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Life” Tree.**



DON'T BE MISLEAD! "Catholics for Choice" renews campaign to gut life-saving Hyde Amendment

By Dave Andrusko

In Washington DC, if you waiting for a metro or a bus, often times you'll find a nearby news box containing free copies of what the Washington Post calls its "Express." Essentially it's a shopper with a few excerpts from news stories, the Style section, and the like.

The Post's advertisers get a captive audience and the readers get to peruse the headlines amidst eighty gazillion ads.

Well, guess who purchased a four-page [!] cover ad for today's Express? (I have no idea what it cost, but you know it was plenty.)

The absurdly named "Catholic for Choice."

It's the usual-usual from the organization originally named Catholics for a Free Choice. The front cover portion gives you the message.

The headline reads, "Abortion in Good Faith" (the name for the campaign) with the subhead making the have-it-both-ways case: "It it because of my Catholic faith, not in spite of it, that I support women who make conscience-based decisions to have an abortion." (Signed mother and grandmother.)

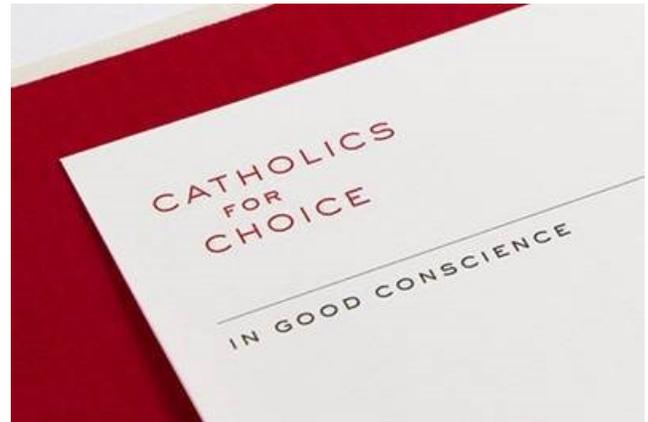
The mission is on page two: eliminate the Hyde Amendment, credited with saving 2 million lives. There is overwhelming support for the Hyde Amendment which prohibits virtually all federal funding of abortion but that never gives the Abortion Industry even the slightest pause.

So faced with longstanding opposition, the "Abortion in Good Faith" campaign needs to recast picking the public's pocket as not still more pro-abortion propaganda in service of reversing the decline in the number of abortions but a "Catholic Social Justice value."

We're told federal funding of abortion is a "moral necessity." Seriously.

"This is not a new initiative. Last year "Catholics for Choice" published full page ads in major newspapers. That prompted the following statement, issued by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, who was then chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities. It was intended to "alert the public to a deceptive ad campaign calling for taxpayer funding of abortion in the name of the Catholic faith."

An abortion advocacy organization called "Catholics for Choice" (CFC) placed deceptive full-page newspaper ads in multiple cities on September 12 calling for taxpayer funding of abortion in the name of the Catholic faith.



As the U.S. Catholic bishops have stated for many years, the use of the name 'Catholic' as a platform to promote the taking of innocent human life is offensive not only to Catholics, but to all who expect honesty and forthrightness in public discourse.

CFC is not affiliated with the Catholic Church in any way. It has no membership, and clearly does not speak for the faithful. It is funded by powerful private foundations to promote abortion as a method of population control.

The organization rejects and distorts Catholic social teaching – and actually attacks its foundation. As Pope Francis said this summer to leaders in Poland, "Life must always be welcomed and protected...from conception to natural death. All of us are called to respect life and care for it."

CFC's extreme ads promote abortion as if it were a social good. But abortion kills the most defenseless among us, harms women, and tears at the heart of families. Pushing for public funding would force all taxpaying Americans to be complicit in the violence of abortion and an industry that puts profit above the well-being of women and children.

According to a July 2016 poll conducted by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, 62 percent of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion, including 45 percent of those who say they are pro-choice.

Finally, the CFC pits the needs of pregnant women against those of their unborn children. This is a false choice. Catholics and all people of good will are called to love them both. Consider supporting local pregnancy help centers, which do incredible work caring for mothers and children alike in a manner consistent with true social justice and mercy.

- LifeNews.com, September 25, 2017

BOYCOTT

Think Before You... Bank

Life Decisions International has released a revised edition of their Boycott List. This lists corporations and companies that support Planned Parenthood. Below are financial companies you might want to think twice about before using their services.

Ameriprise: Operations: **financial** (banking, credit cards, insurance, investing/planning, loans); Contact: Mr. James M. Cracchiolo, Chm. & CEO, Ameriprise Financial Inc., 707 2nd Ave. S., Ameriprise Financial Ctr., Minneapolis, MN 55474, Phone: 800-386-2042

Goldman Sachs: Operations: **financial** (Investing/planning); Contact: Mr. Lloyd C. Blankfein, Chm. & CEO, The Goldman Sachs Group Inc., 200 West St., Ste. 200, New York, NY 10282, Phone: 212-902-1000

J.P. Morgan Chase: Operations: **financial** (Chase Bank - banking, credit cards, insurance, investing/planning, loans); Contact: Mr. James S. Dimon, Chm. & CEO, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co., 270 Park Ave., 35th Fl., New York, NY 10017, Phone: 212-270-6000

Wells Fargo: Operations: **financial** (Cornerstone Credit Services, Rural Community: banking, credit cards, insurance, investing/planning, loans); Contact: Mr. John G. Stumpf, Chm., Pres. & CEO, Wells Fargo & Co., 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94104, Phone: 866-878-5865

Remember: It is important that you stop doing business with boycott targets. This is the first step. The second step is to contact these organizations and tell them why you are no longer supporting them. We have included the contact person for each company.



Thank You, Marge!

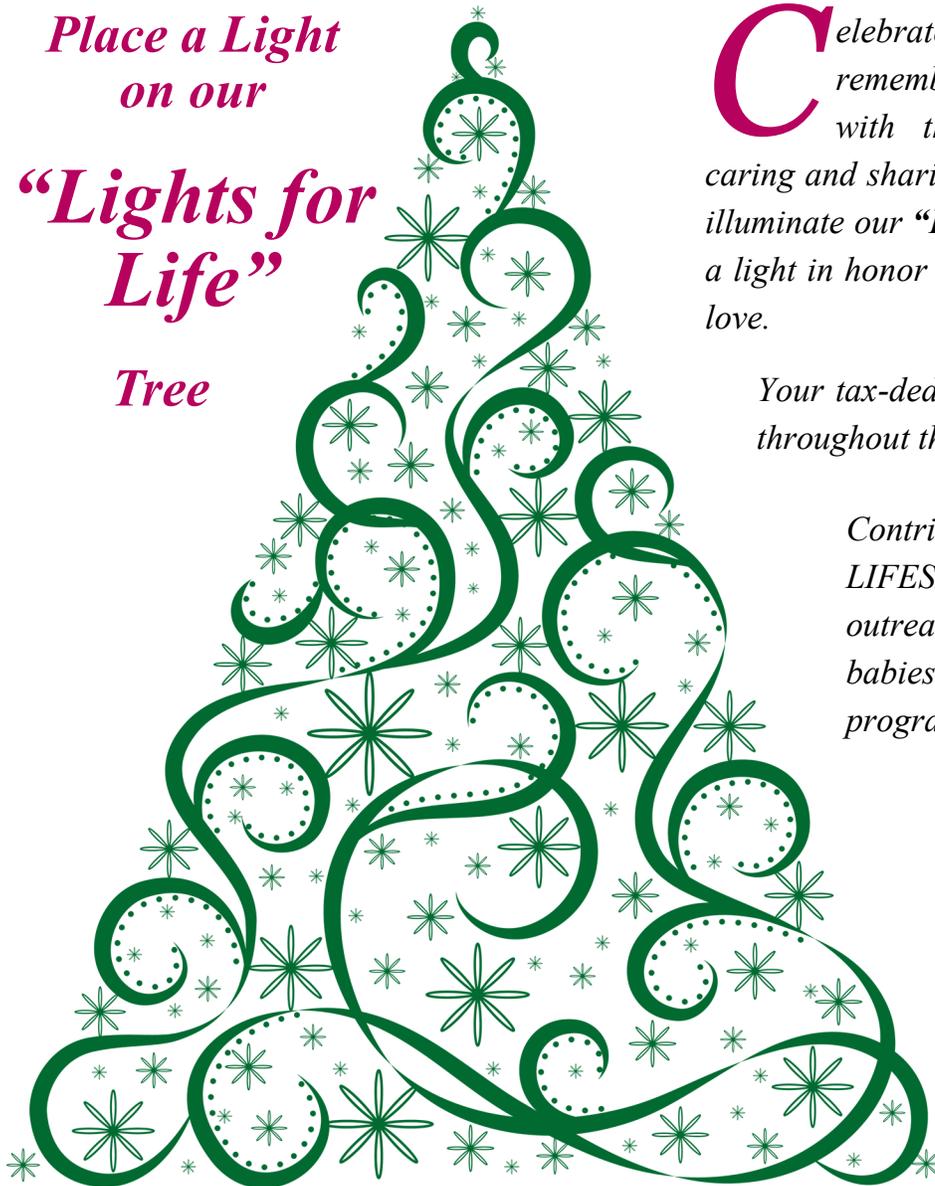
Thank you, Marge, for all the many years you have given to LIFESPAN and fighting the culture of death.

Marge Bradley has been with LIFESPAN for many years, using her talents to grow LIFESPAN in the Metro Detroit area. She was a loyal member of the Wayne County Chapter, being Office Manager of our Downriver Chapter in 1991. In 1992, Marge started working on, and becoming part of the "LIFESPAN Newsletter" publishing department and also the Office Manager for Right to Life - LIFESPAN's Main Office. As our years of pro-life service in the Detroit Metro area progressed, Marge was very much a part of the layout and development of our very successful "Resource Book." Marge's efficiency and attention to detail enabled LIFESPAN to grow, function and become the steadfast local pro-life group it is today. Marge has not retired from the pro-life struggle but continues her work in Pennsylvania, where she moved with her husband Doug to be closer to her children and grandchildren. While in Pennsylvania, she continued her work as Co-

Editor of the Newsletter until August 2017. Marge has agreed to continue her work with our Resource Book.

May God Bless You, Marge, for all the wonderful work you have and are continuing to do on behalf of LIFE! May He send you many blessings for all your efforts fighting for His children!

*Place a Light
on our
“Lights for
Life”
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Celebrate with us this Christmas Season, remembering those you love. In keeping with the Christmas spirit of giving, caring and sharing, LIFESPAN invites you to help illuminate our “Lights for Life” Tree by donating a light in honor of, or in memory of, someone you love.

Your tax-deductible contribution may be made throughout the Christmas Season.

Contributions will be used to benefit LIFESPAN programs, like Wee Care, an outreach program for moms and their babies and our Youth Outreach program.

The Tree will be illuminated early December through the first week of January. The Tree will be located on the grounds of Weingartz at 39050 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Honorees’ names will appear in LIFESPAN News. For more information, call 734-524-0162.

Yes, please place lights on our “Lights for Life” Tree!

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Your name(s) _____ Phone () _____

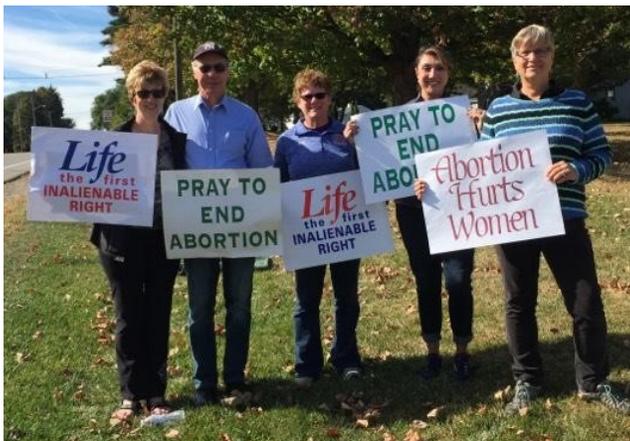
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Note “Lights for Life” on your check memo and mail to Right to Life - LIFESPAN, 32540 Schoolcraft Rd., Ste. 100, Livonia, MI 48150-4305.



Special thanks to all our co-sponsors & participants in the 30th Annual LIFE CHAIN, held Sunday, October 1st.

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LIFESPAN Chapter News

We Will Not Say Merry Christmas Before Dec. 1st

Christmas decorations are going up in our stores & on TV, but all we intend to say about Christmas right now is that our cards are here! If you would like to offer them to your church, club or organization, just give the Oakland/Macomb office a call (248-816-1546) & we can make that happen. If you want cards for your personal use, call the same number & we can set some aside for you.

The Satanic Temple

Believe it or not, members of the Satanic Temple, a religious & political group recognized as a 501(c) 3 tax exempt organization, has filed suit in Missouri maintaining that the restrictive laws in that state (waiting period, printed information & ultrasound) violate the religious beliefs of its membership. The issue is now before the Missouri Court of Appeals.

On a Happier Note

Don't forget to attend the Pro-life Luncheon on the 21st at the O'Kelly's banquet hall where we will hear about how to build families through adoption. Many of us have adopted & know only too well, "Not flesh

of my flesh, nor bone of my own, but still, miraculously, my own. Never forget for a single minute you didn't grow under my heart but in it." - *Fleur C. Heylinger*

Entertainment Books

We have the 2018 book! They make great gifts.

Bus Trip Support

It won't be long before you receive your "scarf letter" asking for support for the travelers on the Washington DC bus trip for the March for Life. The donations received from this letter help provide snacks, water & other supplies for our marchers as well as financial assistance for those who cannot pay the full amount of the trip. There will be 7 or 8 buses going this year & your support is greatly appreciated.

"There comes a time when silence is betrayal."

- *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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Walk for Life

Thank you so much to everyone who came out for our Walk for Life! It was a gorgeous day by Newburgh Lake & a lot of fun for all. We were even interviewed by Channel 4 news; your pro-life efforts are being noticed & YOU are making a difference!

A Great Gift!

Give the gift of savings! The 2018 Entertainment Books are at the Wayne County Chapter, NOW! We are almost out of the 2017 Entertainment Books—hurry & get your two books for \$30 now!

Painting Party: Christmas Edition

Join us on **Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 12PM** at our Wayne County Office, to create a special sign to decorate your own home or to create that special Christmas gift for a loved one. Many designs to choose from & YOU choose the colors! Call our office to reserve your spot. Check out some examples of designs on our website: www.miLIFESPAN.org/events

Christmas Cards

Send a card that will mean so much to the people you care about, support LIFE & the work of LIFESPAN. Christmas Cards are now in our office & local businesses, churches and faith organizations.

Associate Youth Director

We are thrilled to announce that in addition to being the Office Manager of the Wayne County Chapter, **Anne Marie Morin** has taken on the important role of **Associate Youth Director for LIFESPAN**. She wants to meet with Pastors, Youth Directors & Principals to give more pro-life events, opportunities & educational experiences in Wayne County to the youth.



Happy Thanksgiving to all of you & your families!

We are so thankful for all of your support. Whether it is time, money or effort, YOU are making a difference in the pro-life movement. Lives are being changed & lives are being saved! As a non-profit, we are very dependent on monetary donations. The great news is that as a 501(c)3 organization, people making donations can get a tax-deduction! We are thankful that in supporting us, you can also save money!

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Wee Care

Can Thanksgiving truly be just around the corner and Christmas not far behind? Time sure does fly by and there is never enough time to adequately thank you for all you do for my babies!

Today we put together thirteen packages. Two of the moms were homeless - one a 17 yr. old who, along with her 6 mos. old son, is staying with a neighbor. The other mom is 20, expecting her first baby and lost her job when her employer found out she was pregnant. Another mom has a very tiny preemie, who is about to leave the hospital. This sweet little one entered the world at 1 lb. (another one of God's miracles!). Every baby's story is different and every mom and her little one is so very precious to us. We couldn't help any of them if it wasn't for you! To our friends who spend hours crocheting afghans, who purchase tiny clothing and baby supplies, who host

showers, arrange Giving Trees and most importantly - those who pray for our moms & babies - my gratitude and love are endless!

Now about that Christmas that is just around the corner -

Because we distribute each year over 5400 sleepers, 5400 onesies, 3000 receiving blankets and so many more items - we exist only because of our friends' generosity - especially at Christmas! Every single donation - no matter how large or small - helps! There is a certain joy at Christmas that comes when you are providing warm clothes, diapers and blankets for God's tiniest little ones, while celebrating the birth of the baby Jesus, who was born in a humble stable and wrapped in swaddling clothes.

What can you do to help?

- *Preschoolers and Kindergarteners can collect small, new stuffed animals.*

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All material and monetary donations to Wee Care are tax-deductible. Checks must be made payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund.



Youth Report

On September 29th, LIFESPAN co-sponsored the *Abolish Abortion in Your Lifetime* event at Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Sterling Heights. The Guest Speaker was Audrey Nitzel, the Michigan Regional Coordinator of Students for Life of America.

Audrey's presentation includes updates on David Dalejian with the Center for Medical Progress and on Planned Parenthood's Annual Report. The numbers are telling. Abortions increased and they now commit 897 abortions PER DAY! Taxpayer money has increased and prenatal care has decreased.

She finished her presentation talking about how to engage students in a school setting. There are five main areas of engagement: (1) Effective Education to make students aware of the abortion crisis, (2) Industry Impact to expose

the abortion industry, (3) Public Policy to secure and enforce pro-life legislation, (4) Rapid Response to effectively identify, expose and counter the abortion agenda, and (5) Supportive Services to provide resources to those affected by abortion.

A big Thank You goes out to Audrey and all those students who helped with this great event.



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Words of Wisdom

What's in a Word?

By Diane Trombley

There is a very strong effort by those who support abortion to portray the destruction of unborn human life as a societal good.

Celebrities are interviewed wherein they say that having an abortion (or abortions) allowed them to pursue their career in movies, TV, etc.

Mainstream media outlets such as *Salon*, *New York Post*, *Elle*, and *The New York Magazine* encourage readers to write in their positive feelings about their abortions.

Actress Jenny Slate appeared on the Jimmy Fallon show to plug her new movie, *Obvious Child*, being promoted as an "abortion romantic comedy," in which she stated that her character is funny and sweet and has a "regrets-free" abortion. Fallon said during the interview, "it's getting great reviews because it's a serious issue, but you make it lighthearted, you make it funny." "Good for you."

A popular online dating site now allows users to find a match based on their support of the abortion business Planned Parenthood (okcupid.com).

In London, England, the president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists compared abortion to "getting your bunions sorted."

At an event in Seattle, #shoutyourabortion, actress Martha Plimpton said that she loved Seattle and that Seattle was where she had her first abortion and it was, by far, the best one.

Abortion supporters are maintaining that common sense, protective laws regarding abortion are an example of human rights violations towards women.

The European Union is demanding that its members declare laws against abortion as acts of violence against women.

Pro-life speakers are being uninvited or banned on college campuses when students claim that their message is frightening. A recent Brookings Institute study showed one in five undergraduate students agreed that it is acceptable to use violence to disrupt speech that they disagree with.

Pro-life speakers and events are being met with hostile mobs, shouting, chanting and threatening their efforts. These pro-abortion groups carry signs praising Planned Parenthood and are becoming increasingly violent. Generally law enforcement takes a "hands off" approach or requires the pro-life speakers to withdraw.

Pro-life speech is being characterized as racist, terrorist or threatening. It has become commonplace for pro-life speakers and events to be disrupted by chanting,

unruly crowds of abortion supporters. Colleges, universities and public forums are cancelling pro-life speakers and events in fear that these crowds will become so disruptive as to present a physical danger to all. It would seem that there is free speech for every kind of message but a pro-life message. Unfortunately, these tactics are quite effective since the pro-life message is lost in noise. Abortion supporters must truly fear the pro-life message if there best answer is to try and silence it.

In Missouri, The Satanic Temple, a self-described religion that declares, "We embrace blasphemy as a legitimate expression of personal independence from counterproductive traditional norms," has brought a suit maintaining that restrictive laws regarding abortion is a violation of their religious beliefs.

It cannot be a coincidence that statements, movies and stories like this are happening all at once. It is clearly to try and turn the tide of the increasing opposition against abortion to something about which we should all feel warm and fuzzy and accepting. What better way to do this than to get positive feedback from those who have had an abortion. After all, no one wants to perpetrate violence against women, and everyone admires the talents of actors and actresses, and clearly, each of these abortions was done because of the desperate circumstances in the woman's life.

EXCEPT -- there is nothing warm and fuzzy about an abortion. Everyone knows what an abortion does. Unless you live in a cave in some desert somewhere, there is no escaping proven, scientific, incontrovertible FACT that an abortion stops the beating heart of a member of our human family. Offer any reason, any excuse, any difficult circumstance and nothing changes that FACT.

It is important that those of us who are pro-life recognize that a pregnant woman is not pregnant with a "pregnancy," but with a child. She will not deliver a "pregnancy," she will deliver a child and she will not end a "pregnancy," but a human life. We must take every opportunity to express these facts to our friends, relatives, children, grandchildren, priests and pastors.

Words mean things. Don't allow words to take the life of an unborn child. And don't let the words be silenced. Be strong. Be brave. Speak out. Speak up. The children lost to abortion have no voice but yours.

- Diane Trombley is a Board Member and Director of the Oakland/Macomb Chapter





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News and Notes

The AP Stylebook and how the abortion issue is described

By Dave Andrusko

Let me offer just a few words about a couple of posts I've seen online regarding the *Associated Press'* influential stylebook and the abortion issue.

If I understand the criticism, it is that the new *AP* Stylebook has changed "pro-life" to "anti-abortion" and "pro-abortion" (or "pro-choice") to "abortion rights."

First things first. Clearly the change is a huge tactical and rhetorical advantage for pro-abortionists.

We become nothing more than being against abortion (odd when you consider that we oppose infanticide and assisted suicide/euthanasia with equal fervor) while our opposition number is in favor of "rights."

Who can be against "rights" unless, of course, you are talking about the unborn child's right to life.

But the change was not made in 2017; it was before then. If I had more time, I could track down how far back *AP* made the switch. The damage is real, it is just not newly inflicted.

One other abortion-related wordage (again I don't know when the admonition was offered). "Avoid 'abortionist', which connotes a person who performs clandestine abortions."

Really? The other side loves "abortion doctor."

Just as the *AP* believes "abortionist" connotes "clandestine" (presumably as in illegal), so, too, "doctor" (as in abortion doctor) connotes that when they slice and tear and rip helpless babies they are practicing real medicine.

Not to me.

- *National Right to Life News Today, July 13, 2017*



"Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women"

- Alice Paul



Wee Care

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- School children can earn money at home and purchase items from a dollar store.
- Families can purchase baby gifts in lieu of exchanging presents.
- Scouts can collect baby supplies (perhaps can go towards earning a badge).
- Moms' Groups can collect baby clothes or toddler or baby board books.
- Churches can collect baby clothes by adding us to their Giving Tree. (One church has their members bring a baby gift to the Christ Child on Christmas Day!)
- Creative people can crochet or knit baby afghans to keep our sweet babies warm.
- And for those who would like to send a monetary donation or purchase a gift card (and perhaps get their Kroger fuel pts.!)--we can always use them to buy the extras!

As you can see, there are so many ways to help our little ones, and you have done them all! May God bless you at Thanksgiving and know that I thank Him every day for you!

Love, Karen



This is The Company We Keep

The United States is within the top 4% of most permissive abortion policies in the world (7 out of 198) when analyzing restrictions on elective abortion based on duration of pregnancy.

- ◆ Canada (no restriction in law) *xii*
- ◆ China (no restriction in law) *xiii*
- ◆ Netherlands (24 weeks)
- ◆ North Korea (no restriction in law)
- ◆ Singapore (24 weeks)
- ◆ United States (viability) 9
- ◆ Vietnam (no restriction in law) *xiv*

<http://lozierinstitute.org/internationalabortionnorms/>

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

Terminology is an important tool in communication. It is especially important when we speak about the pro-life movement and the terminology one must use in getting our message across. The opposition is very good at using language to steal the argument. Such as: in the beginning, they stressed "pro-choice" while we stressed "anti-abortion". To the human psyche, what does this represent emotionally when saying these two words? Pro means "in favor of." Anti means "you are opposed or not in favor of." So pro is a positive act and anti is a negative act. Positive always wins. People, especially those who are uninformed of the facts, always want to be with the person who is positive and in favor of the issue or issues of the time. Once we realized the importance of this fact, the movement started using the term pro-life. It is a great term and it represents all the issues regarding respecting human life. We should not be afraid to say I am pro-life and I am against abortion – "I am anti-abortion". Why is this so important? Because it clarifies the abortion issue as paramount in stopping the anti-life philosophy.

When, in 1973, the "Roe v Wade" Supreme Court decision legalized abortion, a subliminal message was given to future generations that human life could be taken if it inconvenienced your own. We must, in our debate, make our stand on the life issues very clear. We are against abortion because it takes the life of another human being. We must continue to define what abortion is and that it is much more than a daily "choice." So don't be afraid of saying I am against abortion and then express why. Since abortion became legal we have had a steady decline in respecting human life.

Today we have the selling of pre-born baby parts, more disrespect of women, more talk of killing off the aging and disabled of our society (especially if it is cost effective), the "search out and destroying" of the imperfect human being in the womb. It all started with the legalization of abortion. Human life was no longer considered a gift to be cherished and cared for, but a commodity to be disposed of at the will

of the state. Let us continue our work and education wherever and whenever we are able. May God give us the strength to fight this evil!

– Diane Fagelman, President Right to Life - LIFESPAN

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This beautiful card depicts the Holy Family and the Wise Men in stunning detail and bright tones with embossed and gold foil detail. A green box with gold loop and gold foil-lined envelope complete this elegant Christmas greeting.

Inside Verse:

*ONE SHINING STAR TO MAKE THE WORLD BRIGHT,
ONE INFANT CHILD ON THAT WONDERFUL NIGHT,
ONE LITTLE PRAYER FOR THOSE WE HOLD DEAR,
TO BLESS YOU AT CHRISTMAS AND ALL THROUGH
THE YEAR.*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Actual size: 5.63" x 7.88"
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