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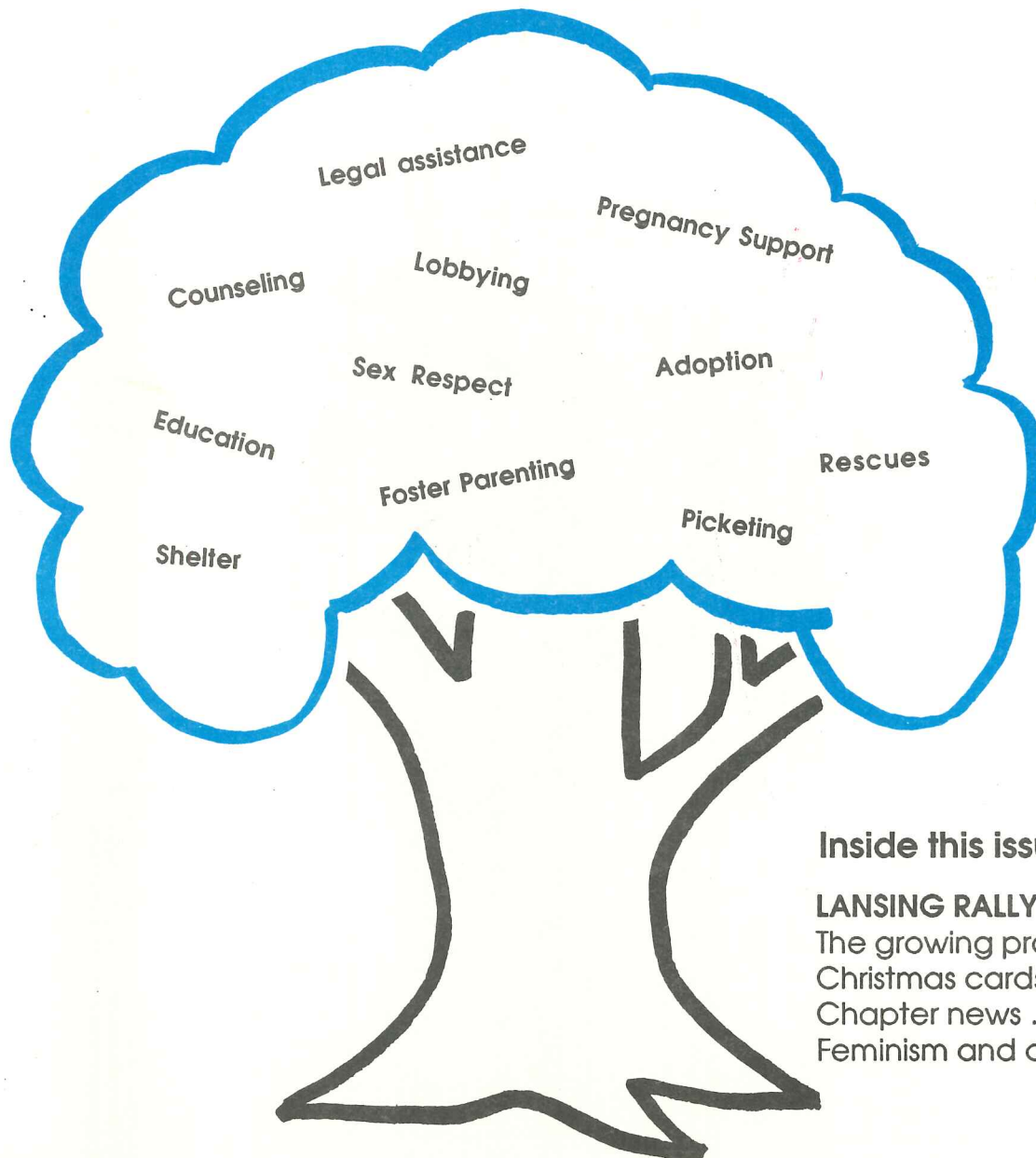
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THE GROWING ACTIVISM OF PRO-LIFERS



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The growing activism of pro-lifers

We've all heard the charges. "Pro-lifers are only concerned about the infant from conception to birth." "Pro-lifers are no friends to women and women's rights." "Pro-life support is dead." Are these charges justified?

After a bit of research, the answer shows itself as a resounding, "NO! They are not justified." The following is meant to be a representative sample of the ways pro-life people are investing their energies. It is not an all-inclusive listing. Some of these groups may not be expressly pro-life by charter, but pro-lifers working among their ranks have chosen this way to act on their own pro-life beliefs. We hope you will be encouraged as you learn in new ways that pro-lifers are not really the "extremist, bigoted fringe" the media

situations, teach them about self esteem and how to say 'no' to sexual pressure.

The Billings Ovulation method of birth control is one in which women learn individually to recognize their own cycle of fertility/infertility. Carol Smith of **Natural Woman Family Planning** teaches the method and said, "When women understand their fertility and how to use it to either achieve or avoid pregnancy, then they are truly in control of their own bodies."

Supporting pregnant women

Pregnancy Services is a network of non-profit, non-sectarian agencies which help expectant mothers find practical ways to overcome the difficulties of an unplanned pregnancy. They provide emotional support and material help, arranging for medical, legal, educational, financial and social assistance for clients. The appropriate help is supplied to enable a pregnant woman to carry her baby to term and plan for the future.

Pregnancy Shelter and Marillac Hall are two such programs. They

tics, the woman most likely to have an abortion is not a confused teenager, but an unmarried woman between the ages of 20-26 with at least a high school diploma. She is often in the process of earning a degree or building a career and may feel she has too much to lose by carrying a pregnancy to term and perhaps raising a child alone. The Network can offer such a woman full support (including a job or transfer to another school) while guaranteeing privacy and confidentiality.

After the baby arrives

For those teen mothers who choose to parent their children, **St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center** provides support programs. Teens under 16 years of age may be placed with specially trained foster parents who assist and direct young mothers in meeting their own needs and those of their infants. A residential program is available for moms between 16-18 years old. They continue their education, learn practical living skills including budgeting, nutrition, meal preparation and child development and care. A community based program assists the 18-19 year old mother in assuming the responsibilities that she will face when on her own.

Several organizations specialize in adoption, including **Bethany Christian Services** and the **Adoption Option**. These groups counsel with the birth mom, assisting her in her decision, and offering ongoing support to her after the baby is born and adopted. They also coun-



Top: St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center
Right: Crisis pregnancy center volunteer

paints them to be, but an army of caring, committed people.

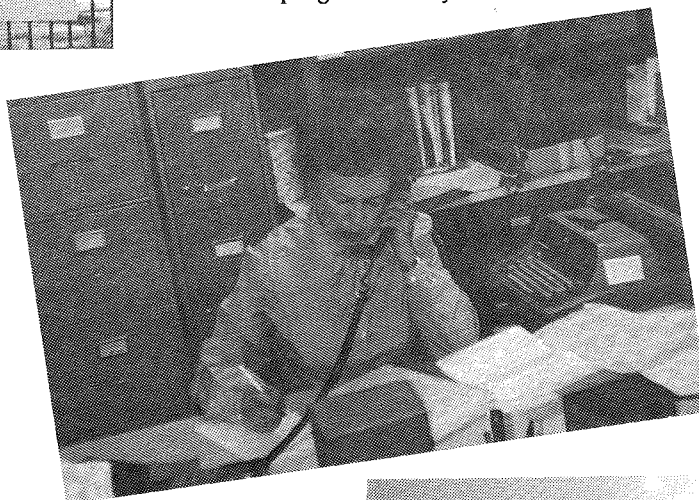
Eliminating the demand

If teens and women don't get pregnant unintentionally, the demand for abortion would be eliminated. This can only be accomplished through education, and pro-lifers are active on several fronts in this arena.

Project Respect and **Teen Aid** are each abstinence-oriented sex-education curriculums for public schools, available at both the junior and senior high school levels. The California school district which pioneered the use of **Teen Aid** two years ago reported that before they began the program, 25 percent of the district's 600 high school girls were pregnant. Today, just 3 percent are pregnant. **Why Wait?** is a similar program designed for students at Christian schools.

Pro-Chastity Rallies are also drawing teens. Speakers such as Molly Kelly offer students steps to avoid sexually charged

will provide housing and other support for those who need it during pregnancy, especially unwed teens. Mary Cunningham-Agee's **Nurturing Network** is aimed at supporting the unwed professional woman who becomes pregnant. According to the Network's statis-



Pregnancy Shelter mom and host

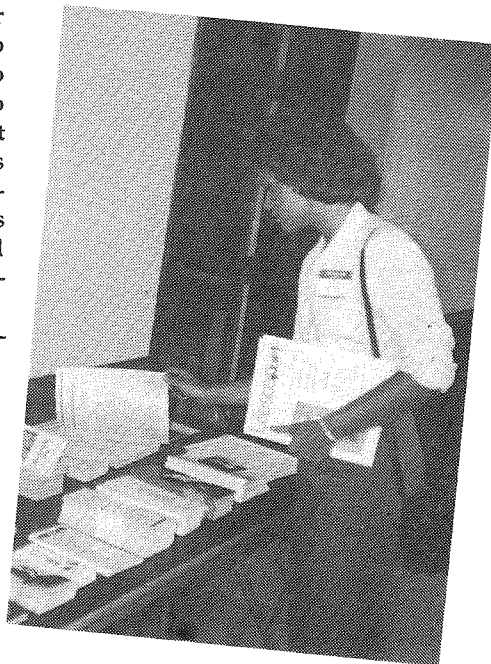
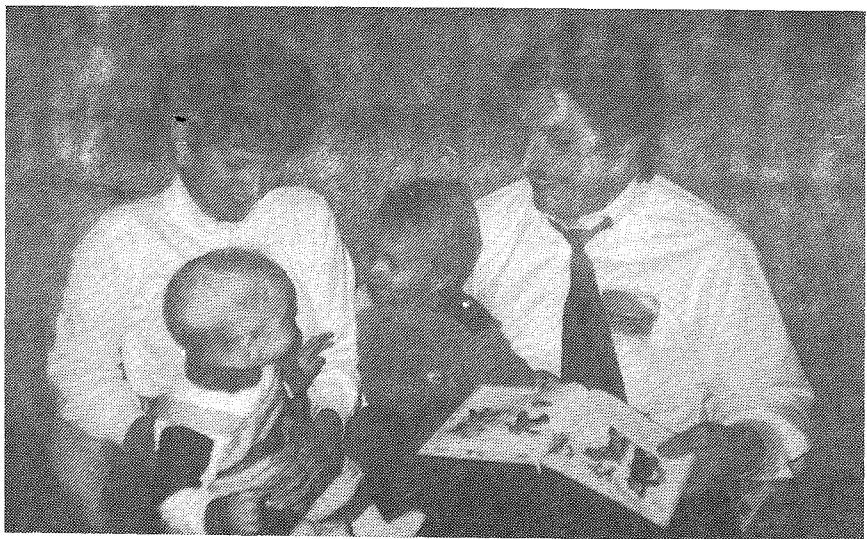
sel and assist couples seeking to adopt children. Bethany, Orchards Children's Services, The Michigan Foster and Adoptive Parent Association and others train foster parents who may provide care for infants as well as older children, including neglected and abused or other special needs children. Many pro-life people either work at these organizations or become foster or adoptive parents themselves.

At the clinic doors

Some people, in a last-ditch effort to save babies' lives, intervene directly at the site of the killings: the abortion clinics. These are the people who have traditionally drawn the most media coverage, and it is usually negative.

Sidewalk counselors speak to women seeking abortions as they walk from their car to the clinic door. They attempt to engage the woman in conversation, to learn why she seeks an abortion, and to offer her love and support whether or not she enters the clinic. Picketing draws public attention to the inhumanity occurring behind the clinic doors. It puts pressure on the abortionist and staff, and may dissuade abortion-seekers from following through with their plans.

Rescuers practice a form of civil disobedience by physically blocking the entrance to a clinic thereby denying anyone access to the building. Rescuers typically maintain a prayerful vigil in front of the doors until they are physically removed by the police. They hope the clinic will remain closed for the day, preventing any abortions from taking place. (Note: RTL - Lifespan has an official policy against picketing and civil disobedience.)



Education and Lobbying

Many groups, including **Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit**, work to educate the public and legislators about abortion. They provide speakers, films, books and other educational materials to individuals and civic or church groups. They work to change the state and federal laws to protect human life in every stage of development, by meeting directly with legislators, and launching letter and petition campaigns. Some people write books, others create films, some write and perform songs, all intended to increase awareness of the abortion issue and increase respect for life.

Legal counsel

Pro-life lawyers are willing to help women who have been damaged at the hands of an abortionist sue that abortionist, driving up his insurance rates and hopefully him out of business. Other pro-life lawyers are pursuing the test cases which may lead to court rulings in favor of the unborn, such as the Webster decision of July.

Many pro-lifers work to support women and their children through their pro-life denominational or professional organizations. There are Doctors and Lawyers and Lutherans for Life, Moravians for Life, Teachers Saving Children, Black Americans, Teens, Students for Life, National Organization of Episcopalians for Life, Presbyterians Pro-Life, Pharmacists and Dentists for Life, to name only a few.

Pro-life people ARE involved in helping women, children and families in constructive ways. Pro-life support is not dead, and there is a place for YOU to contribute.

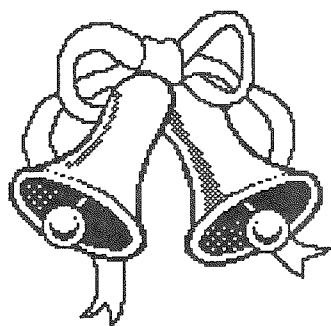
The ongoing pain of abortion

The volunteers of **Open Arms and Project Rachel** offer compassion, counsel and support to women who have had abortions and need healing. **American Victims of Abortion** work to protect others facing crisis pregnancies and to educate others of the truth about abortion and Post-Abortion Syndrome.



Top right: Adoptive parents enjoy their sons; Middle: RTL - Lifespan literature table; Bottom: Rescue in Lathrup Village

Educational Center for Life

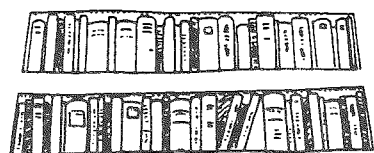


Fund Raiser

Join us for a matinee performance of *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens, on Sunday, December 3, 1989 at 2:00 PM! Dinner follows at the Oceania Inn in Rochester. Tickets are \$25.00 each, including dinner. For reservations, please send a check together with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Educational Center for Life, 909 Woodward Ave., Suite 19, Pontiac, MI 48053. The reservation deadline is November 18, 1989. Call 338-1910 for further information.

Molly Kelly to speak on chastity

Plans are being finalized for Molly Kelly's visit November 14-16. To date she is scheduled to speak at the following schools: Gabriel Richard in Riverview, Bishop Gallagher in Harper Woods, University of Detroit (seniors) in Detroit, Mercy High School in Farmington Hills, St. Alphonsus in Dearborn, and Immaculate Heart of Mary in Detroit. Fenton Right to Life and Port Huron pro-life groups will sponsor evening gatherings. For more information call 338-1910.



Used Book Sales

Sponsored by Right to Life - Lifespan

Saturday, October 28

10 AM - 4 PM

Canfield Community Center,
Dearborn Heights
on Beech Daly, south of Ford
Rd.

Saturday, November 4

9:30 AM - 7:30 PM

Shrine of the Little Flower
Church, Royal Oak,
in the cafeteria of the Activi-
ties Building. Shrine is located
at the corner of Woodward
and 12 Mile Road.

Concerned Women for America Satellite Conference Nov. 4

Secular forces have claimed victory over our children's minds and souls by the year 2000. Will their prediction come true? Find out how the battle goes and what you can do by attending this unprecedented one-day nationwide satellite conference titled "1990-2000, The Decade of Destiny for America's Children".

Detroit area residents can join in the conference at Crystal Gardens in Mt. Clemens and Cleary College in Ypsilanti. The morning session will last from 9 AM - 1 PM, and the celebration dinner will be broadcast from 6:45 - 9:15 PM. Local events, such as discussion groups and prayer meetings, are planned in between.

Tickets are \$25.00 each, and can be ordered by calling 333-2358 for the Mt. Clemens site, and 994-5147 for the Ypsilanti location.



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*Verse: May He, the Giver of all Life,
bless you
this Christmas and always.*

1989 Christmas Cards

**Embossed gold finish
\$9.00/box of 20**

Your purchase represents support for pro-life activities during the coming year. Contact your area representative for direct service.

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675-1507

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Shrine Gift Shop
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Juliana**
Betty Queen
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St. Jude
Julia Sporka
527-3442

St. Matthew
Mary Cascos
885-8238

Ss. Peter and Paul
Agnes Van Antwerp
824-3725

St. Philomena
Kathy Garcia
885-1840

St. Raymond
Anne Fracassa
371-6522

Mary Ellen Servitto
526-9857

Hamtramck
Camellia Stadts
873-3704

Detroit - Central
Detroit Chapter office
874-0432 or 775-8776

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by Church**

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Gesu
Carol Smith
861-2749

Our Lady of Loretto
Mary Martin
255-3690

St. Gerard
Marlene Galant
358-5271

St. Mary's of Redford
Cecilia Barna
272-3596

St. Scholastica
Peg Michel
537-7570

St. Suzanne
Marge Elkins
846-1615

Oakland County

(313) 545-8088

General membership meeting

Oakland County's October general membership meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, October 24, in the Commissioners Auditorium, Conference Room A of the Oakland County Courthouse complex at 1600 Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM with a film. This will be followed by speakers on *The Future after Webster* and *Current Michigan Legislation*. The program will end at 9:00 PM after a question and answer period.

Please plan on attending. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served.

Detroit

(313) 874-0432

Pregnancy Shelter Support

Pregnancy Shelter is pleased to have Mrs. Alberta Hubbard of Detroit working in the office during the 1989-1990 academic year. Mrs. Hubbard is a pro-life senior at Wayne State University in the Social Work program. For more information about Pregnancy Shelter, you may reach Mrs. Hubbard at the Detroit Chapter Office from 1-5 PM on Tuesdays and Thursday (telephone number shown above).

Downriver

(313) 374-5111

Office manager needed

We need an office manager! This is a paid position requiring approximately 15-20 hours per week. If you are interested, call the Main Office at 261-2757.

Office equipment needed

The Downriver office is in need of donated office equipment, including file cabinets, desks, chairs, folding tables, etc. Please contact the office if you have any such items.

Wayne County, West

(313) 422-6230

Office hours

Monday	9 - 4
Tuesday	9 - 4
Wednesday	9 - 7 **
Thursday	9 - 4
Friday	9 - 4

** Please note the office hours on Wednesday have been extended until 7 PM to assist those who go to work or school during the day.

November general meeting

State Senator Robert Geake will speak on Parental Notification and other pending legislation of interest to pro-lifers. The meeting will be held on Monday, November 13, at 7:30 PM in the Calvin Room at Ward Presbyterian Church. The church is located on the southeast corner of Farmington and 6 Mile Roads in Livonia. For easy access park in the lot on the Farmington side of the church. Please come and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.

Volunteers needed

We need volunteers for a very important job. It is one of the most crucial to the pro-life movement and yet can be accomplished by each and every one of you from your own home. All it takes is a commitment and a little time. We are looking for members who will pledge to write letters on a regular basis on timely suggested topics. We will provide you with names, addresses, and current information. All you have to do is write a letter in your own words.

We are also hoping to revitalize our telephone chain. Sometimes legislation comes up for a vote so quickly there is just no time for a letter writing campaign. This will involve making a few phone calls to other pro-lifers and your own legislator.

If you are interested in volunteering for either or both of these jobs, please call the office. We must speak for those who cannot speak for themselves - the unborn.

Pro-life physicians

Many of our members have requested the names of pro-life physicians in our area. We sent a survey to our members who are also physicians. If you are looking for a pro-life doctor, please call our office and we will send you a list of those accepting new patients.

Educational booths

Please let the office know if there are opportunities available in your city, civic group or church for an educational booth and/or speaker.

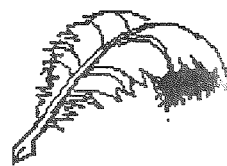
Calendar

October

- 23 Pro-Choice/Pro-Life Panel Discussion 7:30 PM**
Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine & Cranbrook Rds.
- 24 "The Future after Webster" 7:00 PM**
Commissioners Auditorium, Conf. Rm. A, Oakland County Courthouse, 1600 Telegraph Rd., Pontiac
- 28 RTL - Lifespan Used Book Sale 10:00 - 4:00 PM**
Dearborn Heights Community Center, 1801 N. Beech Daly
- 30 Pro-Choice/Pro-Life Panel Discussion 7:30 PM**
Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine & Cranbrook Rds.

November

- 3 Deadline for Bus Registration, Lansing Rally**
- 4 RTL - Lifespan Used Book Sale 9:30 - 7:30 PM**
Shrine of the Little Flower, 12 Mile Rd. & Woodward
- Concerned Women for America Satellite Conference** 9 AM Mt. Clemens 333-2358, Ypsilanti 994-5147
- 6 Pro-Choice/Pro-Life Panel Discussion 7:30 PM**
Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine & Cranbrook Rds.
- 11 Rally in Lansing 11:30 - 1:30 PM**
Buses leave at 9:00 AM
- 13 "Parental Notification" Senator Geake 7:30 PM**
Ward Presbyterian Church, 6 Mile Rd. & Farmington Rd.
- 14-16 Molly Kelly on Chastity**
Various locations. Call 338-1910 for details



From the President's desk

COME TO THE RALLY which will be held on our Capitol steps in Lansing on November 11th. There has never been a time in our history when a show of strength was more necessary.

Only a few weeks ago, the pro-abortion contingent held a Lansing rally. According to which daily paper you read, between 2500 (Detroit News) and 5000 (Free Press) attended that day's event in order to demand that Michigan legislators support efforts to promote preborn baby killing. **WE PRO-LIFERS MUST NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.**

Ever since the July 3rd Webster decision, pro-abortion supporters have been increasingly active in Michigan. I have heard through a pro-life Lansing source that legislators have been receiving large volumes of mail from our opposition. Therefore, it is essential that we let our lawmakers and the public know that pro-life support is still active and in the majority in Michigan.

Lifespan will have at least 10 buses leaving for the pro-life rally from various points in southeast Michigan. The buses will be for the convenience of those who do not wish to drive. The cost of \$8.00 a person will just cover our expenses if all the vehicles are full. Please see pages 10- 11 of this publication for full bus registration details.

So bring a bag lunch if you wish, wear a warm coat, write a pro-life slogan on a sign, pack up the kids and join us. This should be a great opportunity for all of us to have a good day singing, praying and chanting for our cause . . . **LIFE FOR THE PREBORN BABY!**

Alice Radwick

Pro-life feminism

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abortion. Society's acceptance of it, coupled with a prevailing attitude toward pregnancy as a totally voluntary condition for which a woman is solely responsible, create precious little incentive for employers to make the workplace more comfortable for mothers and fathers who are career parents.

- **Women who stay in the home** as full-time mothers and homemakers deserve respect; for the work they do is extremely important. They, too, need their rights protected. This has not been easy, since our society tends to value only salaried occupations. Because of that, homemakers are often treated as second-class citizens. Their economic futures are uncertain, since they earn no retirement income, and the amount they are allowed to invest in IRA plans is minimal. Maintaining self esteem for the role of motherhood is difficult, since liberalized abortion has created an environment in which the unborn child is considered disposable and of little worth. Allowing demeaning attitudes toward motherhood and homemaking is ultimately counterproductive to equality. After all, if these occupations and those who choose them are looked down upon, what hope is there for inducing men to take more active roles in the home and share parenting duties?

- How has abortion affected reproductive issues and attitudes toward women? Like the abortion industry, the contraceptive industry is primarily run by males. They do not have to undergo the abortion procedure, nor do they use the vast array of birth control methods currently available. Add to that a society which, for the most part, considers abortion a panacea for almost every ill that plagues woman and mankind, and one begins to realize why there is so little incentive to improve on what is currently available to control fertility.

- Closely related to fertility control is the issue of male responsibility and attitudes, both toward their partners and their offspring. At first, it may seem to be an advantage for women to be the sole determinants of the choice to continue or not continue

the pregnancy. One should, however, keep in mind that feminists have long tried to encourage males to take a more active role in the parenting process, and to contribute their fair share to the support and upbringing of their progeny. Placing the abortion decision squarely on the mother's shoulders has adverse effects on these goals. Several men's rights advocates have stated that pregnancy is now a purely optional state. If men are not to have a legal voice in deciding the fate of their unborn child, even though married to the mother, then men should not be held financially responsible for the expense of carrying the pregnancy to

If abortion is so safe, why the reluctance to give complete disclosure of the procedures and risks?

term and seeing the child to adulthood. Some men feel that their obligation to the pregnant woman is satisfied if they offer to pay for the abortion. In other words, it's her body, her decision and ultimately, her responsibility. In making the choice hers alone, everyone else involved can avoid their responsibilities to the mother and child.

- The battle for legalized abortion has rested heavily on the claim that only illegal abortions are unsafe. But is this true? Not really.

Here are some facts and figures: ectopic or tubal pregnancies have increased dramatically since abortion was legalized - more than 300 percent since 1973. The abortion procedure sometimes damages the entrance to the fallopian tubes. When the next pregnancy occurs, the fertilized egg cannot pass into the uterus. The post-abortion woman is approximately ten times more likely to suffer this potentially fatal complication than her never-aborted sister (437 deaths reported from 1974 to 1983).² Other complications are perforation of the uterus and perforation or laceration of the cervix (combined incidence - 1 percent); hemorrhage (incidence - 0.03 to 0.34 percent); retained parts of either placenta or fetus

(incidence - 0.56 percent); significant infection of reproductive organs (incidence - 0.5 to 1.5 percent); fever, an early indication of infection (incidence - 89 percent); infertility (incidence 8 to 10 percent after one abortion, up to 20 percent after three or more abortions).³ Miscarriage occurs twice as often in women who have abortions. Additionally, medical experts have noted a 7 to 15 percent increase in cases of placenta previa - a condition potentially dangerous to both mother and child - in women who have had induced abortions.² Moderate to severe psychological complications are experienced by approximately 20 percent of post-abortion women.

If abortion is as safe as supporters claim, why the reluctance to give patients full and complete disclosure of the procedures and risks as required in other types of surgery? Women have a right to know what is going on inside their bodies and what is being done to their bodies. We do not want or need a patronizing "Don't worry your pretty little head" attitude.

Some people feel that women and their unborn children must be placed in an adversarial position in order to insure women's rights. We disagree. Society has willingly conformed itself to the needs of men since the beginning of history. Women are told, in actions and words, that they must deny the very facts that make them female, to become unpregnant at will, so they can be accepted in a world run by and for men. We call upon society to grant our complete equality as women, and to accept and accommodate our bodily functions - without making abortion a condition for acceptance. We intend to build a world like that envisioned by our early feminist sisters: A world where all our sisters and brothers can live free of violence and oppression; where women can reach their great potential; and where all lives and rights are treasured and respected.

Abortion will not fulfill this dream, but we can. □

Excerpted from Pro-Life Feminism. Used by permission of the author.

1 Consuelo Beck-Sague, M.D., "Abortion and the Rights of Women in the Workplace."

2 Dr. J.C. and Barbara Willke, R.N., "Abortion Questions and Answers."

3 Lauren Welch, M.D., "Complications of Legal Abortion."

Legislative Update



- SB 513 - This bill requires parental or guardian consent before abortion can be performed; also provides judicial alternative to consent. Committee hearing was held Tuesday, October 10.



- HR 2939 - In September the Senate adopted an amendment to this bill (foreign assistance appropriations bill) sponsored by Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D - Maryland) to mandate funding of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The UNFPA has not received any US funds since 1985 due to its heavy involvement in China's coercive population

control program. Because the pro-UNFPA language is not contained in the House-passed version of this bill, the matter must be dealt with in an upcoming House-Senate conference committee.

ACTION: Contact your Senator and Representative on this issue. (Call local Lifespan office for the name of your legislators, and for concise arguments against US funding of the UNFPA.)

- HR 2990 - House and Senate passed the Labor/HHS appropriations bill adding funding of Medicaid abortions for victims of rape and incest.

ACTION: Write President Bush asking him to keep his promise to veto this bill if it loosened restrictions on abortion.

- UPDATE ON S 110 - Title 10 funding increases for Planned Parenthood affiliates. This bill is not expected to see further action until the next session of Congress.

Donate Your Appetite!

Thanks to the following people, we received 5224 Bill Knapp Community Support Coupon points this past month: Durkee, Laidlaw, Nye, Horbal, Achatz, Kossak, Wantin, Stevens, Bowker, Konti, Ervin, Spas, Mahoney, Martin, Kniebes, Radwick, Trudeau, Schaefer, Sluniak, Plank, LaJoie, Sinclair, Barkay, Gavliniski, Cutright, Gudewicz, Greenstein, Jungles, Chomin, Wagener, St. Maurice Church, Sulak, Roy, Ripple, Purcell, Church of St. Clare, Valliere, Kovacs, Masterson, Schmidt, Uphaus, Persha, Polgar, Right to Life - Macomb, Zaracki, Nosewicz, Malys, Rice, Fiolek, Paczkowski, Lee, Randall, Nizol, Wagner, Bradley, and others whose names we do not have. Sorry if we missed anyone.

We now have a total of 69,636 points toward redemption for an up-to-date computer system for the Main Office. Thanks to all of you, we will soon realize our goal!

When you present your check to the cashier at any Bill Knapp's Restaurant, 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 point equals \$ 1.00 on the total amount received by the cashier for meals, bakery items, take-out orders or purchased gift certificates.

Please send the coupons to Right to Life - Lifespan of Metro Detroit, 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Thank you, everyone!

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Dear Senator (last name):

Representatives

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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Associate Justice (or Chief Justice)
United States Supreme Court
Washington, DC 20543

Dear Mr. or Madam Justice (last name):

State Senate

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

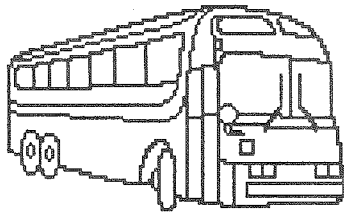
Dear Senator (last name):

State Representative

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

Dear Representative (last name):

RALLY BUS PICK-UP POINTS IN SE MICHIGAN



Detroit

- 8:30 AM **Assumption (Grotto) Church Parking Lot**
Gratiot and McNichols - 13770 Gratiot Ave.
- 8:50 AM **Right to Life - Lifespan Detroit Office**
5930 Woodward at I-94
(Holy Rosary Church parking lot; enter from Edsel Ford svc drive)
- 9:15 AM **St. Scholastica School Parking Lot**
W. Outer Drive and Southfield Rd. - 8201 W. Outer Drive

Leaves for Lansing at 9:20 AM

Bloomfield Hills

- 8:45 AM **St. Hugo Church Parking Lot**
2215 Opdyke

Dearborn Heights

- 8:45 AM **Our Lady of Grace Church Parking Lot**
23700 Joy Rd., Dearborn Heights, east of Telegraph

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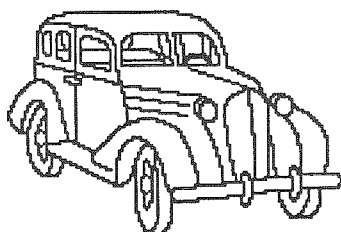
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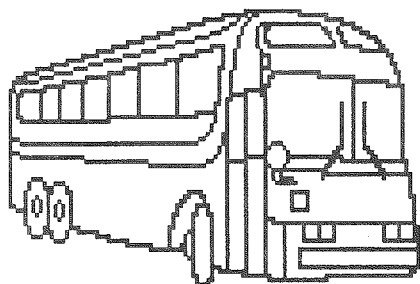
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Debunking the myths . . .

. . . that all feminists are pro-abortion

by Kay Castonguay

Although "pro-life feminism" sounds like a contradiction in terms to many people, a closer examination of the underlying philosophies of the feminist and the pro-life movements reveals a striking similarity. The basic foundations of both consist of justice, fairness, equality, nonviolence and respect for life.

To establish the legitimacy and purpose of pro-life feminism, it is helpful to take a look at the early feminist movement and the conditions that have existed throughout history which precipitated its growth.

The culture considered women both mentally and physically inferior to men. Women had few real rights; society regarded them as property. Both women and children were at the mercy of a society operated by and for men. Women were not allowed to vote or actively participate in the world in which they lived.

Realizing that these conditions were unfair, large numbers of women began to band together and speak out against the injustices they perceived. These brave women saw a world filled with violence and cruelty - where the strong controlled the weak. They were determined to bring about a new order, where each and every human being received the respect and dignity to which she or he was entitled.

Many of the leading figures in the women's movement, including Susan B.

Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott and Fanny Wright were very much *opposed* to abortion. One early feminist referred to it as "an atrocity, forced upon women by a male-dominated society." Her assessment was true then and is still largely true today. These women saw a very real connection between denying personhood and basic

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human rights to women and others and denying these same rights to unborn children. They saw in abortion an acceptance of the old paternalistic system in which one "owned" one's dependents. Finally, the concept of having the power of life or death over their progeny reminded them a great deal of their own precarious position in relation to their husbands and fathers, on whom their fates still rested.

And what about today? If the "right" to abortion was not on yesterday's feminist agenda, should it be included now? Except in life-threatening situ-

ations, we feel the answer is "No" for a number of reasons:

- Reliance on abortion diverts attention and effort away from seeking real, positive changes in women's lives. Society's answer to the woman trapped in a hopeless cycle of poverty is "Get an abortion." But is this what she really needs and wants? Abortion will not help her feed and clothe her children. It will not help her find a decent place to live, or obtain the education she needs to find employment and break out of her poverty. In short, abortion does nothing to relieve the cause and effect of injustice, poverty and oppression. It will not bring the victim of poverty what she treasures most: respect and dignity.

- What about women's rights in the workplace? Society must recognize our right to equal opportunity and compensation. We need adequate parental leaves of absence, allowing plenty of time for post partum recovery and bonding with the newly arrived child. We need good quality, affordable daycare facilities, located in or near a parent's place of employment. We need a work environment free of sexual discrimination and harassment. For those of us who need more time with our families, the workplace must provide more types of employment offering reduced hours, flexible schedules and adequate health benefits. Unfortunately, progress has been slow in achieving these goals. Part of the reason, we believe, is the easy availability of

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