

CHEMICAL ABORTION CONTINUED - BY POLITICAL BETRAYAL

After carefully summarizing the uncontradicted evidence that the so-called "birth control" pill can impede the implantation of a newly-conceived child into his mother's womb, and that these drugs and devices are dispensed to teenagers without parental consent or notification, Northern **Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board member Addia Wuchner, R.N.**, moved for the adoption of a resolution by the Board which would reject federal Title X funds, which mandate the distribution of these drugs and devices to anyone who asks, with regard to age, and without parental consent or notification. The Board rejected this resolution at its June 19, 2002 Board meeting by a 13 to 13 split.

The defeat is directly attributable to blatant political betrayal by three elected politicians, **Campbell County Judge-Executive Steve Pendery (R)**, **Kenton County Judge-Executive Richard Murgatroyd (R)**, and **Kenton County Commissioner Barbara Black (R)**.

Murgatroyd answered NKRTL's May 2002 primary election candidate questionnaire that he would actively "support legislation which prohibits all use of state, federal, and/or Medicare funds for abortion (including chemical abortions, such as RU-486, or the so-called morning after pill)", or the so-called "standard birth control pill," and that he would not appoint or confirm any individual to any board or committee unless that individual guaranteed that he would vote against any such public funding of abortion, including chemical abortion.

Both **Pendery** and **Black** declined to answer the questionnaire this year, although they gave affirmative Pro-Life answers to a similar question when they first ran

Several of **Murgatroyd's** appointees cast pro-abortion votes on this issue at the June 2002 meeting of the NKIDHD, including Commissioner Barbara Black, who sits on the Board as the representative of Judge Murgatroyd. Each county judge has a seat on the Board but may designate someone to sit in his behalf.

All of **Campbell County's** appointees cast pro-abortion votes, except for **Nancy Gray, R.N.**

All appointees of the **Boone County Judge-Executive, Gary Moore (R)** cast Pro-Life votes, as per his Pro-Life campaign commitment, except **Dr. Christopher Cunha**, a Boone County pediatrician (who Moore says promised that he would vote Pro-Life).

Background History

As reported in **Northern Kentucky Right to Life's** newsletters of February of 1998 and October of 2000, NKRTL first learned of the planned distribution of abortifacient chemicals by the NKIDHD in September of 1997. NKRTL members attended the September 17th Board meeting and presented evidence that indeed the pill did operate post-conception, and prevented implantation in the womb of the newly-conceived human being and therefore was an abortifacient, and not a contraceptive. Several physicians on the Board agreed with this scientific fact, but the overwhelming majority of the Board (including those physicians) voted to approve the distribution of these chemicals.

Members of NKRTL and others became active in the political races for County Judge-Executive in the three Northern Kentucky counties, and in the 1998 elections, the county judges who had appointed those pro-aborts to the NKIDHD Board (or their successor-designees) were defeated, and the three present people were elected, with the endorsement of NKRTL-PAC, based upon their Pro-Life promises to oppose the distribution of these abortifacient drugs and devices — Moore in Boone County, Pendery in Campbell County, and Murgatroyd in Kenton County.

The Issues - The Evidence

NKRTL had long since furnished multiple evidence to each member of the NKIDHD Board, documented with medical and statistical data concerning both the abortifacient nature of many of these drugs and devices,

For complete details about the ongoing dispute concerning public taxpayers' funding of abortifacients and contraceptives, by the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board, watch "Gift of Life," on Insight Cable, Channel 17, throughout the months of August and September - each Friday at 10:30 p.m. and each Monday at 10 p.m.

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for office four years ago.

as well as their disastrous epidemiological consequences

Individual human life begins at conception, i.e., the fertilization of the female ovum by the male sperm. *Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary*.

Micheline Matthews-Roth, M.D., Principal Research Associate of Harvard University Medical School, stated quite clearly: "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 states of life. There is not one medical text in use in one medical school in this country that teaches to the contrary."

To the same effect is the quote by the discoverer of the Downs Syndrome chromosome, **Dr. Jerome LeJeune, Genetics Professor at the University of Descartes in Paris**: "After fertilization has taken place, a new human being has come into being. ...This is no longer a matter of taste or opinion. Each individual has a very neat beginning, at conception."

The **IUD, Norplant, and Depoprovera**, all operate to prevent implantation in the mother's womb of the newly-created human being, 7 days post-conception (which is the time it takes for the embryo to travel down the fallopian tube to the womb). If the developing child does not implant into the womb, he dies. This is a chemical abortion.

Birth Control Pill

Concerning the **so-called standard birth control pill**, NKRTL presented the overwhelming evidence that it has three functions:

→the first of which is to attempt to prevent ovulation, which happens in the majority of cases, and which is truly contraceptive;

→the second of which is that it thickens the mucus and thereby intends to prevent the female egg from being fertilized by the male sperm (which also occurs);

→the third is that it deprives the womb of the necessary blood supply and nutrition necessary for the newly-conceived human being, which, 7 days post-conception, arrives at the womb to implant.

This function of the pill was admitted by **Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt**, in testimony before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee in January 2001.

In fact, it has been medically known since a 1969 Federal Drug Administration Advisory Committee, chaired by **long-time PPH associate Dr. Lewis Hellman**, reported that abortifacient function of the pill. By federal law, the abortifacient function of the oral birth control pill is required to be described in printed material which comes with every package of the pills purchased from the pharmacy. Obviously, there cannot be any legitimate medical dispute concerning its abortifacient function.

Teenagers

to the female users.

In addition, NKRTL furnished documented and respected medical studies from widely-recognized experts concerning the disastrous consequences to the recipients of these drugs and devices, who constitute in significant number teenage girls. The health department statistics demonstrate that 15% of the female population they serve is between age 13 and 17, and that 76% of those girls show up at the clinic for so-called "birth control," without the presence or knowledge of a parent. **In fact, Title X requires that these drugs and devices be furnished to anyone who requests them, regardless of age, and that the agency furnishing them is prohibited from notifying the child's parents!**

We believe that the percentage of girls who are actually receiving "birth control" is greater than 15%, since the staff did not break down the age of their recipients by service, i.e., distinguishing between those females who were receiving prenatal care, PAP smears, mammograms, etc. versus those who were receiving birth control.

NKRTL furnished to all NKIDHD Board members the booklet by **Dr. Chris Kahlenborn, Breast Cancer, Abortion, and the Pill**, wherein he points out the overwhelming medical evidence supporting the connection between the oral contraceptive pill and the increase of breast cancer. Also given to each member was a recent article in the public press which reported a study in the renowned British medical journal, *Lancet* (Vol. 359, p. 1085-1092) showing an increase of cervical cancer due to early and more multiple sex partners — a direct result of course of encouragement and proliferation of contraception.

There are valid reasons to oppose the flawed public policy of distributing true contraceptive materials and advice (with public funds) to teenagers. Even though those true contraceptives (i.e., condoms and foam) do not cause abortion, they do expose the users to serious and fatal disease.

As shown in the article by **Robert Noble, a specialist in infectious diseases and an AIDS doctors to the poor with the University of Kentucky College of Medicine at Lexington**, published in *Newsweek* magazine on April 1, 1991, the furnishing of these devices and materials and counseling to youngsters is a disaster:

"Passing out condoms to teenagers is like issuing them squirt guns for a four-alarm blaze. Condoms just don't hack it. We should stop kidding ourselves. ... Condoms are not 100% safe. ... Reduce the risk of a disease that is 100% fatal! That's all that's available between us and death? So much for safe sex. ... Abstinence and sexual intercourse with one mutually faithful uninfected partner are the only totally effective prevention strategies. ... Syphilis is on the rise. Gonorrhea is harder to treat. ... Ectopic pregnancies and infertility from sexually transmitted diseases are mounting every year. ... Doctors can't fix most of the things you can catch out there. There is no cure for AIDS. There is no cure for herpes or genital warts. ..."

NKRTL also furnished the article by **Dr. David Hager of Lexington, Kentucky, infectious disease specialist and previously with the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia**, who outlines the same problems and points out: "There are more than 12 million new STD cases

Evasions & Silence

No one cited any studies which dispute these adverse consequences, medically and socially, of early and multiple sex encounters occasioned by readily available contraceptives.

None of the supporters of Title X, on or off the Board, gave any explanation as to why the dispensing of contraceptive/abortifacient medication is the only activity currently engaged in by NKIDHD which does not involve the treatment of disease, and which is of course clearly beyond the proper scope of "public health." Their response, rather, was personal invective, name calling, and characterizing the Pro-Lifers as "extremists...overzealous, cynical individuals... bullying technique...mean-spirited...full of hate and anger," etc.

More Evidence

An excellent documentary booklet (in excess of 100 pages), with graphs and specific photocopies of national and international studies on the subject, was put together by three dedicated Pro-Life NKIDHD Board members, **George T. Donovan, M.D., Richard G. Gautraud, M.D., and Addia K. Wuchner, R.N.** *The Impact of Title X Funding on Women's Health and Family Planning Services* was furnished to each Board member well in advance of the vote.

It also documented the mandatory secrecy and family interference requirements of Title X, which we have described above, and the disastrous medical evidence that has developed concerning the widespread practices and availability of abortifacients and contraceptives, both chemical and mechanical. It demonstrated in all respects the totally flawed and failed nature of these policies which have held sway in this country since the passage in 1970 of Title X. Included was a chart published by the state of Kentucky, showing that the percentage of births to unmarried women in Kentucky from 1970 to 1999 has gone from 8% to 28%, more than a 300% increase. But the opponents were obviously not interested in "evidence."

Scorecard

Boone County Representatives

(Appointees of Boone County Judge-Exec. Gary Moore)	
Roger Augenstein, D.V.M.	Against Title X
Christopher A. Cunha, M.D.	For Title X
George T. Donovan, M.D.	Absent
Richard G. Gautraud, M.D.	Against Title X
Charles Kenner, D.M.D.	Against Title X
Addia Wuchner, R.N.	Against Title X
Maureen Sheldon, R.N.	Against Title X

Campbell County Representatives

annually. Incurable viral STD's continue to increase. One-fifth of all Americans have a viral STD."

(Appointees of Campbell Cnty. Judge-Exec. Steve Pendery)

Daniel Courtade, M.D.	For Title X
Nancy Gray, R.N.	Against Title X
Phyllis Schenk, R.N.	For Title X
Richard Schuck, Optometrist	For Title X
Steve Pendery, County Judge-Exec.	For Title X
Carla Austin, R.N.	For Title X

Kenton County Representatives

(Appointees of Ken. Cnty. Judge-Exec. Richard Murgatroyd)

Joseph G. Bessler, R.Ph.	Against Title X
Mark A. Boyd, M.D.	For Title X
Carl J. Brueggemann, M.D.	Against Title X
Laura Crone, Homemaker	Against Title X
Stephen W. Hilz, M.D.	Absent

Don Kiely, Cincinnati Bell Executive	For Title X
Michael Kirkwood, M.D.	For Title X

Barb Black, County Commissioner	For Title X
James A. Noll, D.V.M.	Against Title X

Thomas M. Shaughnessy, M.D.	Against Title X
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Tammy S. Skaats, R.N.	For Title X
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Grant County Representatives

Greg Kennedy, M.H.A. (Tie-Breaker)	For Title X
Darrell L. Link, County Judge-Exec.	For Title X
William Ford Threlkeld, II., M.D.	Against Title X

Covington Mayor Butch Callery's Representative

Mary Lou Gastright, Homemaker	For Title X
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Newport Mayor Thomas Guidugli's Representative

Tony Kramer, R.N.	Against Title X
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The Players

Space does not permit the describing of the marvelous and courageous testimony given by many of the 13 Pro-Life votes on the Health Board at the June meeting, nor the testimony given by many others at the caucus meeting in May, at which members of the public

were permitted to testify. We publish here some of the testimony to give the reader a flavor of the quality and candor of the Pro-Life evidence and of the sad emptiness of the arguments of our opponents.

The lead testimony for the Pro-Life position was given by Board member **Addia Wuchner, R.N.**, personal representative of **Boone County Judge-Executive Gary Moore**, who actually was the main lead person and primary maker of the motion to reject the Title X funds. Her testimony was temperate, eloquent, factual, and

Dr. Richard Gautraud, the father of 10 children and a 25-year physician, described his 10 children, 2 of whom "were foster boys whose Mom didn't provide them with a father." He reminded us that "what we need to teach is reproductive responsibility." He is the medical director of a pregnancy care center "where day after day we see the emptiness of the 'sex without consequences' message. These women need truth and wisdom, not contraception. ...the issue is simply 'is our family planning approach working?' Does it foster a healthier community? I don't see that it does. What I see are increases in STDs, more abused and neglected children, and more HPV and cervical cancer. These are the fruits of the Title X 'we can protect you' mentality. This is not 'linking people and resources for a healthier community' as our mission statement says. ... At first it seemed that condoms could take care of most of the consequences of extra-marital sex, but health professionals were wrong. AIDS and HPV viruses easily pass through condoms. And as a result of skyrocketing HPV infection rates, cervical cancer (which is caused by HPV) is now more and more common. ... Those on this board who agree with me are not 'extremists'. Those who continue to support a demonstrably failed approach should ask themselves why they do so."

Kenton County physician Michael Shaughnessy explained his Pro-Life vote: "To conclude that minors should not be making significant health care decisions is not controversial. Everyone here appears to agree on this point. I would decline Title X funds on this facts alone. ... To conclude that IUD's are abortifacients is not controversial.... I would decline Title X funds on this fact alone." Regarding the standard birth control pill, Dr. Shaughnessy explained the political (non-medical) redefinition of the beginning of life by some who wish to accommodate chemical abortion as "a semantic slight of hand which greatly misleads the public," and points out that "hormonal contraceptives sometimes cause post-fertilization deaths...you cannot use evil to do good...society must protect the innocent."

Some significant observations concerning the pro-abortion votes. **Dr. Mark Boyd** voted pro-abortion on an earlier vote on this issue, and was reappointed nonetheless by **Kenton County Judge-Executive Richard Murgatroyd**. The same with **Don Kiely**. The same with **Barbara Black**.

After **Dr. Michael Kirkwood** voted pro-abortion the last time this issue was raised, Murgatroyd attempted to apologize and explain that he was disappointed, that Kirkwood came from a religious family, and that he was

documented, and demonstrated that true medical care for poverty level women could continue through other funds presently available to the Health Board, even if the Board rejected the Title X funds. She pointed out that since the Health Department accepts Title X funds, it must furnish abortifacients and contraceptives to children without the knowledge or consent of their parents. (In fact, NKIDHD staff statistics demonstrated that of the children age 13 to 17 who come to the clinics for "birth control," 76% of them present without parent or guardian or adult authorization.) surprised at his vote, and that he was going to demand his resignation. Kirkwood of course not only voted pro-abortion again, but proudly and boldly stated, "My patients are going to continue to have birth control pills." In fact, Kirkwood is an obstetrician/gynecologist who obviously earns a portion of his living by distributing these abortifacients/ contraceptives to his patients. In fact, a patient of that office has told us that she saw a drawer labeled "Norplant" — an obvious abortifacient — in the office.

NKRTL wrote to Dr. Kirkwood's partner, **Dr. E.J. Burchell**, and pointed that out, and solicited his efforts to persuade his partner, Dr. Kirkwood, to cast a Pro-Life vote on the Health Board. Dr. Burchell is a member of the Covington Catholic Diocesan Pro-Life Commission. We asked as to whether or not he was distributing these same abortifacients/ contraceptives in his practice in conjunction with his partner Kirkwood, but have received no answer.

In fact, neither the Diocese of Covington, nor any of its official organs, including the Pro-Life Commission, or its news organ, *The Messenger*, has publicly declared its position on this issue. This scandal was publicized by pro-pill advocate **Kenton County Commissioner Barbara Black** in her diatribe against NKRTL at the March 16, 2002 meeting of the Kenton County Fiscal Court (videotape available from NKRTL) when she pointed out that only NKRTL was taking this position against the public funding of these chemicals and devices, not the Covington Diocese, the Catholic Pro-Life Commission, National Right to Life Committee, or Kentucky Right to Life Association. Unfortunately, her statements were accurate.

Fr. Paul Berschied, Pastor of St. Cecilia Church in Independence, and **Fr. Leo Schmidt, Pastor of St. Augustine Church in Covington**, and **United Methodist Pastor Robert Mussman of Newport** gave public witness of their personal Pro-Life positions by attendance at the Health Board meetings.

In addition to representatives appointed by the county judges of the four counties making up the district, Boone, Campbell, Kenton, and Grant, the statute gives a seat on the Board to the mayors of the two largest cities in the district, Covington (**Butch Callery**) and Newport (**Thomas Guidugli**).

Guidugli's appointee, **Tony Kramer, R.N.**, cast a Pro-Life vote, and gave fervent testimony in support of it.

Callery's appointee, **Mrs. Mary Lou Gastright**, stated at the May caucus that she was in favor of continuing the

Title X funds. A delegation visited Mayor Callery prior to the vote, including faculty members from a Covington inner-city school, which included **Catholic Sisters of Notre Dame**, as well as a lay faculty member, and explained to the Mayor the tragic consequences of Title X which they have seen personally. — including inner-city minors.

Mayor Callery's response was that his appointee, Mrs. Gastright, was "a good Catholic - a member of Holy Cross Parish Council, a Eucharistic minister," and he would not replace her at this vote. When asked if he approved of the distribution of these abortifacients/contraceptives to children, he answered in the negative. When it was pointed out to him that that was his appointee's position, he

Campbell County Judge-Executive Steve Pendery gave an argument which essentially supported the theory that "it's a dirty job, but somebody has to do it," as he argued that if the Health Board didn't distribute these abortifacients/contraceptives to minors, that the federal government would procure someone else to do it! (It must be noted that Judge Pendery also voted, at an earlier meeting of the Health Board, against an "abstinence only" policy of the Board concerning "sex education in public schools." In the face of graphic and incredibly obscene evidence regarding the sex ed programs previously in place, Pendery was in an extreme minority in support of continuing those programs.)

Media Coverage

Of course there was the usual biased media editorializing, calling the opponents of this initiative "extremists...so far out on the fringe...a particularly virulent brand of reproductive politics...health policy dictated by religious doctrine...what's next, leeching and witch burning? ...well-organized zealots..." The media of course generally favored the continuation of the distribution of these drugs and devices, but the issue received a massive amount of coverage, and a great deal of information got out to the public — for the first time in years.

Both **NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo** and **Vice President Fred H. Summe** were interviewed multiple times in the newspapers. Cetrulo was interviewed for three separate hours on major Cincinnati radio stations, and interviewed by the Associated Press which ran a statewide story through all of the newspapers in Kentucky, and participated in an hour long program by KET in Lexington, Kentucky, broadcast throughout the whole state. Appearing with him was **Mrs. Wuchner**. Appearing for the other side was **an attorney for Planned Parenthood**, and **NKIDHD Board Chairman Greg Kennedy**. **NKIDHD Board member Barbara Black** had been invited by the program's moderator, but declined to appear. Perhaps it occurred to her that appearing at the table sitting next to the Planned Parenthood operative would puncture her already thin balloon of a claim to be Pro-Life, while she simultaneously supports the distribution of these abortifacient drugs and chemicals, including to children without parental consent or knowledge.

declined to intervene. That vote alone, would have changed the outcome. Mrs. Gastright reinforced her pro-abortion vote by praising the pill as reversing the previous policies which "kept women pregnant and barefoot."

The lead speaker for the opposition to the Pro-Life motion was **Dr. Daniel Courtade** whose rambling and non-scientific opposition was noteworthy only by his incredibly tasteless story told in front of the several hundred attendees about ["urinating"] in soft drinks — which was received with great laughter by the ACLU/Planned Parenthood imports in the audience from Cincinnati, Lexington, and Louisville.

The local debate was the subject of intense national interest as well, with interview calls coming from the *Los Angeles Times*, a radio station in Fort Worth, Texas, was on the hotline of ACLU and PPH nationally, and was discussed on *Vatican Radio* from Rome.

The Outcome

Regardless of this close loss on the present motion, Pro-Life, and indeed the public, has already won a great victory in this matter.

Until our efforts began to expose this matter five years ago, with increasing intensity right up to the present time, the issue had been successfully and totally suppressed.

You haven't read in the newspapers — not even in the local *Catholic Messenger* — or seen on the television the uncontroverted facts which we exposed — that many of the drugs denominated as contraceptives are indeed abortifacients, and that both they and the true contraceptives, being distributed as a matter of public policy to children without parental notification or consent, constitutes bad morals, bad medicine, and bad public policy. It certainly does not constitute "public health."

Unfortunately, you haven't even heard these issues discussed from church pulpits!

But there it is, now — the toothpaste is out of the tube — and there is no putting it back.

One of the TV reporters who interviewed Cetrulo stated to him after the interview had been concluded, "This is information of which the average woman is unaware," with which Cetrulo agreed and pointed out that the purpose of this initiative is simply to give the truth to people, rather than continuing the smoke of deception which surrounds this entire subject.

Truth Does Indeed Persuade

Many people have indeed changed their minds, hearts, and practices, as a result of these initiatives brought forth initially by NKRTL five years ago.

One physician on the Health Board explained that he had prescribed these pills for years, but now agrees that they are abortifacients, and destructive, and bad policy, as well as bad medicine.

A pharmacist on the Health Board admitted that he had filled these prescriptions for years, and that he has

changed his mind now, and confessed what he conceived to be a sin.

A housewife on the Health Board described that she had used these pills as a youngster from a broken home, and now realizes how disastrous they are, and emphatically urged that we have a duty to tell the truth to these girls and women.

Another pharmacist on the Health Board who had been filling the prescriptions for these pills, although he knew even from pharmacy school that they do in fact cause abortion, finally came to grips with his conscience as well, and quit his job, and has now moved to another state in a position where he is not compelled to distribute these dangerous and killing drugs.

Another obstetrician who used to work for the Health Board, and indeed prescribed and distributed these pills and devices, gave moving testimony that she thought at the time that she was doing these girls and women a service,

A local health department in McHenry County, Illinois, canceled Title X participation when it was brought out that a 37-year-old gym teacher repeatedly sexually abused a 13-year-old girl, took her to a Title X funded health clinic where she received injections of Depo Provera, and the abuse continued.

Efforts have been made at the national level, and will continue to be made, to eradicate Title X totally.

The issue is truly "truth or consequences — life or death." Choose life! *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Does your physician kill babies, deceive parents, and betray children? The votes are there to be seen. If you continue to treat with those doctors, who either kill babies, or have voted their approval of such conduct, and the debouchment of teenagers, then you have in effect approved such conduct.

Has your church, pastor, or organization, remained silent in the face of this overwhelming obligation to speak out in defense of truth? You need to confront them and demand their active participation on the side of life.

"What is this country coming to?"

That question was just asked by **U.S. Senator Robert Byrd (D, W.VA.)**, about the recent U.S. Court of Appeals decision holding the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional because it contains the language "under God."

One would hope that such decisions might be a wake up call for people like Sen. Byrd, who regularly vote to kill unborn babies. Perhaps Sen. Byrd should acquaint himself with some relevant current statistics:

➤ According to the 7/23/01 *Kentucky Post*, Kentucky state figures "show that 1 out of every 4 teens in Northern Kentucky has contracted a sexually transmitted disease." We all know that that was not the case prior to Title X, 30 years ago.

➤ A record 1.3 million babies were born out of wedlock in 1999, marking the first time that a full 1/3rd of all U.S. births were to unwed mothers, according to federal government statistics issued in November of 2001.

but now realizes that she has done them great harm, and was moved to tears and repentance for her wrong acts, and earnestly persuaded the Health Board to stop this disastrous practice.

A nurse who previously worked for the Health Department resigned because she was transferred to an area where she would be forced to dispense birth control to 14-year-old children. She explains the inconsistency of the Department policy in curtailing the WIC program (Women, Infant and Children supplemental food program) but the staff being insistent that they need to "keep our family planning numbers up."

The Future

The issue of course is far from over. Like all other issues involving fundamental and basic important truths, it will not go away.

➤ The U.S. House of Representatives approved a District of Columbia Domestic Partnership Law recognizing legal benefits to same sex "marriage."

➤ Approximately 6,500 women, mostly Lesbians, and over 200 children, from infancy through age 16, attended the 25th annual Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. Young children were free to roam the grounds where they had the opportunity to see and hear sexually-oriented workshops and Lesbian and sadomasochistic sex acts in progress, according to the American Family Association Internet release of September 20, 2000.

➤ Harrod's Department Store in London now offers Nativity scenes for Lesbian couples, with Joseph appearing as a woman. (*Akron Beacon Journal* 8/16/01)

➤ At the Museum of International Folk Art at Santa Fe, New Mexico, there was an exhibit featuring an altar with a computer on it, above which was a large portrayal of Our Lady of Guadalupe in a bikini, held aloft by a topless woman-angel. (Eyewitness, **Thomas McKenna**)

➤ KMart is a major distributor of music which promotes brutal violence against family members and law enforcement officers, the gang raping of little girls, and massive doses of carnal profanity. (AFA Online - 11/20/01)

"Our culture is a sewer," noted national Jewish columnist Don Feder.

Fr. Rawley Myers, national Catholic columnist, agreed: "People of intelligence warn us, but moderns are anti-intellectual. Most close their ears to reason. They are rushing along on a train and along the track all the signal lights are red. They, having lost their common sense, close their eyes and speed ahead full throttle. The crash is just around the bend."

The 9/11/01 wake up call seems to have had very short-lived effect.

Just last month, a Kansas City jury awarded \$15 million in punitive damages against tobacco giant **R.J. Reynolds**, in favor of a former smoker who lost his legs due to a circulatory disease by reason of years of smoking.

Perhaps that will be the ultimate sobering effect upon the people pushing pills and condoms on children, as disease, disaster, and death mount.

The media and civil liability suits are standing in the wings to address the other debasement of children (pills and promiscuity). Wouldn't it be ironic if God chooses as His agencies to restore sanity — the media and lawyers, neither of which has a sterling record in advancing morality or religion?

What are YOU (each of us!) doing to restore the sanity of truth to our society? *Ezekiel 33:8; Matthew 26:31-46.*

Epilogue

Powerful encouragement and support came to NKRTL in a letter to its President from **Judie Brown, President of American Life League**, the principled and uncompromising national Pro-Life organization:

"I cannot tell you how proud we at American Life League are that we are associated with you and the heroic

Unquestionably, the most important postscript to the current Pro-Life effort locally is the consecration this month of the **10th Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Covington, Most Rev. Roger J. Foys**. Bishop Foys was specifically asked by

a *Kentucky Post* reporter concerning this debate at the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department concerning "the birth control pill" which "the right to life people are saying that the pill in

some cases acts as an abortifacient." Bishop Foys' direct and un-nuanced response must have been disturbing to the pro-abortion *Kentucky Post*, and to pro-aborts in our community as well as the Catholics (many on the Health Board and at St. Elizabeth Hospital and elsewhere) who claim the title "Catholic," but have been ignoring the clear and strong teaching of the Church: **"I don't think there are degrees of pro-life. I think you either are or you're not. I am pro-life, 100 percent. ... In some things there are no gray areas, and to me that's one where there are no gray areas."**

Obviously discomfited, the *Kentucky Post* fired "a warning shot" across Bishop Foys' bow, with its 7/16/02 editorial, *Welcome, Bishop Foys*. The *Post* failed to address of course the true issue of publicly-funded birth control pills, and instead simply labeled as "mean spirited" the efforts of the members of the board of directors of the Health Department to reject Title X funds, glossing over the furnishing of these toxic chemicals and devices to teenagers without parental consent or notification.

Photo of Dr. & Mrs. Kunath

efforts of Northern Kentucky Right to Life Committee, Inc. It is a blessing to see leadership of your caliber not only making a difference in your community, but now across the nation. By the strategic effort your organization undertook to de-fund Title X, a program that provides chemical killers every single day of the year, you have awakened a sleeping giant in the pro-life family across this land.

"American Life League stands ready to be of assistance to your organization in whatever way is most beneficial to you. Please do keep us informed, and rest assured of our prayers. Once again, Bob, we praise Northern Kentucky Right to Life Committee, Inc. for courage, honesty, and resolve to persist. Sincerely yours in the Lord Who Is Life, Judie Brown, President."

NKRTL'S NEWEST BOARD MEMBER - A BUSY MAN

"Need an important job done? Give it to a busy person!", is a wise and truthful saying. NKRTL's newest Board member, **Arthur M. Kunath, M.D.**, is a physician board certified in three separate medical specialties: Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, and Rheumatology, with offices in Edgewood, Ky. He is widely published and lectures nationally in his medical specialty of Rheumatology.

After moving back to the Northern Kentucky area in 1985 and opening his rheumatology practice, he was called back into active duty with the military as a lieutenant colonel and served in the Gulf War as Chief of Medicine with the 350th Reserve Unit.

Dr. Kunath and his wife **Colleen McCormick Kunath** are the parents of seven children ranging in age from 6 to 22, and have been actively involved in educational activities. The Kunaths and several other lay Catholics helped to found **St. Edmund Campion Academy** in 1997.

Dr. Kunath teaches Latin and Classical Culture at the school on his day off from his medical practice, and Colleen teaches math and administers the school.

Dr. Kunath met the late **John Summe, Sr.**, a national board member of **Catholics United for the Faith**, more than 10 years ago, and has become active in that organization, and now serves as President of the local chapter of CUF, **St. Francis of Assisi Chapter** here in Northern Kentucky. Colleen publishes their excellent newsletter, as well as serving as teacher/administrator at the school — all on a volunteer basis, without financial compensation, as is true of Art as well — and indeed all of the other multiple civic and charitable activities served voluntarily by our other NKRTL Board members.

The Kunath family has been active in Pro-Life work for many years, attends the monthly Right to Life Masses held

at parishes in the Covington Diocese, and joins with local Pro-Lifers on the second Saturday of each month for the prayer witness of Mass at the Holy Name Church on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati, followed by a Rosary procession to the Margaret Sanger Planned Parenthood Clinic on Auburn Avenue.

In his spare time, Dr. (Professor) Kunath is one of the founders of the **St. Vincent De Paul Pharmaceutical Association**, a local organization which funds, collects, and distributes pharmaceuticals to local people in poverty.

NKRTL is indeed fortunate to attract the service on its Board of this longtime Pro-Life activist — truly “A Man for All Seasons,” Art Kunath.

“CAN YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME...?” (Matthew 26:40)

All are asked to join us as we pray for all innocent human life from conception to natural death, at the regular monthly liturgy -- sponsored now for many years by NKRTL.

This month, it will be held at **St. Anthony Church**, 485 Grand Ave., Covington (Taylor Mill), KY, on **Thursday, August 22, 2002**, with **Holy Rosary being said at 6:45 p.m. and Mass at 7 p.m.**, followed by a reception.

Fr. Thomas Robbins, Pastor, encourages all to attend.

"Historians will someday look back on these days and ask the inevitable questions: Did you know? Did you speak up for life? Or did you turn your head, pretending to be an innocent bystander? And those of us who believe in a Day of Divine Judgment know that these questions will be asked also by the Lord of Life who takes as done to himself whatever we do for the least of his children." (**Fr. John Powell, S.J.**)

NKRTL'S 29TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE - SUN. SEPT. 29, 2002

Mark your calendar early to be with us for our **29th Annual Celebration of Life** at the **London Hall, Drawbridge Estates, I-75 at Buttermilk Pike (Exit 186) in Fort Mitchell, Ky.** on **Sunday, September 29, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.**, to hear the next in our sequence of magnificent speakers.

We are proud to add to that list **Stephen J. Koob, Ph.D., Director of One More Soul.**

Dr. Koob is a retired U.S. Air Force Major, a Pro-Life activist for 25 years, and the parent, with his wife **Vivian**, of 14 children — 8 biological, 5 adopted, and 1 stepdaughter.

One More Soul distributes resources to help people understand how children are wonderful blessings from God, and how contraception is very harmful, especially to women and marriage, and thus to Church and society. They have published and distributed a number of very effective books, pamphlets, audios, videos, and maintain a directory of NFP-only physicians, NFP teachers, and NFP centers in the U.S. and Canada. This Directory includes over 400 physicians who do not prescribe or refer for contraception, abortion, in vitro fertilization, or sterilization. Dr. Koob reminds us all that “we should surely support the admonition to ‘tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth’ in all that we do.”

Stephen J. Koob, Ph.D.

Mrs. Koob is Director of **Elizabeth’s New Life Center**, a pregnancy help center.

Tickets are now available, \$5.00 each (free child care provided). Please call the **office, 431-6380**, or send your check to **P.O. Box 1202, Covington, KY 41012**. We are hopeful of donations of **Patrons, \$10.00 per name, to be listed in our program**, and more generous donations where possible, necessary to support our ongoing expenses.

Co-Chairmen of this year’s event are **Fr. Frank Amberger, Associate Pastor, St. Martin of Tours Church in Cheviot, OH**, and **Rev. Robert B. Mussman, retired United**

Methodist minister, Fort Thomas, KY.

We need to have a large turnout at this annual event to continue and indeed increase the Pro-Life impetus. **Please purchase tickets for, and bring — your spouse, child, parent, pastor, friend, etc. Remember, we are not only about saving lives of babies, and mothers, but the souls of all.**

All are called individually to this obligation.