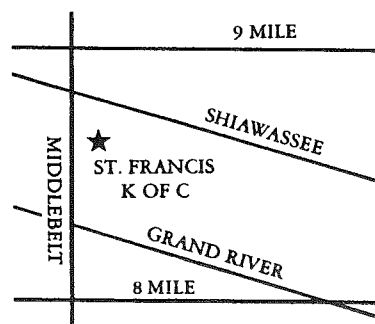
"Once a woman is pregnant we all know that she's going to have a baby. Her only choice is how will the baby come out - in one piece, alive and kicking, or in many pieces, dead. So her choice is for the continuance of life or the violence of death."

Dr. Jack Willke, president of the National Right to Life Committee, National Right to Life News, February 1, 1990.

"Many forms of commitment will be needed to implement the prolife revolution. But the ultimate achievement will not be possible without the mobilizing, challenging and educating force of language power."
(Mary Joyce, National Right to Life News, November, 1975.)
 The dictionary defines rhetoric as "the persuasive use of language to influence the thoughts and actions of listeners." It is imperative that proliferators become skilled in their use of language both to rebut and to persuade. □

Map to General Meeting

St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus Hall
 21900 Middlebelt Road
 Farmington Hills



Lifespan's Annual General Meeting

Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit will hold its 13th Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 24, 1990 at 7:30 pm. The meeting is open to the public as well as the membership in Oakland, Detroit, Downriver, and Wayne County, West chapters. It will be held at the St. Francis Council Knights of Columbus Hall, 21900 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills (see map shown above).

RTL - Lifespan is pleased to announce that Luann Adams, RN, CSW, ACSW will be our guest speaker. The topic will cover Post Abortion Grief Dysfunction. Mrs. Adams, who has extensive nursing experience, completed her Master's degree in Clinical Social Work at the University of Michigan. Since 1985, she has been in private practice as an individual marital and family counselor. Her special area of interest is grief counseling, including Post Abortion Grief Dysfunction.

This topic should be of interest to all of us because of a growing problem in our commu-

nity called Post Abortion Syndrome (PAS). Every child who is killed by abortion has a mother, father, grandparents, and possibly sisters and brothers; a whole family structure which may experience deep and long lasting grief. These people need our compassion and understanding.

Other events will include the opportunity to preview the new video, "Ultrasound: Window to the Womb", and additional resource materials. We will again be awarding our Lifespan pin to honor our volunteers.

And we will have a drawing for one round trip ticket for the January 22, 1991, "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. One chance per person and you must be present to win.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Please come and encourage your friends and church leaders to also attend. It will prove to be an exceptional evening, one you won't want to miss.



Legislative

Addresses

President

President (first and last name)
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Senators

The Honorable (first and last name)
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator (last name):

Representatives

The Honorable (first and last name)
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman or Congresswoman
(last name):

Governor

The Honorable James Blanchard
Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Blanchard:

State Senator or Representative

The Honorable (full name)
State Capitol
Lansing, MI 48913

Dear Senator (last name):
or

Dear Representative (last name):

Become a precinct delegate

Petitions must be submitted by May 8

by Michael Wolfrom, Lifespan's Wayne West Legislative Liaison

Some of you are probably familiar with the role precinct delegates play in helping the Republican and Democratic parties take a stand against abortion and euthanasia. If you are not, please read on and discover an EASY way you can make a difference.

What's a precinct delegate? All cities are divided into precincts - your precinct number is on your voting card (or check with city hall). Each precinct elects one or more Republicans and Democrats to represent their precinct at district meetings in their area twice a year. Abortion and euthanasia platforms as well as election of prolife party leadership are some decisions made by precinct delegates. A precinct delegate can even represent his party at the national party conventions in election years. Since 1980, the Republican platform has opposed abortion thanks to people like you and me acting as precinct delegates.

It doesn't take money. It doesn't take much time. Just write or call your Right to Life- Lifespan office to get a precinct delegate petition. (All Lifespan offices have answering machines for evening calls.) Then get at least 3 registered voters in your precinct to sign your petition (family members can also sign. It's recommended you get a few more signatures in case any of the 3 signers isn't registered at his correct address, if names have changed from marriage, or he or she fails to write his correct legal name, etc.). Next, send your petition to the county election clerk - to be received by May 8. Your name will then appear on your precinct's August primary election ballot.

Only voters who identify themselves as belonging to your party, whether Republican or Democrat, can vote for you. Sometimes other people will run as precinct delegate too, but often no one will be opposing you. You must be re-elected every 2 years.

For further information contact:

- Your local Republican or Democratic club
- County Election Clerk
- Michigan Committee for Freedom, 205 W. Saginaw, Lansing, MI 48933 (517) 484-4405
- In Wayne County: Tom Thompson, 35624 Parkdale, Livonia, MI 48154, 522-8589



Update

"Freedom of Choice" Act

(HR 3700, S1912)

This bill would prohibit any restrictions on abortion prior to fetal viability (around 23 weeks). After viability, the bill would grant women an abortion for "health" reasons (the Supreme Court has ruled that "health" includes any factor pertinent to a woman's "well being"). Thus, in practical terms, the bill would bar states from placing restrictions on abortion at any point during pregnancy.

The initial hearing on this bill was held in March, with Shari Richard from our Educational Center for Life testifying. The bill is not scheduled for action until the summer. (From NRLC legislative office.)

Write or call your Congressional representatives urging them to OPPOSE this bill.

"Family Planning" Act

(S110, HR 930)

Although Lifespan takes no position on contraception, we do oppose federal funding of organizations which promote abortion as a family planning option. Planned Parenthood affiliates currently receive about \$30 million a year under Title X of the Public Health Service Act. These bills would extend the Title X program for 4 more years at increased funding levels. S110 has not yet been scheduled for Senate floor action (NRLC legislative office).

Urge your Congressional representative to oppose these bills unless they are amended to protect the prolife Title X regulations, and to prohibit the use of Title X funds for school-based clinics and for research on abortifacients (such as RU 486).

"Citizens for Parents' Rights"

The campaign to restore to parents and teenagers the appropriate protections and rights they deserve will take the form of an initiative drive similar to the successful effort in 1987 that ultimately stopped tax-funded abortions in Michigan. Such a drive requires that a total of 191,726 registered voters sign the petition bringing the Parental Rights Restoration Act back to the state legislature. The signatures must be collected within 180 days.

After the signatures are validated by the State Elections Bureau, the measure goes to the Michigan legislature for final approval. Both the House and Senate must then vote on the bill within 40 days. If passed by a simple majority vote, the measure automatically becomes law. If rejected, it will be voted on by the general public. The Governor is afforded no chance for a veto.

Dr. Jack Willke, president of the National Right to Life Committee, commented on the need for this legislation during his recent visit to Detroit. "I've counseled... thousands of [pregnant teenagers] over the years, and in my total 40 years of experience I have never had... a girl who went to her parents for this kind of counsel who has ever repeated another pregnancy out of wedlock. Never. The girls who have snuck off in private and gotten abortions and not told their parents, repeat pregnancies are almost the rule. So it is a devastating thing for a teenager to not tell their parents... Blanchard is tragically, devastatingly wrong in [vetoing this bill], and he must be overridden."

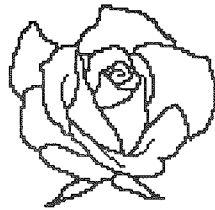
We need your help to collect the necessary signatures. Please call your local Lifespan office for instructions and petitions.

"Americans with Disabilities" Act

(S933, HR 2273)

This bill would prohibit discrimination in employment against persons with disabilities, and require that new public and private facilities be accessible. The bill was approved by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, headed by Rep. John Dingell (D-Dearborn), and awaits approval by the public works and judiciary committees before being considered by the full House.

Urge your Representative to SUPPORT this bill as it stands.



Chapter

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A Call for Volunteers- Petition Drive & Washing- ton Rally

Each member now has the opportunity to help. We must become open about our opinions on abortion. We can take petitions to circulate. We can drive to Washington for the April 28th Rally, or take one of the buses or flights. We can write letters.

It is time that the so-called silent majority become visible, because if we don't, the pro-choicers or pro-abortion people, who have the money to fly all over this country, are going to win. Babies will continue to die in huge numbers.

WHAT WILL YOU DO FOR THE UNBORN?

Please call the Office (545-8088) to offer your help.

Auction '90

To benefit Pregnancy Shelters, Inc.

When: Friday, May 4th, 1990
7:30 pm

Where: St. Dennis Church
2200 East Twelve Mile Rd
Royal Oak

A wide assortment of items will be auctioned. Pregnancy Shelters, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt organization with the primary purpose

of providing temporary housing for those having problem pregnancies. For more information or to make a donation call 532-2271 or 874-0432.

Office hours

Monday	10-4
Tuesday	10-4
Wednesday	10-4
Thursday	10-4
Friday	10-4

Oakland County Chapter
203 Washington Square Plaza
Royal Oak, MI 48067-3845
(313) 545-8088

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Church Rep Dinner

Plans for the Annual Church Representative Dinner in May are underway. Church Reps will be able to exchange ideas in a friendly and relaxed setting. Anyone interested in being a Church Rep may also attend and bring a guest just to get acquainted with the program (you are under no obligation to join). On this night, the emphasis is on fellowship.

Office schedule

For Easter vacation the Wayne County West Office will be closed Friday, April 13 and will reopen Monday, April 23. Due to the Washington Rally, we will also be closed Friday, April 27 and will reopen Tuesday, May 1.

Be involved

More circulators are needed in our area for the Citizens for Parental Rights (CPR) Initiative Pe-

tition Drive. Call 422-6230. We can help you to coordinate your efforts.

Abortion clinic owner's remarks

15 members from the Wayne West Chapter carpooled to Lansing, March 28, to hear Carol Everett, a former abortion clinic owner tell the inside story on one of the biggest money-making businesses in the US today. She explained that abortion is a skillfully marketed product sold to a woman at a crisis time in her life. 5% of abortions are done on un-pregnant women. Her clinic gave low dosage birth control pills to patients after their abortions and they had a 42.9% rate of repeat abortions. She is for informed consent laws because women are lied to in order to sell abortions.

In Minnesota, where there are

parental consent laws, teen abortions have dropped 31% and teen pregnancy has dropped 27%. Her youngest client was 11 years old, and she stressed the need for parental consent laws in Michigan.

Annual Meeting

Because Lifespan Inc. is having their Annual General Meeting on May 24th, we will not be having another Chapter meeting until June. We encourage you to attend this most informative meeting. See page 3 for more information.

Silk Rose Sale

Chairman Terry Doyle is taking Church Rep orders for silk roses to be available in churches for Mother's Day. To help with the Roses, call the office at 422-6230.

Wayne County, West Chapter
27578 Schoolcraft
Livonia, MI 48150-2203
(313) 422-6230

News

downriver detroit

Volunteers needed

The Detroit chapter needs volunteers willing to work with existing church representatives, and/or to recruit new church reps. This could be done over the phone. Please call Betty at 874-0432 for more information.

Office hours

M, Th	10-2 pm
TWF	Closed

Detroit Chapter
5930 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI 48202-3516

(313) 874-0432

Good bye, Mary!

We are very sorry to announce that our office manager, Mary Hanson, is leaving us. Mary has purchased a home in Royal Oak and is unable to drive the long distance to work in Taylor. Mary was with us only a few months, but she was very diligent in the re-organization of the Downriver office. We will certainly miss her and wish her the best of luck in her new home and job. God bless you, Mary.

Help wanted

Of course, Mary's departure means we are looking for a new office manager for the Downriver chapter. If you are looking for a part time job, 15-20 hours a week, we may be looking for you. Give us a call at the main office at 261-2757.

Downriver Chapter
21649 Goddard #125B
Taylor, MI 48180-4247

(313) 374-5111

Treasurer needed!

RTL - Lifespan has an immediate opening for treasurer of the corporation. This volunteer position requires an accounting background. For an interview please call Ann Thomas at the Main Office, 261-2757.

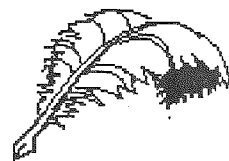
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From the President's desk

Well, we've been hearing about it for months. It's been in our newsletter and just about every other prolife publication in the country. It's on flyers and bumper stickers. It's on radio stations and in church bulletins. It's spreading by word of mouth. It's going to be the largest rally in the history of the prolife movement. In fact, it promises to be the biggest rally of any kind in the history of the United States.

It's Rally for Life '90, April 28th, Washington, D.C. Bring your family and friends. Mark your calendar and make your plans. Be a part of history, stand up, make a difference, BE THERE!

I want to thank all the people who organized and supported two other very important events - the baby showers and the dinner dance. There were ten simultaneous baby showers in different locations to benefit crisis pregnancy centers (CPC). Lifespan also received many donated items from people unable to attend that were delivered to an eleventh CPC. This was a very positive way of helping women and their babies, born and yet to be born. The St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance was also a tremendous success. Dr. Willke is one of the greatest people I have ever had the privilege of meeting. He is truly a motivating force in the prolife movement.

And don't forget the petition drive for parental consent. If you don't already have your petition forms and instructions, please call any of our offices today.

See you in Washington on April 28th!

Ann S. Thomas

"Except for you, she wouldn't be here"

Dr. Jack Willke talks about the prolife struggle

Dr. Jack Willke is the president of the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), which has 50 state and almost 3000 local chapters. He was the featured speaker at Right to Life - Lifespan's annual dinner dance last month. This interview was conducted Saturday afternoon before the dance.

Q Do you feel that *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned?

A *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned in one of two ways. It either will simply be officially overruled, which is the way we'd prefer, but the court has another way of doing it. They call it sub-silencio . . . and what they do with that is to slowly gut the thing until officially it no longer exists, in de facto, even though the words are still out there.

Now it is amazing how much it has ruled in that direction already. . . . Let's think back a year ago before Webster. Could we have in our wildest imagination thought that a legislative body would pass a law forbidding all abortions except those few percentage [as was recently done in Idaho]? Of course we wouldn't have dreamt of doing it because it would have been a total exercise in futility. Everyone knew it would have been just struck

down savagely. Now, even though the court in Webster didn't go very far, it didn't go very far at all, it would seem as if the whole door has opened.

Q Is there hope for a human life amendment?

A Not in the near future. . . . What's gonna have to happen is, I think, a slow re-education of our nation. Let's take Michigan, for instance. Parental consent for minors. Gee, that's not a huge percentage of the abortion problem. It's a piece of it. Look at the blood, sweat, money and tears that are going to go in to putting that into law in Michigan.

Okay, let's say you're successful. Now let's go for one or two or three years and collect state statistics and experience parental consent. And the common knowledge then will be, "Hey, that was a good thing. We aren't having all kinds of teenage chaos because of this. Yes, the incest thing has a way around it, she can go to the judge. Yes, it was a good thing to report that incest thing, because we didn't want it to happen again." And several years down the road, this won't be an arguable position in MI anymore. It will have shown itself to have been wisdom.

All right, let's say the next year Michigan then goes for informed consent. Maybe spousal notification. And let's say maybe the next year Michigan goes for tight clinic regulations. . . . A few more years, now everybody recognizes that this was a good thing. What you're gonna do is narrow it, narrow it, narrow it.

The whole mood of the country's going to have to change a bit. And we're going to be pushing that. Then, then maybe, we can go the rest of the way. But I'm afraid that's the psychology of it at this point, and I certainly wasn't saying that 10 years ago. But 10 years ago we weren't where we are now.

Q How can we more effectively educate the public about the life issue?

A Four words: aggressively back to basics. Back to basics. . . . We must go back and teach fetal development, fetal development, fetal development. We do it with models, we do it with color photos, we do it with ultrasound photos. And that's where it's at.

We have to go back, aggressively find places to talk to go out and talk to people. We

must have speakers bureaus that are scrounging to speak anywhere. You get me 6 people together and we'll come. Any kind of a church group, any kind of a social party or community group, any classroom, anywhere, anytime. Have pictures, will come. Here's what you look like at 18, at 16, at 14 weeks. And when you were 12 weeks along, here is what function there was, and so forth. Now we get down to 10, now we're down to 6, listen to the heartbeat. Here is a 3-D model. . . . There was a heartbeat starting when [your mother] was 4 days late for her first period. You planted at one day of life. You began at day one.

This is the message that everybody has to know. And that should be taught in grade school, it should be taught in Sunday school, it should be taught in secondary school. It simply has to be out there. And when everybody knows that, then we have 80% of the people in this country on our side.

Q How important is the Rally for Life in April?

A Of *overwhelming* importance. Henry Hyde came to me a year ago, and it was right after the first NOW march. They only had 150 thou, but they were given credit for 300. That's what's out there - 300. He said, "We have to beat them and beat 'em big." He said, "Some of my colleagues are very worried." Pretty obvious; later in the year it showed that. We were losing votes. He said, "We need a massive march, Jack. And yours is the only group that's big enough to coordinate that."

Now I think it's evident to anyone and everyone that this is the one of a kind, the BIG one. It will be looked upon as THE test of strength and it will be used to



Dr. Jack Willke viewing "Ultrasound: A Window to the Womb" with producer Shari Richard

match numbers with the others. We would like to see a busload of people from every prolife school and every prolife church east of the Mississippi into Washington that day.

Even those who come...late and they can't even get to the mall.... Let me tell them ahead of time, "You have done your part." If you, unfortunately, were one of those in that traffic jam 10 blocks away that absolutely couldn't move and you couldn't get any farther, and that's where you sat, offer it up. The fact that you were part of gridlocking downtown Washington will not be lost on the Congress. And if you were bumper to bumper on the interstates leaving and thought you'd be out at 7:00 and didn't get out 'til 10:30 or 11 because the entire beltway was bumper to bumper and parked shut, good! That's why you came. And if because of you and your tie-up the Congressmen couldn't get to where they wanted to go, and a lot of receptions and so forth that night had to be cancelled because nobody could move, good. That's why you came.

This will be an historic event. People who go are going to be able to tell their kids they went. This

will be, I'm convinced now, the largest gathering of people to ever come to Washington DC in its history. This will be bigger than Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream." This will be more than the pope brought to the mall. And this will be more than the feminist, lesbian coalition brought to the mall. This will be BIG.

Q What motivates you to stick with it?

A Well . . . I can't say that the things that buck us up would necessarily be available to a person who's a little more down in the trenches. We're constantly running into people who bring their child up and introduce this little child or this teenager and with tears in their eyes say, "Except for you, she wouldn't be here." Stories like, "For 25 cents she bought a handbook on abortion [at a used bookstore], mostly because she was pregnant, thinking about getting an abortion and she saw the word. She picked the book up, read it, and decided not to abort. I mean things like that we keep getting feedback on makes us want to continue.

RALLY FOR LIFE '90

Washington D.C.

April 28, 1990

The Biggest Rally Ever

*Rally 'of overwhelming importance',
says Dr. Jack Willke, president of NRLC*

by Dr. Jack Willke, National Right to Life News, March 28, 1990

I can't tell you how important it is that you come. We need numbers. We need hundreds of thousands of you to come, to witness by your presence that the ProLife Movement is alive and well, and that we are by far the largest force in America concerned about this issue. We want to impress the Congress. We want to impress the nation. We want to impress the radio and TV people. We simply want to so outnumber those who came to the National Organization for (some) Women's rallies last year, that those will all but be forgotten.

We want this Rally to be the largest number of people who have ever come together on a single issue in the history of Washington, D.C.

I would like to see a busload of people from every prolife church, school, and civic organization east of the Mississippi, and I'd like to see a lot of them from west of it.

How about it? This will truly be a historic day. If you join us that day it will be a time that you can tell your children and grandchildren about. The finest thing that we can do this year for unborn babies will be to gridlock the city of Washington, D.C. Why don't you come and be a part of it?

Date: Saturday, April 28, 1990

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Place: The Washington Monument. This will be a Rally, not a march. The expected 500,000 participants will make the logistics of a march impossible.

Speakers: Mother Teresa

Dr. James Dobson

Congressman Henry Hyde

Cardinal John O'Connor

Dr. Jack Willke

Plus prolife people in the fields of government, entertainment, sports and movies.

Suggestions: Truly, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Bring the whole family. Come early if you want to be up reasonably close to the front. Bring a blanket and toys for the kids, some extra food and drink, umbrellas (it's spring, you know). Souvenirs such as Rally hats and t-shirts will be available for purchase, too.

If you drive: Tie pink and blue ribbons on your car antenna or door handle so we can recognize each other on the way! The Lifespan office (261-2757) will have ribbons available for those who want them.

Auction '90 to Benefit Pregnancy Shelters, Inc.

Friday, May 4, 1990 at 7:30 pm

St. Dennis Church
2200 E. Twelve Mile Rd.
Royal Oak

For more information call 432-2271 or 874-0432

April

- 20 BENEFIT PIZZA PARTY/DANCE FOR MOTHER AND UNBORN BABY CARE** 6:30-10:30 pm
St. Francis K of C Hall, 21900 Middlebelt Rd., Farmington Hills, MI (313) 476-1100
Everyone is welcome - bring your dancing shoes! \$5/person, \$25/family (kids under 3 free)
- 28 RALLY FOR LIFE '90** 2-4 pm Washington D.C. Dr. James Dobson, Cardinal John O'Connor
Reassure Congress that you are still here - join us for the largest prolife rally ever!

May

- 4 AUCTION '90 TO BENEFIT PREGNANCY SHELTERS** 7:30 pm
St. Dennis Church, 2200 East Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak 532-2271 or 874-0432
- 8 LAST DAY TO FILE PETITIONS FOR PRECINCT DELEGATES** (see page 4)
- 12 A LEARNING DAY** sponsored by Pregnancy Centers of Southeastern Michigan, 9:30-2:30
Assumption Grotto Gym, 13770 Gratiot, near Six Mile (McNichols), Detroit 886-6058
Speakers on chastity counseling, adoption update; \$3 before 5-5-90; \$5 at door
- 17 WINDSOR-ESSEX COUNTY RTL ANNUAL DINNER** (519) 969-7555 or (519) 326-7450
K of C Hall, Lauzon Rd., Windsor
Speaker: Carol Everett, former manager of several Texas abortion clinics
- 24 LIFESPAN'S 13TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** 7:30 pm
St. Francis Council K of C, 21900 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills
Speaker: Luann Adams, RN, CSW, ACSW, addressing Post Abortion Grief Dysfunction

June 14, 15, 16 **National Right to Life Convention**, Sacramento, CA
June 28 - July 1 **American Life League Convention**, Chicago

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.

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Debunking the myths . . .

Is the National Right to Life Committee compromising on abortions for rape and incest?

Last month, the Idaho state legislature passed a bill which would have restricted abortion as a means of birth control. If it had not been vetoed by the governor, this bill would have eliminated 95% of all abortions currently performed in Idaho. A woman could still obtain an abortion in cases where she was pregnant as a result of rape, if the rape were reported to authorities within seven days; incest, if reported to authorities before the abortion; to save the life of the mother; or for severe fetal deformity.

The National Right to Life Committee played an instrumental role in getting this legislation passed. At the invitation of Idaho Right to Life, three people from the national office went to Idaho to help draft and pass the bill. The bill was specifically designed to provide the direct challenge to Roe v. Wade that the U.S. Supreme Court seemed to invite in their Webster decision last July.

Several prolife groups were opposed to this bill, going so far as to testify against it at state committee hearings. They felt that the NRLC knuckled under by allowing the exclusions for abortion;

that they should have drafted a bill restricting all abortions. The following is NRLC President Dr. Jack Willke's response.

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"Our overall strategy [is] to incrementally restrict abortion and expand fetal rights as the possibility exists. If we have a state that can only stop abortions for sex selections, we'll help them do that. If we have a state that can only pass a parental consent law, or maybe can only pass an informed consent law, and nothing more, we'll help them do that. If we have a state that can go, probably as far as any state can go right now,

which would be to restrict and stop all abortions used as a method of birth control, we'll help them. When the day comes that we can go further than that, we'll go further yet. In other words, we are the pragmatists. We will stop the killing as much as we can when we can, and we'll go back later and stop some more.

"Now there is some feeling out there by certain individuals and groups, that would say that that's not what you should do. That what you should do is hold fast and don't go part way, go for it all. Stop everything. We feel that that is a guaranteed recipe for stopping nothing. And we couldn't live with our consciences if we knew that we could stop 10% or 50% or 90% of the killing and we didn't do it. That doesn't mean that we are accepting of or giving permission in any way for the ones we can't stop. It merely means we're going as far as we can go. And every state is going to be different."

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