



WHERE WERE YOU WHEN THEY WERE KILLING BABIES?

On Sun. Dec. 12, 1999, while 50,000 Greater Cincinnatians tolerated a drenching rain to watch the Cincinnati Bengals

beat the Cleveland Browns at Cinergy Field, and many more thousands comfortably watched on the television at their homes, 50 Pro-Lifers from Cincinnati and No. Ky. joined the annual Pro-Life Rosary procession led by **Fr. Greg Konerman**, Associate Pastor at St. Dominic Church in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Patroness of the nation and of the Pro-Life Movement), from the **Holy Name Church** at Auburn and Taft in Cincinnati to the Planned Parenthood abortuary, under the same drenching rain.

Fr. Konerman is one of the Priests who leads our monthly Right to Life Mass on the second Saturday of every month at 8 a.m., at the same church, which is followed by a Rosary procession to the abortuary.

The monthly Mass and Rosary procession, patterned after a national movement called **Helpers of God's Precious Infants**, was founded 4-1/2 years ago by several members of No. Ky. Right to Life Committee and some of the faithful prayer

pickets who have been praying in front of the abortion clinic there in Cincinnati for 20 years, and regularly attracts on the **second Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. at the Holy Name Church** a crowd of about 200 people, for a 2 hour commitment to pray for the 4200 babies slaughtered each day in this country, for their deceived mothers, for the abortionists, and for the majority in our Nation who are doing nothing about this modern medical holocaust.

The disparity of the crowds praying for and witnessing to the sanctity of human life on the one hand, and those celebrating the modern religion of sports on the other hand, is a sad, but accurate, index of precisely why the unborn babies, and indeed our society, are dying.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE'S EFFORTS WITH THE COVINGTON DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE COMMISSION

First Issue: Abortions Permitted at St. Elizabeth Hospital

In the Spring of 1999, there came to the attention of No. Ky. Right to Life Committee the astounding reality that there has been a pro-abortion policy in place at the St. Elizabeth Hospital for the past nine years, by reason of a "Position Paper" of the Medical Ethics Committee, in 1990: "Anencephaly Fetus — Induction of Labor".

That "Position Paper" was not on any letterhead, but simply carrying at the top "Medical Ethics Committee 1990," and was unsigned by any person, but carried the initials at the end "RH" (**Rose Hooks**, a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital was on the Ethics Committee at the time).

Shockingly, the Position Paper carries all of the pro-abortion rhetoric that the anencephaly fetus "does not have a complete human brain. ...Never be capable of human interaction ... Is actually born dying."

[See exact copy of complete document photocopied hereinafter]

NKRTL's President wrote to **Dr. Paul A. Byrne, M.D., past President of the Catholic Medical Association**, and to **Fr. Matthew Habiger, O.S.B., Ph.D.**, Doctor of Moral Theology, and received the information confirming of course what we already knew, and what any reasonably serious Catholic should have known, that this "premature delivery" of a non-viable fetus is clearly an abortion, condemned uniformly by the teaching of the Catholic Church.

Dr. Byrne responded with a letter describing that such induced early delivery of the unborn baby with anencephaly is clearly an abortion, and clearly prohibited

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by **Catholic teaching**. [See exact copy of Dr. Byrne's complete letter photocopied hereinafter]

Fr. Habiger's response letter reached the same clear conclusion. In addition, he transmitted the authoritative Catholic moral theology text on the subject, authored by the eminent moral theologian **Fr. Thomas O'Donnell, S.J.** (who had been until 1979 professor at the St. Pius X Catholic Seminary in No. Ky., now closed). Fr. O'Donnell served as consultant to the **U.S. Catholic Conference for Continuing Directives for Catholic Health Facilities**, and to the **Judicial Council of the American Medical Association**. He is a widely accepted and respected authority, writer and lecturer in the field of medical ethics, and his book, *Medicine and Christian Morality*, has long been recognized as an indispensable text in the field.

Fr. O'Donnell's book states:

"To directly remove a clearly nonviable fetus from its vital placental attachment to the uterus with the impossibility of supplying an adequate substitute in neonatal intensive care is clearly a lethal blow for the baby. That is simply what the prohibition of abortion is all about." (P. 176)

In fact, that was the classical definition of abortion, before the issue became politicized. See *Taber's Cyclopaedic Medical Dictionary* definition: "The termination of pregnancy before the term of viability."

Specifically under a section in his book entitled "**Anencephalics and Abortion/Induced Labor**," Fr. O'Donnell makes the unambiguous statement concerning the request of a mother to induce her labor if the child is diagnosed early in the pregnancy as having anencephaly:

"To terminate the pregnancy before the period of viability has been reached is obviously direct abortion and a grave moral evil."

But this is precisely what was permitted by the Position Paper adopted by the St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Ethics Committee in 1990.

Accidental Discovery by Pro-Lifers of this Pro-Abortion Policy of St. Elizabeth Hospital

A volunteer for a Pro-Life pregnancy center locally apparently heard of this immoral situation and contacted the **Family Ministry Office of the Diocese of Covington** to complain. The Co-Director of that office, **James C. Vogt**, responded by letter on December 14, 1992 to the Pro-Lifer, and misstated the Catholic theology, stating that indeed abortion is sometimes permissible.

At the first public meeting, there were about 50 members of NKRTL present there to protest, and our President and Vice-President challenged the Board, and presented the medical evidence that indeed this pill prevents implantation, and is an abortifacient. A Catholic urologist on the Board, **Dr. Edward Elicker**, put the question to a Catholic obstetrician on

Covington Bishop William Hughes

Approves Abortion at St. Elizabeth Hospital

Most shocking of all, Vogt's letter showed an indicated copy to then-Bishop William Hughes, and also to Fr. Ron Ketteler of Thomas More College, and to Ms. Rose Hooks, Chair of the Medical Ethics Committee, and indicated that he had discussed these matters with Bishop Hughes and Fr. Ketteler and met with the St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Medical Ethics Committee regarding this policy. [See complete copy of Vogt's letter photocopied hereinafter]

The Position Paper was revised in February of 1993, but continues the general authority to do this abortion after diagnosis of anencephaly and with the consent of the parents.

In a 1999 memo by Jim Vogt's wife, **Susan Vogt, Co-Director of Family Ministry Office of the Covington Diocese** and previously **Executive Director of the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission**, she posed the rhetorical question: "Does induced delivery of an anencephalic baby equal abortion?"

Obviously, the people in charge of the shop do not know the clear and defined teaching of their own Church which employs them!

Thus, this permissive pro-abortion policy persisted at St. Elizabeth Hospital, with the clear knowledge and consent of Bishop Hughes, Fr. Ketteler, and the St. Elizabeth Medical Ethics Committee, and the Co-Chairmen of the Family Ministry Office of the Covington Diocese, and the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission Executive Director, until it was discovered by NKRTL in the Spring of 1999, and that information was forwarded to Bishop Robert Muench, Hughes' successor.

Second Issue: Northern Kentucky Independent Health District Board, and St. Elizabeth Hospital Catholic Physicians, Approve Chemical Abortion

In September of 1997, NKRTL was advised by one of its members that the **Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board** was about to approve the distribution through its facilities, with taxpayers' funds, of the so-called "morning after" pill, which indeed of course is an abortifacient. One of its functions is to prevent implantation of the fertilized egg, so that it operates post-conception.

The scientific evidence on this is overwhelming and we furnished it to the Board, and to **Covington Bishop Robert Muench** and to his **Pro-Life Commission**. Both the Commission and the Bishop ignored our requests to participate with NKRTL in this protest.

the Board, **Dr. John Sprague**, who heads the obstetrics department at St Elizabeth South Hospital, if what NKRTL presented was true. Sprague affirmed that indeed it was. This was also affirmed by another physician on the board. Those Catholic doctors, along with the Chairman of the Board, **Dr. Mary Ann Barnes** (also Catholic), proceeded to cast

pro-abortion votes. (Dr. Barnes, by the way, is in charge of teaching the residents at our Catholic St. Elizabeth Hospital.)

There were two subsequent meetings, and subsequent votes. The Health Board attempted to sweep the matter under the rug, by offering a "compromise," which they said solved the matter. They decided that they simply would pay Planned Parenthood in Cincinnati, to whom they would refer these teenage girls to receive these abortifacient pills, without parental consent or even notification. We pointed out that the change of location of the killing was not a satisfactory solution, and that still involved the use of public monies, authorized by an agency here in Northern Kentucky, for the destruction of innocent human life, and that was unacceptable.

Cetrulo wrote Bishop Muench on September 30, 1997, advising him of the tragic situation and encouraging the assistance of the Diocese which resulted in the non-responsive letter to Cetrulo from the Vicar General dated 10/10/97, taking no action other than to chastise NKRTL for sending "personal" letters to Bishop Muench.

Cetrulo responded directly to Bishop Muench again by letter of October 15, 1997. Again, there was no response by the Bishop to Cetrulo's letter.

Bishop Muench apparently did author a letter under date of 11/5/97 to the Director of Clinic Services Department of Public Health, Frankfort, Ky., objecting to the "morning after" pill which he acknowledges does work as an abortifacient. To our knowledge, nothing further was done in follow-up from this letter, and in fact of course it was ineffectual as the Board continued in this policy anyhow.

The Health Board's original assertions that this was mandated by the Federal government were indeed unsupported. Subsequent correspondence from the national agency reflected that it was a decision to be made by the state, as reported in the 3/11/98 *Kentucky Post* article.

The reality was that there was simply a letter from a pro-abort administrator in Frankfort that this should be done. There is no showing what would have happened had the Board stood firm on moral principle and declined. The worst scenario claimed by the Board was that it may lose a Federal grant, which amounts to less than 3% of its budget.

Unfortunately, both the Bishop and the Commission declined to be actively involved in this effort, or to do anything about addressing the scandal given by the Catholic physicians who voted in favor of destruction of innocent human life at our Catholic hospital.

Through the strong public press generated by NKRTL's vocal and effective, opposition to this immoral conduct, it became a major issue in this 1998 elections, with the result that the three candidates for County Judge Executive in Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties, who supported the Right to Life position, were elected over their opponents who either had been a part of that pro-abortion board decision (by their sitting ex-officio on the Board and refusing to vote Pro-Life, or by their appointing people to the Board who had voted pro-abortion and their failing to attempt to do anything about it), or who had been supportive of such position in their candidacy.

NKRTL told the Commission that certainly it does not supplant the responsibility of the Commission to speak publicly in terms of a resolution condemning any and all

NKRTL'S Request to Meet with Pro-Life Commission is Denied

Pursuant to the Biblical mandate of attempting private correction before public scandal is given, NKRTL undertook private contacts with the Covington Diocesan Pro-Life Commission, in an effort to address these two ongoing moral aberrations, which were being carried on with the tacit, and in the one instance active, complicity of the Catholic Diocese of Covington. Our efforts to have a meeting between the NKRTL Board of Directors, and the members of the Catholic Diocesan Pro-Life Commission, to discuss these two specific issues, were rejected by the Commission, or at least by its spokesman, **Karen Riegler**, the Executive Director.

NKRTL had previously been told by one Pro-Life Commission member that **Dr. Ron Lubbe**, who is on both the St. Elizabeth Hospital Ethics Committee and the Pro-Life Commission, had had a meeting with **Fr. Paul Berschied**, concerning Berschied's complaints regarding this discovered abortion policy of St. Elizabeth Hospital and that the matter had been resolved. We contacted Fr. Berschied and found that that was simply untrue and that he had not had a meeting with anyone concerning his complaints, which he had addressed by letter to the president of St. Elizabeth Hospital and to Bishop Muench.

NKRTL was then later told by the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission that the policy had been canceled and the matter was effectively resolved. NKRTL eventually then obtained a copy of a one sentence memorandum from Dr. Lubbe to the Pro-Life Commission dated 4/29/99 (obviously activated by the complaints generated by NKRTL in March of 1999):

"The members of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Ethics Committee, met on Thursday, April 15 and voted to place a moratorium and remove the Position Paper on anencephaly."

[See exact photocopy of complete document photocopied hereinafter]

When NKRTL received this paper in November 1999 (and not from the Commission, but from a former Commission member who was likewise complaining of this newly-discovered, long-standing, immoral policy), NKRTL pointed out to the Commission that "moratorium" is defined in Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary as: "a legally authorized period of delay in the performance of a legal obligation or the payment of a debt. A waiting period set by an authority. A suspension of activity."

By simple definition, this is clearly not a reversal of the previous immoral position of the hospital, which allowed early abortion in these cases. There is no determination whether this "suspension" is permanent. Nor is there any indication as to whether or not this information has been communicated to the staff physicians and others in positions of responsibility, to see to it that abortions are indeed not performed at the hospital. Nor does it constitute a clear pronouncement by the Commission of the immorality of such abortions.

abortion, including "the termination of pregnancy before the term of viability."

When NKRTL's efforts at a meeting were continually rebuffed, and the Pro-Life Commission's Executive Director persisted in refusing even to allow NKRTL's Board to meet with the Commission, NKRTL authored a letter, signed by each one of its Board members, to every member of the Pro-Life Commission, advising them in detail of these tragic facts described hereinabove.

In a telephone conversation with Commission Director Riegler, NKRTL Vice-President Fred Summe was again told that these matters were effectively resolved. Summe inquired if this "moratorium" (if indeed one had been effectively adopted) had been communicated to the physicians and employees and staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital, so that they knew that they could no longer perform these early abortions, she responded that she didn't know and that the Pro-Life Commission was "not the Pro-Life police!"

After many months of NKRTL requests to meet with the Pro-Life Commission, we finally received in Jan. a letter from them, declining our request to meet with them.

If the Commission continues in its shameful silence in the face of these horrible misdeeds going on in No. Ky., and indeed in Catholic facilities, it will be deserving of the same comment made by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia about his colleague on the Court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who says the right things on Pro-Life matters, but doesn't act that way in her official capacity: "Surely, Justice O'Connor simply is not to be taken seriously!"

***Long History of Infidelity of the
Catholic Diocese of Covington, Since the
Retirement of Bishop Richard Ackerman in 1979***

As the oldest and largest Pro-Life organization in the State of Kentucky, we have a long and rich history and experiences and substantial successes which we felt that we could share with other people interested in the Pro-Life Movement.

While we recognize that we have never officially represented the Covington Diocese, the fact remains that one of our founding Board members was of course the Most Rev. Richard Ackerman, then Bishop of Covington, who, at the time of our founding in 1971, described the founding and indeed our performance as "the finest hour of the Covington Diocese."

Immediately upon the retirement of Bishop Ackerman, and the installation of his successor, Bishop William Hughes, NKRTL was banned from the churches of the Diocese of Covington. The Diocese had no official Pro-Life organ, or indeed any Pro-Life activity for the first 11 years of Bishop Hughes' tenure, until the formation of the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission in 1990.

Moreover, the record of the Covington Diocese on Pro-Life matters, under Bishop Hughes, was indeed a sorry and sad one.

Bishop Hughes routinely invited prominent pro-abortionists into the Diocese, to speak at church facilities. To name a few, there was Rosemary Reuther (who was a signatory to that false and atrocious *New York*

Times advertisement indicating that the Catholic Church position on abortion is diverse and admits of many different positions), who was invited to speak at the Cathedral in Covington on a Lenten Series Program.

The pro-abortion Jesuit Priest, **Fr. Robert Drinan**, who had a 100% pro-abortion voting record as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and disgracefully cast the deciding pro-abortion vote as a member of the Constitutional Sub-Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, preventing a Human Life Amendment from coming to the floor of the Congress. As the result of the intervention of the **Pope** himself, Fr. Drinan was not permitted to seek reelection to Congress, thereby discontinuing that incalculable public scandal. Fr. Drinan was invited to speak at the **Catholic Newman Center in Lexington, Ky.**, when it was part of the Covington Diocese.

Bishop Hughes also invited into the Diocese in March of 1993 at the Catholic Center **Sr. Jeanine Gramick** and **Fr. Robert Nugent** who had been traveling the country for several years preaching a ministry to homosexuals. NKRTL protested because Sr. Gramick was again another signatory to that *New York Times* ad, which stated that anti-abortion was not "the only legitimate Catholic position." Bishop Hughes responded by excoriating NKRTL and others as "homophobic." In 1999 Sr. Gramick and Fr. Nugent were ordered by the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith of the Roman Catholic Church in Vatican City to end this homosexual ministry because their teachings were "erroneous and dangerous," and that they "have caused confusion among the Catholic people and have harmed the Community of the Church."

And **Marlo Thomas**, active pro-abortionist and member of the Board of the National Women's Political Caucus, (which is not only pro-abortion, but raises funds for political candidates only if they support the pro-abortion position) was invited to speak at St. Elizabeth Hospital, on whose Board the Covington Bishop sits as Chairman.

Kentucky Post Editor **Judith Clabes**, who actively wrote pro-abortion and pro-contraceptive articles in the *Kentucky Post* ("Talk Trojan soon to your stock broker; it's hot ... Maybe we're getting somewhere."), was given an honorary degree by Thomas More College, which was presented by Bishop Hughes.

And after NKRTL's unsuccessful efforts with Bishop Hughes, NKRTL complained to Rome, and received a letter from **Cardinal Edouard Gagnon, President of the Pontifical Council of the Family**, under Pope John Paul II, who indicated that NKRTL had "acted rightly in drawing attention to these serious problems," and offering us "every prayerful wish for your work and witness for the smallest human persons."

Bishop Hughes was appointed to chair a committee of the **National Conference of Catholic Bishops** to write a statement on AIDS. The document which he produced approved the teaching of condoms in schools. That document was not accepted by the NCCB, which then appointed another committee, under a new chairman. This committee, upon which Bishop Hughes was not to serve, issued a document that was approved by the NCCB, 291 to 4.

The document produced by Bishop Hughes was characterized by **Cardinal O'Connor of New York** as "a grave error." In a published letter to the editor in the *Kentucky Enquirer*, **Fr. Henry Haacke of Covington** described it as "morally flawed and utterly scandalous," and said that Bishop Hughes had made "an obvious departure from Roman Catholic Church doctrine."

These are but the tip of the iceberg of the horrible record in the Covington Diocese under Bishop Hughes, spelled out in detail with photographs, and specific citations to specific publications, in 14 pages of NKRTL's Dec. 1989 Newsletter (wherein NKRTL published these many years of scandal on the part of Bishop Hughes, only after 11 years of our private negotiations and correspondence with him, in which NKRTL sought, unsuccessfully, to have him suspend such anti-life practices).

***Unfortunately, the Scandal Continues
In Bishop Muench's Administration***

NKRTL has now been writing to Bishop Muench for 4 years, beginning in Jan. 1996, a few months before he came to the Covington Diocese, attempting (unsuccessfully) to get a meeting with him, and then, in the intervening years, complaining to him about these various anti-life practices in the Diocese. He doesn't even respond to NKRTL's correspondence!

NKRTL informed him of the strong pro-abortion record of **Cincinnati Mayor Roxanne Qualls**, and asked him to cancel her invitation to give the commencement address in June of 1997 to the **Notre Dame Academy** graduating class, at **St. Agnes Catholic Church**. We sent him her voting record from the Cincinnati City Council, supporting the partial birth abortion horror. He nonetheless went ahead with the ceremony, and sat next to her on the altar of St. Agnes Church — what a horrible role model for the young Catholic graduates!

NKRTL sought Bishop Muench's cooperation and participation in our efforts to stop the distribution of the abortifacient pills through the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District, which were indeed being pushed by several Catholic physicians on the staff of St. Elizabeth Catholic Hospital, for which he has responsibility — all to no avail.

His support again has been sought in the effort to stop the anencephalic abortion policy at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, and he has not responded.

The scandal is indeed there — created not by NKRTL, but by the current and the previous Bishop of the Covington Diocese.

The word "scandal" comes from the Greek word which means "stumbling block." Indeed, this is a stumbling block to the faith of many, who are not being taught the truth, and who are indeed being led to believe that these sinful practices are in fact licit. Someone needs to teach the truth!

***These Practices of the Covington Diocese
Are Contrary to Those in Other U.S. Dioceses***

These practices are directly contrary to the practices of many Bishops in other dioceses throughout the United States such as **Bishop Joseph T. O'Keefe of New York** who

prohibited the pro-abortion "Catholic" governor of New York, **Mario Cuomo (D)** from speaking in Catholic schools.

Bishop James Timlin of Scranton, PA canceled his earlier acceptance of an invitation to the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick dinner because **U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Chairman Peter Rodino**, a Catholic with a pro-abortion record, was to be the principal speaker. Timlin also declined to attend the University of Scranton commencement ceremony because pro-abortion **U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill**, another self-styled Catholic, was scheduled to receive an honorary degree. He said he would not "lend his presence to any occasion which might in any way seem to support a public figure whose views are pro-abortion, pro-choice, or in any way ambiguous on this crucial issue."

And **Bishop Leo T. Maher of San Diego** denied a pro-abortion "Catholic" legislator, **Lucy Killea**, the right to receive Communion saying: "...you are placing yourself in complete contradiction to the moral teaching of the Catholic Church."

There are also standing orders in the Diocese in the City of **New York by Cardinal Archbishop John O'Connor**, and in **Brooklyn by Bishop Thomas Daily**, prohibiting such speakers from Catholic premises.

They can't both be right — Bishop Hughes and Bishop Muench on the one hand, and, on the other hand, Bishops O'Keefe, Timlin, Maher, Daily, Cardinal O'Connor and Cardinal Gagnon!

***Is There No Limit to This Ongoing Compromise
of Fundamental Principle?***

In 1850, **William Lloyd Garrison**, leader of the American slavery abolition movement state: "I am aware that many object to the severity of my language; but is there no cause for severity? I will be as harsh as truth and as uncompromising as justice. On this subject I do not wish to speak or think or write with moderation. **NO! NO!** Tell a man whose house is on fire to give a moderate alarm; tell him to moderately rescue his wife from the hands of the ravisher; tell the mother to gradually extricate her babe from the fire into which it has fallen; but urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present."

Is there "no cause for severity?"

Is there no limit to what the Diocesan Pro-Life Commission will accept?

Is there no limit to what the people of the Catholic Diocese of Covington will accept?

Biblical Obligation of All Christians

The Bible mandates: "If I tell the wicked man that he shall surely die, and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked man from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death." **Ezekiel 33:8.**

NKRTL brings this matter to the attention of its members, and to the faithful Catholics of the Diocese of Covington, so that they may address their individual responsibilities in these respects, concerning these immoral practices.

***The Duty of Fraternal
Correction Applies
to Priests and
Bishops Also***

Bishop Myers picture

St. Paul rebuked the first Pope, St. Peter. Galatians 1:18. In commenting on this incident, the great theologian, St. Thomas Aquinas writes in the *Summa Theologica*: "Where the faith is publicly endangered, prelates are to be publicly rebuked. Hence Paul, who was subject to Peter, publicly rebuked him on account of the imminent danger to the faith through scandal."

Prayers Requested

NKRTL requests prayers for the members of the Covington Diocesan Pro-Life Commission so that they will have the courage and leadership to "stand up for life," as mandated by Pope John Paul II, in the current situations by means of issuing a public statement:

- (1) That the Catholic Church clearly teaches that abortion is intrinsically evil in every case,
- (2) That every human being, regardless of physical or mental condition, life expectancy, or condition of dependency, is a life worthy of living and to be respected,
- (3) That the Catholic medical facilities cease doing or permitting abortion of anencephalic babies, and that all personnel are to be so instructed,
- (4) That the so-called "morning after" pill, and other chemical contraceptives, result in chemical abortion and are intrinsically evil,
- (5) That the No. Ky. Independent District Health Department's policy of being a conduit for the transmission of abortifacient pills should be stopped.

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." James 4:17

May God Have Mercy On Us, One and All

The line made famous by Charles Dickens in his "*Christmas Carol*" was spoken by Tiny Tim who prayed "May God bless us, one and all."

A prominent Pro-Lifer commented recently as we think of the song "God Bless America," "Do you really think He will, as we kill 4200 of His innocent babies each day in this country?"

And is there any reason to seriously believe that He will bless the Catholic Diocese of Covington if it fails to act, publicly and courageously, on the most crucial moral/political issue in the history of the United States?

The best that we can hope for is His mercy on those who have been so spiritually blind, as well as upon the rest of us sinners who have been attempting in our flawed way to address this priority issue.

NATIONWIDE PRO-LIFE VIGIL

In a nationwide Pro-Life vigil recommended to Catholics, in December, **Bishop John J. Myers of Peoria, IL**, led his people in recitation of the rosary outside of an abortion clinic there in Peoria. Locally, prayer vigils were held by **Fr. Paul Berschied, Pastor at St. Cecilia Church in Independence, and Fr. William Neuhaus, Pastor of St. Thomas Church in Ft. Thomas.**

"A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS"

Confucius' statement was proven true again — but this time the picture was censored. You will see in this photograph a tiny hand of a 21 week old unborn child embracing the finger

REACHING OUT: Unborn child gives surgeon a hand

of a doctor performing surgery on him for spinal birth defect.

The doctor removed the uterus from the mother, drained the amniotic sac, operated on the child, and then returned the child and the uterus to the body of the mother.

But this picture was censored from the **Fox TV News** talk show. Journalist **Matt Drudge** planned to use the photograph on a news show talking about the compromise deal brokered by Congress that would stop some U.N. funding of overseas

population-control groups that perform or lobby for abortion. He wanted to use the photo to show why the United States shouldn't be funding such groups, but the Fox network censored the photograph out of the story.

Obviously, the photograph would have had a tremendous impact, demonstrating clearly the humanity of the unborn child which, even at that stage of

Readers might be interested in writing to the **Fox Broadcasting**, P.O. Box 900, Beverly Hills, CA 90213, and expressing themselves concerning such biased news censoring.

Samuel (the baby's name) is doing well, having been delivered for the final time on 12/2/99. We publish herewith also his post-natal picture.

INSPIRATIONAL MOTIVATION, FROM A MEMBER

With some frequency, NKRTL receives complimentary — and indeed sometimes inspirational — notes from our subscribers.

We would like to publish herewith for the inspiration of all of our members one such recent note reminding us that we all have an obligation, and that some indeed take it seriously. This note came with a \$5.00 check: "I'd like to give more but I have a very small income, less than \$500.00 a month. That has to take care of all — rent, food, misc. I'll be 83 in March. I'll give as long as I live."

FRESH BABY BODY PARTS FOR SALE IN AMERICA

The above caption was the headline for a story in November in *The Washington Times*. **A medical technician by the name of Kelly finally had an attack of conscience, that caused her to leave her employment for a firm that trafficked in baby body parts.**

These aborted children were collected from clinics that performed late term abortions. Kelly would then dissect the aborted bodies in order to obtain "high quality" parts for sale.

Kelly kept at her grisly task until something made her reconsider. One day, "a set of twins at 24 weeks gestation was brought to us in a pan. They were both alive. The doctor came back and said, 'Got you some good specimens — twins.' I looked at him and said: 'There's something wrong here. They are moving. I can't do this. This is not in my contract.' I told him I would not be part of taking their lives. So he took a bottle of sterile water and poured it in the pan until the fluid came up over their mouths and noses, letting them drown. I left the room because I could not watch this."

development is subject to the arbitrary decision of the mother to destroy it.

Drudge, who lost his job over the episode, took the incident in stride saying: "Some overgrown fetuses at Fox hit the panic button."

But she did go back and dissect them later. The twins were only the beginning. "It happened again and again. At 16 weeks, all the way up to sometimes even 30 weeks, we had live births come back to us. Then the doctor would either break the neck or take a pair of tongs and beat the fetus until it was dead."

Kelly explained further that the abortion procedures were modified so that "the abortionist would get us the most complete, intact specimens he could. They would be delivered to us completely intact. Sometimes the fetus appeared to be dead, but when we opened up the chest cavity, the heart was still beating."

Fetal Harvest Fee List

The modern Nazis have shown themselves even more efficient, economically, than their predecessors of 60 years ago who extracted the gold teeth and shaved the heads of the victims scheduled for the ovens. Notice the specific "fee schedule" published by one of the modern satanic ghoul:

Samuel's pix

Stork & Buzzards

Our Service is Convenient

Fee for Services

Degeneracy Continues to Find Yet Even Lower Levels

As pointed out by **American Life League**, all the disputes surrounding partial birth abortion now makes more sense when we see the enormous profits available from the fetal tissue harvesting of body parts from these older babies.

The abortion industry has made no effort to refute the evidence contained in the reports describing these practices.

Prompt outrage by Pro-Lifers around the country motivated the U.S. House of Representatives into an investigation of these practices.

While it is technically illegal to buy and sell human body parts, the abortionists have evaded the law by offering to lease space in the abortion clinic to "perform the harvesting," as well as to "offset the clinic's overhead." Also, they are arguing that these monies include the reasonable payments associated with the transportation, implementation, processing, preservation, quality control, or storage of baby body parts. The U.S. House of Representatives promptly passed a resolution calling for hearings, and taking appropriate steps to curtail such trafficking of baby body parts for profit.

Urgent letters are needed to your member of the U.S. House of Representatives, which in this area is **Hon. Ken Lucas, 1237 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515**, and to our two U.S. Senators, **Mitch McConnell, 361-A Russell Building, Washington, DC 20510** and **Jim Bunning, 502 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510**, urging prompt and aggressive actions to reverse this latest descent into hell, and urging our Senators reinvigorated efforts to prohibit partial birth abortion, which is the vehicle which makes possible this incredible human tragedy.

As noted by the late Malcolm Muggeridge: "If meat is how we conceive ourselves, meat is what we shall become!"

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE PROCESSION AND RALLY AT CINCINNATI

On Jan. 22, 2000, Pro-Lifers from No. Ky. and Greater Cincinnati again memorialized the sad anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which, 27 years ago, legalized the modern slaughter of the innocents in the United States. Several hundred people gathered in freezing temperatures and heavy snowfall at the Hamilton County Courthouse and processed in prayerful procession, led by **Fr. Joseph Greenwell of Immaculate Conception Church in Cincinnati**, about a dozen blocks to

the Lytle Park to hear several speakers, one of whom was **Robert C. Cetrulo, Pres. of NKRTL**.

Mr. Cetrulo pointed out it was altogether fitting that this rally was held in the shadow of the statue of Abraham Lincoln, who fought the great tyranny of his day — the depersonalizing of our black brothers and sisters by the institution of slavery — by an erroneous 7 to 2 decision of the U.S. Supreme Court, just as Roe v. Wade depersonalized the unborn child. He pointed out that slavery was not defeated by compromise, nor will the present abomination be reversed by compromise or by political candidates who call themselves "Pro-Life," while supporting the legal killing of unborn children for the crimes of their fathers (rape and incest).

Rally picture

Cetrulo displayed to the crowd the 4 page **NKRTL "March for Life"** ad run that day in the *Kentucky Post* and the *Kentucky Enquirer*, listing over 9600 individuals who are "Standing Up for Life," put together through the dedicated efforts of many NKRTL members, including **Omer and Marian Scharold**, and **NKRTL VP Fred Summe**. Cetrulo challenged the Ohioans present to join in this effort next year, "if we are compelled to observe yet another sad anniversary of this national degeneracy."

KENTUCKY PRO-LIFE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Kentucky General Assembly went into its biennial session last month, and there were introduced in January three Pro-Life Bills in the Kentucky House of Representatives.

House Bill 379 - Fetal Homicide, with many sponsors, the prime of whom is **Rep. Tom Kerr (D)** of Kenton County, but also includes other No. Ky. Representatives, **Jon Draud (R)**, **Joe Fischer (R)**, **Paul Marcotte (R)**, **Jon David**

Reinhardt (R), Arnold Simpson (D) and Charles Walton (R) (in fact everyone from the No. Ky. delegation except **James Callahan (D)** of Campbell County).

This bill would create the crime of criminal homicide for any third person who kills an unborn child, by simply defining "person" and "human being" to include an unborn child from fertilization onward, without regard to age, health, or condition.

A companion Bill, **HB 378**, creates a wrongful death action for an unborn child who dies as a result of an injury inflicted by the negligence or wrongful act of another, creating a case of legal liability in that person for the death of that unborn child. The prime sponsor there is Rep. Joe Fisher (R) of Campbell County, and again includes all of the No. Ky. Representatives except Mr. Callahan. It is likewise important in that it establishes the same principle of personhood of the unborn child.

The third Bill, **HB 489 - Pharmacists' Conscience Clause**, makes it an unlawful discriminatory practice for any person or company to penalize or take disciplinary action against any pharmacist who may refuse to dispense any medication prescribed for post-coital contraception or any medication to terminate inter-uterine pregnancy, if the performance of this practice would violate the pharmacist's ethical, religious or professional principles. This Bill would put pharmacists on the same par as other co-professionals like doctors and nurses, who have already been protected as to their conscience rights in legislation drafted by NKRTL, and passed by the General Assembly in 1974. Pharmacists are presently under great pressure and indeed some have been fired for refusal to dispense these death-dealing pills. This Bill is sponsored by some 43 of the 100 member House of Representatives, and constitutes important Pro-Life legislation.

Inaction in the Kentucky Senate

After it came to our attention that no **Pro-Life Bills** have been introduced into the Kentucky Senate, we verified that indeed the Kentucky State Senate Republican leadership has adopted a policy of not introducing any Bills until they come through the House first. This is obviously a strategy not helpful to the **Pro-Life Movement**, and certainly not what we fought for to elect a State Senate that had guaranteed it would be open and permit all such Bills to move through their chamber for Floor vote, and political accountability.

Kentucky Pro-Lifers were energized and encouraged by the take-over of the Kentucky Senate by a Pro-Life Coalition three years ago, engineered largely by then **State Sen. Gex Williams (R) of Boone County**, after the defeat of pro-abortion voting **Sen. Joe Meyer (D) of Kenton County**. This brought the Republican Party to within one of the total membership of the Democratic Party, and there was formed a coalition of the Republicans, and several Democrats, who then fired the pro-abortion Senate President, **John Eck Rose**, and elected **Sen. Larry Saunders (D)** of Louisville as Pres. of the Senate. Saunders guaranteed that all Bills would be permitted to be brought out of Committee and to the Floor of the Senate for a vote, and we passed 3 important pieces of Pro-Life legislation at that session.

Since that time, the Republican Party has taken over the Senate in numbers, and elected a Republican president.

of dependency. This Bill does not apply to abortion, and is not effected by the Supreme Court abortion decisions. However it will protect the unborn child from violent acts by third persons.

Such acts are currently not subject to prosecution. It is a worthwhile piece of legislation, pointed against violence, and demonstrates of course the important principle that an unborn child is indeed a person.

Members are urged to write — urgently — to our State Senators from No. Ky., and to the Senators who occupy leadership positions in the Senate, to insist that these Bills be introduced into the Senate. We are now more than a month into the Session, and no Pro-Life Bills have been introduced into the Senate, which tends to give support to this offensive rumor.

No. Ky. Senators

Sen. Ernie Harris (R)
P.O. Box 1073
Crestwood, KY 40014

Sen. Dick Roeding (R)
2534 Kearney Court
Lakeside Park, KY 41017

Sen. Katie Stine (R)
15 Cliffview
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Sen. Jack Westwood (R)
36 Forest Avenue
Erlanger, KY 41018

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Republican Leadership Senators

Sen. David Williams (R)
President
P.O. Box 666
Burkesville, KY 42717

Sen. Dick Roeding (R)
President Pro-Tempore
Lakeside Park, KY

Sen. Elizabeth Tori (R)
Sen. Majority Whip
2851 S. Wilson Road
Radcliff, KY 40160

Sen. Dan Kelly (R)
Majority Party Leader
324 W. Main
Springfield, KY 40069

Sen. Charlie Borders

Majority Caucus

330 Seaton Drive
Russell, KY 41169

Your Urgent Action is Needed

We list below the roster of members of members of the Ky. House of Representatives and Senate in this area and request that you write them urgently seeking their prompt and aggressive support for these above-described pieces of legislation:

Rep. Royce Adams (D), 580 Banniser Road, Dry Ridge, KY 41035; **Rep. Jim Callahan (D)**, 10 Colonial Point Drive, Wilder, KY 41076; **Rep. Jon Draud (R)**, 109 Vernon Drive, Crestview Hills, KY 41017; **Rep. Joe Fischer (R)**, 11 Robinette, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075; **Rep. Thomas R. Kerr (D)**, 5414 Old Taylor Mill Road, Taylor Mill, KY 41015; **Rep. Paul Marcotte (R)**, 10674 Palestine Drive, Union, KY 41091; **Rep. Jon David Reinhardt (R)**, 637 W. Poplar Thicket Road, Alexandria, KY 41001; **Rep. Arnold Simpson (D)**, 112 W.

11th Street, Covington, KY 41011; Rep. Charlie Walton (R), 1663 Brierwood Court, Florence, KY 41042; and Sen. Ernie Harris (R), P.O. Box 1073, Crestwood, KY 40014; Sen. Dick Roeding (R), 2534 Kearney Court, Lakeside Park, KY 41017; Sen. Katie Stine (R), 15 Cliffview, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075; and Sen. Jack Westwood (R), 36 Forest Avenue, Erlanger, KY 41018.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE — WASHINGTON, DC

Aside from the hundreds of other Pro-Life rallies around the nation, commanding thousands and thousands of attendees protesting the 27th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision of Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion (including at Frankfort, KY, where many of us were in attendance), the **March for Life Committee** under the stellar chairmanship of Nellie Gray pulled off again another massive rally/march in Washington, DC on Jan. 24, although you might not know it from the local and national news coverage.

We furnish you herewith a brief eyewitness account from **NKRTL Board Member Stan Barczak**, who was in attendance again, as he is each year:

"I can't think of another gathering of 100,000 - 200,000 people worldwide, much less nationally, that would be so ignored by the media. I attended the rally which featured speeches by numerous political leaders, religious leaders, and Pro-Life leaders from numerous organizations nationwide. People from all over the country attended, even a contingent of 21 people from France traveled 3000 miles to be there.

"The crowd was overwhelming, and probably one of the largest I've witnessed there in years. As the rally finished, people made their way to Constitution Avenue to begin the March. I worked my way to the street and was stopped about 100 feet from it. There I and a crowd of tens of thousands waited our turn to enter the March. I waited 40 minutes and moved about 50 feet. I moved up along the side of the crowd finally being able to enter the March. The crowd in front of me extended as far as I could see up Constitution Avenue. I thought I was at the very end of the March, but as I reached the crest of the hill of Constitution Avenue, as it intersects C Street, I looked behind and saw another sea of humanity. As far as I could see, there was no end of the March in sight. Constitution Avenue as well as C Street, all the way to the Supreme Court was packed with pro-lifers.

"Of all the sights and things I heard, nothing touched my heart like the billboard size banners that lined the final block of Constitution Avenue. These banners showed the ugly reality of abortion, but they also showed the close relationship between abortion and two of the other ugly atrocities the world has experience the past 60 years. There, side by side, were the photograph of a black man hanging from a tree courtesy of the KKK, next to piles of human bodies courtesy of the Nazi holocaust, next to the hideous dismembered body of an unborn child courtesy of abortion. The stark similarities could not be ignored. Maybe that's why media coverage is non-existent, because to experience this reality exposes the lie they continue to espouse — that the fetus is not a human being."

"GIFT OF LIFE" SHOW ON INSIGHT CABLE

Northern Kentucky Right to Life continues to air a Cable Access show entitled "Gift of Life" on **Insight Cable on the Religious access channel 17**. The show which can now be seen in all 3 Northern Kentucky counties is broadcast **on Monday nights from 10:00 p.m. to completion and then again on Friday nights from 10:30 p.m. to completion**.

Most recently, the show has been featuring the excellent video program produced by Life Dynamics entitled "Lifetalk." This is the show that broke the story on the harvesting of fetal body parts that has stunned the nation the past few months.

The next few months the show will be featuring an interesting and informative discussion between **NKRTL's Vice President, Fred H. Summe**, and **NKRTL's President, Robert C. Cetrulo**. These 2 one-hour shows will run **in the months of February and March** and cover numerous topics.

Four candidates clearly supported reversal of Roe v. Wade and hold against abortion in every circumstance — **Gary Bauer**, No. Ky. native and former Chief Domestic Adviser at the Cabinet of **Pres. Ronald Reagan**, and most

Fred and Bob not only bring you up to date on what is happening locally and nationally in the Pro-Life Movement, but touch upon many of the fundamental questions that surround abortion. Using life-like models of an unborn child, they succinctly explain exactly what an abortion is and what the various methods of abortion are.

These programs are produced and directed by **Stan Barczak**, NKRTL Board member.

If you ever had a question about abortion, these are the shows you and your family should watch.

ABORTION HOT TOPIC IN PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

The 2 Democratic candidates, Vice Pres. Al Gore and U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley are currently seeking credit that each is more pro-abortion than the other! This of course is consistent with the official Party Plank of the Democratic Party, the official pro-death Party, which has a Plank in its Platform for many years supporting total abortion on demand, and indeed public taxpayer funding for it.

On Jan. 29th, Mr. Bradley accused Mr. Gore of lying in a recent debate where Gore had said that his favorable position on a woman's right to abort her unborn baby has never wavered. Bradley pointed out, quite correctly, that that was a lie, and quoted a letter written by Al Gore when he was then U.S. Senator from TN that he considered abortion wrong, as it involved the taking of a human life, and Bradley pointed out also that Gore had voted against government funding for Medicaid mothers when he was in the Congress.

While it is obviously true that Gore is a liar, there is no question but that he is presently as much in favor of killing unborn babies as is Mr. Bradley. Sort of like Hitler calling Stalin bad names!

This was brought out again on the "Meet the Press" show of Jan. 30th wherein Bradley was represented by **U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone of MN** and Gore was represented by **Congr. Ed Markey of MA** (both likewise pro-abortion). Wellstone pointed out that indeed Gore had fudged by his statement in a recent debate that his support of pro-choice had been unwavering. Markey countered with saying that there was a brief period when Gore was opposed to public funding only.

The moderator, **Tim Russert**, pointed out that Bradley's position was correct. Gore had indeed fibbed in that Gore had a strong Pro-Life position for his entire period in the U.S. House of Representatives, and for his early years in the U.S. Senate, covering a period of 10 years, when he voted Pro-Life, against public funding of abortion. Gore in fact voted for an amendment that defined the unborn child as a person, which the **National Organization of Women** criticized him for in a major way.

I guess we shouldn't be surprised that if people are in favor of killing, a little lying doesn't bother them!

On the Republican Side

recently **Pres. of Family Research Council; Dr. Alan Keyes**, former Ambassador to the United Nations under Pres. Reagan; magazine publisher **Steve Forbes**; and **U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch**.

It was very interesting that in the **Iowa Caucus**, these 4 candidates collected more votes than the 2 pro-aborts: Forbes 31%, Keyes 15%, Bauer 9% and Hatch 1%, versus Bush 41% and McCain 5%. Following that election, Hatch dropped out of the race and, unfortunately, showed his Pro-Life commitments to be soft, by casting his "support" to pro-abort Bush.

Pro-aborts **George W. Bush, Gov. of TX**, and **John McCain, U.S. Sen. from AZ**, "stepped gingerly around the abortion issue" in the recent debate in Manchester, NH, as described in the Jan. 27th *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

Both claim to be "Pro-Life," but each continues to weasel on the specifics. Bush has been challenged many times as to whether or not he would guarantee to appoint only judges who favor the respect of all innocent human life, and would be opposed to Roe v. Wade, and he declines specifically so state. He also has made his position clear that he is in favor of killing babies for the crimes of their father (rape and incest), even though he simultaneously then attempts to reconcile that position with the Plank of the Republican Party Platform that every unborn child must be welcomed. Obviously irreconcilable, but in the most recent debate he again specifically asserted, "Every child, born and unborn," should be protected in law and every child should be protected by life, which obviously misrepresents his own position which he has stated numerous times to be in favor of abortion in cases of rape and incest. Another lying politician, who is trying to both sides of an issue just as Mr. Gore.

McCain has been specifically quoted that he would not be in favor of reversing Roe v. Wade and returning women to "back alley abortion" (that discredited myth of the pro-abortion movement). His most recent gaffe on the subject was when he was asked if his 15 year old daughter became pregnant, would he approve of her having an abortion, he responded that she and he and his wife would have to discuss it at a family conference. **Pro-Life Republican candidate Alan Keyes** pricked the "profound lack of understanding" by McCain on this issue: "If your daughter came to you and said she was contemplating killing her grandmother for the family inheritance, you wouldn't say 'Let's have a family conference'." McCain angrily replied, "I don't need a lecture from you, Mr. Keyes," to which Keyes replied, "I didn't lecture you Sen. McCain. I simply pointed out your answer showed no understanding of the moral principle involved in abortion."

Again, on "*Meet the Press*" on Jan. 30th, McCain stated that he was in favor of abortion in the case of rape and incest, although he admitted it "constitutes the taking of human life."

Third Party Candidates

In the wings are Pro-Life candidates **Pat Buchanan, of the Reform Party**, and **Howard Phillips, of the U.S. Constitution Party**, who will be on the ballot in the fall as third party candidates, and who are uncompromisingly committed to a Pro-Life position, so that Pro-Lifers will have a place to cast their committed votes, regardless of the outcome of the Democratic and Republican primaries.

SHOCKING FACTS

Did you know that 43% of women in the U.S. will have had at least one abortion by the age of 45?

Did you know that the **National Viet Nam Memorial in Washington, DC**, stretches 492 feet and lists the names of the 58,022 known Americans killed in that War. If the wall listed the names of the children killed by abortion since 1973, the wall would be 60 miles long! The American casualties of all wars ever fought by the U.S. combined are fewer than the casualties from abortion in the U.S. in a single year.

U.S. District Judge Charles M. Allen of Louisville, KY, just died, being eulogized by fellow **District Judge John Hayburn** as "A truly great judge," although the *Kentucky Post* article points out that Judge Allen "consistently struck down state laws limiting women's right to abortion." Judge Hayburn's praise is not shocking since he just did the same thing, even though he claims to be "conservative," and was appointed by a Republican President, George Bush. The *Louisville Courier Journal* editorial eulogizing Judge Allen called him "a man of great faith, he had innate sympathy for the disenfranchised, the hungry, the underprivileged and the young." Obviously not for the unborn — the most disenfranchised, unprivileged and indeed youngest. As was written not long ago by **Cardinal Francis George** of Chicago concerning the recent death of **U.S. Supreme Court Judge Harry A. Blackmun** (the author of the infamous pro-abort decision of Roe v. Wade), "He undoubtedly knows now when human life begins!"

"In medical practice, there are few surgical procedures given so little attention and so underrated in its potential hazards as abortion. It is a commonly held view that **complications are inevitable.**" **Dr. Warren Hern**, world renowned abortionist.

New figures for 1999 show that in England alone there were around 90,000 babies born to teenage mothers each year — four times as many as in France, and six times as many as in the Netherlands. Almost 38% of the 15 year old girls who were surveyed by researchers at Edinburgh University had had sex; the figure in 1990 was just over 26%.

Ann Widdecomb, a member of the **British Parliament**, pointed out "We have never had so much sex education, so much availability of free advice, so much ready availability of contraception, and yet we have got record levels of teenage pregnancies." When are the social tinkerers going to get the message? Permissiveness is the cause of, not the cure for, pre-marital pregnancy!

Priests for Life has just published a statistical comparison of abortion and capital punishment. Based upon U.S. Dept. of Justice records since 1930 there have been 4381 executions up until February of 1999. There were none in the 1968-1976 period. An historian named **Watt Espy**, **director of Capital Punishment Research Project in Headland, AL**, has traced the history of the death penalty in America. As of his 1994 publication, he projects 18,646 executions from the early 1600's. If you add the 264 that

have occurred from 1995 until the present, you come up with a total of 18,910.

The **Alan Guttmacher Institute** (whose mission statement favors “the freedom to terminate unwanted pregnancies”) reports that in 1996 alone there were 1.37 million abortions in the United States. That’s 3753 per day, one every 23 seconds.

In other words, the total number of death by capital punishment, for our entire national history, is less than the number of deaths by abortion every five days.

The **Alan Guttmacher Institute** admits that 12% (164,400) of the 1.37 million abortions that occurred in 1996 occurred after 12 weeks of pregnancy. It also stated that some 13,700 of these abortions took place when the unborn child was 21 weeks of age or older. Babies delivered at this stage of development have been known to survive.

One out of every third baby in the U.S. is killed by abortion, according to the most recent statistics published by the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**. While these represent surgical abortions, and have been steadily decreasing over the past several years with the last reported year being the lowest since 1978, the numbers are expected to increase dramatically if the latest weapon in the killers’ arsenal is approved — the drug Mifepristone, which is being pushed on the **Food and Drug Administration** by **Planned Parenthood**, and would induce a “spontaneous” abortion if taken early in the pregnancy.

PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED!

On October 30, 1999, **as the regular 10 a.m. Saturday prayer group prayed in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio**, our attention was called to a horn sounding from an old pick-up truck which stopped there in the street, and we were summoned by a middle-aged lady driver, with a young girl of 12 or 13 years of age seated next to her on the passenger seat.

One of our regular prayer pickets, **Andy Schroder**, approached the truck and was told by the lady driver “**You see this cute little girl next to me? This is my daughter. She is the only thing I have to my name. When I was pregnant, my doctor told me she would be badly deformed and suggested I have an abortion. There were people praying at the clinic and so I didn’t go in, and I delivered this beautiful little girl. She is all I have.**”

The lady gave Andy the daughter’s picture to show the other Pro-Life prayer pickets, and asked him to tell them to keep on praying at the clinic, to stop others from having abortions.

MONTHLY RIGHT TO LIFE MASS —

Feb. 24, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Burlington, off Route 18, **Rosary 6:45, Mass 7:00**. Please join us as we pray for all life from conception to a natural death.