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COUNTDOWN TO TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

TWO MORE MONTHS OF MEDICAID ABORTIONS

VOTE "YES" FOR LIFE

At last, the Medicaid abortion referendum has been assigned its place on the November ballot. The Board of Electors has designated the referendum PROPOSAL A, so our issue will be the first proposal listed on the ballot.

In order to comply with Michigan election laws governing ballot questions, Lifespan has formed a ballot question committee. It is called THE COMMITTEE OF JUSTICE FOR THE UNBORN. All funds donated in order to "influence an election" must be deposited in this committee account. Therefore, you will notice that the fliers printed this month for the Detroit News ad require checks to be made payable to our committee. All money given so far for the ad has been transferred to the committee account.

Speaking of the ad, we are doing very nicely in collecting names and funds for this tremendous effort, but we will be unable to run a full-page ad unless many more names are sent in. As of the end of August, we have about 1,000 names and about \$7,000 which will pay for a half-page ad. Please make one more huge attempt at securing the needed amount of \$16,000.00 by early October so a full-page ad may be purchased. SEND IN YOUR APPLICATION (see enclosed) TODAY if you haven't already done so.

THE COMMITTEE OF JUSTICE FOR THE UNBORN has also made a VHS video about the Medicaid abortion issue. The video, running about 20 minutes, was originally commissioned for use at our booth at the Michigan State Fair, where it ran for all 11 days. Produced by Sunrise Communications, it refutes the pro-abortion myths concerning Medicaid abortion and includes some very moving testimony by women who underwent the procedure and have lived to regret it.

In addition to the State Fair, we expect to play the video on TV in October. It will also be available for members to show friends and neighbors.

REMEMBER A "YES" VOTE IS THE PROLIFE VOTE

VOTE "YES" FOR LIFE ON PROPOSAL A TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

FOR WAYNE COUNTY CHAPTER NEWS, SEE PAGES 4 & 5.

BUSH ENDORSED BY NATIONAL RTL

George Bush and Dan Quayle have received the overwhelming endorsement of the National Right to Life Committee.

At the NRLC Convention in July leaders of the group predicted the abortion issue would prove to be the "achilles heel" for the Democrats' Dukakis/Bentsen ticket. "This is the most pro-abortion presidential ticket in history," declared NRLC President John C. Willke, M.D. "Both Governor Dukakis and Senator Bentsen have demonstrated time and time again a staunch commitment to legal abortion-on-demand, and to federal funding of abortion. These men are bad news for unborn babies."

"Prolife voters can provide the margin of victory in an election," said NRL PAC Director Sandra Faucher. "Millions of prolife Democrats have been abandoned by their party again."

....Bush is prolife. Bush favors overturning the Roe v. Wade abortion-on-demand decision and opposes abortion funding," said Faucher.

THE DUKAKIS RECORD ON ABORTION

Michael Dukakis is the most pro-abortion candidate to ever run for the U.S. Presidency. His record as a state legislator and Governor of Massachusetts has been clear and consistent, and until recently his remarks have been vehemently pro-abortion.

The following is a summary of the Dukakis record on abortion.

In 1970, three years before the Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion on demand, Michael Dukakis as a state legislator introduced a bill to legalize abortion on demand in Massachusetts. This was done at the request of one of the nation's most radical pro-abortionists, Bill Baird. The bill stated simply, "Abortion may be performed by any physician who has first obtained the consent of the female upon whom said abortion is to be performed." (Mass. House of Reps. bill number H 3756, 1970.)

In his first term as governor in 1977, Dukakis vetoed a bill that would have cut off state funding of abortions (Sept. 13, 1977). Two months later (on Nov. 10, 1977), he vetoed an amendment to the state's supplemental budget which restricted abortion funding and stated, "If the Supreme Judicial Court says I can veto the anti-abortion amendment that is part of this supplemental budget containing the pay raises, I will smile broadly and sign the rest of it with relish. If not, I will veto the entire \$26.7 million budget." (Message to Massachusetts legislature, November 10, 1977).

Likewise, on April 24, 1978, Governor Dukakis vetoed an amendment to another supplemental budget that would have eliminated abortion coverage from state employee health plans. On July 7, 1978, he vetoed the annual budget because it contained abortion-funding restrictions.

Governor Dukakis addressed a Coalition for Choice rally on January 22, 1986, celebrating the legalization of abortion. He stated: "I don't know when life begins. I'm not sure I ever will." (Speech at the Church of the Covenant, Boston, Mass., January 22, 1986.)

A 1988 National Abortion Rights Action League booklet calls Dukakis "a consistent and firm supporter of reproductive rights. He fully supports funding for abortion services."

--From NRLC PAC, July 1988

HARTFORD ARCHBISHOP LEAVES DEMOCRATIC PARTY

In a related story, Hartford Archbishop John F. Whealon announced Thursday, August 25 that he was "unable in conscience to remain a registered Democrat" because of the Democratic Party's support of legalized and government-financed abortions.

"I believe the Democratic Party is officially in favor of executing unborn babies whose only crime is that they temporarily occupy their mother's womb," Archbishop Whealon wrote in his weekly column in the Roman Catholic paper in Hartford, The Catholic Transcript.

"In my childhood home, God and Jesus Christ were first, the Catholic Church second, and the Democratic Party was third," he wrote asserting that the party and Catholicism had been linked historically by "ethnicity, social class issues and shared morality."

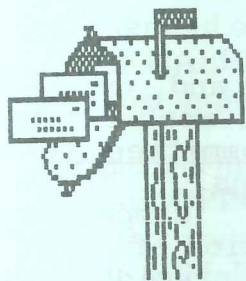
"But that link has been severed," he said. "By its repeated stances in favor of abortion, the Democratic Party has abandoned the Catholic Church."

--As reported in The New York Times, Friday, August 26, 1988

Remember, the last day to register for the November election is October 11. Please inquire of your young adult children if they are registered -- they often forget!

BILL KNAPP'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM CONTINUES

Thank you for filling our mailbox with Bill Knapp Community Support Coupons! This past month we've received 10,090 for a total of 46,114. We're well on our way to our goal of 72,000 by March 31, 1989 in order to redeem them for a new copy machine for the Main Office.



Thank you to this month's contributors: Kijek, Beitz, Another Way Pregnancy Center, Dreslinski, Freda, Konopka, Pernak, Kacher, Smith, Trudeau, Kleinbrook, Riley, Bradley, Chomin, Currie, Sharer, Keefe, McLaughlin, Ledwidge, Ebel, Shannon, Tilson, Luther, Ostrowski, Reuter, Gray, Gavlinksi, St. Sabina Queenship of Mary Guild, Poma, Rybak, Dionne, Aiton, Bryson, Kowalski, Gundle, Sabo, Hebets, Dolinshek, Duffin, LaBerge, Klotz, Rakestraw, Poepppe, Kelley, Hager, Schneider, Needham, Green, Pitera, Darket, Brincheck, Brukwinski, Wood, Wagener, Sterbenz, Repasky, Cutright, Schaldenbrand, Miller, Bonanni, Weaver, Kelly, Wilhelm, Williams, LaJoie, Hoefer, Condon, Bullion, Shimkus, 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.

Keep filling our mailbox at Right to Life - Lifespan, Inc., 27578 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Thank you!

RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFESPAN, INC.

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Donations are not tax-deductible.

WAYNE COUNTY, WEST CHAPTER NEWS

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Pontiac, MI 48053-3015
(313)338-1910

Pregnancy Services
Birthright 532-3030

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

Our chapter has been fortunate to find someone to assist the chairman in day-to-day operations. Russell Hesch comes highly qualified and now fills the position of Executive Aide to the Chairman. We are happy to have Russ working with our chapter and want all to know that he is a welcome addition to our staff.

Christy Wood, Chairman

STATE FAIR BOOTH VOLUNTEERS: Thank You ! !

Helen Kleinbrook struggled several weeks to find 18 people to accept FREE State Fair Tickets in exchange for four hours in the **Right to Life - Lifespan** Booth. This year's workers included: Sylvia Pagan, Ed Starrett, Ellen Ward, Kathy Litwinczuk, Dan & Carol Hiltz, Russ & Katie Hesch, Catherine & Morley Legarie, Jim & Diane Garrison, Ed & Nancy Kornacki, Jim Copi, Helen Kleinbrook, Joe Klee and Joe Mosquera.

WAYNE COUNTY FAIR at Belleville was lots smaller than the State Fair, but we also had a booth there. Our County Fair Booth Workers were: Grace Ruffin, Ed Starrett, Ellen Ward, Kathleen McCarthy, Joe Klee, Mary Devlin, Bev Miller, Diane Nuoffer, Ana & Jerry Schmidt, Alice Fedewa, Tim Magers, Al Lemmo, and Christy & Gar Wood. Sally Price and Nancy Dankert did the recruiting.

Heartfelt THANKS to all ! !

Did you notice that Ed Starrett, Ellen Ward, and Joe Klee are real dedicated Fair Go'ers? Thanks for the double duty, but aren't there some other members who would like to both see the fair and work a little?

OFFICE HOURS: 10 AM to 4 PM.

School has RE-OPENED and students again need our resources for their research. To accommodate them after school we will keep the OFFICE OPEN until 4 PM, MONDAY through FRIDAY.

REFERENDUM PROPOSAL A:

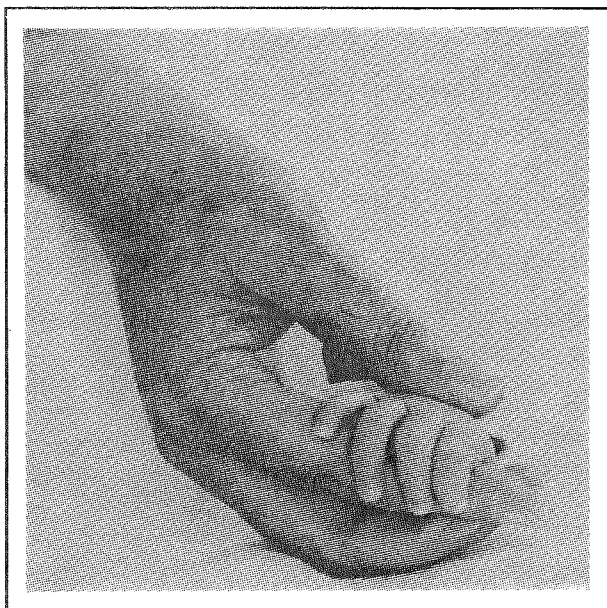
Restrict Use of Tax Funds for Abortion for Persons Receiving Public Assistance.

We strongly urge each and every Right to Life - Lifespan member to actively support the Committee to End Tax-Funded Abortions. This committee, an active campaign organization, is a coalition of many PROLIFE groups. Our president, Alice Radwick, is a member of the Committee Board as are several other of our members. PROLIFE Groups represented on the Committee are: Right to Life - Lifespan, Lutherans For Life, Christian Action Council, Archdiocese of Detroit, and Right to Life of Michigan.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS are lagging. If you get a reminder please respond promptly. A handful of members send us **MONTHLY DONATIONS**. Could you become a MONTHLY DONOR?

SAY "YES" FOR LIFE

JOIN RIGHT TO LIFE - LIFESPAN, INC. IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT BY MICHIGAN CITIZENS ON MEDICAID ABORTIONS. YOUR ENDORSEMENT WILL HELP TO END THE KILLING OF POOR UNBORN BABIES ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH.



*PLEASE take the hand
of the helpless
little one in yours
for this special
proclamation
on LIFE*

Plans are now being made to purchase an ad in the Detroit News on Sunday, November 6th, the last weekend before Michigan's vital vote on Medicaid Funding of Abortions. The size of the ad will depend on the number of sponsors we receive. A FULL PAGE AD will require 4000 sponsors, a HALF PAGE AD, 2000. We hope all our members will sponsor this ad. A full page would be most impressive and would counter any possible pro-abortion ad.

The ad will indicate that all sponsors listed (YES, if you participate, your name will appear in the ad!) are **OPPOSED TO MEDICAID FUNDING OF ABORTIONS**. It will, also, list the reasons pro-lifers are against this deadly practice. The ad could have tremendous impact on the election which will follow in two days on Tuesday, November 8th. REMEMBER...this can only be accomplished with YOUR help.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Cost: \$4.00 per name Number of names: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____
Make check payable to: List names of Contributing Sponsors:

The Committee of Justice for the Unborn

(Please type or print clearly.)

Mail to:

The Committee of Justice for the Unborn
27578 Schoolcraft Rd.
Livonia, MI 48150

(Use other side for additional names.)

DEADLINE: OCTOBER 3, 1988

Phone: (313) 261-2757

EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR LIFE

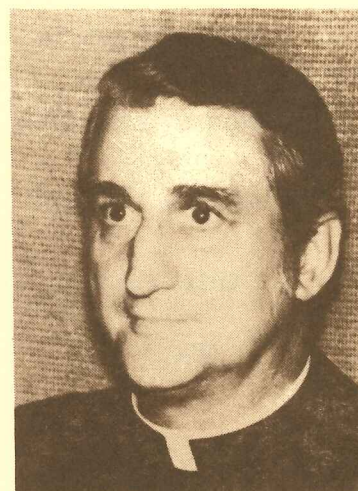
Professional Bldg. Suite 19, 909 Woodward Ave. Pontiac, MI 48053 338-1910

DINNER WITH FR. JOHN POWELL, S.J.

Fr. John Powell, S.J. is currently a professor of Theology at Loyola University in Chicago. He has taught at Jesuit Seminaries and has also been a guest professor at the Catholic University of America, the University of Notre Dame and the University of San Francisco.

Fr. Powell has developed audio visual publications, video series and radio and television programs. He has published many books including *Abortion: The Silent Holocaust*. He is at present the second best-selling Christian author in the history of the United States, ranking just behind one of his personal heroes, C.S. Lewis.

Fr. Powell has been very active in the pro-life movement for many years. In 1976 he took a year's leave of absence from teaching and all other responsibilities to work exclusively for this movement.



Date & Time: Friday, October 21, 1988 7:00 p.m.

Place: Mercy Center

28600 Eleven Mile Rd. (corner of Middlebelt)
Farmington Hills, Michigan

Cost: \$20 per person

Reservation Deadline : October 10, 1988

RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

COST: \$20 per person AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____ NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS: _____

Make Checks payable to:

EDUCATIONAL CENTER FOR LIFE

Full Name of Persons Attending

Mail Reservation to:

Mrs. John Ureel
251 Woodward Dr.
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013

(Please use other side for additional names.)

ANNUAL BOWL for LIFE on Sunday, August 14th was again a fun filled successful project. Next month's newsletter will carry the details.

WESTLAND BAZAAR will be on Thursday & Friday, November 10th & 11th this year under the co-chairmanship of Bev Bettega and Carmen Mosquera. Baked Goods and Crafts are what we offer for sale in this fund raiser. Plan your donation NOW! We have some needle craft "Christmas Tree Ornament" kits but need some "needle point" volunteers. Call the office if you have the time and skills.

HYDE Amendment !

Write to US Congressman Carl Pursell of the 2nd Congressional District (134 N. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170) or call his office in Plymouth 455-8830 and remind him that he should support his fellow GOP Congressman Henry Hyde's Amendment which prohibits the US government from funding abortions in all cases except where the life of the mother is in peril. This has been US policy since 1981 and should continue to be our government's policy. Encourage Mr. Pursell to either embrace the GOP Platform or join Senator Riegle as a former GOP member.

Congressman William Ford represents our 15th Congressional District people. He is a staunch supporter of his party's platform and thereby exhibits strong anti-life sentiments. He may need much assistance to support the HYDE amendment, so call his Wayne, MI office (722-1411) and also write to him at 3716 Newberry Street, Wayne, MI 48184.

In the 17th Congressional District we have the pro-abortion Congressman Sander Levin. He probably will not support the HYDE Amendment but every PROLIFE voter in the 17th should write to him

(17117 W. Nine Mile, Suite 1120, Southfield, MI 48075) and also call his Southfield office (559-4444). In your phone call (call often) be sure to remind his office that because of his **proabortion stance** you find supporting him between **extremely difficult** and **IMPOSSIBLE**.

Senate Amendment on Tax Exempt Abortion Clinics

Both Senator Levin and Senator Riegle continue to persist in their contra-life position, however both need to receive letters and phone calls concerning Senator Gordon Humphrey's amendment that will deny tax exempt status to any organization which receives more than 1% of its gross profits from abortions. Legitimate hospitals will not be affected since they gain less than 1% of profit from abortion. It will affect 30% to 50% of all abortion clinics that are now tax exempt.

Riegle, who is running for reelection, should surely hear from us, but Carl Levin also needs to be prodded toward a PROLIFE position. Both have offices in Detroit at 477 Michigan Avenue, ZIP 48226. Carl Levin's office is 1860 McNamara Building (phone 226-6020) and Donald Riegle's office is 1850 McNamara Building (phone 226-3188). They should get both phone calls and letters insisting that Gordon Humphrey's amendment be supported.

WORD PROCESSING WANTED !

Is your corporation upgrading its desk top PC-word processing to newer and faster machines? Could they donate to us (or sell at cost) an obsolete IBM compatible machine with the obsolescent WORD PERFECT 4.2?

Our office activities are at least ten painful years behind the times. Please help us to efficiently utilize our precious volunteer efforts.



LEGISLATIVE NEWS

MORE FEDERAL FUNDING OF ABORTION DEBATED

Your urgent help is needed to prevent the annual Hyde Amendment (which bans federal funding of abortions) from being changed to include abortion payments for rape and incest pregnancy. Pregnancy from rape or incest is extremely rare and even in these cases the value of human life - the child in the womb - should be saved. Please write to your Senators and Congressman and ask their vote for the Hyde Amendment (House Bill 4783) if it allows federal funds for abortion "to save the life of the mother" as the only exception.

Also ask your Senators and Congressman to vote for the Humphrey Amendment which will end allowing many (30% to 50%) abortion clinics (abortionaries) to be tax free.

Write to:

Senator Riegle and Senator Levin
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Wash. D.C. switchboard: (202) 224-3121
Detroit offices: Riegle --- 226-3188
Levin --- 226-6020

Your Congressman: (check library
or city hall
for name)

House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Local Congressman's office - check
phone book

CHINESE GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO FORCE ABORTION IN U.S.

Abort or else! said Chinese authorities to a couple expecting their second child while living and studying in the United States. An article in the August 1988 issue of the Reader's Digest outlines the travails of Li Quan Bang's story - his wife was seven month's pregnant and the Chinese government was attempting to force her to have an abortion. According to Chinese technical policy on birth control, regulations call for the insertion of an IUD after one birth, sterilization after two, and abortion for women pregnant without official permission.

Sanctions threatened by the Chinese government, if the pregnant woman, Ping Hong, did not have an abortion, included punishing all the workers at the factories where the two Chinese nationals worked before coming to the United States to study - including no salary increases plus the factory would be disqualified from production contests - and nightly visits to Ping Hong's elderly mother warning of terrible consequences for the whole family should there not be an abortion.

Steven W. Mosher, author of the article entitled, "Their Baby is Illegal," has asked Americans to write to the Attorney General seeking his support for the application by this couple to stay in the United States.

Fortunately, on February 1, Ping Hong gave birth to a healthy baby girl. The Lis have named her Mahwae which means beautiful and smart but also stands for America, the land of her birth.

Steven W. Mosher, author of the article entitled "Their Baby is Illegal," had asked Americans to write to the Attorney General seeking his support for the application by this couple to stay in the United States. Shortly before leaving office, Attorney General Ed Meese announced on August 5th that the couple had been granted political asylum in our country.

(If you have time, please look up this article and read it. It is a real eye-opener. Ed. Note)

A M E N

In his homily collection titled Furrows, Msgr. Joseph Pollard, S.T.D. offers the following conclusion to his suggested July 4 homily:

"I wish these Catholics one blessing on July 4th: that they rise from the seat of their apathy and let their voice be heard on the issues shaping this land. They are clobbered year after year by the forces of secularization, and they take it like a preordained malediction of Fate. They have bought the charge that activity on their part would be the imposition of sectarian morality on the nation. As if the nation would allow this, and as if the other forces were not imposing their codes on the body politic!"

"Let us worry instead about our silence and other's activity. Worry about the power and efficiency of the controlling elements who were once ignoble to our forefathers and marginal to the health of the nation; the criminals, the underground subversives, the secular humanists, the pornographers, the abortionists, the home wreckers, and the seditionists against a civilized society. Bless them at least for their determination: they have spoken well and effectively in the absence of fifty million American Catholics."

--Catholic League Newsletter, August 1988

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIPS PLANNED

This is an invitation for you to join the 16th annual Grand Rapids RTL bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life. It may seem early but because this is an election year, hotels are filling up fast.

Two bus trips are being considered---one for just the March for Life and another for both the inauguration and the March. Your response will determine whether they will have both trips and/or just one.

Pick-up points being considered are:

Lansing (off I-96)	Detroit (off 23, Exit 41)
Kalamazoo	Ionia & Lake Odessa (I-96 & 66)

Option #1 -- March for Life only -- could cost as little as \$175.00 including bus and hotel, etc.

Option #2 -- Inauguration and March for Life -- could cost as little as \$255.00 per person including bus and hotel for four nights.

Please call Theresa for more details at (616) 451-0601. Responses must be made in early September.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Save a Life! Ask a friend to become a member. Please fill in below and mail to:

RTL-Lifespan, Inc. Main Office • 27578 Schoolcraft • Livonia, MI 48150

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please check Annual Membership desired: ☐ \$12.00/Individual & Family ☐ \$5.00/Senior Citizen & Youth ☐ Other

Donations are not tax-deductible.

MARY CUNNINGHAM AGEE TO SPEAK AT NOVI HILTON

Abortion Alternatives International will hold their 17th Annual Academy at the Novi Hilton, October 14-16, 1988.

Of local interest, Mary Cunningham Agee will be the principal speaker at the Saturday evening Banquet describing her experiences as founder and director of the "Nurturing Network."

Three-day registration is \$70 per person including the banquet, or the Banquet only is \$22.00 per person. Call Jeanne LaHood (313) 642-4788 for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER

We have received a donation "in loving memory of Lauren Menna, age nine who died August 8, 1988." Remember her and her family in your prayers.

CALENDAR UPDATE

Sept. 22, Thursday	Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Unborn
Sept. 23, Friday and Sept. 24, Saturday	Right to Life of Michigan Conference Troy, Hilton
Oct. 3, Monday	Application deadline for Detroit News Ad (See article, page 1 and enclosed flier)
Oct. 10, Monday	Reservation deadline for Dinner with Fr. John Powell, S.J. (See enclosed flier)
October 14-16, Friday to Sunday	Abortion Alternatives International Academy Novi Hilton; see article above
October 21, Friday	Dinner with Fr. John Powell, S.J.

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