
A SNAPSHOT OF RESPECT FOR LIFE, 2001 STYLE: MARCH FOR LIFE, WASHINGTON, D.C.

March for Life banner picture

At the head of the several mile long demonstration in Washington, D.C., Photo by Thomas McKenna
by over a quarter of a million Pro-Lifers, a huge banner proclaims the march for life.

March for Life marchers picture

The annual March for Life, sponsored by Nellie Gray's March for Life Committee, which took 35 minutes last year, took 90 minutes this time, and constitutes the largest recurrent grassroots political demonstration that has occurred year in and year out in the Capitol for 28 years.

The *Washington Post* (a pro-abortion paper) gave fairer coverage this year. In past years it usually reported: "Partisans on both sides of the issue gathered on the anniversary date of *Roe v. Wade*..."

This year, they pointed out: "There appeared to be no hecklers or counter-demonstrators. One man with a handwritten 'Pro Choice' label attached to his jacket lapel stood silently as the marchers passed."

N K R T L

President Robert C. Cetrulo reported that he saw a total of 10 p r o - a b o r t representatives along the entire route. A “midnight memorial” conducted by the pro-abortion crowd in front of the Supreme Court was covered live by **CNN** and showed a total of less than 50 pro-aborts in attendance!

Picture of Nellie Gray & Mr. Cetrulo

March for Life Chairman Nellie Gray and NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo

President Bush was invited by **March for Life founder and Chairman Nellie Gray** to speak to the humongous crowd, but instead sent a message which was read to the crowd by **U.S. Rep. Christopher H. Smith (R-NJ)**. The message read in part: “The promises of our Declaration of Independence are not just for the strong, the independent or the healthy. They are for everyone — including unborn children.”

Many wondered why that was not included the day before in the President’s inauguration speech in front of the U.S. Congress, wherein he instead limited his guarantee of rights “to every child born in this country.”

Bush did not reverse the Executive Order issued by Clinton 8 years ago under which abortions are paid for with tax money in military hospitals abroad, nor Clinton’s Executive Order authorizing medical research upon aborted unborn children. Concerning the latter issue, Bush said, “I’ll deal with that issue later.”

Cong. Smith stated to the Pro-Lifers: “Governor Bush wouldn’t be President Bush without pro-life Americans like you.”

We encourage all Pro-Lifers to remind President Bush of that simple reality!

Abortion and the Church

Among the multiple religious denominations in support of the opposition to the destruction of unborn children, as evidenced by the diverse religious signs of various denominations in the March, there is a major annual event conducted at the Capitol on the night before the March, the **Vigil Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church**.

The crowd there was the largest ever seen by **NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo**, who explained that other than a narrow aisle for procession of the 294 Priests and 40 Bishops and Cardinals, there literally was not an inch of floor space that was wasn’t occupied by the standing room only crowd.

The front half of the Church

The animated response of the spirited congregation to the Homily delivered by **Cardinal William Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore**, rose to a standing crescendo when Archbishop Keeler expressed indignation at the “arrogance” of some members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who would challenge and indeed condemn a nominee for Cabinet position because of his opposition to abortion!

The several-minutes standing ovation of the congregation, begun by a few laymen in the audience, and picked up initially by **Bishop Doran** on the altar, underscored this righteous indignation against publicly-elected senators who had the temerity to challenge a candidate for Cabinet position because he opposed the slaughter of the innocent unborn.

The (barely) unstated issue, however, is the culpable silence of the Church’s Shepherds in the face of this abomination committed by many of their charges: **Sens. Kennedy, Leahy, Biden, Mitulski, Boxer, and indeed 25% of the members of the U.S. Senate, who claim the Catholic faith, but who consistently support for public office those who continue the killing abortion machine in place, and who promote and defend the nomination of judges who continue the abortion machine, and who vote for tax dollars for the perpetuation of this modern American holocaust, and who now oppose the appointment as Attorney General of a former U.S. Senator with a Pro-Life record.**

There were on the altar that evening many Bishops whose jurisdiction includes these selfsame pro-abortion Senators, and who are obviously not exercising their responsibilities as Shepherds.

At the March the next day, there was a group of people passing out the depicted graphic “**Abortion & the Catholic politician**” which makes the logically incontestible argument: **“It is not consistent of bishops to demand that Catholic politicians govern in accord with Church teaching if the Church is not also governed by this standard. If promotion of the greatest holocaust of all time does not warrant the penalty of excommunication, then what does?”**

Abortion & the Catholic politician

The reality of the responsibility of the Church for the present condition was underscored by an experience that Kentuckians had in their bus-pilgrimage to this 28th Annual March for Life. Two buses stopped Saturday night for Mass at a Church in Maryland. The Homily was devoted to Martin Luther King, Jr., as no doubt the previous week's Homily had been also, on the anniversary of his death. Not a word in the Homily was devoted to the killing of 40 million innocent unborn babies. Nor was there a mention of them in the Prayers for the Faithful. The sole recognition of the significance of this date, Jan. 22, was 4 lines in the Church Bulletin about the 28th Annual March for Life.

Orthodox Jews Understand

An Orthodox Jewish Torah Court in New York City excommunicated U.S. Sen. (and Democratic Vice Presidential candidate) Joseph Lieberman, based upon his support of abortion.

A Letter to the Editor in the Feb. 2001 issue of *The Catholic World Report* inquired, "How long will the Catholic hierarchy stand by and let the likes of Sen. Ted Kennedy, a nominal Catholic, flaunt the moral teachings of the Catholic church?"

It is entirely possible that the final epitaph of this age has been written in a seemingly insignificant article by **Bill Reel** in *Newsday* (1/19/01), "Senate Hearings Send Message: Life Is Cheap: The temporizing of too timid pro-lifers surrenders the issue to abortion advocates who preach that abortion is not only a right but quite all right, that an unintended or inconvenient pregnancy invites termination with no qualms, that the use of lethal force against human beings too tiny to resist is perfectly legitimate. That's the deadly message broadcast incessantly to the nation."

The logic is undeniable. The evidence is irrefutable. Where is your voice?

Roe v. Wade Local Memorial - Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky

The sad memorialization of the legalization of the killing of the unborn was observed also in this geographical area, as it was throughout thousands of communities in the United States — not only Washington, D.C.

During a heavy snowfall in **Cincinnati, OH**, a large group of faithful and committed Pro-Lifers participated in the annual **Prayer March** from Cincinnati City Hall to Fountain Square, on Sat., Jan. 20.

One of the four speakers was **NKRTL Vice President Fred H. Summe**, who brought the matter into proper focus as he has so often in the past, reminding the participants that what we are about is "*Witness to the Truth*": "St. John's Gospel tells us that Pilate asked Jesus if he was a king, to which Jesus replied - 'This is why I was born, and why I came into the world, to bear witness to the truth.' "

"Our task is simply to bear witness to the truth, which is not always easy to do. ... How do we bear witness to the truth...that there is never a situation which justifies the killing of a child. When we vote, we must also give witness to the truth. We cannot label 'pro-life' those who support some abortions.

When we vote for the lesser of two evils, we still vote for an evil. Supporting or voting for somebody who accepts some abortion or only favors restricting abortion in some ways, bears witness to a lie that such positions are Pro-Life."

Summe concluded his remarks with the quote from **Mother Teresa**: "I do not recall Jesus talking about being successful. He calls us to be faithful." He reminded the audience that "The only way the Right to Life Movement will be successful is if Christians are faithful to Jesus and follow His example of bearing witness to the truth."

ELECTION 2000: QUO VADIS, AMERICA?

Pro-Lifers are clearly happy to see the departure from the White House of the scandalous and incredibly immoral — in every sense of the word — **Bill Clinton**. As pointed out in a recent national column, he may not be "the worst President the republic has had, but he is the worst person ever to have been President."

And the defeat of **Al Gore** can certainly be counted as a blessing. But the question really is how much of a blessing?

We have now **President George W. Bush**, who claims to be Pro-Life, and was so specifically denominated by **National Right To Life Committee**, and other long-time compromisers in the Pro-Life movement, obviously ignoring the fact that: (1) he approves of the killing of unborn children for the crimes of the father (rape and incest); (2) he declined to commit in the campaign that he would support Pro-Lifers to the Judiciary; (3) he has a record of appointing pro-aborts to the Texas Supreme Court who just recently struck down a Pro-Life law there requiring parental notification before their

teenage daughters can kill their grandchildren and damage themselves — and in fact has now appointed as his Chief Attorney in the White House one of those pro-abortion voting Judges who he had appointed to the Texas Supreme Court.

President Bush has now designated his Cabinet nominees: **Colin Powell to Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice to National Security Adviser, Andy Card to White House Chief of Staff, Paul O'Neill to Treasury Department, Don Evans to Commerce Secretary, Karen Hughes to Senior Adviser, Al Gonzales to White House General Counsel, Ann Veneman to Agricultural Secretary,** and former New Jersey Governor **Christine Todd Whitman to the Environmental Protection Agency** — all strong and vocal pro-abortionists!

His appointments even drew praise from **Kate Michelman, President of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League (NARAL)**!

The sole crusts thrown to the Pro-Lifers were Bush's nomination of Wisconsin Governor **Tommy Thompson as Director of Health and Human Services,** and Missouri Senator **John Ashcroft for Attorney General,** both of whom had Pro-Life records.

But Thompson's nomination was received with less than enthusiastic support by Pro-Lifers in his state. **Pro-Life Wisconsin Director Peggy Hamill,** who has watched Thompson closely for many years, said in a statement that her Pro-Life lobbying group was also "concerned" about his appointment: "While the President-Elect could have chosen someone much worse, we've never viewed Tommy as a strong pro-lifer."

And many Pro-Lifers have been saddened as they watched the confirmation hearings regarding John Ashcroft. The savage attacks upon him regarding racism, etc., are obviously unjustified, and have been refuted clearly. On the other hand, Sen. Ashcroft made many concessions that he never should have made. He conceded that he would support all laws defending "a woman's reproductive health care" — his words!

He also conceded that he would not attempt to overturn *Roe v. Wade*!!!

When Will We Ever Learn...?

For those of you who really are sincere and serious about defending the fundamental moral principle of the right to life of every human being — professional Republicans and professional Democrats need not read further — the exclamation point (!) was made during inauguration week.

Almost everyone who cares recalls that Pres. Bush's father, the **first President Bush,** claimed to be Pro-Life, but appointed pro-aborts to the Supreme Court, and his wife was rather openly pro-abortion. During this last campaign, one courageous reporter confronted **Laura Bush,** the wife of George W., and inquired as to her position on this issue, and she ducked the issue of course, saying that she thought that we should provide alternatives to abortion, making adoption laws easier, etc. (Does that sound familiar to William Jefferson Clinton's remarks 8 years ago about "making abortion rarer and safer"?) On the other hand, **Vice**

President Cheney was quoted on the radio on Jan. 31 as saying that the Bush administration had not given up on the idea of seeking to reverse *Roe v. Wade*.

On **NBC** on Jan. 18, Laura Bush was interviewed by **Katie Couric** and specifically asked as to whether she thought *Roe v. Wade* should be overturned, and she answered directly (contrary to her campaign rhetoric): "No!"

Watch for the upcoming judicial appointments of the Bush administration.

Right to Life, the Bush Administration, and the Congress

"As a candidate, Bush downplayed the polarizing issue of abortion..." read the accurate description in the same *Washington Post* story. Contrary to the extravagant and misleading statements of National Right to Life and some others, indeed Bush has stated many times his support for the destruction of the lives of children conceived in rape and incest, and has consistently ducked the invitation to guarantee appointments of Pro-Life judges.

Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson was named as **Secretary of Health & Human Services,** which is a very sensitive position dealing with abortion issues. Thompson observed during his confirmation hearings that "he probably would review the safety of RU-486, an abortion pill approved for use in the United States last fall".

Former U.S. Sen. John Ashcroft from Missouri, who has a strong Pro-Life record in the Senate, and previously as Governor and Attorney General of Missouri, was nominated to be the **Attorney General** of the United States, another very sensitive position from the right to life viewpoint.

Pro-Lifers were not surprised by the vitriol directed at Ashcroft by the pro-abortion cabal of **Planned Parenthood** and **National Organization of Women,** and indeed their liberal spokesmen, **Sens. Kennedy and Leahy** on the Judiciary Committee, and others, according to **Peggy Hamill, State Director of Pro-Life Wisconsin.** But they were disappointed by Ashcroft giving in to the vigorous cross-examination conducted upon him at the hearing. He characterized *Roe v. Wade* as "settled law" and conceded that he would not ask the Supreme Court to overturn it.

The President was asked on a TV interview in the week before the inauguration, "whether he would rule out the possibility that the Justice Department might argue for the overturn of *Roe*," and answered in the negative, according to the *Washington Post* story, above, contrary to a statement made by his wife, days before the Inauguration.

No More Foreign Aid for Abortion

One immediate gain by the defeat of the Clinton crowd is that President Bush issued an Executive Order on Jan. 22, reversing the pro-death policy inaugurated by Clinton's Executive Order 8 years to the day earlier, so that U.S. funds are now prohibited to groups that provide abortions and counseling overseas. Bush faced a statutory deadline in Feb. under which he had to decide whether to allow the grants without restrictions. The wailing of the pro-aborts feeding at the public trough as to this "violation of the rights

of women living outside the borders of this country” were met by the more temperate observation of **Cong. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma**: “Taxpayers should not be forced to subsidize groups like International Planned Parenthood, whose mission is to topple pro-life laws of countries around the world.”

DEATH-PEDDLERS ATTEMPT NEXT PRO-EUTHANASIA STEP IN KENTUCKY

In January, the Kentucky Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case of *Woods v. Commonwealth of Ky.*, involving the efforts by the State, as Guardian for a retarded comatose patient, to remove his ventilator, and his food and water which were being provided via gastric feeding tube.

Matthew Woods is a 54-year-old black man who lived in a family care home in Lexington, had the intellectual functioning of a 10 year old, and had been a ward of the State since prior to his 18th birthday. He suffered severe brain damage during a serious heart attack, requiring the institution of these life-assisting procedures.

Woods was not in the dying process, nor suffering pain, nor had he ever executed a document indicating a wish for the termination of any kind of medical care. Less than a month after he suffered his heart attack, his Guardian, the State of Kentucky, sought to terminate his medical care and life-sustaining food and water.

The Assistant Attorney General who argued for the State (Woods’ Guardian) insensitively described the furnishing of these life-sustaining procedures to patients such as Woods as “corpse abuse”, and at another point called such patients “the undead”, which prompted the sharp rhetorical question posed by **Justice Donald Wintersheimer**, of Covington, focusing on the intellectual bankruptcy of that position, “Do you mean as opposed to ‘dead’?”

The previous governing authority in the State of Kentucky was a 1993 decision of the Kentucky Supreme Court, *DeGrella v. Elston*, where the Court held that there could not be “substitute decision making by a surrogate” unless “in conformity with the patient’s previously expressed wishes”. Termination of life-maintaining procedures was held to be “only the right of self-determination”, and could not be based upon “the quality of life”: “We do not approve permitting anyone to decide when another should die on any basis other than clear and convincing evidence that the patient would choose to do so.”

In the instant litigation, the trial court adopted a much broader test and held that the guardian could determine what was in the “best interest” of the patient.

Legal Brief filed by the attorney for the Guardian Ad Litem, appointed by the lower court to represent the patient,

pointed out that it is never in a patient’s “best interest” to kill him, and that the “best interest” standard is so subjective as to be very dangerous and must not be adopted by the court.

The **Thomas More Center for Law and Justice**, a public interest law firm of Ann Arbor, MI established by **Catholic philanthropist Thomas P. Monaghan**, former owner of Domino’s Pizza, the Detroit Tigers, etc., engaged the volunteered services of **attorney Robert C. Cetrulo, President of NKRTL**, to assist in the preparation and presentation of an Amicus Curiae Brief opposing the killing of the patient by terminating of these medical procedures. (Chief Counsel for the law firm is **Phillip Thompson**, who was the prosecuting attorney who three times unsuccessfully prosecuted Dr. Jack Kevorkian, the euthanasia doctor, and ultimately lost his reelection bid and since that time has converted to the Catholic faith and now devotes his full time to the defense of moral issues.)

The Amicus Brief pointed out that the Kentucky Living Will Directive Act, cited by the Court of Appeals as authorizing the removal of life support from Woods, did not apply to a person who has been a lifelong incompetent, such as Woods, who, prior to his 18th birthday had been judicially adjudicated as incompetent to dispose of property, to execute instruments, to enter into contractual relationships, to determine living arrangements, to consent to medical procedures, to obtain a motor vehicle operator’s license, and to manage his financial affairs.

According to the Act, when a person at least 18 years of age and of sound mind no longer has decisional capacity, i.e., cannot make and communicate health care decisions (e.g., because he is in a coma), and the adult patient does not have an advance directive or an advance directive that covers the particular in question, a surrogate can make health care decisions for that adult patient.

The Amicus Brief argued also that “because guardians are charged by statute with protecting their ward’s civil and human rights, any decision favoring the removal of life support based solely on quality of life considerations is inherently invalid, and that Kentucky must protect its citizens from the various societal pressures attempting to make euthanasia an accepted practice, especially as a means to end the lives of those considered subpar.”

The questions from the Judges seemed to indicate a sharp division on the Court. The Pro-Life community is waiting with bated breath what will most certainly be a monumental decision, one way or the other, in the ongoing efforts to broaden legalized euthanasia.

Informed readers need to understand, in any event, that even if we are successful in this case, that existing law in Kentucky presently authorizes the withdrawing of food and water from a comatose patient, who is not even in the dying process, and who has not even executed a “Living Will” — in other words, the statute provides that under those circumstances, someone else may make the decision for him!

It should be apparent to anyone who has given serious consideration to these matters that the only protection available is to consult a sound Pro-Life

attorney, and adopt a "Pro-Life" advance directive, specifying one's belief in the sanctity of human life, and the patient's wishes to be furnished all medical care appropriate to his or her condition, and guaranteeing that he should not be starved to death or dehydrated — rather ugly deaths!

ABSTINENCE-ONLY SEX EDUCATION: NORTHERN KENTUCKY INDEPENDENT HEALTH DISTRICT CURRENT DISPUTE

The readers certainly recall the ongoing dispute brought to the public's attention by Northern Kentucky Right to Life Committee in 1997 when it was discovered that NKIHD was approving the distribution with tax funds of the abortifacient pills called "the morning after pill". Pro-Lifers lost that fight in 1997, but brought about the defeat of the three County Judges who had appointed those pro-abortion-voting Board members, with the result that there have been now a great number of Pro-Life appointments to the Board. The abortifacient pill fight continues, and has now been expanded to the question of sex education taught by NKIHD in the schools.

At its December meeting, the NKIHD Board voted to install and implement an "abstinence-only" policy, canceling some of the incredibly outrageous materials and practices previously authorized by their programs in the public schools.

This decision of course met with a strident and shrill outcry from the sex promoters, social workers and staff, and those adversely affected financially.

A public call-in poll conducted by the *Kentucky Post* demonstrated that the "abstinence-only" measure was supported by more than 3 to 1, and the *Post* editorialized in favor of the "abstinence-only" policy.

Because of the emotional and sometimes hysterical, and certainly non-factually supported public assertions of those who wish to continue to provide condoms, pills, abortifacients (and ultimately abortion) to our teenagers, without even parental notification much less consent, we have procured the factual refutation of those flawed and failed policies by the most prominent expert on the subject in Kentucky, and perhaps in the entire nation, **W. David Hager, M.D.**

Dr. Hager is a practicing obstetrician and gynecologist in Lexington, Ky. at the Women's Care Center. He is Director of the University of Ky. affiliated residency program in OB-GYN at Central Baptist Hospital, and holds the appointment of Professor and Consultant in Infectious Diseases in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Ky. School of Medicine. He also served as a physician in the Sexually Transmitted Disease Division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta,

GA, and is widely published in medical journals in the sub-specialty of infectious diseases in OB-GYN.

Dr. Hager's opinions are well documented and based upon considerable firsthand experience in the field of public health, and infectious diseases, particularly dealing with sexually-transmitted diseases, and particularly dealing with this question of infection of the young.

Because of the importance of this issue, and the clear and persuasive nature of his information, we are publishing verbatim his March, 2001 statement submitted by him to the *Kentucky Post*, in response to a Guest Editorial they published by an NKIHD staff nurse who opposed the "abstinence-only" policy, which has been available now to all members of the Northern Kentucky Independent Health District Board of Directors:

"Character-based Sexuality Education

"I am writing in response to your guest editorial by Dr. Donna Gates, 'Abstinence-only education is not the answer.'

"Dr. Gates indicates that the decision to offer 'abstinence-only, until marriage' sexuality education programs, does not fit with her belief that 'public health' is to serve the needs of all its constituents. Apparently Dr. Gates does not understand the basic principles of public health. Those of us who are involved in the preventive aspects of medicine are dedicated to enabling persons to avoid diseases. When a segment of the population can be protected from an epidemic, it in turn enables others to avoid disease as well. If the water supply of Northern Kentucky were contaminated, it would be prudent to prevent persons from consuming the unsafe water. I am sure that all public health measures would be brought to the fore to prevent such a catastrophe.

"Unfortunately, our society suffers from sexual contamination and many are content to allow young people to taste the contaminated fluids without making efforts to prevent such disease.

-- "There are over 4 million new cases of Chlamydial infection annually in this country, with evidence that 10-26% of teens are infected.

-- "Chlamydial infection is the major cause of infection of the fallopian tubes in women resulting in permanent sterility.

-- "Gonococcal infections continue to occur with some strains now resistant to penicillin.

-- "Human papilloma virus (HPV) infects over 4 million persons each year and current information indicates that 60% of college coeds test positive for this virus. (HPV is the cause of cervical dysplasia and cancer in women, resulting in 4500 deaths per year).

-- "One fourth of all new cases of Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in the United States occur in persons 22 years of age or younger.

-- "By age 23, one third of all sexually active Americans will acquire a STD.

-- "One fourth of all Americans are infected with a viral sexually transmitted infection.

"There are almost one million pregnancies among teens each year in this country, with over 70% of the mothers

requiring welfare support to raise their children. I could go on and on but it is obvious that young people face great risk for themselves now and in the future when they choose to become sexually active outside of a mutually monogamous sexual relationship in marriage.

"We know that the greatest risk for acquiring a sexually transmitted disease (STD) is having sex with more than one person, especially when that person is or has been involved in other risky behaviors such as drug, alcohol, nicotine use, failure to attend school and violent actions. Studies show that over 60% of males will not be truthful with their current partner about their previous sexual activity, making trust in this area a vanishing virtue. Young women must also contend with the advances of older males. The average age difference between the father of the baby and the non-married teen mother is 6.2 years.

"The only choice for avoiding these consequences of sexual intimacy is abstinence until marriage. Dr. Gates indicates that teens are not emotionally or developmentally ready to engage in sex and that parents should talk with their children openly about sexuality. But then her message indicates that she doesn't trust these kids to abstain. Young people want to know how to avoid making poor choices.

"I recently cared for a pregnant teenager who conceived while taking birth control pills irregularly. The father of the baby was 5 years older and had no contact with the young girl after she discovered she was pregnant. I asked her why she had decided to become sexually active? 'My Dad left my mother and me when I was nine, and I wanted someone who would love me and take care of me. My Mom never told me that I shouldn't have sex, she just said to be sure and use protection. If she had told me not to, I don't think I would be in this situation.'

"This is typical of many young people in this country; they want help in making healthy choices. Dr. Gates mentions the teens who do not have access to parents who will teach them about sexuality. That is the very reason we need to have a curriculum, which allows the young person to hear the right message.

"A recent Nickelodeon survey found that teens felt the best age to become sexually active was 23. A survey of incoming freshmen at UCLA indicated that 60% felt that sex outside of 'marriage' was not a good idea. Young people tell us that they want information about the potential consequences of non-marital sexual activity.

"We recently conducted 'Town Meetings' across Central and Western Kentucky, finding young people anxious to hear reliable information about sexuality and expressing a desire to remain abstinent. In fact, pledges of abstinence until marriage are being taken by young persons all across the nation in remarkable numbers. Data from Elayne Bennet's 'Best Friends' abstinence program in inner city Washington D.C., find that only 5% of these 8-12 grade students are sexually active compared to 62% of their peers who were not in the program.

"We undermine the intelligence and dedication of our young people when we tell them that we prefer they abstain, but then give them a box of condoms.

"In our seminars with kids we are discovering that many now believe they can have oral sex and avoid pregnancy and STDs. There are agencies in this country that promote alternative sexual behaviors such as oral/genital sex and mutual masturbation; erroneously indicating that these acts will not result in infections.

"The safe-sex message is based on condom use. Condoms are effective in preventing HIV and gonococcal infections, but do not adequately protect from infection with genital herpes, HPV, Chlamydia, syphilis and Hepatitis B virus. The highest failure rates for pregnancy with condoms occur among teens, especially African-American females.

"Abstinence is not about fear; it is not about shaming and blaming or punishing. Abstinence is about helping young people make healthy choices about sexual involvement. It is about information, but it is also about trust and respect. We spend millions of dollars in this country to encourage young people to avoid cigarette smoking and substance abuse, yet these behaviors continue. Why should we be any less diligent in our efforts to inform our children about the only reliable way to avoid the consequences of sexual intimacy outside of marriage?

"Character-based, sexuality education from an abstinence perspective, emphasizing restraint and informed choices does work! We should not withhold this truth from our children!"

A NATIONAL MORALITY QUIZ:

How many people could identify the speakers of the following statements? (Please make your answer before looking to the end of the story.)

QUOTE NO. 1

"None of us should be uncivil in our manners as we debate issues of consequence. ... However, in the effort to be civil in conduct, many who know better actually dilute firmly held views to avoid appearing 'judgmental.' They curb their tongues not only in form but also in substance.

"The insistence on civility in the form of our debates has the perverse effect of cannibalizing our principles, the very essence of a civil society. That is why civility cannot be the governing principle of citizenship or leadership. As Gertrude Himmelfarb observed in her book, *One Nation, Two Cultures* '[t]o reduce citizenship to the modern idea of civility, the good-neighbor idea, is to belittle not only the political role of the citizen but also the virtues expected of the citizen — the 'civic virtues,' as they were known in antiquity and in early republican thought.

“As I have said, active citizens are often subjected to truly vile attacks; they are branded as mean-spirited, racist, Uncle Tom, homophobic, sexist, etc. To this we often respond (if not succumb), so as not to be constantly fighting, by trying to be tolerant and nonjudgmental — i.e., we censor ourselves. **This is not civility. It is cowardice, or well-intentioned self-deception at best.**”

QUOTE NO. 2

“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.”

QUOTE NO. 3

“We are told that we may not interfere with abortion. We are told that we may not ‘impose our morality’ on those who wish to allow or participate in the taking of the life of infants before birth; yet no one calls it ‘imposing morality’ to prohibit the taking of life after people are born.

“We are told as well that there exists a ‘right’ to end the lives of unborn children; yet no one can explain how such a right can exist in stark contradiction of each person’s fundamental right to life. The right to life belongs equally to babies in the womb, babies born handicapped, and the elderly or infirm.

“That we have killed the unborn for years does not nullify this right, nor could any number of kills ever do so. The unalienable right to life is found not only in the Declaration of Independence but also in the Constitution that every President is sworn to preserve, protect, and defend. Both the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments guarantee that no person shall be deprived of life without due process of law.

“All medical and scientific evidence increasingly affirms that children before birth share all the basic attributes of human personality — that they are in fact persons.

“Our Nation cannot continue down the path of abortion, so radically at odds with our history, our heritage, and our concepts of justice. This sacred legacy, and the well-being and the future of our country, demand that protection of the innocents must be guaranteed and that the personhood of the unborn be declared and defended throughout our land.

“Now, therefore, I, _____, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws, do hereby proclaim and declare the unalienable personhood of every American, from the moment of conception until natural death, and I do proclaim, ordain, and declare that I will take care that the Constitution and laws are faithfully executed for the protection America’s unborn children.

“I also proclaim Sunday, January 17, _____, as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. I call upon the citizens of this blessed land to gather on that day in their homes and places of worship to give thanks for the gift of life they enjoy and to

reaffirm their commitment to the dignity of every human being and the sanctity of every human life.”

QUOTE NO. 4

“One may ask: ‘How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?’ The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust. I would be the first to advocate obeying just laws. One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.

“I would agree with St. Augustine that ‘an unjust law is no law at all... A just law is a manmade code that squares with the moral law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas: An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law.’”

QUOTE NO. 5

“Human life itself is the highest human good and God is the giver of life. ... There are those who argue that the right to privacy is of higher order than the right to life....That was the premise of slavery. You could not protest the existence or treatment of slaves on the plantation because that was private and therefore outside your right to be concerned.

“These advocates of taking life prior to birth do not call it killing or murder, they call it abortion. They further never talk about aborting a baby because that would imply something human...Fetus sounds less than human and therefore can be justified.... What happens to the mind of a person, and the moral fabric of a nation, that accepts the aborting of the life of a baby without a pang of conscience?

“What kind of a person and what kind of a society will we have 20 years hence if life can be taken so casually? It is that question, the question of our attitude, our value system, and our mind-set with regard to the nature and worth of life itself that is the central question confronting mankind. Failure to answer that question affirmatively may leave us with a hell right here on earth.”

Responding to a question, the speaker (who was an illegitimate child himself) answered: “The idea that says it’s all right to conceive a baby, but unpolitical to have it — there’s something shallow about that. I’m contending that unless we put human life second only to God in our lives, we’re becoming a Sodom and Gomorrah-ethic oriented people. ... Somehow, I suppose that my mother didn’t abort me, in spite of all the external objections that said that she and me couldn’t make it, because somehow her values said human life could find the way.”

Answers on Page 11.

PRO-LIFERS WIN A KENTUCKY COURT BATTLE - WOMEN'S RIGHT TO KNOW STATUTE UPHELD

The Federal Court in Kentucky has upheld the constitutionality of Kentucky's 1998 statute requiring women to receive medical information and then wait 24 hours before undergoing an abortion. The prime sponsor of this bill was **Campbell County State Sen. Katie Stine**. The bill had the strong support of other members of the other Northern Kentucky delegation to the General Assembly, and Northern Kentucky Right to Life Committee.

Unfortunately, the medical brochure mandated in the statute to be printed and furnished to the pregnant women was delivered into the tender care of the pro-abortion **Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services**, staffed of course by pro-aborts appointed by our pro-abortion **Governor, Paul Patton (D)** and the regulations have been watered down as far as possible.

As this law goes into effect, Pro-Lifers are optimistic that it will have a salutary effect upon our population, giving them the true medical facts about abortion (i.e., as involving the destruction of the life of the unborn child), as well as the extraordinary dangers to the pregnant mother, and signal a further return to the sanity of respect for the sanctity of all innocent human life.

This optimism is anchored in the reality that after the passage by our General Assembly in 1994 of the Parental Consent Law for Abortion, conveying to teenagers that there would be no more keeping their abortions secret from their parents, there was experienced a dramatic drop of 14% in birth rates among teens age 15 to 17. As reported in the *Kentucky Citizen Digest*, this was the first cause cited by abstinence advocates for this result, and the second was the emergence of the "True Love Waits" program, conceived in 1993 by the **Southern Baptists**, which has continued to grow dramatically.

DECEPTION OF THE FAITHFUL - WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

Kentucky Right to Life Association scheduled a Pro-Life Rally at the Capitol in Frankfort on Feb. 14, and scheduled as one of its principal speakers, Northern Kentucky attorney **Mark Guifoyle**, who was being presented as the lawyer who successfully defended the constitutional attack on the Informed Consent Statute.

Although they must have known, they did not deal with the facts concerning Mr. Guifoyle — a committed political partisan in the Democratic Party, who played a leadership role in the election campaign of our pro-abortion **Governor, Paul Patton**, even after Patton had vetoed a Pro-Life bill.

Most shocking of all, Guifoyle was the campaign manager in Northern Kentucky for Sen. Joe Meyer, who routinely voted at the direction of the pro-abort

leadership of his Democratic Party in the Senate, against our Pro-Life legislation. It is ironic that Katie Stine's statute passed by the General Assembly of Kentucky, and defended by Guifoyle on the payroll of the pro-abortion administration, would not have passed had Mr. Guifoyle's candidate, Joe Meyer, not been defeated by Pro-Lifers in Northern Kentucky!

Other than being a paid attorney to defend a Pro-Life statute, Guifoyle has never been involved in the Pro-Life movement in any way in its 30 year history.

Guifoyle is a member of the **Northern Kentucky law firm of Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle**, which represents the Catholic Diocese of Covington, and which had a close association and representation with **Brerton Jones**, our previous pro-abortion governor. Mr. Guifoyle was appointed as Jones' personal counsel.

Guifoyle also has a long record of financial contributions, according to records of the **Federal Election Commission**, to strong pro-abortion candidates including Lexington attorney and former Attorney General and Lt. Gov. **Steve Beshear (D)**, Lexington former member of Congress **Scotty Baesler (D)**, etc.

KRLA's Misguided History

Unfortunately, KRLA has a long history of ill-considered, and counterproductive endorsements, and support of pro-abort politicians. They have, for example, supported opponents of stalwart Pro-Life candidates such as **State Sen. Gex Williams of Northern Kentucky, Congressman Ron Lewis of Western Kentucky, Northern Kentucky State Sen. Katie Stine, Southern Kentucky State Sen. David Williams, and Northern Kentucky State Sen. Jack Westwood.**

In that last instance, **State Sen. Tim Philpot**, a principled Pro-Life leader from Lexington, Ky., wrote to **Margie Montgomery**, Executive Director of KRLA: "When I was told yesterday that Kentucky Right to Life intended to endorse Sen. Joe Meyer for reelection, I was shocked and outraged. ... Sen. Joe Meyer literally, is single-handedly responsible for the defeat of our three Bills. ... Joe Meyer is laughing at you right now. ... How in the world can Kentucky Right to Life be that foolish? ... Margie, Kentucky Right to Life needs to wake up! ... I am outraged..."

Northern Kentucky Right to Life Committee, and its co-affiliates in the principled and uncompromising **Kentucky Coalition for Life (Action Life League of Western Kentucky, Ashland Friends for Life, Capitol Area Right to Life, and Northern Kentucky Right to Life)** distributed this information to the deceived Pro-Lifers gathered at the on Feb. 14 Rally.

As a result of the principled and aggressive actions of NKRTL and its affiliates in the Kentucky Coalition for Life, in distributing this information, Guifoyle's self-aggrandizing speech was canceled.

Guifoyle will now not be able to run a picture of himself in front of a Right to Life banner in his literature for his planned personal campaign for political office.

THE FINAL SOLUTION?

The *Cincinnati Post* conducted a business survey which it published on Jan. 1, 2001, asking the question "What do you think is the biggest economic danger facing the country in 2001?"

Would you guess "inflation"? Less than 3% said so. How about "economic slowdown"? Less than 5%. "Recession"? 7-1/2%. "Government regulation"? 14.2%. "Stock market volatility"? 18.4%

Overwhelmingly the largest concern of the business community was "labor shortage" - 41%! We all see the "Help Wanted" signs springing up everywhere, which was confirmed in the *Cincinnati Post* article of Sept. 4, 2000: "Labor Day finds jobs are going begging."

But very few have the intellectual honesty to point out that this shrinking population of ours is the result of the contraceptive/abortion phenomenon of the past 30 years, and even if reversed today, would take a long time to replenish our workforce.

Every Problem Calls for a Solution

We read about the Social Security crisis, with there not being enough workers to support the retired portion of our population, and the money crunch in terms of escalating

from Jews and gypsies and then proceeded to exterminate them as undesirables. It took about twenty years for that monstrosity to develop in German society. Who is to say that the same cannot happen here? The Rubicon has been crossed with *Roe v. Wade*. The same thing can happen here and it will happen if *Roe v. Wade* is not repudiated and all legalized abortion eliminated from our society. This situation imposes an obligation on all of us to do what we can to return our society to respect for all human life from womb to tomb."

Holland - A Preview of Things to Come, Here?

On 10/30/00, a Netherlands court acquitted a doctor who helped his depressed patient commit suicide even though the man was not suffering unbearable physical pain, according to a story in the *Associated Press*. The 86-year-old man was not terminal, and suffered only from severe depression.

A new study published in the prestigious British medical journal, *Lancet*, in Nov. 2000, pointed out that 3 of every 100 deaths in Belgium's northern Flemish region every year are the result of lethal injections that are administered without the patient's request, and a further 1.3% are caused by such injections after the specific request of the patients.

Euthanasia cartoon

Survivors graphic

medical costs by reason of people living much longer than previously, and again funded by too few in the workforce.

"We are all in danger," wrote Fr. Kenneth Baker, S.J., Editor of *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*. "The point I want to make here is that *Roe v. Wade* affects all of us. No one is safe. If in our society it is legal to kill some people, then the politically powerful can decide which categories of people have the 'PC' quality of life they approve. We must not forget that the Nazis made laws to remove 'personhood'

On 11/28/00, the lower house of the Dutch Parliament moved to formalize the Netherlands' long-held tolerance for euthanasia. The law applies even to children as young as 12, although children 12 to 15 at least cannot be killed without their parents' consent. At age 16, children can be killed without consulting the parents.

The patient does not even have to be terminally ill, if the physician reaches the conclusion together with the patient "that there is no reasonable alternative that is acceptable to the patient". He shall then carry out the termination of life "in a medically appropriate manner".

We obviously now have more than the camel's nose in the tent!

ANSWERS TO OUR NATIONAL MORALITY QUIZ, from page 7

The **first quote** is from a speech delivered last month by **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas**, only the second Black to serve on our highest Court, who of course is the butt of many of those intolerant epithets thrown by the secularists who, incredibly, judge us to be “judgmental”. Justice Thomas is probably the best Pro-Lifer on the Supreme Court, and an active and unapologetic Christian who is certainly not accepted by many so-called “leaders” of minority groups, because he stands for absolute unchanging values, sometimes currently not popular in many circles.

The **second quote** is not by an anti-abortionist, but indeed the prime leader of the American slavery abolition movement in 1850, **William Lloyd Garrison**. Reinforcing the many comparisons between the two tragedies, we can be certain that Mr. Garrison was equally ostracized as “politically incorrect” for his strong language against the most consummate evil of his age, just as peaceful Pro-Lifers are castigated unjustly for their uncompromising opposition to the bloody slaughter of the unborn today.

The **third quote** shows how far we have come, “downhill”, in only 13 years. This *Personhood Proclamation*, was issued by **President Ronald Reagan** in Jan. of 1988. A far cry from the rather timid actions of President Bush this January, and of course from his stridently pro-abortion predecessor.

Probably the most shocking is the **fourth quote**. No, it was not Pope John Paul II, nor Rev. Billy Graham, but rather **Martin Luther King, Jr.** in his famous *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*, more than 40 years ago, as he defended, and indeed demanded, civil disobedience to immoral laws. It ought to be an obvious embarrassment to those who refuse even to participate in peaceful and legal prayer witness in front of the abortuaries today, much less those who give up their freedom to convictions for civil trespass at the killing centers.

The **fifth quote** is not by an activist Pro-Lifer — but **Rev. Jesse L. Jackson**, in 1977, before he got “Potomac fever”, and sought high political office in the Democratic Party.

“When will we ever learn ... When will we ever learn?”

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

“Perhaps someone would be kind enough to outline **the rationalizations** which we as a nation will be using to answer the few troubling questions that still surround the issue: Is conception not the beginning point of each human life? How is the termination of a human life and the killing of a human being different? And on what grounds is human life precious and on what grounds is human life unworthy of protection? Have we decided at what moment a fetus becomes a person? Even though it defies common sense,

we'd better stick with the moment-of-birth thing and pretend we haven't given it a lot of thought. We just want to make sure we have our stories straight before the judge comes to town. In fact, when we're called to account for the missing one-third of our children, we'd better act like we don't understand the charges.” **12/20/92 Letter to Editor, Cinti. Enquirer**

“The following is a Newspeak Alert! I am ‘pro-choice.’ For example, I favor the right to choose where to live, where to work, what to eat, what to read, whom to associate with, etc. I am also ‘anti-choice’ in many respects. For instance, I oppose the legal or moral right to choose to murder, rape, rob, slander, perjure, etc. Hence, I find it uninformative (and even meaningless) to employ the terms ‘pro-choice’ and ‘anti-choice’ in a grammatically intransitive way without specifying the *object* of choice. Indeed, it is the latter which determines the inherent goodness, evil, or neutrality of an action. Thus, the broad-brush use of the abstract term ‘pro-choice’ to characterize those demanding permissive abortion, as well as the vague blanket term ‘anti-choice’ to label those who support the legislative protection of the right-to-life for all unborn children, does neither side of the controversy justice. In fact, it amounts to the ideological perpetration of **lexical larceny** — a prejudicial linguistic expropriation designed to portray one camp in a more positive light than the other.” **David P. Lang, Ph.D., Letter to Editor, Homiletic & Pastoral Review**

“We were told that if sex education were taught in schools teenage pregnancy would decrease. It increased. We were told that if we taught and administered **birth control to kids** pregnancy would decrease. It increased. Now without admitting any failure in policy they are saying that if children had unlimited access to abortion that will ‘fix’ the problem.” **Letter to Editor, 10/30/89 Cinti. Post**

“For five years I worked in the clinical lab and the Histology department of a Minneapolis hospital that performed abortions. ... The majority of **‘P.O.C.’s (products of conception)** I saw were about ten weeks gestational age, their bodies torn apart and emptied into a jar with the rest of the ‘uterine contents.’ We had to make a visual examination of them, searching for bod parts. Just looking at the jars one could see there were human beings in them — I saw little arms, bent at the elbows, with hands and fingers on them; legs with feet and toes; heads with eyes, ears, mouths and noses. All these parts were disconnected from one another, floating in jars filled with formalin.” **Dec. 1988 article in A.L.L. About Issues**

“We've been thinking about a **woman's right to control her own body**, and have come to a firm view: If a woman waits 24 hours, listens to her doctor, notifies her husband, gets her parents' consent if underage and pays for it herself, certainly she has every right to make her own decision on whether to have breast implants.” **Wall Street Journal, 4/24/92**

The Most Important Person.....

And so we choose to honor Mothers on Mother's Day with a rose presented to her with love. Northern Kentucky Right to Life once again is sponsoring a rose sale on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13.** **Roses are available in bright red (the Pro-Life movement symbol), white, pink, mauve, and yellow at a donation of \$1.50.** Churches, schools, and individuals please place your order with our office manager **Cathy Smith at 431-6380** and remember the roses will be available for pickup at our new office, **1822 Madison Ave. In Covington, any time after Apr. 15. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as by special appointment with Cathy.**

Yes, Mothers cannot claim to have built magnificent buildings or roadways, but they have joined forces with God to perform the most magnificent act...the act of creation of a new human being with a soul. What on God's earth is more glorious than this...to be a Mother! And so we honor her.

to be a Mother.

WHAT ON GOD'S EARTH IS MORE GLORIOUS THAN THIS: TO BE A MOTHER ...Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty

earth is a Mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than a cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body....The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature on earth. They have joined forces with Mothers in performing this act of creation....What on God's earth is more glorious than this:

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