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CHRISTMAS, 2001

The Officers, Board of Directors and Volunteers of Northern Kentucky Right to Life wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings.

God gave us His only Son — Jesus — over 2,000 years ago when He was born in a stable in Bethlehem to the Virgin Mary and her spouse Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. Joseph and Mary were the first to adore the newborn Infant. Then came the humble shepherds, called down from the hills by angelic voices. Soon after a caravan of

illustrious men came, led from afar by a star. They offered the precious gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What a beautiful example for us are all of these holy people!

Our world is in such turmoil right now — we so much NEED to get back to God. No matter what our faith, God made all of us and we need to thank Him for that and offer our lives to Him with our prayers and fasting. Our works can be offered up to Him at the beginning of each day as a continuous daylong prayer.

We wish to thank all of the many people who helped make NKRTL function in the year 2001, especially those who run the office day by day faithfully returning month after month - **Office Manager Cathy Smith and her son Ed, Dorothy Grothaus, Lois Grady, Ruth Higdon, Kathy Ryan, Grace Dillon, Jim O'Neil, Jim & Sarah Schultz, Omer & Marian Scharold, Dorothy Netzer, Lou Poole, Bob & Paul Rohling, Cindy Andrews, Laurie McKinley.** If we have forgotten anyone, we apologize - YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Many hands make light work. Behind the scenes, much work is done by our **President Bob Cetrulo and Vice President Fred Summe, and Board Members Stan Barczak, Bob Hofacre, Marge Huth, Sandy Jones, Kathy Murphy, Marian Scharold, and Tony Summe.**

Our office has been at **1822 Madison Avenue** for one year as of Nov. 1, and we remind you that we have **many things available for sale that could be used as Christmas gifts** to that Pro-Life person in your life. Also newly available (thanks to the generous work of **Colleen Goetz**) are beautiful

gift certificates for use year round. These may be purchased in any amount. Other items available are Christmas cards, note cards, all occasion cards and thank you cards in packs of 10 for \$4 each picked up at the office or \$5 each mailed to your home. Bumper stickers (both magnetic and stick-on), precious feet and hands, buttons, license plates, static cling for the windows, and a variety of books are also available. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by special appointment by calling **431-6380**. We also have much free literature, including the latest on stem cell research, and many other things of interest.

Since we are run by volunteers, we can always use your help. Just call and say "I can help," and we will be glad to add you to our roster!

GIFT OF LIFE TV SERIES - DEC. 2001

NKRTL Board member **Stan Barczak** inaugurated some time ago the *Gift of Life* series, whereby he videotapes guests of NKRTL and causes the dissemination of this excellent Pro-Life teaching across **Insight Cable System** in Northern Kentucky.

The next program will be the one-hour interview by **NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo, J.D.** and **NKRTL Vice President Fred H. Summe, J.D.**, interviewing **Richard Thompson, J.D., Executive Director and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Center for Law & Justice of Ann Arbor, MI.** Mr. Thompson was the NKRTL guest speaker at its recent Celebration of Life at the Drawbridge Estates in Ft. Mitchell, KY, on Sep. 16, 2001. This interesting interview, describing his prosecution of "Dr. Death", Jack Kevorkian, when Thompson was a prosecuting attorney in Michigan, and Thompson's becoming more deeply involved then in the Pro-Life movement to the point where he ultimately has devoted now his entire career to these issues, will be shown on **Insight Cable, Channel 17, Religious Access, in December on every Monday evening at 10 p.m. and**

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every Friday evening at 10:30 p.m.

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INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL”?

We blithely say those words regularly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, but are they true?

We departed from them very early in our history, with the institutionalization of the crime of slavery, in **The U.S. Constitution** — contrary to the fundamental principles enacted in our founding document a few years earlier, the **Declaration of Independence**: “That *all* men are created equal, and endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights, primary of these being the *right to life*...”

Violence Begets Violence

We have witnessed an ever increasing and now cascading swelling of human violence, markedly since we legalized the destruction of the most innocent member of the human family, the unborn child in the womb, by legalized abortion in 1973.

We have proceeded to widespread practice of euthanasia, killing off the sick and the helpless at the other end of life, to the barbaric practice of suctioning the brains out of babies even as they are in the process of being born, partly in and partly out of the birth canal, to young mothers flushing babies in the toilet, to high school children killing their classmates en masse, to the most recent onslaught of the combination of Frankenstein and Brave New World, the federal funding of experimentation on human embryos, similar to conduct for which we tried and executed Nazis at Nuremberg 55 years ago.

International Terrorism: Fruit of the Poisoned Tree

On Sep. 11, 2001, hijackers intentionally crashed commercial air flights with innocent passengers into highly occupied buildings, for the clear purpose of the maximum mass destruction of human life possible.

Most people in high positions simply don't have a clue as to the cause — the natural progression of these disasters, leading quite clearly from the devaluation of human life.

The 9/20/01 column in the *Cincinnati Post* by **Dan K. Thomasson** branded **Rev. Jerry Falwell** and **Rev. Pat Robertson** as “religious nuts and sanctimonious boobs” two religious leaders who suggested that “God continues to lift the curtain” and expose America to chastisements, because we have become increasingly secularized and turned our back on Him.

Commenting upon the ferocity of the secular condemnation of Falwell and Robertson, *Catholic World Report* noted that they “had violated an axiomatic principle of contemporary American journalism: they had dared to breathe the dangerous suggestion that our moral decadence could make our nation vulnerable.”

Thomasson (falsely) attributed to these two spokesmen a belief that these deaths at the hands of terrorists “was inspired by God as a way of getting even with those who condone...abortion rights and any number of civil liberties the two have no use for.” He suggests that this is a belief “that God would spit on any of His children because of their social beliefs...”

Thomasson obviously goes far beyond the content of the message — believed indeed by untold thousands of Christians, and others, that God has not only an ordaining will, but also a permitting will, and sometimes permits evil so that greater good can be drawn from it. Thomasson would do well to read the Old Testament, to see this scenario repeated many, many times!

The Lord permitted the conquest of the tribes of Israel, who had fallen into the worship of Baal, “immolating their sons and daughters by fire” *II Kings 16-19*.

And God has used evil nations to bring His people back to morality. He permitted the evil nation of Assyria, as His unconscious instrument, to chastise the Jewish people, indicating that He would then later destroy Assyria, which He did. *Isaiah 10:5-27*. But God does relent of His judgments, as He did when the people of Nineveh “repented at the preaching of Jonah.” *Matt. 12:41; Jer. 3:1-10*.

Mr. Thomasson's ignorance of history is obviously as pronounced as his ignorance of Scripture. Ours is a nation founded upon Christian principles, including the sanctity of human life: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” *The Declaration of Independence - July 4, 1776*.

Would Mr. Thomasson place in the same category of “religious fanatics,” **Mother Teresa**? She warned us several years ago about the natural consequences of the legalized destruction of the most innocent member of the human family, the unborn: “The greatest destroyer of peace today is the crime against the innocent unborn child. If a woman murders her own child in her womb, what is it to kill each other? Nuclear war will be the fruit of abortion.”

Would Mr. Thomasson also label **Pope John Paul II** as a “sanctimonious boob” for his prophetic statement made in 1987 in Detroit, MI: “America, your very survival as a nation depends upon how you treat the weakest among you, those yet unborn in their mother's womb”?

Would Mr. Thomasson include in his list of “sanctimonious boobs,” **Mother Mary Angelica** of the **Eternal Word Television Network** who, in joining all of us in mourning the dead and their families, and praying for the survivors and the rescuers, pointed out that this was clearly “a wake up call from God” calling us back to the unchanging moral principles from which we have so seriously departed, and that if we did not return, there would be more “wake up calls”?

“Social Terrorists - in our Country”

Mother Angelica continued to describe “social terrorists - in our country: the kind of terrorists that go into schools and spread drugs, the kind of terrorists that kidnap little children and make them prostitutes, the kind of terrorists in the entertainment world that put on television all over the world, the worst kind of movies, the most immoral movies. Those are social terrorists.

“Isn’t that a terrorist thing? Isn’t it terrorism to have Satan’s music for our little ones to absorb and to begin to murder and kill? Isn’t it terrorism to spread drugs everywhere, to push prostitution and immorality among our youth, weakening their hearts, their souls, their minds? Isn’t that terror?”

“Then there’s spiritual terror, the kind that makes you afraid to say a prayer in public, the kind that makes you hide your crucifixes and anything religious in your office.”

Then, addressing the President, Mother Angelica continued: “I’m an old lady with a minor little stroke, or whatever it is and only one eye, but I can see — that this nation, great, mighty, a sleeping giant, that could bring the whole world to holiness, goodness, compassion, strength, and hope, but I don’t think, unless we tackle the terrorists in our country, we can expect God to protect and guide us.”

How Spiritually Blind Are We?

The response to the human disaster in New York City from **Planned Parenthood** was a commitment that they would furnish free abortions! Now, the Virginia operation of Planned Parenthood is offering “patriotic condoms”, in red, white, and blue, according to **David Nova**, President of that PPH office.

Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Ph.D., who works with the poorest of the poor, living in the center of them in the Bronx, New York City, and who ministered at ground zero to the Sept. 11th victims, has developed four one-half hour TV programs on EWTN TV to discuss this current terrorism and its impact upon the individual, upon religion, upon America, and upon the world.

The second show, on Oct. 10, dealt with the impact upon religion, and Fr. Groeschel was quite critical of the failures of organized religions, of all kind, which have permitted us to come to the moral laxity that we have in the United States: “Paganism and hedonism grip this country,” he said. “We are a scandal to the world — we export pornography...we don’t raise our voice against the killing of the innocent unborn. Most of our allies in the international forum, opposing abortion evangelization in the third world, aligned with the Vatican, are Muslim nations.”

Few raise their voices against immorality in the United States, other than **Protestant minister Donald Wildman** of Alabama, Fr. Groeschel noted.

He reminded us of the warning of **President Lincoln** that “It may well be that a drop of blood must be spilled on the battlefield for every drop of blood we have spilled from slaves.” Currently, Fr. Groeschel reminded us, “This nation is responsible for the killing of 50 million innocent babies in the womb!”

He concluded with the advice that each of us should ask what we can do to help our church (whichever that may be), and our nation to learn from this tragedy!

“About what should we, as a nation, consider repentance? For one thing, we practically invented the culture of death, embodied in a contraceptive ethic. And we export it aggressively. Since 1973 we have legally murdered every day about 4,000 of our own children. We allow our born children to be corrupted by a pervasive assault on purity, modesty, and morality,” said **Notre Dame College of Law Professor Charles E. Rice** recently.

“This violence, gripping our Nation so profoundly now and indeed the entire world, is just an offshoot of the result of the ‘legal’ violence being perpetrated on innocent humans whose only crime is that they dared to be conceived. If we can change this callous outlook on human life, the events like that which took place on Sept. 11 in New York, Wash., D.C., and Pennsylvania will not continue,” stated **Fr. Thomas J. Euteneuer, President of Human Life International**, as he solicited people to join in prayer on Nov. 2 that “God will heal our wounds.”

Would Mr. Thomasson, or the *Cincinnati Post*, or the TV media, like to expose the public to a massive demonstration of ocular evidence of the slaughter of the unborn, or the pictures showing the reassembly by the abortionist of the body parts of a mutilated baby?

Aborted baby parts picture

Prayer, Yes...

But Repentance and Conversion, Also

Of course we all pray, sincerely, that “God bless America!” But do we really believe He will continue His most bounteous blessings upon this nation which has surgically killed over 40 million of our own children in abortion since 1973?

We submit that the truth is captured by a **Letter to the Editor in the 10/9/01 Kentucky Post**: “Now we are crying out to God for help. This is how it should be. But were we crying out to him in the past? I think not.

“We said, ‘Get God out of our lives, out of our schools and yes even out of some churches by condoning same-sex marriages, abortions and many other sins. ...

"When will we learn that we cannot thumb our noses at God and still ask for his blessings? ...

"America is paying and going to pay further if we don't change. **Singing 'God Bless America' is not enough. We need to bend our knees in prayer now.**"

Another Letter to the Editor was published as an "Open Letter to President Bush": "But will you help us stop terrorizing our still unborn children right here in our homeland as well as in 'those spheres of influence' where we still continue to support such terrorization? Stop terrorism worldwide by stopping it first right here at home!"

All Pro-Lifers grieve the Sept. 11th victims of the terrorists, and their families, as we grieve the victims of the terrorists of the unborn, and their families.

NKRTL's President, Robert C. Cetrulo, was photographed, without his knowledge, by the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, as he prayed at the Memorial Mass at **Mother of**

Picture of Mr. Cetrulo at Memorial Mass.

God Church on Oct. 5, for the victims of the Sept. 11th terrorism.

A Few Commentators Dare to Tell Us the Truth

American Life League President Judie Brown made the politically incorrect, but logically and morally accurate, statement: "In some ways, America shouldn't have been shocked to see agents of evil crashing planes into buildings and killing thousands...we know that agents of evil casually kill thousands of babies in the womb every single day of the year!...God has given us an antidote to evil...it's called prayer!" Calling everyone to participate in a special time of prayer and fasting, Mrs. Brown noted, "Evil has already had too free a hand in America."

The principle remains the same, as described 1,500 years ago by **St. Augustine**: "Peace is the tranquility of order." Can we really expect peace, in a nation, and world, that has legalized the destruction of babies in their mothers' wombs?

"America is immoral through and through and getting worse..."

National columnist **Joseph Sobran** observed: "Edward Cardinal Egan of New York has quite properly said that we need to 'examine our consciences,' to ask ourselves whether U.S. foreign policy has provoked hatred of this country; for this modest assertion of moral sanity he is being accused of anti-Americanism.

"Let's take a good hard look at ourselves. What have we become? If this were the basically Christian country it was in 1950, I doubt that the Muslim world would find us loathsome. But that America was a far cry from today's America; that America would have been *nauseated* by today's America.

"Why do we find it incomprehensible that a culture that still takes divine law seriously should shudder at the thought of being remade in our likeness? Does any sane man think that Muslims can regard what liberals call 'progress' — the apotheosis of abortion, sodomy, and sexual 'freedom' — as anything but spiritual degeneration? Maybe the fact that they call us 'the Great Satan' means that they don't hate us because they think we are 'good.' And maybe Cardinal Egan knows something."

In another insightful column on "patriotism," Mr. Sobran wrote: "Let's face it. This isn't the America Norman Rockwell painted; he never heard of the Culture of Death. ... We must ask ourselves, as patriots, just what we are supposed to be loyal to ...

"As patriots, we love our country. As we should. We love our families, our neighbors, and those we recognize as our countrymen — all those with whom we share a broad set of customs, traditions, morals, and countless other subtle and implicit links that are difficult to spell out. ...

"St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, who died for opposing King Henry VIII, were not only martyrs; they were true patriots. They loved their country with something more than normal affection; they loved with supreme charity."

Columnist **Kerry MacArthur** suggests: "If they hate the American way of life, what is it they hate? Do they hate the idea that the Creator has endowed all men with certain inalienable rights? Do they hate Jeffersonian democracy? Do they hate the Homestead Act? Or, perhaps, do they hate the exportation of abortion and pornography? Do they hate canned beer and condoms?"

Colleen Parro, director of the Republican National Coalition for Life, wrote:

"America is a great and powerful nation, and she is also a sinful one. Here, one and a half million babies are murdered by abortion every year. American public policies have resulted in the promotion of abortion across the globe. So-called family-planning programs, paid for by us, the taxpayers, have resulted in the spread of sexually transmitted diseases to impoverished nations in the developing world. Through the media of television, movies, and recorded music, we export gratuitous sex and violence

throughout the world. We do business with countries which make it a practice to trounce on the human rights of

“And we continue to elect people to public office from both major political parties who support these and other destructive policies that must be reversed. We cannot, as a nation, continue to fly in the face of God. September 11, 2001 showed us what it is like to feel totally helpless and at the mercy of a terrible evil unleashed upon us.

“Let us renew our resolve to turn from our wicked ways, reform our lives, and rest in the knowledge that then, He *will* heal our land.”

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Catholic columnist Dr. Thomas A. Droleskey, *Christ or Chaos*, put the matter in perfect, if uncomfortable, historic perspective: “Nations and empires can come and go just as quickly as the twin towers of the World Trade Center in Manhattan came tumbling down. Many of us have been saying for years that the moral life of the United States and much of the rest of the developed world mirror those of the Roman Empire in the centuries before its collapse. Yes, it is possible that the seemingly invincible United States of America might go the way of the Roman Empire.”

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Protestant Pastor Randy Alcorn, *Eternal Perspectives*, added further perspective: “God is not a genie we can call to our service whenever we feel the need, then bottle back up so we can go on living as we please. It’s about Him, not us. We’re not the point, He’s the point. And the God we are asking for safety and prosperity will not overlook our wickedness and child-killing. ‘Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows’ (Gal 6:7). The first prayer He wants to hear from our lips is one of repentance and humility.”

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America, Bless God!

A national columnist in a Catholic weekly newspaper, *The Wanderer*, captured so accurately “the hypocritical irony of our time,” that we decided to quote verbatim a segment of his Nov. 1st column

“We are calling on God to bless the country in which His name, prayers, and even the Ten Commandments have been banished from schools ... where thousands of unborn children are killed or mutilated every year ... where cities and towns...have outlawed the cross and Nativity scenes; where Christianity...is bashed nightly in the television wasteland ... and where Christmas is now known innocuously as the ‘holiday season,’ ...

“We have watched the results of all of this blasphemy take disturbing shape: dysfunctional, television-fed children assaulting teachers and shooting each other; an appalling decline in academic standards, from universities all the way down to elementary schools; increasing displays of rage on highways and rudeness everywhere else; and daily

individuals, in the name of ‘free trade.’

indulgence, instant gratification, and lack of self-control that has led to, among other ills, nationwide obesity.

“This is the country that was founded on noble dreams, lofty ideals, and Christian principles which have since been rendered politically incorrect by the intolerant zealots and rapacious lawyers of the American Civil Liberties Union. In the New Age frenzy to bend over backward to accommodate myriad religious, ethnic, and amoral fringe groups, American Christians have been forced on to the defensive.

“There is great hypocrisy in all this. In many ways, America has either turned its back on God or has sought to neutralize Him while striving for some sort of generic, all-encompassing society in which everything is tolerated...

“And we are calling on God to bless this America, whose founding fathers are undoubtedly turning in their graves. It is high time for America to start blessing God.

“The current profusion of national flags — flapping defiantly on virtually every house, garage, lawn, shed, car, van, truck, camper, and motorcycle — presumably makes Americans feel better about themselves while under siege from the Eastern infidels. But it is not enough, for patriotism is hollow and meaningless without a spiritual core. ...

“As they have done in the past, from Valley Forge to Gettysburg, and from Bastogne to Arlington, it is time for Americans to get down on their knees and implore the Almighty for forgiveness and guidance — forgiveness for their many detours into secular hedonism and away from the traditional values, and guidance in their struggle against the latest evil to imperil mankind.”

NKRTL’s Perspective

We offer as a reflection in our prayer to return moral sanity, and therefore peace, the reaction of our now deceased Board member, **Mrs. Judith Whaley**, who penned the thought-provoking poem “*Hostage*,” 20 years ago at the time that terrorists were holding hostage Americans taken abroad. It has now escalated of course to our own shores.

“Hostage”

“We are helpless” moaned the statesman
 “We are helpless” the marine
 “We are helpless” sighed the diplomat
 Rudely banished from the scene.

And the nation retched with weakness
 In the feverish fight to live.
 The leaders sought excuses;
 They found not one to give.

A voice pierced the depth of darkness
 Wise beyond its length of time,
 Victim of a law allowing
 A “safe, convenient” crime.

"Did you not know, in all your progress
When you did these things to me,
I am involved throughout the universe
With all Humanity?"

Mrs. Judith Whaley

Patriotism

"Patriotism" is defined in the dictionary as "a love of one's country." But are we talking about the America of **Thomas Jefferson**, or that of **Madonna** pornography? The America of **George Washington**, or the drug-infested Washington, D.C.? The America of the founders' principles enshrined in the **Declaration of Independence** which protects the "inalienable right to life", or 20th century America stained with the blood of 40 million of its most innocent, the unborn?

This question, of the proper meaning of true patriotism, was forcefully and sadly brought home to many of us as we met in our weekly prayer group on the sidewalk in front of the abortuary in Cincinnati the Saturday following the New York tragedy. A passenger van, filled with obviously physically and mentally-impaired youngsters, drove into the abortuary, either for abortion or sterilization, followed by another vehicle flying the American flag! It was a blatant mockery of every principle upon which this great nation was created, dramatically displayed for all — except the spiritually blind — to see.

A True "Fork in the Road"

It is encouraging to see public expressions of prayer, coupled with people returning to church (still a distinct minority of the American population) — but how permanent they are remains to be seen. Are they temporary expressions of sentimental emotionalism, or will they constitute a true long-term commitment to a return to the fundamental God-mandated principles upon which this Nation was founded?

The answer will be given only in terms of long-term maintenance, as well as in specific actions — not words — most particularly the reversal of the modern day slaughter of the innocents — "a stain on the shores of America, and a stench in the nostrils of almighty God," as put by **Pastor Bob Holbrook** of Texas, head of **Baptists for Life**.

Consider, please, the wisdom of the final couplet of verse two of "***America the Beautiful***":

**"America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law."**

THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS BENEFACTORS

NKRTL just received a generous gift in the Wills of three recently deceased faithful members, **Rt. Rev. Msgr. Edward T. Hickey**, former Chancellor of the Catholic Diocese of Covington under Bishop Richard Ackerman (who was a founding member of NKRTL), attorney **Joseph A. Boone, Sr.**, **John S. Summe** (the father of

NKRTL's Vice President, Fred H. Summer), and **Ann E. Reusch**,

Even though NKRTL is overwhelmingly volunteer, there are expenses which we cannot avoid, and certainly are not met by our modest \$10.00 annual dues. Without such generous donors, our work would be impossible to continue.

To their credit, some people recall the words of **Pope John Paul II** to **Fr. Paul Marx**, founder of **Human Life International**, one of the early pioneers in the anti-abortion movement, that the work in opposition to abortion is "the most important work on earth."

"You are doing the most important work on earth," Pope John Paul II tells Human Life International founder Fr. Paul Marx, about his Pro-Life activities

RIGHT TO LIFE ACT OF 2001 (S. 1373)

On 8/3/01, **Sen. Bob Smith (R)** of NH introduced the **Right to Life Act of 2001** in the United States Senate, with co-sponsorship by **Sens. Jesse Helms (R)** of NC and **Sam Brownback (R)** of KS:

"To protect the right to life of each born and preborn human person in existence at fertilization, Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE. This Act may be cited as the 'Right to Life Act of 2001'.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS. The Congress finds that—

(1) we, as a Nation, have declared that the inalienable right to life endowed by Our Creator is guaranteed by our Constitution for each human person;

- (2) *the Supreme Court, in Roe v. Wade (410 U.S. 113 at 159), stated: 'We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins...the judiciary at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer...';*
- (4) *the Supreme Court, in Roe v. Wade, stated that the privacy right is not absolute, and stated (410 U.S. 113, at 159) that: 'The pregnant woman cannot be isolated in her privacy. She carries an embryo and, later a fetus. ...The pregnant woman's privacy is no longer sole and any right of privacy she possesses must be measured accordingly.';*
- (5) *a human father and mother beget a human offspring when the father's sperm fertilizes the mother's ovum, and the life of each preborn human person begins at fertilization;*
- (6) *there is no justification for any Federal, State, or private action intentionally to kill an innocent born or preborn human person, and that Federal, State, and private action must assure equal care and protection for the right to life of both a pregnant mother and her preborn child in existence at fertilization;*
- (7) *Americans and our society suffer from the evils of killing even one innocent born or preborn human person, and each day suffer the torture and slaughter of more than 3,500 preborn persons;*
- (8) *the intentional killing of preborn persons occurs in Federal enclaves, in interstate commerce activities, and in the States, estimated at 1,300,000 per year and 40,000,000 since 1973; and*
- (9) *the violence of intentionally killing a preborn human person has provoked more violence, carnage, and conflict reaching into homes, schools, churches, workplaces and lives of Americans.*

SEC. 3. RIGHT TO LIFE. *Upon the basis of these findings and in the exercise of duty, authority, and powers of the Congress, including its power under article I, section 8, to make necessary and proper laws, and including its power under section 5 of the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right of life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at fertilization.*

SEC. 4. DEFINITION OF STATE. *For the purposes of this Act, the term 'State' used in the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States and other applicable provisions of the Constitution includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and each other territory or possession of the United States."*

Constitutional Argument

Against the anticipated argument that *Roe v. Wade* prohibits such legislation, we would point out that Congress, a coequal branch of the federal government with the judiciary, has the authority under the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, Sec. 5: "To enforce, by appropriate

- (3) *the Supreme Court, in Roe v. Wade (410 U.S. 113 at 156-157), stated: 'If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the (Fourteenth) Amendment...';*

legislation, the provisions of this article" (which includes obviously the "right to life" guaranteed in Sec. 1).

Additional Sponsors Needed

Now is the time for Kentuckians to request **Sen. Jim Bunning (R)** and **Sen. Mitch McConnell (R)** to sign on as co-sponsors to this important legislation, by writing them at **United States Senate, Washington, DC 29510**.

And all those members of the U.S. House of Representatives who claim to be Pro-Life, should be urged to introduce identical legislation into the House of Representatives immediately. Please write, urging them to do so, at **United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515**:

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| — Ernie Fletcher (Lex.) | — Anne Northrup (Louis.) |
| — Ron Lewis (W. Ky.) | — Harold Rogers (S. Ky.) |
| — Ken Lucas (N. Ky.) | — Ed Whitfield (W. Ky.) |

Presidential Support Needed Also

This is a perfect chance for **President Bush** to prove his claims — unsubstantiated to date — that he is Pro-Life. Obviously, we want him to sign the bill when it is passed by Congress, but, more importantly, he needs to get behind this bill at its early stage in order to give it some needed momentum. Please write the **President, George W. Bush, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20500** or e-mail him at: president@whitehouse.gov.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP PICKS UP THE TORCH OF LEADERSHIP

Cardinal Archbishop Juan Luis Cipriani of Lima, Peru, has instructed pastors in his diocese to deny Holy Communion to politicians and other public officials if they persist in public support for abortion.

Archbishop Cipriani's pastoral document, *Moral and Legal Dimensions of Abortion*, pointed out that the penalty of excommunication *latae sententiae* — automatically imposed — is still applied to all those involved in abortion, and that this includes the assistant doctors, the nurse, and "whoever provides the money, etc."

The Archbishop's Pastoral directs the pastor who has such an abortion-supporting member of his parish to "deny him Holy Communion in public, only after warning him or her in private."

Will we see other clerics follow and enforce such an eminently appropriate principle? If so, there is hope!

“SAFE SEX”...ISN’T SAFE!!!

A recent study by the **National Institutes of Health** reported that condoms provide no guarantee against becoming infected by the most serious sexually-transmitted diseases. The government study demonstrated that consistent and correct use of condoms still had a failure rate of 15% for transmitting AIDS, and that

Government Coverup

Former United States Congressman Thomas Coburn (R-OK), and a physician himself, issued a joint statement with the **Physicians’ Consortium** (more than 2,000 concerned doctors throughout the United States), and with the **Catholic Medical Association**, charging that **Jeffrey Koplan, head of the Centers for Disease Control**, had failed to comply with a 2000 statute requiring all agencies that receive federal funding to provide medically accurate information on HPV: “the CDC has systematically hidden and misrepresented vital medical information regarding the ineffectiveness of condoms to prevent the transmission of STDs.” They have called for his resignation.

The Executive Director of Physicians’ Consortium, Dr. Joanna Mohn, pointed out: “We’ve been promoting condoms now for 20 years and we can’t show that they’re effective. ... You can do as many studies as you want, but in the meantime, we need to be disbursing information that is accurate based on the studies we have now. You can’t keep saying condoms protect.”

The #1 purveyor of abortion, contraceptives, etc., **Planned Parenthood**, disagreed with the study’s results — but offered no contrary evidence!

“BIRTH CONTROL PILLS” ACTUALLY CAUSE ABORTION

The evidence is now overwhelming that the standard so-called “birth control pills” actually have abortifacient properties, i.e., they operate post-conception, and prevent implantation of the newly-created embryo in the womb, thereby causing an abortion.

If there were any doubt, it is removed by a simple reference to the **wrappers published by the manufacturers themselves**, that come with the pills as they are sold in their packages at the drugstore. The language on the wrappers contains a paragraph: “Clinical Pharmacology”, which describes the function of the pills, intended to suppress ovulation, and intended to cause change in the cervical mucus which increases the difficulty of sperm entry into the uterus, but also **causes “changes**

there is no evidence that condoms prevent any HPV (Human papillomavirus) transmission, the cause of more than 90% of all cases of cervical cancer, which kills more American women each year than AIDS.

Condoms were found between 49% and 100% effective in preventing the spread of gonorrhea in men, but no effect was found for women. And an array of other serious diseases — chlamydia, chancroid, trichomoniasis, syphilis, and genital herpes, showed no reduction with condom use.

in the endometrium which reduce the likelihood of implantation.”

This identical language is contained in all of the birth control pill manufacturers’ literature, including LO-OVRAL, YASMIN, LOESTRIN, ORTHO-NOVUM, ORTHO-CEPT, ORTHO-TRI-CYCLON, and LEVLEN.

Taber’s Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, 6th Edition, defines “conception” as “the union of the male sperm with the ovum of the female,” and defines “contraception” as “the prevention of conception”. Hence, chemicals which act post-conception are, inescapably, abortifacient.

As pointed out by **Dr. Micheline Matthews-Roth, Principal Research Associate of the Harvard University of Medical School**: “It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception when the egg and sperm join to form the zygote, and that this developing human always is a member of our species in all stages of its life. There is not one medical text in use in one medical school in this country that teaches to the contrary.”

When NKRTL addressed this matter with two motions in Sept. of 2000 before the **Northern Kentucky Independent Health District Board**, one against the morning after pill, and the other against the standard so-called birth control pill, the pro-abortion nurse from Grant County (who voted against us) admitted that the standard pill operates in the same fashion as the morning after pill, preventing implantation, so that they are identical in that regard.

All of this evidence is described in *Does the Birth Control Pill Cause Abortions?*, 5th Edition, by **Protestant Pastor Randy Alcorn**, which NKRTL furnished to all NKIHD Board members.

And so, the pro-abortion, pro-euthanasia, population control, Planned Parenthood advocates continue to attack Pro-Lifers as “religious fanatics,” while simultaneously ignoring the overwhelming scientific evidence in support of our position.

KENTUCKY’S PRO-ABORTION GOVERNOR SEEKS TO EXPAND FEDERAL DOLLARS FOR CHEMICAL ABORTION

According to a 7/28/01 story in the *New York Times*, Kentucky is one of only nine states now seeking federal

approval to use Medicaid money to expand distribution of chemical abortifacients.

Gov. Paul Patton (D) ran for office initially on a platform that admitted his pro-abortion position, and promised that he would veto any Pro-Life legislation passed by the General Assembly. He fulfilled that campaign promise, by vetoing a Pro-Life bill passed by the General Assembly. Fortunately, the General Assembly overrode his veto.

He appointed adamantly pro-abort people to head his departments in the Executive Branch of state government, most importantly **Health & Human Services**. That department has written "regulations" effectively neutering

Two thousand years ago, **Pontius Pilate** made the greatest non-sequitur in history: "I find no guilt in this man, therefore I will scourge Him." He followed it up even with a worse statement, "I wash my hands of the blood of this innocent man." And of course we know that he could not, and did not. We don't accept such irresponsible explanations as he attempted to make then. Are they really any more acceptable today?

Those who support the election of politicians who are not committed to the stopping of the killing of innocent babies, have innocent blood on their hands — for which they will be responsible. And those of us who attempt to deny that, will be equally responsible.

A PHYSICIAN'S PRO-LIFE JOURNEY

Ann Moell, M.D., is a physician who had been prescribing "contraceptives" to her patients until she attended a "Spirituality in Medicine" weekend retreat, at which she received the **Dr. Janet Smith** tape, "*Contraception: Why Not?*", and the book, *Physicians Healed*.

She then introduced the tape to her husband, **Michael Moell, M.D.**, a pediatrician, and said: "after we listened to it together, we had no doubt what was right for us in our marriage. Then, if I really believed in the truth about contraception, how could I possibly continue to prescribe it to my patients? I had already been aware of the physical side effects, but had pretty much left it to the woman's choice. I had pushed the conflict with the Church's teaching to the back of my mind. Now it was all brought to the surface, the indisputable Truth, and I needed to face it. Several weeks

Ann Moell, M.D.

Pro-Life legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly, and has aggressively interfered in Northern Kentucky in our Pro-Life effort to stop the distribution of chemical abortifacients with public taxpayers' funds through the **Northern Kentucky Independent Health District Board** to your teenage children, without your knowledge and consent.

We wonder if those people who supported the election of Patton, and continue to support such people, have any real understanding of the principle that actions have consequences, and that we cannot divorce ourselves from the natural consequences of our actions?

went by, and I did a lot of thinking. I knew what was right, but was having a hard time acting on it to make a change in my practice."

Concerning the book, *Physicians Healed*, she stated: "Once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down. These physicians had already 'blazed the trail' that I had been searching for. Their stories were very personal, and their courage to act on their convictions inspired me to take action."

Dr. Moell is no longer prescribing contraception, and instead has "found many opportunities to promote the virtues of chastity and Natural Family Planning: "It feels great to know that I am an advocate for what is truly best for women, marriages, and life!"

The taped presentation, "*Contraception: Why Not?*", by Dr. Janet Smith (video and/or audio) and the book, *Physicians Healed*, describing the personal testimony of 15 physicians who have decided to do what is right and accept the consequences, are available from **One More Soul**, 616 Five Oaks Ave., Dayton, OH 45406 (1-800-307-7685).

"A DECISION MADE BETWEEN THE WOMAN AND HER DOCTOR"???

The latest effort in Kentucky at the denigration of womanhood is the recommendation by the **Kentucky Medical Licensure Board** that the Kentucky statute requiring that women seeking an abortion must receive consultation from her doctor 24 hours prior to the procedure can be satisfied by a telephone call.

While this trivialization of the life and death decision of abortion, and of any serious concern for the woman, is regrettable, this recommendation by establishment physicians, facilitating the abortion industry, clearly demonstrates the fraud and fiction underlying one of the basic premises of *Roe v. Wade*, that "the decision should be made by a woman in consultation with her physician."

Anyone who has ever talked to these post-abortual women understands the fraud of that fiction. The first time the woman ever meets "her physician" is in a prone position when she is already physically exposed, and literally

minutes before the surgical abortion begins. There never is any "face to face" consultation.

The legislative effort by the Kentucky General Assembly to protect the woman's rights by requiring such a serious consultation 24 hours before she is induced to kill her baby is now subverted by establishment medicine, reducing the requirement to a telephone call. One can certainly anticipate being greeted at the other end of the phone call by a "menu", followed by a 30-second canned and cold description of the woman's rights and other options.

And so evil is now surrounded and justified with absurdity.

Kentucky Post Phone Poll

U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN ASHCROFT JOINS PRO-ABORTS IN ATTEMPTING TO DEPRIVE PRO-LIFERS OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

Two months ago, morning commuters in Wichita, KS saw the ugly and deadly face of "choice," as Christians held signs with colored photos of baby boys and girls torn apart by abortionists.

This demonstration, which literally touches thousands and thousands of hearts, was made possible only after a court victory in favor of **Operation Save America**, which had originally been denied parade permits for this event in the streets of Wichita.

In spite of a "friend of the court" brief filed by the **U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft**, and the **U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Federal District Judge Thomas Marten** ruled in favor of the Pro-Lifers' right to peacefully demonstrate in the streets,

A thousand Christians gathered in the park for a seminar on constitutional rights and legal victories. They expressed gratitude for the Judge's upholding of their civil rights, but disappointment that supposedly Pro-Life **U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft** would attempt to censor their freedom of expression rights.

Why was the power of the federal government brought to bear on this local case by Ashcroft? Why would he join with the abortion side to prohibit the distribution of this truthful and crucial material and information?

MORE ON PRESIDENT BUSH'S PRO-ABORT STEM CELL DECISION

President George W. Bush's decision in August authorized federal funds to be used for embryonic stem-cell research, which involved the destruction of unborn children, contrary to his campaign commitment. Those who had supported his candidacy were left embarrassed, searching

The *Kentucky Post* took a telephone poll to find out the public reaction to this current question, and published the results on Oct. 13, disclosing that by a margin of 3 to 1, hotline callers thought that the requirement of a "face-to-face" consultation with a physician, 24 hours in advance of the abortion, was appropriate.

It is ironic that the *Kentucky Post*, which has written for years against such restrictions on abortion, published on the same page, on Oct. 13, an editorial "Waiting is No Sacrifice," in regard to delays at airports, mandated by safety considerations: "We want to be as safe as possible when we fly. A wait is not much of a sacrifice."

for explanations, and rationalizing. Others, who had pointed out his pro-abortion record as governor of Texas, were saying, "We told you so."

Now, the pro-aborts are weighing in with the recognition of the objective reality of the situation. President Bush "declared that human beingness does not equate with conception," reports the *Voice for Choice*, newsletter of the **Kentucky Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice**. The article there quoted the *Louisville Courier Journal* writer who noted that Bush clearly crossed "a fundamental moral line," and the *Voice for Choice* author emphasized "Having crossed this line there is little chance we can turn back." He further noted the comment of **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops spokesman Richard Doerflinger's** criticism of the President's pro-abort decision, and observed "Perhaps, he (Bush) saw its ramification more clearly than most. It's ironic that George W. would give the pro-choice advocates such a boost," added the pro-abort newsletter.

Bush's previous pro-abort record was clear — many people unfortunately "wasted their vote."

Pro-Lifers continue to weigh in with criticisms of Bush's compromise.

Human Life International, an international Pro-Life organization, made the very incisive observation: "The President mistakenly went about trying to find a balance on an issue that cannot be balanced. ... Existing 'stem cell lines' were begun as tiny humans who were destroyed in order to obtain the cells. So although the government is not funding the killing of these embryos, **it has decided to fund their killers.**"

Right to Life of Owensboro, Inc., affiliated with **Kentucky Right to Life Association**, and **National Right to Life**, both of which endorsed President George W. Bush's candidacy for President, carried this in their recent newsletter: "Contact President Bush and let him know how disappointed you are that he has authorized funding on murdered human beings and that he has reneged on his campaign promise."

Dr. John Willke, and **Cincinnati Right to Life**, both long-time supporters of President George W. Bush, and endorsers of his presidential candidacy, indicated in their recent newsletter that they were "deeply disappointed with

President Bush's concession on the life and death issue of federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research. This so-called compromise condones what was deliberate killing of embryonic children to harvest their stem cells for unproven research. ... Mr. Bush is hardly keeping his word when, during the campaign, he said that 'Every child, born and unborn, is welcome in life and protected in law.'

An NKRTL newsletter reader wrote recently concerning the obvious inconsistency between the **National Conference of Catholic Bishops** finding Bush's stem cell research policy "morally unacceptable," on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the position of *The Messenger*, the newspaper of the **Catholic Diocese of Covington**, of which **Bishop Robert Muench** is the publisher. *The Messenger* approved and supported, with front page advertisement, the newly-formed "**Citizens' Coalition for Life**," an organization which "supports the President's position. Who's on first???"

Reaction of Politicians

Did you notice that a number of faithful Pro-Life members of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, including leading Republicans like **Dick Arme**y of TX (Majority Leader) signed a protest letter to **President Bush**, criticizing his anti-life ruling, allowing the use of murdered embryos for medical experimentation?

The bad news is that many Republican members who call themselves Pro-Life were notably absent from the list of signatories to that protest letter to the President, e.g., **Congressman Henry Hyde of IL**, **Speaker of the House of Representatives Dennis Hastert**, etc.

The only member of the Kentucky delegation to the House was **Congressman Ron Lewis (R) of Western Kentucky**.

Also sad was the fact that only two members of the U.S. Senate, out of 100, signed that protest letter to the President. Notably absent from that list was the names of both Kentucky senators, **Jim Bunning (R) of Northern Kentucky**, and **Mitch McConnell (R) of Louisville**.

Surely we all remember the loud, and unhesitant cries of protest of all of these people against such anti-life actions taken by Democrat **President Bill Clinton**!

Bush Betrayal Continues

"The Federal Food and Drug Administration has just approved another method of killing babies," said **American Life League President Mrs. Judie Brown**. It has approved a new "birth control device" called Nuva-Ring, a vaginal ring which releases estrogen and progesterone into the woman's body. "One of the ways in which this product works is by preventing implantation of a newly conceived human being -- and that's not birth control. It's abortion," said Mrs. Brown.

And while President Bush remains insensitive to continued Pro-Life pleas to order his **Food and Drug Administration** to withdraw the dangerous abortifacient chemical, RU-486, even Communist China has now withdrawn this drug and forbidden its dispensation there "in

As Clever as Clinton

Perhaps the most telling indictment of President Bush's compromise is the incisive analysis by **Dr. Thomas Drolesky** in his Oct. issue of *Christ or Chaos*, describing a report in the 8/12/01 *Newsday*, noting that Bush's standards for the use of embryonic stem-cell lines is **actually less restrictive than that which was put in place by our pro-abortion President William Clinton**. Under the regulations issued by Clinton, the specific terms of what constituted the "informed consent" of a mother for the use of frozen human beings were spelled out in great detail. Bush removed all such specificity.

order to guarantee patients' safety and protect their health," reported the *Beijing Morning Post*.

MARITAL INSTABILITY EQUALS SOCIETAL DESTRUCTION

Admiral/Senator Jeremiah Denton, retired Vietnam war prisoner said recently one-third of our children are killed in the womb in the United States. The second third are born to people who are not married, with disastrous social consequences from their rearing. The other third are born to parents who are married, but only one-half of those marriages last until the child is 18 years of age, so that in effect only one-sixth of the children born in the United States today are raised to maturity by two loving parents.

Denton pointed out that in his day it was 94% of the children who enjoyed that essential privilege. Is it any wonder that we are having the disastrous societal consequences that we are experiencing?

PRO-LIFERS' REWARD - TRUST IN GOD

Despair is the most powerful tool of the devil. He attempts to persuade us that our actions are useless. Twenty-eight years after *Roe v. Wade*, we have not reversed the legalized destruction of the unborn and more than a million innocent unborn children die annually through surgical abortion, and millions more through chemical abortion.

To those who would discourage us, we need to remind them that had not the Pro-Life forces been aggressively, consistently, and sacrificially in the field for these 28 years, the situation would be far worse than it is presently.

Without at all expressing complacency or satisfaction with our current situation, and recognizing that we cannot stop until there is recognized in law, and in the human heart, the sanctity of each innocent human life, we need to take account of our modest, but significant, successes.

There are fewer surgical abortions today. For many years, abortions in this nation averaged 1.5 million annually, peaking in 1990 at 1.6 million. For 1997, the latest year for which there are figures, there were 1.3 million, representing a decrease of more than 17% since 1990.

According to the **Gallup Polls, 12% of the population moved, in the past five years, to a Pro-Life position, while the pro-abortion movement lost 9% of the public.** These are statistically meaningful changes.

Fewer physicians are doing abortions. Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which boasts of being the world's largest abortion provider, with 127 affiliates that "serve" women in 875 clinics nationwide, spent many months searching unsuccessfully for an abortion provider in a Pennsylvania clinic, and has resorted to flying one in from Nebraska once a week.

This is by no means limited to Pennsylvania. The *New York Times* recently reported that 86% of the counties in the United States have no abortion provider.

The number of hospitals willing to associate themselves with abortion dropped dramatically to only 7% in 1992, from 50% in 1972.

The increase of activity at the state legislative level, and the receptivity there of Pro-Life initiatives, is clear, and indeed alarming to the pro-abortion movement.

Clearly, Pro-Life forces have been outspent and outweighed in the power structures in our society, now for three decades, but have not only held their own, but are indeed beginning, slowly, to reverse the culture of death mentality.

As you are tempted to despondency or despair, consider where this nation would have been in the absence of your sacrificial and committed Pro-Life militancy!

Pro-Life will win. We know. We have read the last chapter. The time frame is in God's Providence!

MARCH FOR LIFE NEWSPAPER AD

“...the greatest regret of my life has always been that I didn’t have my baby... Nothing in the whole world is worth a baby, I realized as soon as it was too late, and I never stopped blaming myself,” writes **Gloria Swanson** in her autobiography (written 55 years after her abortion).

The second victim of abortion is the mother herself. It is she who carries the regrets, the grief, the heartaches, the loss and the memories. May she find love and consolation in God Who forgives all.

MAKE YOUR PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT ABORTION HURTS WOMEN, BY PLACING YOUR NAME IN THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWSPAPER AD, TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE *KENTUCKY POST* ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2002.

Enclosed is an envelope in which you can send your list of names.

In order to cover the cost of this ad, a \$2.00 per name donation is requested. (For a family who would like to list the names of their children, a \$6.00 per family donation is suggested.) To cover the cost of the ad, those who are able to do so are encouraged to make a larger donation.

“Common in the post-abortion patient are grief and heartache over the procedure and feelings of loss and victimization. Even more important, however, is her inability to process the trauma and its accompanying feelings because of denying and repressing her thoughts and feelings about the event. Because the consequences of abortion can be so threatening, we don’t want to exacerbate the problem by doubting or negating the many women who have undergone excruciating pain because of their ‘choice’,” teaches psychologist Theresa Karminski Burke, Ph.D.

Although a court may wrongfully create a definition denying personhood to the unborn child, an opinion rendered by any court cannot change the reality that the unborn child is a human person, someone unique and special. **This is something every mother knows.**

“STAND UP FOR LIFE!” Pope John Paul II

DEADLINE FOR NAME: JANUARY 10

Which one of these kills more blacks? cartoon

believe God will provide, and that all hope is in our designer.”

PRO-LIFE JOURNALISTS : A VALIANT MINORITY

Nat Henthoff, a columnist on the staff of *The Village Voice*, a weekly newspaper in New York City, points out that “there is more censorship from the left than from the right. People who work in the press are convinced abortion is an inalienable right...they will not listen to the other side. They feel they don’t have to tolerate the expression of pro-life sentiments.”

Another perennial thorn in the side of the establishment pro-abortion press is cartoonist **Chuck Asay**, an Evangelical Christian who works full-time for the *Colorado Springs Gazette*, and whose cartoon is syndicated to more than 80 other newspapers throughout the United States by Creator’s Syndicate.

Henthoff describes Asay as “a great, wonderful cartoonist who has been a tremendous defender of unborn life for years.”

Asay’s conversion to this view occurred radically in 1979, just after his father’s death. His mother related to him the fact that the father had been unfaithful during her pregnancy with Asay, and she had decided to jump to her death into a raging river. In a miraculous twist of events, his mother didn’t jump.

Asay stated: “I realized, hearing that story, that I had a miraculous beginning. It gave me a whole new appreciation for unborn life, life I had never experienced before.”

Asay’s art, with a few words and pictures, makes a point very directly, better than lengthier essays or arguments that people simply won’t listen to because their minds are made up.

The target of frequent pickets outside his headquarters, and indeed on college campuses, Asay is sustained by his world view, “based in scripture”: “Any issue that comes along, when you boil it down, relates to how we got here, what has gone wrong in our fallen state, and how we’re going to fix it. People who want to abort children, reduce population and harvest stem cells — these are people who believe we’re here by accident and we’re on our own. I