

NKRTL, NKRTL-PAC, FRED H. SUMME AND SEN. GEX WILLIAMS, ALL VINDICATED FULLY, AFTER 4-1/2 YEARS OF MERITLESS CHARGES BEFORE KY REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

Victory was achieved, but justice not fully served. **NKRTL, NKRTL-PAC, and Fred Summe**, together with **State Sen. Gex Williams**, all were totally vindicated by the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance (KREF). For the past 4-1/2 years these parties have been burdened with frivolous and unfounded charges initiated by **Ruth Bauman** (and some anonymous sponsors).

Bauman was chairwoman of the Campbell County Democratic Party, and reacted bitterly to the defeat of several of her candidates, who did not have Pro-Life positions, and were opposed by NKRTL-PAC in favor of Pro-Life candidates. KREF is a state agency and staffed by appointments by the Democratic Party and the Republican Party.

The charges alleged illegal campaign contributions to Sen. Gex Williams, challenged the right of NKRTL-PAC to make endorsements, and argued that it failed to report to KREF amounts allegedly incurred in connection with those endorsements. Charges were also made against NKRTL in connection with the publication of its Newsletter, and as to letters sent out by NKRTL.

All of these of course were frontal attacks upon the basic right of freedom of speech and freedom of political participation, made by the powerful players on the political field, against the financially insignificant voice of NKRTL and NKRTL-PAC. But, these organizations obviously have strong acceptance as leaders and spokesmen for truth, resulting in an overwhelming string of electoral successes of Pro-Life candidates.

The discomfort felt for NKRTL and NKRTL-PAC is widespread in both major political parties, and cuts across the

boundaries of both labor and management, for the simple reason that NKRTL adheres to objective principles of uncompromising defense of the sanctity of all innocent human life, regardless of other positions taken by candidates.

The Pro-Life Movement's political involvement has lessened the control of political parties, business associations, and labor unions over candidates and public officials, resulting in government being more responsive to the electorate.

When the original action was filed against NKRTL-PAC, and Sen. Williams, Williams filed an appropriate response with KREF through his private attorney, and the NKRTL-PAC response was filed by Pro-Life attorney **Robert C. Cetrulo** of Covington, Ky. There were also filed appropriate Affidavits demonstrating the truth of these actual transactions, which demonstrated clearly and beyond contradictions that there was no violation of the law.

Nonetheless, KREF, on its own motion, then expanded the charges by adding as additional Defendants, Fred H. Summe as Treasurer of NKRTL-PAC, and NKRTL. Responses were then filed on behalf of those two Defendants by **Pro-Life attorneys Richard A. Woeste of Alexandria, Ky., and Phyllis A. Sower of Frankfort, Ky.**

Over the next several years, these Defendants demanded dismissal of the charges, and demanded the opportunity to take the deposition of the Complainant Ruth Bauman, and to review the investigative file of KREF, all of which were denied, even though NKRTL and NKRTL-PAC voluntarily submitted to examination by investigators for KREF, and gave voluntary statements, — such compliance was refused by Complainant Bauman.

The matter finally came on for hearing before KREF in January of 1999, at which time counsel for the Pro-Life Defendants filed a Brief with KREF demonstrating the constitutional authorities showing the perfect legitimacy of its action.

The Chairman of KREF, **Donald Cox**, a lawyer from Louisville, expressed anger and astonishment when this Brief was submitted at the hearing, since KREF special counsel, **Thomas Miller**, of Lexington, failed to even present any type of Brief to KREF. (It should be noted that KREF retained outside counsel whose sole job was to prosecute these Pro-Life defendants, resulting in an additional expense to the taxpayers.)

The Commission then, after deciding that there was absolutely no merit concerning the charges of illegal financial contribution by NKRTL to the Sen. Gex Williams' campaign, dismissed those charges. However, KREF incredibly then extended the Hearing as to the other Defendants, so as to give its prosecutor an opportunity to file a Brief, which he should have done sometime during the past four years. So justice was again delayed.

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When paid special counsel for KREF finally got around to filing his Brief in March, and we filed our Reply Brief fifteen days later, the matter came on for final hearing before KREF on April 20, 1999.

Four of the five Board members were present, including **Donald Cox**, **Kent Westwood**, attorney from Louisville, **Dayna Matthew**, lawyer from Louisville, and **Judith Clabes**, President and CEO of Scripps Howard Foundation and former Editor of the Kentucky Post. The fifth Board member, attorney **Robert Sanders** of Covington, was not present. After attorney Miller was permitted to make a presentation on behalf of the prosecution, and attorney Cetrulo on behalf of the Defendants, the Board members had a discussion and vote.

Bias against Defendants by Chairman Cox, demonstrated throughout these proceedings, became even more apparent as the Board discussion ensued.

He put the question as to whether or not there was a motion to convict Defendants of one of the particular charges. When there was no response, he looked up and said, "Is no one making such a motion?" There followed again deafening silence.

He then had to make the question more neutral, as to whether or not any Board member wished to make a motion either way, and there was then made a motion to acquit on that particular charge. Two Board members voted for it, Mr. Westwood, and Mrs. Clabes, while the Chairman and Ms. Matthew voted against. On a tie vote, the Defendants prevail.

On all of the other issues, there was a unanimous vote to dismiss the charges against Respondents, it now appearing even to Mr. Cox and Ms. Matthew that the evidence was totally lacking of any violation of the law by Respondents, who were simply exercising their constitutional rights to participate in the political process.

This unjust persecution could have been terminated within a month after the charges, had KREF simply looked then at the charges and the evidence it had before it — which is the same evidence that they had before them when they made the decision in April of 1999.

The Hearing was covered intently by multiple members of the media, who descended on Cetrulo and Summe following the Hearing for reaction. Cetrulo pointed out that it was nice to be vindicated of these meritless charges brought by a disappointed politician who didn't even have the courage or integrity to appear at any of the hearings and attempt to defend her charges, but it was sad that these matters had to drag out so long.

In fact, as Cetrulo pointed out, the statutes under which these charges were brought in as they existed in 1995, were amended by the Kentucky General Assembly in 1996, to conform with decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court protecting the very rights being asserted by the Defendants in this matter. KREF seemed totally insensitive to that fundamental constitutional proposition.

A Drain on Our Treasury

Summe pointed out that unfortunately our opponents had indeed gained some of their goals, which is simply to distract and drain and divert the energies and limited resources of the Pro-Life Movement with this frivolous litigation.

Although all of these Pro-Life lawyers donated their services free, made no charges to any of the Defendants, there were necessary on-going cost for expenses and

documentation, which were a tremendous drain on the Pro-Life resources for the last 4-1/2 years.

And so David really did slay Goliath — but we all know it was the power of God.

In the meantime, the bills continue to mount and the costs incurred in this, and in the companion Federal Court suit, protracted now over the past four and a half years, have had a major impact on the treasury of NKRTL, which continues, of course, to rely upon the generosity of its members and donors, beyond their small \$10.00 annual dues.

And so we come to you — who really are NKRTL -- and ask for your generous donations so that we can continue on your behalf and on behalf of all innocent human life, this essential work of opposing the culture of death and its powerful representatives, so well-entrenched in all of our institutions.

The efforts of our volunteers are limited by our financial resources. We simply must replenish the funds drained because of this litigation.

PLEASE, TODAY, SEND US A CHECK FOR \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, OR MORE. THE GOOD THAT YOUR DONATION WILL DO IS MULTIPLIED MANY TIMES OVER BY THE TIME FREELY GIVEN BY THE VOLUNTEERS. YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE JOINED WITH THE SACRIFICES MADE BY OTHERS, ALL OF WHOM DESIRE TO DEFEND GOD'S PRECIOUS UNBORN CHILDREN.

MORE LEGAL GAMESMANSHIP BY THE PRO-ABORTS

Planned Parenthood practiced its usual "spend and delay" tactic by filing suit in the Federal Court in Tenn. and obtaining an injunction preventing the State of TN from enforcing its Parental Consent for Abortion by Minors Act.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit just unanimously overruled the District Court, holding that the District Court "abused its discretion." The 6th Circuit cited U.S. Supreme Court decisions upholding the right of the state to take "steps to insure that this choice is ... informed."

Meanwhile, the same spend and delay tactic is being practiced by the aborts in KY enjoining Pro-Life legislation recently passed overwhelmingly by the Ky. General Assembly, and, unfortunately, the Federal District Judge in Louisville followed the same pattern of granting the injunction, which of course is now on appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit.

Unfortunately, substantial sanctions in the nature of financial penalties are never applied when the aborts lose on appeal as they routinely do.

POLITICAL PRAGMATISM /WORD WIGGLING

Quietly, GOP Conservatives Soften Stance on Abortion read the headlines in the *Wall Street Journal* of **March 22, 1999**. The author pointed out that for several years, leading Republicans have labored to soften their Party's image on abortion, and now there are signs that conservative GOP activists are ready to help them do it.

Earlier that month, Presidential front-runner **George W. Bush** declared that "America's not ready" to ban abortions, even though he personally favors the idea.

Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell, and the now widely discredited **National Right to Life Committee** all defended the Texas governor from critics, with Robertson declaring that abortion foes can't do "a thing in the world" to outlaw abortion so long as the Supreme Court deems it constitutional. Rev. Robertson, who has more and more in the past several years shown himself to be a compromiser (materially contributing to Buchanan's defeat in favor of the pro-abortion **Bob Dole** three years ago), apparently is ignorant of the amending process of the U.S. Constitution, or simply doesn't have the spine for the contest.

Colleagues in the cop-out include GOP political consultant **Ralph Reed**, who began softening the anti-abortion position as Executive Director of Christian Coalition several years ago, and was materially responsible for the selection of Dole as the Republican nominee.

Nor has Bush guaranteed that he would rule out a pro-abortion running mate, nor has he guaranteed that he would appoint only Pro-Life people to the Court, and yet he would call himself "Pro-Life."

Concern About Buchanan

Serious Pro-Lifers were shocked to hear the dialog between **Pat Buchanan** and interviewer **Chris Matthews** on CNBC's "Hard Ball" on March 12, 1999. Matthews asked him if he would run as a third party candidate if he lost the Republican nomination and Buchanan responded: "If I go in the Republican primaries and run all the way to the end, I think you've got an obligation to support the nominee ... unless he wouldn't support you."

Compare that sort of "Partyism" to the candid and principled response by **Gary Bauer** to **Tim Russert** on "Meet the Press" in January. Not only did Bauer highlight the abortion issue as the preeminent issue facing the nation (contrary to Buchanan and any of the other candidates). When Russert tried to back him into the embarrassing position of opposing his own Party, by asking him if he would guarantee to support the nominee of the Party should it be someone other than Bauer, Bauer answered that he thoroughly expected to be able to support the nominee of the Party, but he would be unable to do so if the person were wrong on this basic issue of innocent human life.

Compare this to the principled and appropriately strong statements of **U.S. Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire** at a Primary Kickoff Dinner in New Hampshire on May 2nd, with several of his Republican colleagues and chairman of the Republican National Committee:

The 1996 GOP Convention Platform Plank on abortion reads: "The unborn child has a fundamental right to life which

"Some have talked about Clinton's bad judicial appointments to the Supreme Court. But I was one of only three senators to vote against both of them. ...some say the selection is about electing a Republican president. It is not. It is about electing a president and other candidates who will champion principles outlined in the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bible and the Republican platform. You see, my fellow Republicans, many in our party have failed us. ...it was Republican appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court who gave us Roe v. Wade. ...being a Republican is not enough. It is about leading on the issues we stand for. ..."

Again on May 18th Sen. Smith delivered a formal warning to the District of Columbia's Republican leadership that a revolt is brewing at the grass roots level and may lead to conservatives bolting to a third party:

"It's going to get to that point if this keeps up, because the impression is out there that Republicans do not stand up for what we believe in ... I am not leading or advocating this, but I believe you may well have seen the beginnings of a third-party movement in this country, which will spell the end of the Republican Party. There's a lot more people talking about it than you think, and it's serious talk. ...I want our values and our beliefs to be what the Party is all about. But if it's not going to be about that, then we have no choice."

In yet another recent speech, Sen. Smith said: "In the first few days of my administration, I will send Congress a Bill defining life as beginning at fertilization. There will be a litmus test for every judge that I appoint; each one will be pro-Constitution and pro-life."

Yet to be heard from in these specific ways is another Republican candidate with a previously strong Pro-Life record, former Ambassador to the United Nations under Pres. Reagan, **Alan Keyes**.

The overwhelming number of Republican members of Congress who have lined up behind one or more presidential candidates at the present time have indicated their support for Bush. Unfortunately, these include three Kentuckians, **Rep. Ann Northrup of Louisville, Rep. Hal Rogers of Somerset, and Rep. Ed Whitfield of Western Kentucky**.

The other two Republican members of the delegation, **Dr. Ernie Fletcher of Lexington and Rev. Ron Lewis of Western Kentucky** have yet to announce their support. Nor have **Sen. Jim Bunning from No. Ky. nor Sen. Mitch McConnell from Louisville**.

Constituents of these people are requested to write them in the strongest possible terms that a litmus test for being Pro-Life is not only the bills you support, but also the candidates you support. It is intellectually dishonest and morally offensive to claim to be Pro-Life, and simultaneously put in office people who either advance legalized abortion, or refuse to take the appropriate and necessary steps to stop the killing machine.

The candidacies of **George W. Bush** and **Elizabeth Dole** are patent frauds, from the Pro-Life standpoint.

Republican Party Platform Plank

cannot be infringed. We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and we endorse legislation to make clear that

the Fourteenth Amendment's protections apply to unborn children."

There will again be efforts made by the so-called "moderates" in the Republican Party to soften that language or, as Bob Dole made clear during his campaign, not to consider themselves bound by it.

Barring an unforeseen eventuality, we may be drawing closer and closer to **Third Party Time**. Those who place Party above Principle are not exclusively Democrats. When you hear apologists for the Republican Party attempt to defend this "incrementalism," or "realism," or "practicality," and tell us that all we will do is guarantee the election of another Democrat, we need to point out to them that it hasn't made much difference over the past 20 years, considering the fact that the majority of pro-abort votes on the U.S. Supreme Court were indeed appointed by Republican presidents!

Neither major political party has a monopoly on hypocrisy.

One needs to recall the powerful story told by **Ellen McCormack**, when she was a housewife from New York and before she ran as the Pro-Life presidential candidate. Ellen explained that a bunch of them went to the capital at Albany in 1971 when they heard that there was pro-abortion legislation pending (before *Roe v. Wade*) and were given assurances by their friendly representatives that it would never pass. They went home comforted, but then were shocked when indeed it not only passed, but did so with the support of some of these legislators who advised them to have no fear. When they then again confronted these legislators, they were advised by them that pro-aborts were militant and unyielding and insisted upon support, but these legislators indicated that they would be with these ladies on "other issues."

The housewives then promptly fielded candidates against these Republican traitors in the primary. When the incumbents warned that you will simply force the election of my Democratic opponent, who is worse on the issue than I, Ellen's friends promptly responded "How can they be any worse? You're not doing us any good!" Sometimes things have to get worse, before they get better. The wages of compromise is defeat! When are the craven compromisers in the Pro-Life Movement going to come to learn that lesson?

The truly wasted vote is the one cast by a Pro-Life voter for a compromise candidate. Usually the candidate loses because he is not a fish nor fowl and does not attract strong support from either camp. Even if he wins, we get more of the same, continuation of the slippery slope. As some wise person once said, a fundamental problem with "pragmatism" is that it simply doesn't work!

ANOTHER ADVOCATE BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

Founding NKRTL Board member Rev. Morton F. Oliver, Jr., died on May 10, 1999.

Rev. Oliver was one of the founding Board members of NKRTL in 1971, when he was then serving as Pastor of the

In the May 17th issue of "*National Review*" Magazine, there was described a poll conducted by the Center for Gender Equity - a **feminist group**, which found that 53% of American women favor prohibiting abortion either all together or with exceptions for rape, incest or to save the life of the

Trinity Baptist Church in Newport, Ky., before moving to serve the **Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Versailles, Ky.**

He later returned to No. Ky. and was serving as Pastor of the **First Baptist Church of Silver Grove, Ky.**, at the time of his death.

Rev. Oliver was a witness, together with **NKRTL Pres. Robert C. Cetrulo**, testifying before the 1991 Ky. General Assembly, which rejected a pro-abortion Bill, prior to the decision of *Roe v. Wade*. He was a staunch and valued member of the Pro-Life Movement.

Pro-Lifers are requested, in their charity, to pray for his soul, and also for comfort and support for his family.

WAL-MART REFUSES TO DISTRIBUTE THE ABORTIFACIENT "MORNING AFTER" PILL

The nation's largest retailer, Wal-Mart, has announced that it would not sell at its 2428 pharmacies the abortifacient pill denominated the "morning after" pill.

It is ironic that it is being distributed with public tax dollars by the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District. NKRTL last year presented the medical evidence before the Board that indeed the pill is an abortifacient, that is, it prevents implantation in the womb, after fertilization, and therefore cannot in any sense of the word be said to be a contraceptive.

The doctors on the Board agreed with that medical statement, including **Dr. John W. Sprague** who is chief of the OB-GYN Dept. at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, but nonetheless voted to distribute the pill. In fact, Chairman of the Board was **Dr. Mary Ann Barnes**, who teaches the residents at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. NKRTL has called this to the attention of the **Catholic Bishop of Covington, Most Rev. Robert Muench**.

The distribution of the death pill continues.

THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT IS ALIVE AND WELL

To paraphrase the quote of Mark Twain, "The reports of our death have been grossly exaggerated!" In fact, the Pro-Life Movement is not dead, nor, as Pro-Life Presidential candidate Gary Bauer noted, are we even tired. In fact, we are growing, and the indexes of this are multiple.

The number of medical schools teaching abortion is diminishing, the number of abortion clinics is shrinking, and now even the polls conducted by the secularists are confirming what we have known all along, that the majority of the American people still have gross misgivings about abortion.

Even the Polls Reject the Pro-Aborts Claim to Majority Approval

mother. A Christian Coalition poll taken the same week showed the identical result.

Another 25% of the population would ban abortions after the first trimester. Only 10% agreed with the pro-abort's position that abortion should be allowed at any stage of pregnancy. While this shrinkage of support for abortion on

demand has been going on for several years, the fact remains that a restrictionist majority has existed throughout the entire period since *Roe v. Wade* was decided in 1973.

For the past 10 yrs., CBS/New York Times polls have found that about 55% of the population want abortion either "illegal," or "under stricter limits than it is now," rather than "generally available." This is the reason that the pro-aborts fight to keep the issue in the courts, since they routinely lose in the legislatures which represent the majority will.

Women More Pro-Life than Men

Contrary to the conventional wisdom, but in support of what Pro-Lifers have known all along, women are generally less likely to support legal abortion than men (although marital status and church attendance are both better predictors than gender, of the attitudes towards abortion). Taking into account both men and women, about half the population supports outlawing abortion totally, with the exception of rape, incest, fetal deformity or for the so-called life of the mother exception. This would mean banning at least 99% of all abortions, which in reality are done for reasons of convenience.

"Pro-Life" — A Political Asset or a Political Liability?

Contrary again to the conventional wisdom, being promoted of course largely by the pro-abortion media, candidates who have forthrightly and consistently supported a Pro-Life position have done far better in elections than the pro-aborts.

An exit poll by **Richard Wirthlan**, noted public pollster, found that in 1996, voters for whom abortion was one of the two top issues went 45% for **Bob Dole** and 35% for **Bill Clinton**, and **George Bush** also in both 1988 and 1992 according to Voter Research and Surveys benefitted by taking a Pro-Life position. When pollsters asked voters how they would react if the GOP dropped the abortion issue, more say that they would be less likely to support the party than they would be more likely. "The political intensity is on the pro-life side."

The evidence is clear that women voters tend to be more liberal than men voters on questions of guns, defense, and welfare safety net, so that there are issues other than abortion that explain the "gender gap." As noted by poll analysts **Karlynn Bowman** "The gender gap has many complex causes. Abortion is not one of them."

And so, just as in the abortionists' distortion of biological reality, so also in their distortion of demographic and political reality, "things are not as they seem" (or as they are presented, by the abortionists, and their apologists in the pro-abortion dominated media).

In the Democratic gubernatorial race, incumbent **Paul Patton (D)**, a committed ally of the abortion movement, was unopposed. He ran on a platform last time that he would not support Pro-Life legislation, and indeed he fulfilled that commitment by vetoing the Woman's Right to Know Bill, which was passed overwhelmingly by the Ky. General Assembly. Fortunately, the Legislature overruled his veto and passed the

Pro-Life Candidates' Records in the 1990's

In 1994, Pro-Lifers gained 48 House seats in the U.S. Congress, and not a single Pro-Life incumbent of either Party was defeated by a pro-abort.

In 1996, Pro-Lifers picked up seats in the Senate and lost fewer seats in the House than the Republicans did (several pro-abort Republicans lost high profile races).

The 1998 election went badly for Pro-Lifers, but indeed it went badly for pro-abort Republicans also, and the Pro-Life defeats were pretty clearly a result of issues other than abortion, for example state lottery issues in Alabama and South Carolina. And Pro-Lifers had a better election than the Republicans they supposedly hurt. Republicans ended the elections with fewer governors than before, but Pro-Lifers had more governors than before. Republicans lost 5 seats in the House, but only 3 were Pro-Lifers, and that partly because Democrats were actively recruiting Pro-Life candidates to run in Pro-Life districts.

As Mark Twain said, "we aren't dead." As Gary Bauer said, "We aren't even tired."

The abortion wars aren't over yet!

NEW ARLINGTON, VA. ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP ENERGIZES PRO-LIFERS

The **Most Rev. Paul Loverde**, newly appointed Bishop of Arlington, VA, energized and excited the Pro-Life community by making it public that he would join Pro-Lifers on Holy Saturday, in praying the Rosary at two of the oldest and busiest abortion mills in the Arlington Diocese, just across the Potomac River from Washington, DC.

Moreover, in a front-page alert to "parish pro-life leaders," the March issue of his Diocesan Pro-Life newsletter announced this event, and said it was "asking each priest in the Diocese to invite his parishioners to join him in praying the Rosary at an abortion clinic."

This is the kind of "front line" leadership which the laity needs from the clergy, but receives all too infrequently. Many believe that if that kind of leadership were forthcoming, "mugwumping" politicians would quickly fall into line, and restore the legal protection of innocent human life.

1999 PRIMARY ELECTIONS — IS THE ELECTORAL PROCESS FAILING?

As all serious Pro-Lifers know, from reading our April Newsletter, there were no real "choices" for the voters of Ky. in these statewide races on the ballot in May.

Bill into law. His running mate, incumbent **Lt. Gov. Stephen Henry (D)** has a strong pro-abortion record also.

Republican gubernatorial candidate **David Williams** didn't answer our questionnaire, but sent a flier indicating he was "Pro-Life." His opponent in the Primary **Ms. Peppy Martin** also did not answer our questionnaire, but on a speaking tour to a Republican women's club in No. Ky., faced with the question as to whether she was Pro-Life, answered "I am

pro-privacy. I think it is up to the community to decide how they want to handle" curbing access to abortion. "I am for small government ... and you cannot have small government and less taxes, as Republicans like to say they want, and have Big Brother telling people how to live their private lives." **Martin fails to explain how one person's killing of another person is a private matter, of no concern to the government.**

NKRTL-PAC, declining to make any endorsement in the race, noted that clearly Pro-Lifers could not vote for such a candidate as Martin. And indeed they did not. Perhaps the most salient fact in the election was that Ms. Martin, who traveled around the state and spent some money, versus Mr. Williams who spent nothing, and indeed recently disconnected his telephone, defeated Williams by less than 1000 votes, and lost overwhelmingly to him in the No. Ky. regions of Boone, Campbell, Carroll, Gallatin, Grant, Kenton, Mason, Owen, Pendleton, and Robertson counties.

In the Democratic Primary race for State Treasurer, neither candidate answered our questionnaire. While we have no familiarity with the position of **Jonathan Miller** of Lexington, the successful candidate, he surely could not have been worse than his Primary opponent, **Susan D. Johns**, a militant feminist with a total pro-abortion record when she was in the Ky. legislature.

Unfortunately, the real "losers" on this slate of candidates, are the citizens of Kentucky, and certainly the unborn babies.

PRAY FOR LIFE – "CAN YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

The next monthly liturgy of Northern Kentucky Right to Life will be conducted at **St. Anthony of Padua Church, 320 Poplar Street, Bellevue, KY**, on **Tues. June 29, 1999**. Rosary will be said at 6:45 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

The pastor, Fr. John H. Kroger, invites all to attend and pray for life. This is something everyone can do.

NKRTL EFFORTS PAYING OFF IN HEALTH DISTRICT DISPUTE

Two of No. Ky.'s most vocal and politically connected abortion foes have been selected to serve on the Board of Northern Kentucky District Health Department," read the lead paragraph in the 6/5/99 *Kentucky Post* story.

NKRTL led the dispute in 1997 and 1998 involving the distribution of the abortifacient "morning after pill," with public tax money by the Health Board, and subsequently endorsed

His journey over many years took him from killing babies, to refraining from performing abortions, to being one of the most effective and outspoken international anti-abortionists. He placed a window on the womb with his shocking movie, "The Silent Scream," which through the use of sonogram showed the humanity of the so-called "blob of tissues" and the unheard scream of a baby actually being torn apart by abortion.

three candidates for County Judge Executive of Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties, who agreed with NKRTL's Pro-Life position against the distribution of these pills. All three were elected, **Gary Moore** in Boone County, **Steve Pendrey** in Campbell and **Dick Murgatroyd** in Kenton County.

The first two appointments made have been by Moore of **Robert Hay**, Pro-Life pharmacist from Florence, Ky., and the appointment of **Barbara Black**, a long-time member of NKRTL, by Murgatroyd.

Concerning the distribution of these abortifacients by NKIDHD, Hay stated, "I believe that would not square with the taxpayers who write the checks."

Black stated, "As a medical professional, as an RN, as a woman, I am strongly Pro-Life and oppose any funding or anything going to Planned Parenthood."

Public Health Director George Graham says he considers the issue resolved. We shall see!

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The Hand of God

"In the midst of the world's greatest holocaust, claiming over 4,400 American children each day, and unknown numbers of children worldwide, through His love and mercy, God draws forth some good. What a mystery this is which man cannot fully understand! With God, somehow good can come from the greatest sins.

"Everyone involved in the pro-life movement, whether a thirty-year veteran or a rookie, quickly realizes his or her own spiritual growth brought on by personal sacrifices. Pro-life work has brought about a deepening of faith, a greater understanding of God's love and mercy, and a sense of peace which seems to escape many of our peers."

One of the most remarkable stories of how a great good has arisen from the slaughtering of unborn children is the story of the conversion of Dr. Bernard Nathanson, MD. A must for your summer reading is his autobiography: "*The Hand of God*," which carries the subtitle: "A Journey from Death to Life, by the Abortion Doctor Who Changed His Mind."

The Journey

In the late 60's, Dr. Nathanson, a Jewish atheist, founded the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, whose influence on the New York Legislators helped legalize abortion. As an outspoken advocate of abortion on demand, he personally presided over some 75,000 abortions, including the abortion of his own child.

However, in the 70's his conscience,, the little that was left, forced him to deal with reality. Dr. Nathanson, a man of science, admitted to himself that human life began at the moment of conception and that science, by itself, establishes that the unborn child is as much a person as was he or anyone of us.

But his journey did not stop there. As Fr. John McCloskey, a priest of Opus Dei who would later instruct this doctor in the Catholic faith noted:

"His long struggle also manifests clearly the inexorable connection between God and the natural law that He has inscribed in the human mind and heart. ...if you acknowledge and follow the natural law, you may very well find God and his Church."

So the journey continued. Since no one is just converted by argument, something else was needed.

In his book, Dr. Nathanson identifies this final leg of his journey.

Operation Rescue

Dr. Nathanson mentions his personal debate over whether or not to commit suicide, complaining of “an affliction of the spirit.” After trying the “traditional panoply secular remedies: alcohol, tranquilizers, self-help books, counseling,” he concluded that his life was “barely worth living.”

At the same time he was experiencing this “affliction of the spirit,” he was moving deeper into the Pro-Life Movement, and there he perceived a “sense of peace that emanated from so many of these people.”

When he spoke to Pro-Lifers he always made sure that “they knew I held myself at a distance from their beliefs.” But in 1989, he attended an action by Operation Rescue in New York City.

“It was only then that I apprehended the exaltation, the pure love on the faces of that shivering mass of people. They prayed for he unborn babies, for the confused and frightened pregnant women, and for the doctors and nurses in the clinic. They even prayed for the police and the media who were covering the event. They prayed for each other but never for themselves. And I wondered: How can these people give of themselves for a constituency that is (and always will be) mute invisible, and unable to thank them?

“But it was not until I saw the spirit put to the test on those bitterly cold demonstration mornings, with pro-choicers hurling the most fulsome epithets at them, the police surrounding them, the media openly unsympathetic to their cause, the federal judiciary fining them and jailing them, and municipal officials threatening h tem — all through it they sat smiling, quietly praying, singing, confident and righteous of their cause and ineradicably persuaded of their ultimate triumph — that I began seriously to question what indescribable Force generated them to this activity. Why, too, was I there?

“And for the first time in my entire adult life, I began to entertain seriously the notion of God ... in the growing belief that Someone has died for my sins and my evil two millennia ago.”

For years Pro-Lifers told Dr. Nathanson they were praying for him. Now, he realized the effect of those prayers. He ends his book with this statement, “I am no longer alone. It has been my fate to wander the globe in search of the One without Whom I am doomed, but now I seize the hem of His robe in desperation, in terror, in celestial access to the purest need I have ever known.”

Epilogue

This book is in great need of an epilogue, since Dr. Nathanson fails to relate the final chapter of this journey. The reader is left wonder if he ever converted.

On December 9, 1996 at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City, Bernard Nathanson, MD, through his friend Cardinal

John O’Connor, received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Afterwards he expressed his gratitude:

“I cannot tell you how grateful I am, what an unrequitable debt I have to those who prayed for me all those years when I was publicly announcing my atheism and lack of faith.”

On the prayer cards handed out at the Mass was found the quote, “God, who is rich in mercy...” (Eph. 2:4).

WHO WILL SPEAK FOR THE BABIES? JUST ONE U.S. SENATOR?

Sen. Robert Smith of New Hampshire has introduce a major Pro-Life Bill in Congress — the *Right to Life Act of 1999*: “The Congress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at fertilization.”

Thus far, there are no co-sponsors. Please write urgently to our U.S. Sen., Jim Bunning and Mitch McConnell c/o U.S. Senate Office Building, Washington, DC, and encourage them to sign on as co-sponsors of this important Pro-Life legislation (Sen. Bill 907).

ABORTION CHEAPENS LIFE — IDEAS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

A 20 year old woman was just convicted of manslaughter in Cincinnati, and sentenced to 18 years in prison, for using a pillow to smother her 2 month old son, to stop him from crying.

Had she killed this child in her womb, 2 months earlier, there would be no “legal consequences.”

The sentencing judge, **Robert Ruhlman** observed: “There’s just this attitude that human life is nothing anymore. We have sanctioned the wholesale slaughter of unborn children ... we sanction it, and we wonder why they do it after they’re born. We reap what we sow in this country.”

CONTRACEPTIVE / ABORTION “HEALTH” COVERAGE PUSHED

Sixty women’s groups are trying a new tack in their effort to force employers to include prescription contraceptives in health insurance coverage, by urging the federal Equal Employment Opportunities Commission to instruct employers that such exclusions from their health plans amount to sex discrimination.

Watch for further efforts along these lines in federal and state legislation, as the abortion industry recognizes the need to limit surgical abortions and increase the number of chemical abortions, such as accomplished by these pills. The reality remains — abortion is not “health care.”

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SUNDAY

It is indeed an honor for **Northern Kentucky Right to Life** to have as its guest speaker, **Dr. Bernard Nathanson, MD**, for the 26th Annual Celebration of Life. Dr. Nathanson co-founded in 1969 the **National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws** (now known as National Abortion Rights Action League), and was director of New York's Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health, the largest abortion clinic in the world.

However, the Hound of Heaven found Dr. Nathanson and in the late 70's, he turned from being an advocate of abortion to becoming a prominent Pro-Life advocate, authoring *Aborting America*, and producing the Pro-Life video the *Silent Scream*.

The Celebration of Life is scheduled for **Sunday, September 19, 1999, at the Draw-bridge Estates at I-75 and Butter-milk Pike in Ft. Mitchell, Ky.**

Tickets are now avail-able at \$5.00

each. Please call the ~~SEPTEMBER 10, 1999~~
office at 431-6380 or send
your check to P.O. Box 1202, Covington, KY 41012. In order
to truly cover the cost of this annual Pro-Life event, donations
of \$10.00 a name are requested from those who will allow their
names to be listed in the printed program, giving witness to
their opposition to the American holocaust.

With permission of Presentation Ministries, we reprint
herewith a book review of Dr. Nathanson's latest publication,
"*The Hand of God*." The following was first printed in the June,
1997 edition of *My People*, written by **Fred H. Summe, Esq.,**
NKRTL Vice President. Fred is a regular columnist for this
excellent monthly paper.

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