

Crosses at St. Ignatius

The graphic effect of 4000 crosses continues to have its impact upon a society that wishes to ignore the modern medical holocaust of abortion. This project had its genesis several years ago with the VonHandorf and the Wigger families of St. Agnes Parish in Kenton County, and has been followed up by many others, including Kay and Larry Sendelbach of St. Joseph Parish in Cold Spring, Ky. and many other churches in Greater Cincinnati and elsewhere.

The most recent exposition took place in front of St. Ignatius Loyola Church in Cheviot. Parishioner Bill Huth devised an effective new outreach technique. We have all driven down the highway and approached a state park or recreation area, and seen a sign on the road that says "Tune to _____ (station) for information about this area." The sign in front of the crosses on St. Ignatius lawn gave a station to tune in for explanation, and one then heard Bill Huth's voice: "These 4000 plus crosses represent the individual graves of 4000 babies killed by abortion each day in the United States. Notice, I didn't say 4000 a year, or 4000 a month, or 4000 a week, but 4000 babies destroyed each day in their mother's wombs by abortion. Can this be right?"

NKRTL is purchasing one of these AM Transmitters, which is mobile, and can be mounted on the roof of any church or school, in conjunction with their display of the crosses.

NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo had the interesting experience of being invited in June to give the legal and

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SHOULD THE HOSPICE MOVEMENT EMBRACE "ASSISTED SUICIDE?"

Good Samaritan

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Pro-Life perspective to a panel discussion on assisted suicide at the State Convention of the Kentucky Association of Hospices, at Louisville. The other panelists included an ethician, a physician, and a nurse who represented the Hemlock Society, founded by the euthanasia-enthusiast Derrick Humphry. The audience response was overwhelmingly Pro-Life, which was refreshing.

Cetrulo began by reminding the audience of the first historic principle of medicine "First, do no harm," and then quoted to them extensively from "Care of the Dying," by **Richard Lamerton, MD**, an early pioneer in the hospice movement (founded in the middle of the 19th Century by the Irish **Sisters of Charity**): "Deep in our common mind and heart, as old as our civilization itself, is the knowledge that hospitality is a duty owed to the weary traveler and to the sick."

Another significant observation of Dr. Lamerton showed the unnecessary for euthanasia, assisted suicide, etc.: "**once a patient feels welcome, and not a burden to others, once his pain is controlled and other symptoms have been at least reduced to manageable proportions, then the cry for euthanasia disappears.** ... It is our duty so to care for these patients that they never ask for euthanasia. A patient who is longing to die is not being treated properly."

Interestingly enough, the keynote speaker at the convention, **Dr. Ira Byock, President of the American Academy of Palliative Medicine**, comments in his book "Dying Well," that the control of pain "...can always be done."

From a legal standpoint, Cetrulo pointed out that the U.S. Supreme Court has just held in 1997 that assisted suicide is not a constitutional right, so that state laws prohibiting assisted suicide are valid.

He reminded the audience that assisted suicide remains morally condemned by most ethical systems, including, among others, the American Medical Association, the Roman Catholic Church, the Paul Ramsey Colloquium, National Council on Disability, and indeed the Hippocratic Oath, which first separated the healing function from killing 350 years before the birth of Jesus Christ.

Dutch Experience

From a practical standpoint, the consequence of blurring the line between "healing" and "killing," by the health care professional has resulted in a disastrous slide down the slippery slope.

If we study the Dutch experience, we find that in the '70's the Dutch courts began to tolerate physician assisted suicide for terminally ill but competent patients. By the early '80's the medical profession had established guidelines for physicians to perform assisted suicide and euthanasia.

In 1984 the Netherlands Supreme Court accepted physician assisted suicide and euthanasia not only for terminally ill patients but also for chronically ill or elderly patients whose deaths were not otherwise imminent.

In 1986 the Dutch Medical Association established "guidelines for euthanasia."

In 1990, the official Rummelink Report confirmed that "non-voluntary euthanasia was being widely performed in the Netherlands: 2300 cases of euthanasia at the patient's request, 400 cases of physician assisted suicide and more than 1000 cases in which physicians terminated patients lives without their consent. Fourteen percent of the patients who were killed without consent were fully competent and 11% were partially competent. These were patients who could have made their own decisions about whether to live or die but were never given the opportunity to decide for themselves."

American Scene

Regarding the physician assisted suicide legalized in Oregon recently, Cetrulo pointed out that that statute has total inadequate safeguards. It does not require that physicians be

In the landmark book by **Rita Marker** — "*Deadly Compassion*:"

Twenty-three years have led from tolerance of the practice of physician assisted suicide for physically suffering, terminally ill, competent patients, to the judicial and medical approval of the non-consensual termination of patient lives.

"*The Death of Anne Humphry and the Truth About Euthanasia*," Marker points out how Humphry was hounded to her suicide by her pro-death husband Derrick Humphry, the founder of the Hemlock Society, and how he indeed killed his first wife, as well as his parents.

Marker points out that these statistics in Holland demonstrate that in a nation of only 15 million people, and with a total death count of 130,000 per year in the whole population, Dutch physicians deliberately ended the lives of 11,800 people each year by administering or providing lethal doses or lethal injections, thus accounting for more than 9% of the total annual deaths in the nation.

German Experience

Cetrulo reminded the audience also of the German experience of only 50 years ago, and the observation of **Dr. Leo Alexander**, a psychiatric consultant to the **Nazi war trials of physicians at Nuremberg**: "Whatever proportions these (German war) crimes finally assumed, it becomes evident to all who investigated them that they had started from small beginnings. These beginnings at first were merely a subtle shift in emphasis in the basic attitude of the physicians. It started with the acceptance of the attitude, basic in the euthanasia movement, that there is such a thing as a life not worthy to be lived. This attitude in its early stages concerned itself merely with the severely and chronically sick. Gradually the sphere of those unproductive, the ideologically unwanted, the racially unwanted and finally all non-Germans. But it is important to realize that the infinitely small wedged-in lever from which this entire trend of mind received its impetus was the attitude toward the nonrehabilitable sick."

He also pointed out the parallel description of the same slippery slope described by American psychiatrist **Frederic Wertham, MD** in "*A Sign for Cain: An Exploration of Human Violence*." Wertham describes the seduction of the German medical profession into the role of killers, initiated before Adolf Hitler, with the book "*The Release of the Destruction of Life Devoid of Value*," published by university professors of psychiatry and law, Hoche and Binding (1920). The program began by affording "good death" to mental patients, and then disabled German war veterans from World War I; and, before the end of World War II, had progressed to disposing of children who had "badly-modeled ears, and were chronic bed wetters."

adequately trained in palliative care (which most physicians are not) and the fact that most physicians also lack expertise to assess the patient's decision-making capacity. Nor does the Act insure that physicians will be in a position to assess

coercion of patients' decisions. The Act also has no enforcement provisions, and in addition provides a good faith standard, rather than the more usual negligence standard, immunizing physicians from civil or criminal liability even when they act negligently. The Act clearly protects physicians more than patients, and encourages secrecy.

"Assisted suicide is an individual and societal disaster — morally, legally and practically," Cetrulo concluded. He pointed out that the principle that "the end does not justify the means" finds Biblical support in the dictum of Romans 3:8 — "One may not do evil even to accomplish good."

Responding to those who maintain that assisted suicide can be effectively limited and controlled, Cetrulo pointed out the naive statement made by Chief Justice Berger in the abortion decision of *Roe v. Wade* in 1973: "Clearly, the court today does not authorize abortion on demand." "If Berger were alive today," Cetrulo observed, "one would wonder how he would react to the slaughter of 4,000 babies a day in the United States — 40 million body count since 1973 — for reasons having nothing to do with even with the most strained and far-fetched medical argumentation. The 'slippery slope' gets slipperier and steeper."

Cetrulo suggested a more appropriate attitude toward death: "Dying can be a time of personal fulfillment to the patient, and to those around him. One author appropriately suggests that those involved with the dying will try to make those last weeks and days 'a time to remember, a time of fulfillment, and a time to consider once again those five last acts: I forgive you ... forgive me ... thank you ... I love you ... goodbye.'"

HOSPICES AND OTHERS SUPPORT ANTI-EUTHANASIA FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Strong support for positive alternatives to euthanasia was evidenced by the **National Hospice Organization** at a recent hearing before the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee on the Constitution in Washington, DC.

H.R. 2260 has the prime sponsorship of **Repr. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.)** and **Repr. Bart Stupak (D-Mich.)**, and has additionally 130 other co-sponsors.

The Bill would reverse a ruling by **Atty. Gen. Janet Reno** that permits the use of federally-controlled drugs to assist suicide in any state, such as Oregon, which has legalized the practice as a matter of state law.

The Bill is also endorsed by the **American Academy of Pain Management, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, and the American Medical Association.**

Arguing in favor of this Pro-Life legislation was **Dr. Walter R. Hunter, Associate National Medical Director of VistaCare Hospice**, who warned that assisting suicide "cannot and will not be contained to a very small group of 'terminally ill' patients as proponents have us believe. The 'safeguards' touted in all debates are paper tigers which have

All readers are urged to write to their Congressman asking him to co-sponsor this legislation, which presently has 34 co-sponsors — unfortunately none of them being from Kentucky!

no real meaning in the real world of clinical practice. Additionally, I am of the firm belief that legalization of physician assisted suicide and euthanasia will radically change the nature of the medical profession itself."

A similar Bill was being introduced into the U.S. Senate by **Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.)**.

Readers are encouraged to write to their Representative in Congress, and to the two Kentucky Senators (list follows next story) and ask them to co-sponsor this important legislation.

NEW FEDERAL UNBORN VICTIMS BILL

Another major Pro-Life piece of legislation has been introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives by **Congressman Lindsey Graham (R-SC)** — The Unborn Victims of Violence Act (H.R. 2436).

Under this legislation, the unborn child would be recognized as a member of the human family, protected from assault or homicide, if such occurred during the course of some federal crime. Current federal law does not allow a criminal to be charged for the harm he causes to the unborn child.

Again, readers are encouraged to write to their representatives in Congress, and to the two U.S. Senators from Kentucky to encourage co-sponsorship of and support for this important piece of legislation.

RIGHT TO LIFE ACT OF 1999

Representative Duncan Hunter (R) of California, has reintroduced into the U.S. House of Representatives the **Right to Life Act of 1999**, a Bill "to implement equal protection under the Fourteenth Article of Amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and pre-born human person from the moment of fertilization."

It must be noted that the U.S. Supreme Court, in its devastating decision of *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, announced that it could not determine when human life began. In fact, the scientific evidence of course is quite unambiguous that it begins at the instant of fertilization. The proposal of this legislation would be that Congress has conducted hearings and determined that to be a fact and, pursuant to its Constitutional authorization granted in the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Section 2, under which the Congress is given the authority to implement the equal protection mandate of the U.S. Constitution, Congress simply, by this legislation, "...declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at fertilization."

The legislation is remarkably simple, and would not require a constitutional amendment, but simply the passage by a majority of both Houses of the Congress, and a signature by the President.

A roster of the Kentucky members of the House of Representatives follows:

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5th Congressional District: **Hon. Harold Rogers** (SW Ky.)
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Identical legislation has been introduced into the U.S. Senate by Pro-Life **Sen. Bob Smith (I) of NH**, and is there denominated as SB-907. Please write to our two U.S. Senators and ask them to offer their names to Sen. Smith as co-sponsors on this crucial legislation.

Hon. Jim Bunning
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Your letters and follow-up calls to your two U.S. Senators and your individual State Representative are urgently needed!

Support for such a candidate, when there are three strongly Pro-Life Presidential candidates in the Republican Party (**Gary Bauer, Pat Buchanan, and Alan Keyes**) is indeed unconscionable. We suggest that the readers so advise these respective members of Congress, who call themselves Pro-Life, but are willing to work for the election of someone who falls so woefully short of Pro-Life principles.

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR A DECEASED FOUNDING NKRTL BOARD MEMBER, MSGR. THOMAS B. FINN

Msgr. Thomas B. Finn, 88, died on June 27, 1999. He was one of the founding Board members of Northern Kentucky Right to Life Committee in 1970, and served on the Board for many years.

In your charity, you are asked to pray for the repose of his eternal soul.

MORE ON "PRINCIPLE VS. PARTY"

Long-time Pro-Life activist, **Pharmacist Robert Hay** who is currently serving as **Boone County Commissioner for the Third District (R)** has demonstrated his continued commitment, and courage. He recently wrote **George W. Bush**, explaining "I cannot support your candidacy."

Some very edifying and teaching contents of that letter: "In your letter to me, you talk about America needing 'prosperity with a purpose.' Mr. Bush, with all due respect, America does not need more prosperity. America needs more principle. America needs leaders who will reinforce the moral principles that made this nation great. And the pre-eminent moral principle needing reinforcement today is the right to life of unborn children. In media accounts of your candidacy, you are quoted as saying that while you are pro-life you would not fight for a Human Life Amendment 'unless public opinion supported' such a measure. Sir, that is not a statement of a leader. It is the statement of a follower. Some argue that you are our (Republicans') best hope of winning the White House in 2000. That may be. But power without principle leads to tyranny. It matters little whether there is an 'R' or a 'D' after one's name. For this reason, I cannot support your candidacy to become our party's nominee. I hope you will reconsider your position."

Some Others Not as Committed to Pro-Life Principles

Unfortunately, **Sen. Mitch McConnell (R)**, Kentucky's senior U.S. Senator has been announced as George W. Bush's presidential campaign manager in the Commonwealth — even though Mr. Bush refuses to commit to supporting a Human Life Amendment, refuses to guarantee appointment of Pro-Life justices to the U.S. Supreme Court, etc. Regrettably, four other Republican Congressmen in Kentucky have agreed to serve as co-chairmen for Bush: **Rep. Hal Rogers of Somerset, Rep. Anne Northrup of Louisville, Rep. Ron Lewis and Rep. Ed Whitfield of Western Kentucky.**

Sen. Jim Bunning (R) has not joined this group, nor has **Rep. Ernie Fletcher (R) of Lexington.**

As pointed out by the late **Cardinal Archbishop Humberto Medeiros of Boston**: "Those who make abortions possible by law — such as legislators and those who promote, defend and elect these same lawmakers — cannot separate themselves totally from that guilt which accompanies this horrendous crime and deadly sin."

“NUANCING”

We are reprinting the recent column of the national syndicated columnist **Joseph Sobran** (a speaker at a previous NKRTL Annual Celebration), because, as usual, he has incisively and analytically exposed for us the obscene games played upon Pro-Lifers, by those who are not.

“Death Illustrated

“The ever-annoying Margaret Carlson of *Time* magazine expresses her hope that ‘like most of us, [George W.] Bush may have a more nuanced position’ on abortion than simple opposition to it. The word ‘nuanced, applied to abortion, means, of course, ‘not really against it in principle, or for that matter in practice.’ Miss Carlson, by the way, calls one end of the spectrum ‘pro-choicers’ and the other ‘the extremists.’ How’s that for delicate nuance?

“By the way, what’s the ‘nuanced’ position on slavery?

“Nuances are quickly dispelled by the sight of an aborted child, which is why the media never show the victims of abortion. This may be the single strongest taboo governing the news media these days. When you see a picture of an aborted child, you know instantly that some pro-life ‘extremist’ wanted you to see it. Nobody else would be guilty of such bad taste. The abortion debate is supposed to be conducted without showing what we’re debating about. These little ones aren’t what Bill Clinton has in mind when he blubbers about ‘our children.’

“I recently saw an extremely powerful picture — a bloodless one. It was a simple outline drawing of a child whose body had emerged from the birth canal while its head remained within. This of course is the position the child is in when a ‘partial-birth abortion’ is committed. The child is actually already born in all but the most technical legal sense, which is the whole reason the procedure is used: It’s not really abortion, but barely legal infanticide, designed to protect the killer from the law.

“If even that sketch were shown on television, it would change countless minds about abortion in general — which is exactly why it’s never shown on television. Or, for that matter, why it isn’t shown in the current issue of *Time*, which, however, offers grisly pictures and descriptions of ‘the horror’ in Kosovo, complete with anecdotes underlining the pathos: ‘The sickly sweet smell of decaying flesh hangs in invisible clouds above the province, and the ground offers up body parts. Bits of ashen bone — a thigh, a rib cage — and chunks of roasted flesh litter the floors of burned-out houses. Corpses, left where they fell, putrefy in fields and farmyards amid the buzzing of flies and the howling of stray dogs.’ A girl’s discovery of her father’s body is vividly described. The article features a two-page color photo of a woman’s gaping skull, matter with her hair. ‘I cannot tell you what it was like to see my father with bullets ripping him from head to toe,’ one man is quoted as saying.

“So the media can do a pretty good job of recreating physical sensation when they want to. And they usually want to. Even the print media, with full-color pictures, have become Buchanan: “Correct.”

Russert: “A very serious question. George W. Bush says that he is open to selecting someone who is pro-choice, pro-abortion rights as his running mate. Sen. Hatch said, ‘You don’t rule someone out as a running mate just because they

far more graphic than they used to be. *When* they want to be. Advances in technology naturally lead to greater explicitness. Usually.”

WHAT IS “NEWS”? AND WHO DECIDES?

In the most recent example of controlled news, and contrived media blackout, the national media print as well as electronic was totally silent on the massive defeat of the media darling, **George W. Bush**, in the recent **New Hampshire Presidential Straw Poll**, the first of the nation, which found the four Pro-Life candidates gathering the overwhelming number of votes cast, and Bush getting only a minuscule 1%.

Leading the pack substantially was **Pat Buchanan**, who got 58% of the votes, followed by **Gary Bauer** with 21%, **Bob Smith** with 9% and **Alan Keyes** with 7%.

Bush, Dan Quayle, John Kasich, Steve Forbes, John McCain, Lamar Alexander and Elizabeth Dole (dead last) got 1% each.

And so this of course is a mixed message for Pro-Lifers — good news in that those who support the Judeo-Christian values still can attract the voters, but bad news concerning the integrity of our news media, and concerning “freedom of the press” in this Nation. You can bet that had Bush run well, the media would have overwhelmingly featured that, since this is the man they have of course constructed as “already the winner.” Apparently, that is not so!

PRESIDENTIAL RACE HEATS UP

Pat Buchanan (R), fresh upon his smashing victory in the New Hampshire Straw Poll in July, was interviewed on “Face the Nation” on July 11th, and pressed as to whether or not he would sign a loyalty oath to support the nominee of the Republican Party, if it was not himself. He said he would not sign such an oath, as he was committed more importantly to the principles in which he believed, and if those principles were not adopted by his Party or its candidate, then he would have to find another way to advance them, he stated in further response to the question as to whether or not he might seek to be the Presidential candidate on a third party ticket.

A very telling interview was conducted of Buchanan by Tim Russert on “*Meet the Press*” on June 27th, indicating that Buchanan may be becoming more acutely aware that he, and the Pro-Life Movement, are being deceived again by the Republican establishment, as they were in the last Presidential election, and, indeed, for some time. A verbatim of the significant segment of that interview follows:

Russert: “Pro-life party or it won’t be my party?”

have a different position on abortion.’ If the Republican nominee chose a pro-choice, pro-abortion rights running mate, could Pat Buchanan support that Republican ticket?”

Buchanan: “If the Republican nominee has said he will not appoint justices who will overturn *Roe v. Wade* and he says he

is open to taking as heir apparent, a vice president who is pro-choice, what you are saying, in effect, is that the matter of right to life is not central. It's not at the core. It's not at the heart of the Republican Party. ...

"I think that would make the right-to-life position of the Republican Party essentially hollow and inefficacious. And for me, that would be clearly moving away from right to life. It would be moving away from the party of Reagan. ... And I think there would be a crisis inside the Republican Party if that happened. A very severe crisis."

Russert: "You said, 'It won't be my party.' Could you remain a Republican and support a ticket like that?"

Buchanan: "Well, if the Republican Party walks away from life, it walks away from me..."

Russert: "would you create a third party at that point?"

Buchanan: "At that point, you'd probably be too late to do anything ...

"But, Tim, let me say this: There's a presumption ... here in Washington, D.C., this is a foregone conclusion for Mr. Bush. This is won, it's all over. It is not. Out there — in Iowa and New Hampshire — there is tremendous and deep resentment over the fact that the Republican establishment is conducting a coronation, frankly, with the help of the big media, before a single caucus or a single primary has been held. There's resentment that the nomination process appears to be fixed, worked out in such a way that it's impossible to defeat an establishment candidate."

U.S. Sen. Bob Smith Resigns from Republican Party But to Continue Presidential Race

In an exciting move to Pro-Lifers, **U.S. Sen. Bob Smith of New Hampshire**, announced that he was leaving the Republican Party, to seek the Presidential nomination of the U.S. Taxpayers' Party: "It's pro-life, it's pro-Second Amendment, it's pro-military, it's pro-sovereignty, it's pro-character and integrity. ... Many who want to lead our party — specifically candidate Bush — won't take a position on these issues."

Smith, who has been a persistent, courageous and uncompromising Pro-Life leader in the Senate, announced that the Republican Party Platform was "not worth the paper it's written on," and that he had "committed the unforgivable sin by pointing out the Republican hypocrisy: I've exposed the fraud. It is a fraud, and everyone knows it."

Smith said, "I came into the Republican Party on principle, and I'm leaving on principle." He decried leaders in his Party "who believe that electing people with an 'R' next to their name is more important than principle."

Reaction of Principleless Partisans

The reaction of partisan politicians who have consistently placed party above principle (if any they have) are as to be expected. The "sometime" Pro-Life *Wall Street Journal* quoted the "positively pragmatic **Pat Robertson of the Christian Coalition**," who actually had the temerity to

"But conservatives are tired of being told that the only way to get what they want is by voting for candidates they don't want. Much as they loathe Bill Clinton, they realize that nothing would be essentially different if Bob Dole had won the presidency in 1996. And they see little reason to hope that

advance the self-disproving argument: "The fact is you can't repeal *Roe v. Wade* without three more Supreme Court justices, and you aren't going to name those justices without winning the White House. Anything that is an obstacle to that needs to be thought about."

This is the same Pat Robertson who shamelessly deceived the South Carolina voters in that crucial primary three years ago into voting against Pat Buchanan and in favor of Bob Dole, whom he passed off as Pro-Life. Dole of course refused to commit to nominating only Pro-Lifers to the Supreme Court !!!

While Robertson attempts to intimidate the voters from voting for the true Pro-Lifers, Bauer, Buchanan and Smith, he conveniently neglects to tell the readers that the pro-abortion opinions of the U.S. Supreme Court are currently being authored by **Justice John Paul Stevens** (appointed by Republican President Ford), **Justice O'Connor** (appointed by Republican President Reagan), and **Justices Souter and Kennedy** (appointed by Republican President Bush) as well as by the two Clinton appointees, and of course that the *Roe v. Wade* opinion itself was authored by **Justice Blackman** (appointed by Republican President Nixon).

Liars are indeed shameless.

Reaction of Orthodox Pro-Life Leaders

Republican presidential contender **Patrick Buchanan** insisted, "The Republican establishment [must] stop running people like Bob Smith out of the party."

GOP presidential hopeful **Gary Bauer** was also critical of the party leadership's reaction to Smith's decision: "Like millions of other Republicans, [Smith] is concerned by the retreat of our party's leadership on matters of fundamental principle."

Judie Brown, Pres. of American Life League, stated, "ALL is proud of Sen. Smith's integrity."

National syndicated columnist **Joe Sobran**, long-time Pro-Life activist and speaker at a previous NKRTL Celebration of Life, wrote: "Since the days of Richard Nixon, conservatives have received one thing in abundance from the Republican Party: lip service. ... To their credit, conservatives are now realizing they've been had. Federal spending doubled during the Reagan-Bush years, as Republican appointees to the Supreme Court helped sustain legal abortion. Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me; fool me a hundred times, I'm a loyal Republican. ... 'Responsible' conservatives are those who treat the left's gains as legitimate, instead of condemning them as the usurpations they are. 'Extremists' are those who maintain the vision of the founding fathers. Right now we need an extremist political movement, with a party of its own. ... Sen. Smith is coming in for a lot of criticism, and he will get a lot more. The arguments are predictable: He has no chance of winning; to support him is to 'waste' your vote; and if his candidacy has any real effect at all, it will be to help elect a liberal Democrat.

President George W. Bush would put up a fight for conservative causes ...

"Only one Republican argument has any force: The next President is likely to appoint as many as three Supreme Court justices. Do we want a Democrat doing that? No, of course not. But Republicans have not only appointed David Souter

and Sandra Day O'Connor to the court; they overwhelmingly voted to confirm Clinton's two liberal, pro-abortion nominees.

“Enough with the ‘Republican alternatives.’ It is time to seek an alternative to the Republicans. The Whig Party dissolved in the 1850's because the Whigs couldn't decide what their principles were, notably on the spread of slavery. The Republican Party, led by such Taliban Whigs as Abraham Lincoln, knew what it stood for from its infancy and quickly replaced the Whig Party.

“Quickly, not instantly. The first Republican presidential candidate, John Fremont, lost the 1856 election. Yet nobody now looks back on Fremont's effort as futile, or on a vote for him as ‘wasted.’ In retrospect, it was a great political milestone.”

Notre Dame Law Professor Charles E. Rice (also a former speaker at NKRTL's Celebration of Life) published a recent column which had the following interesting observation: “In decisive respects, the national establishments of the Democratic and Republican Parties act as if they were branches of One Party, differing only degree in their endorsement of high spending and taxes, acceptance of the anti-life culture as a permanent feature of American law, the expansion of federal power and control in disregard of constitutional limitations, the surrender of American sovereignty to international bureaucracies, and the imperial deployment and unjust use of American military and economic power to serve the interests, not of the American people, but of a New World Order at the service of an anti-life and moneyed elite. ... in any event, what is clear is that the continued monopoly of the One Party provides, no realistic hope for the restoration of limited government. ... A Smith-Buchanan Taxpayers' Party ticket could make a lot more sense. And it would offer some hope for an alternative to the One Party State.”

In a companion article in *The Wanderer*, **Editor A.J. Matt, Jr.** reports: “Remember 1996? Grassroots Republicans worked mightily to retain the pro-life plank in the party's platform only to have their presidential candidate, the pathetic, inept Bob ‘Viagra’ Dole sneeringly assert that he hadn't read the platform, wouldn't read it and wouldn't follow it. ...

In 1996, many of us hoped that even at the last minute, Pat Buchanan might be persuaded to become the Taxpayers' Party standard bearer. In retrospect, however, it would have been too little and too late. The political logistics could not have been effectively mobilized in the few months remaining before the election. This time, things are quite different. If Sen. Smith were to accept the Taxpayers Party nomination (the nominating convention will be the first week in September, 1999 in St. Louis) there will be a full fourteen months to mobilize for a Smith victory. ...

The road ahead is strewn with dangers and pitfalls, but he culture of death and hedonism is slowly strangling the life from our society and our beloved country. ...

Many people complained to **Covington Bishop William Hughes** about the sponsoring of this radical nun, who is not in communion with the Holy Father or the proper authority of the Church. NKRTL complained to Bishop Hughes that Sr. Gramick was one of the signers of the infamous *New York Times* ad of Oct. 7, 1984, sponsored by Catholics for a Free Choice, which contended that “Statements of recent Popes and of the Catholic Hierarchy have condemned the direct termination of pre-natal life as morally wrong in all instances.

Sen. Bob Smith as the best pro-life, pro-Constitution voting record in the U.S. Senate. The Republican Party has let us down on ever issue — from abortion and the funding of Planned Parenthood and homosexuals, to support for Clinton's aggression in Kosovo, to the \$17.9 billion bailout of the IMF ..

This is a chance to reassert your support for the right-to-life, for the Constitution, and for Christian liberty.”

Matt urges letters of support (and donations) to U.S. Taxpayers' Party, 450 Maple Ave. East, Vienna, VA 22180, Attention: Mrs. Alison Potter and U.S. Sen. Bob Smith, U.S. Senate, 307 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510.

RADICAL NUN AND PRIEST, PREVIOUSLY INVITED INTO THE COVINGTON DIOCESE BY FORMER BISHOP WILLIAM HUGHES, CENSURED BY VATICAN

F r. Robert Nugent and Sr. Jeanine Gramick have just been ordered by the **Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith of the Roman Catholic Church, Vatican City**, to end their 22 year ministry to gays and lesbians, because they refused to condemn homosexuality as intrinsically evil.

An official statement of the Congregation for the Faith described that Nugent and Gramick **“have caused confusion among the Catholic people and have harmed the community of the Church.”** They repeatedly have defied Vatican demands to retract their teachings and to publicly condemn “the intrinsic evil of homosexual acts,” the Congregation said. The Congregation called their teachings both “erroneous and dangerous.” This action was officially endorsed by Pope John Paul II.

Sr. Gramick was an invitee of the Diocese of Covington to speak at the Catholic Center in March of 1993 on “Homophobia in Religion and Society.” The brochure mailed by the Diocese of Covington listed the sponsors as (1) Commission for an Inclusive Church, Diocese of Covington and (2) Marydale Retreat Center. Some of the endorsing organizations included the Sisters of Divine Providence, Benedictine Sisters, Sisters of Notre Dame, Thomas More College Dept. of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice, and the Diocese of Covington Committee for Continuing Education of Clergy.

Gramick Canceled on Protest of NKRTL and Others

There is the mistaken belief in American Society that this is the only legitimate Catholic position.”

This statement was so misleading and scandalous that the Vatican requested that all signatories to the ad publicly recant their statement. Sr. Gramick publicly refused to recant and compounded the statement by a published article in January of 1986 claiming that “the nun signers themselves are victims of the Vatican...”

That appearance of Sr. Gramick in Covington was canceled, although Bishop Hughes then excoriated NKRTL and others as "homophobic." She was later nonetheless brought in to the Diocese for a similar program, continuing the policy of Bishop Hughes to permit spokesmen on official church properties who publicly approve the killing of unborn children, such as: **(1) Rosemary Radford Ruether**, another signatory to the above-mentioned ad who spoke at a Cathedral Lenten series; **(2) Fr. Robert Drinnan**, former Congressman with a 100% pro-abortion voting record who spoke at the Catholic Newman Center in Lexington (when it was part of the Covington Diocese); **(3) Marlo Thomas**, a member of the Board of Directors of the Women's Political Action Council which supports for election only those favoring the legalized killing of the unborn, who was invited to speak at St. Elizabeth Medical Center; **(4) Judge George Edwards** of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, who has authored pro-abortion opinions and spoken at Thomas More College; **(5) Rep. Ernesto Scorsone**, who had a 100% pro-abortion voting record in the Ky. House of Representatives and was invited to address a seminar sponsored by the Diocesan Peace and Justice Commission, etc.

Covington Diocese Out of Step with Pro-Life Dioceses

Many other Pro-Life dioceses had long barred Sr. Gramick from speaking in their facilities, long before this Vatican pronouncement. Her ministry was ordered out of Washington, DC Diocese by **Cardinal James Hickey**. **Archbishop John May** of St. Louis barred his priests from attending a New Way Symposium.

It is gratifying to orthodox Catholics to see the Vatican protecting the sheep of various flocks that have been neglected.

IF THEY'LL KILL, WHY ARE WE SURPRISED THEY'LL STEAL?

The peaceful prayer pickets in front of the abortion chambers on Auburn Avenue were surprised on Sat., July 17th to look up and see a car coming out of a parking lot one building removed from the abortion clinic stop at the sidewalk, and a young female driver jump out and grab one of our Pro-Life signs leaning against a support there on the sidewalk and put it in her car. As we chased after her and attempted to stop her, she drove off.

The police were called and given the license number. We shall see what happens.

"Consider that our country has blessed the killing of unborn babies even to within one to one-half inch of deliverance of a perfectly healthy baby in partial birth abortions. Our current president has vetoed two laws passed by a majority of both houses of Congress to outlaw partial birth abortions. We argue in this country as to whether we should pass laws permitting assisted suicide (one state has passed such a law). The U.S. has consistently refused money to poor countries that refuse to pass laws permitting abortions.

Another example of the simple lawlessness of the abortion crowd, who recognize no authority other than their own, and no rights of anyone else!

THE UGLY AMERICAN

Many will recall the best-selling novel about 35 years ago which depicted an attitude concerning the United States widespread in many parts of the world concerning our aggressive foreign policy, and our consumer mad internal policy, gobbling up the resources of the world.

We have gotten worse in our imperial exporting of our culture of death, and mandating it to poorer nations who are in financial need.

The **United Nations Population Fund** just announced on April 8th that they were delivering nothing but "reproductive health" supplies to Kosovo refugees, according to the recent Human Life International report. In light of all of the needs of those poor people for food and medicine, clean water, and the basic necessities of life, the beneficent West ships them condoms!

A typical response to this Western imperialistic immorality was made by **Dr. Rafael Cabrera, Dean of Medicine at the American University in Nicaragua**, who wrote in response to the demands of the UN that his country submit to the UN population programs: "We don't want you to take advantage of our poverty by offering us money in exchange for the sterile wombs of our mothers and the innocent blood of our unborn children."

And where of course does a large percentage of these UN funds come from? The American taxpayer, of course!

Do you care enough to bug your Congressman and Senators?

INSIGHTFUL PRO-LIFE LETTER WRITERS

Continuing our policy of sharing with our readers some very insightful letters written by Pro-Lifers, capturing often the essence of the truth of current events, we publish herewith two excellent letters written to that marvelous Pro-Life journal, *Celebrate Life*, published by **American Life League**, P.O. Box 1350, Stafford, VA 22555.

"Why not?"

"Incessantly, since the horrendous high school shooting in Littleton, Colorado, we hear on TV the question 'Why?' It would seem the question 'Why not?' would be more logical considering what the past two generations of U.S. citizens have lived through.

"Lenin once said, 'The U.S. will rot from within, so there is no need to destroy it from without.'

"If we are honest and admit our failures in this country to protect all human life from the moment of conception to natural death, we will have the solution to why the carnage in Littleton, Colo., (and elsewhere) happened. If we keep asking the question 'Why?' rather than 'Why not?' we will only hasten Lenin's prediction that we will continue to rot from within and fall like ripe fruit into the hands of any conqueror — even hell itself.

Sister George Towle
Leavenworth, Kansas”

“Room for everyone

“American passions are aroused because of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosesvic’s inhumane ethnic cleansing in the Balkans.

“A more subtle form of world wide ‘ethnic cleansing’ is being promoted and financed by American tycoons Ted Turner, Bill Gates, David Packard, and Warren Buffett. They are spending many billions of dollars to contraceptive, sterilize, and abort poor brown, yellow and black women. These self-anointed philanthropists will be judge, jury and executioners of the innocent unborn, implementing a subtle weapon of mass destruction.

“Exaggerated elitist predictions of overpopulation defy reality. The entire world population (5.6 billion) could be comfortably housed in the state of Texas! In this 262,000 square miles, a family of five would occupy 6,500 square feet of living space. The world would be empty and available for agriculture, manufacturing, education and recreation!

“The world’s problems of famine, genocide, war, etc., are not caused by overpopulation. These serious problems are caused by greed and global Godless agendas.

Stephen J. Conway
Banning, Calif.”

THE MANY FACES OF NKRTL

(This continuing series of articles introduces the many people who make NKRTL such a vibrant organization.)

At a recent Right to Life Mass in Augusta, **Fr. Dan Saner** spoke of the need to accept Jesus as Lord. Father’s homily included a statement by C.S. Lewis, whereby the acclaimed author comments that those who have heard of Jesus look at Him in one of three ways: as lunatic, as liar, or as Lord. To those who have not accepted Him as Lord, Jesus is regarded by them to be either a lunatic or a liar. For those who have accepted Him as Lord, He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

With the acceptance that Jesus is Lord, there is a responsibility that accompanies such a belief. That responsibility is following the Way, the Truth, and the Life by promoting the culture of life there are many in the Pro-Life Movement who have also been seen as lunatics and liars by those who refuse to see the truth. It is a commitment to the mission of spreading the truth that enables those who

Through his reading of current events and church history, Tony is informed and educated. Through his gardening, he is relaxed. Through his subtle humor and gentle teasing, he is endeared to the children who call him Uncle Tony.

Tony’s faith is deepened and his commitment is strengthened by the many people who have enriched his life,

are Pro-Life to endure the insults that are hurled against them.

Tony Summe, NKRTL Board member, accepts that responsibility and commits himself to the conviction that Jesus is Lord of his life. Tony’s involvement in the Pro-Life Movement comes from that basic Christian tenet to continue the Lord’s mission.

Tony and his wife, Darlene, live in Lakeside Park. Having grown up in a big family, Tony acknowledges that his Catholic upbringing was instrumental in developing his spirituality. The challenges and rewards of growing up in the Summe family were strengthened by the example of his parents, John and Jessie, whose greatest gift to their children was the gift of faith.

A carpenter by profession, Tony helped remodel his father’s basement, only to see that a bigger building project was being constructed. Through the efforts of Tony and his father, the finished basement became a meeting place for a newly formed chapter of Catholics United for the Faith, an international lay organization that proclaims Christ by supporting, defending, and advancing the efforts of the teaching of the Church. Since 1993, a community of believers has come together each month to pray, to hear a guest speaker and to enjoy the fellowship of one another.

Tony also sees the involvement of his family in the Right to Life Movement. With his older brother, Fred, as a Board member, Tony has been encouraged to volunteer his time, energy, and resources in response to Pope John Paul II’s call for all Americans to “STAND UP FOR LIFE!” In his quiet manner, Tony utilizes his talents as he puts his faith in action.

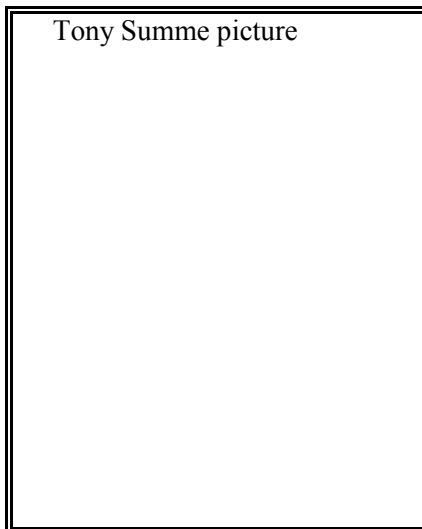
You’ve probably met him at rallies, at churches getting your signature for the newspaper ad, at the abortion clinics picketing, at the Celebration for Life, at your door campaigning for Pro-Life candidates, or at church praying for the unborn and for those who continue to put the lives of the unborn at risk.

In his trips to Washington for the March for Life, Tony has found it inspiring to come together with thousands of people

for the issue that is referred to by the Holy Father as the “ultimate issue.” What an awesome experience to stand in the middle of Pennsylvania Avenue and look at the variety of nationalities, races, ages, economic and educational backgrounds, and religious denominations! And they all come to help someone they may never know.

Through his work at the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport, Tony offers the NKRTL board a working man’s view. He brings his views on politics and important issues of the day, as well as his knowledge and skills. His most effective way of spreading his faith and the Pro-Life message is by his witness in all facets of his life.

especially people like **Father Bill Hinds** and his dad, **John Summe**. It is their example that has inspired Tony to continually see Jesus as Lord.



WALK FOR LIFE – PREGNANCY CENTER OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY

Pregnancy Center of No. Ky., 8 Youell Street, Florence, Ky., will conduct its annual **Walk for Life on October 23, 1999 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Central Park in Union, Ky.**

Walk for Life will continue to support the ministry of saving babies' lives and mothers from the horrors of abortion. The organization simultaneously provides the hope of the Gospel with salvation and abstinence messages based up the Scriptures, teaching against premarital sex. It hopes to establish a medical clinic, continuing its services of free pregnancy testing and counseling (against abortion), adoption

counseling, abstinence education, and practical assistance of maternity and baby clothing, furniture, etc.

The location of the walk is 7.5 miles south of the Route 18 (Burlington Pike) exit off I-75. For more information, or to pick up a Pledge Sponsor Sheet, call **Patty Haubner at 581-7829 or 282-9878 or Patti Robinson at 363-1876 or 356-2873.**

SERIOUS STATISTICS

Are you aware of the **facts about aging**? According to an article in the *Cincinnati Post* on Oct. 17, 1998, life expectancy in the US in 1996 was 76 years, and there were an estimated 186 centenarians in Hamilton County alone, 80% of whom are disabled and need help with basic activities like getting out of bed and dressing.

According to the US Census Bureau, in 1860, one-half of the US population was under 20 and in 1950 one-half was under 30, and in 1994 one-half was under 34. In 2010 one-half will be under 37 and in 2030 one-half will be under 39.

That picture of an **aging nation**, together with all of the hot political current talk about a failing or overstressed Social Security system, and all of the fight going on about the increase of medical care, which is even now being rationed, leads rather directly to the inescapable conclusion which will be urgently pressed very shortly, active euthanasia.

International Global Aging Also

On March 1, 1999, the *U.S. News & World Report* did a major story that was titled: "How Global Aging Will Challenge the World's Economic Well Being."

Some of the major population problems that the world faces include:

- In the year 2000, people over 60 will outnumber kids 14 or younger in industrial countries.
- By the year 2050, people over 60 will comprise 32.5% of the population in industrialized countries while kids 14 and under will make up only 15.3%
- By 2050, even developing countries, people over 60 will outnumber kids 20.6% to 20.3%.
- Paying for the health care costs of the elderly, according to official projections, would require increasing the total tax burden on workers by an equivalent of 25 to 40 percent. The alternative is to cut benefits (or recipients)!

The Institution of Marriage Is On Decline

A study recently released by the National Marriage Project at Rutgers University disclosed that the national marriage rate has dropped 43% over the past four decades to its lowest point ever: "With the breakdown of the family, peer culture, which includes pop culture, has gotten stronger. Nothing could be more anti-marriage than much of popular culture."

Nearly half of married couples in the U.S. eventually split up. So many teens have seen or lived through divorces and don't have good examples of marriage to emulate.

More Pop Culture

A survey taken last Summer at **Northern Kentucky University** finds that 80% of the students surveyed are engaged in activity sexual activity, and having more partners, despite 15 years of AIDS awareness and education. It also found that the average age of introduction to sexual activity in this area, and nationwide, is 16. Even more surprising was the fact that the number of sexually active women is greater than that of men, 84% to 75.4%.

LIFELINE – THE PRO-LIFE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CARRIER

Many of you have subscribed to **Lifeline**, since we first ran the story about 4 years ago, pointing out that we need to stop supporting AT&T, MCI and Sprint, whose active donations actively support the prop-abortion/Planned Parenthood/active homosexual lifestyle community, TV sex sitcoms and network in the United States.

In fact, Lifeline not only gives cheaper rates, but permits you to designate the charity of your choice (**NKRTL, hopefully!**) And a portion of your monthly long distance services charges are then remitted monthly to that charity.

One postscript that we would add is to please be specific in your designation of **Northern Kentucky Right to Life**, as we have found the network, in good faith, mistakenly diverting some of our donations to Kentucky Right to Life.

For further information, **call 1-800-800-7550, Amerivision Communications, Inc., or write to them at P.O. Box 7753, Moore, OK 73160** and obtain an application form.

How many projects are there that you can find that not only cost you nothing, but actually put money in your pocket, while simultaneously hurting the abortion movement, and contributing financially to the Pro-Life Movement??? This is something everyone can do. Please pick up the phone and make the transfer of your long distance service, designating NKRTL as beneficiary. Suppose everyone who reads this Newsletter did this! What a significant financial benefit to NKRTL would accrue, and a significant harm, and message, to those companies that support the evil of abortion in our society.