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THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Whether people realize it or not, our celebration of Christmas acknowledges the anniversary of the greatest

Jesus Is Love card

Although we are gifted differently, some with superior intellects, some good health, and some great wealth, while others have none of these, our hearts tell us we are no better or no more important than anyone else. We all know our good fortunes do not prove God has a greater love for us.

Have We Forgotten?

Our culture has forgotten the reason why we celebrate Christmas. This is why our society has hardened its heart to the value of each human life.

Forty-four hundred surgical abortions each day, added to thousands of abortions by chemicals or abortifacients, reveal how little we, as a people, can remember the event we are celebrating.

We now debate the “benefits” of assisted suicide. Denial of food and hydration from a comatose patient is now seen by some as “an act of compassion.”

Out of fear of God’s gifts to them, many couples have contracepted away some, if not all, of their children.

For 2000 years, Christendom has been a sign of contradiction to the world. For those who proclaim that Jesus Christ is in fact the God-Man, the obligation is especially great to give witness that every human life is unique and precious, and that every person, because they are made in the image of God, will live forever.

Whether a person lives for 100 seconds after conception or 100 years, his physical life is still the beginning of eternity for him. Man, through an evil act, may destroy an innocent human life and thus frustrate God’s plan for that person, but that person will still exist forever. That is why human life is sacred.

This is the greatest reason to celebrate: 2000 years of Christendom — two millennia of proclaiming that everyone, without exception, has a life worth living — because it is a life that begins eternity for someone God has loved forever and will love forever.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

event that ever took place in human history: **The Incarnation — God became man.**

“The unique and singular event of the Incarnation of the Son of God does not mean that Jesus Christ is part God and part man, nor does it imply that He is the result of a confused mixture of the divine and the human. He became truly man while remaining truly God. Jesus Christ is true God and true man.” *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Sec. 464.

The Incarnation demonstrates how precious God values human life. It is such a wonderful creation that the Creator became His creation.

So why do we celebrate Christmas?

Christianity proclaimed the natural law found in everyone’s heart: each person’s life needs to be respected

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and served. From this Judeo-Christian principle, there sprang forth the obligation to care for the needs of others.

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NOV. 2002 ELECTION WRAP-UP

“Place not your trust in princes...” **Psalm 145:3**

While the wisdom of that Biblical dictum becomes increasingly clear, considering the number of races in which NKRTL-PAC was unable to make an endorsement because of the lack of fit candidates, it did make endorsements in eight races. The Pro-Life candidates were successful in six of those: **Boone County Judge-Executive Gary Moore (R)**, **Boone County Attorney J. R. Schrand (R)**, **Boone County Commissioner District #3 Terri Moore (R)**, **Campbell County Property Valuation Administrator Daniel Braun (R)**, **Kenton County Attorney Gary Edmondson (R)**, and **State Representative for the 60th Legislative District Paul Marcotte (R)**.

The two Pro-Life endorsed candidates who lost were candidates for: **Boone County Clerk, Jay Hall (R)**, and **Kenton County Commissioner District #2, Stephen Wright (D)**.

Consistency vs. Plastic Principles

NKRTL-PAC's main function is to teach the truth that each human life, without exception, is sacred.

Even though NKRTL-PAC endorses without regard to the prospects of the outcome, or the candidate's party affiliation, it has enjoyed an extraordinarily high success ratio. Why? Because it deals in truth, communicating that forthrightly to the public. NKRTL-PAC consistently and fearlessly advances the proposition that principle transcends party.

NKRTL-PAC found itself unable to make endorsements in several races, where neither contestant deserved the label “Pro-Life.” It does not “trim its sails” to practice “lowest common denominator morality,” as some groups do. Let us demonstrate for the readers' consideration some examples.

Kentucky Right to Life, which is a local affiliate of **National Right to Life**, unfortunately makes **loose use of the word “pro-life.”** Both extended endorsements to candidates who favor the killing of the unborn child for the crime of the father, i.e., rape and incest (capital punishment for the innocent). Both organizations endorsed **President George W. Bush** two years ago, even in the face of his refusal to promise Pro-Life appointments to the federal bench, and in fact in the face of his appointment of pro-aborts to the Texas Supreme Court which struck down the very modest abortion restriction of parental notification.

KRLA has some curious “criteria for political endorsement,” which include that the candidate must be “electable.”

It also says that it will not endorse a candidate if he supports pro-aborts for office or has done so in the past (which they finally adopted a few years ago from NKRTL's questionnaire). They nonetheless endorsed, two years ago, incumbent **Congressman Ken Lucas (D)**, even

though he appeared on statewide TV adamantly endorsing such stridently pro-abortion candidates as **Scotty Baessler (D)**, **former Congressman of Lexington**, in his race against Pro-Life **U.S. Sen. Jim Bunning (R)**, and **Gov. Paul Patton (D)** who vetoed our Pro-Life legislation passed by the General Assembly, and the strongly pro-abortion **Vice Pres. Al Gore (D)**, and the pro-abortion leader from the Kentucky House of Representatives, **Eleanor Jordan (D)**, of Louisville, in her race against the Pro-Life incumbent Congresswoman **Anne Northup (R)**.

This time around, however, KRLA abandoned Mr. Lucas to a category called “Recommended” because of his vote on so-called Election Reform (admittedly a pro-abortion vote) and described his other voting record as “very pro-life,” and ignored the fact that he violated their principle about supporting pro-abortion candidates. Their facile abandonment of him this time was in order to endorse **Geoff Davis (R)**, even though Mr. Davis has publicly stated that if elected to Congress he would not vote to repeal Title X. This federal law funds the distribution of abortifacients and contraceptive drugs and devices indiscriminately to teenagers, without even notice to their parents.

The patent untrustworthiness of KRLA's endorsements is demonstrated clearly in their endorsement this election cycle of **Kenton County Judge-Executive Richard Murgatroyd (R)**, and **Kenton County Commissioners Dan Humpert (R)**, **Barbara Black (R)**, and **Adam Koenig (R)**. It is truly non-understandable how KRLA could ignore the voting record of these four members of the Kenton County Fiscal Court, who just this past April violated their previously written campaign commitments to NKRTL that they would oppose any use of public funds for abortifacient drugs and devices. Further, KRLA ignored the leadership roles played by Murgatroyd and Black in the defeat of NKRTL efforts to seek the **Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department's** rejection of federal Title X funds. It's a shame KRLA wasn't at the Health Board hearing to observe the cheering contingent of the radical Planned Parenthood group supporting the statements and efforts of Commissioner Black, who serves as Murgatroyd's personal representative on the NKIDHD Board.

One of Murgatroyd's quotes at the Kenton County Fiscal Court hearing of April 23, 2002 (which may be viewed on tape through the **Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky**, 3414 Decoursey Ave., Covington, KY 41015) was that we need to advise these youngsters, “If you're going to do it, you must work to protect yourself!”

The Past is Frequently a Good Guide to Predict the Future

It must be remembered that KRLA has a tragic and disastrous record of endorsements in the past. It endorsed pro-abortion candidates over **Sen. Jack Westwood (R)**, **Sen. Gex Williams (R)**, and **Sen. Katie Stine (R)**. Their actions have become so bizarre that Pro-Life leader **State Senator Tim Philpot (R)** of Lexington wrote to KRLA and

advised that it was making a laughing stock of itself. But unfortunately it continues. The consequences are not

Another one of their criteria that KRLA facetiously ignores is its statement, "We will not endorse any candidate with a rape/incest exception. We will 'recommend' him/her if the opponent is pro-abortion." However, they rush to give to **Sen. Mitch McConnell (R)** a "highly recommended" (not even specified in their obviously flexible criteria!), apparently based upon his very limited Pro-Life voting record in the Congress. KRLA conveniently ignored his support for the destruction of unborn babies for the crimes of their father (rape and incest) and his routine support for office for active pro-abortionists, **George W. Bush, Robert Dole**, and multiple pro-abortion Senate colleagues.

The classic example perhaps is the race in Louisville 8 years ago when the incumbent congressman from that district, **Ronald Mazzoli (D)** retired. Mazzoli had been a strong and forthright Floor leader in the Congress for much of the Pro-Life legislation. The Democratic Party nominated an active pro-abortionist from the Kentucky House of Representatives. The Republican Party nominated an active pro-abortionist from the State Senate. Some Pro-Lifers realized the unacceptability of the situation and introduced an Independent into the race, who was Pro-Life, and drew sufficient votes from the republican, so as to elect the democrat. Sen. McConnell demonstrated public apoplexy, criticizing the Pro-Lifers because they had elected a democratic pro-abort. But the Republican Party learned, and two years later, nominated a Pro-Lifer, who then was elected and unseated the one-term democrat pro-abort.

It simply validated what many of us had learned a quarter of a century earlier from that great Pro-Life leader from Long Island, NY, **Ellen McCormack**, whose Pro-Life presidential candidacy **NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo** chaired here in Kentucky in 1976.

Principle v. "Least Worst?"

Ellen recounted the story of how they learned of the introduction of a pro-abortion bill in the state legislature (three years before Roe v. Wade), and they traveled to Albany and regaled their legislators with the Pro-Life arguments. They were advised, of course, that the issue had no chance to pass, and that their legislators would be supportive of them.

When the pro-abortion law not only passed, but was supported by these same legislators, these principled Pro-Life women fielded candidates against their legislators. The legislators responded that this was foolish because this would divide the vote, and the opponent would be elected, who "is worse for you than we are." Ellen's response is unforgettable: "How could he be? You aren't doing anything for us!"

Sometimes when you have rats in the house, you need to bring in a snake to kill the rats. Later, you can worry about the snake.

Some Sad Local Sidebars

really laughable, but tragic.

Remember when the secular media mis-characterized NKRTL as an extension arm of the Republican Party? While that was never true, we are now routinely flagellated by "republican firsters," now that their party has achieved more prominence. They do not wish to be held to the same objective standards that NKRTL has always applied.

One such "republican firster" had no difficulty in extravagant praise and support for Murgatroyd, despite his violation of his campaign commitments, his demonstrated lack of respect for innocent human life, and his lack of respect for the integrity of the family rights of parents. **State Senator Richard Roeding (R)** weighed in with a public endorsement of Murgatroyd for his "integrity and honesty, following a set of standards and values that he has followed throughout his public and private life."

"Eating Their Own"

Two days before the election, **Mrs. Karen Riegler** was interviewed by the *Cincinnati Enquirer* in her paid official position as "**Coordinator of the Pro-Life Commission of the Diocese of Covington.**" She gave a clear endorsement to the strongest advocate in Northern Kentucky of abortifacient distributions to minors: "I have no problem with Barb Black. She is very pro-life. But Bob Cetrulo eats his own. I wouldn't recommend his endorsements."

Aside from the fact that Mrs. Riegler is clearly a "Johnny-come-lately" to the Pro-Life movement, the more telling indictment of her statement is the shameful record of the Pro-Life Commission. It has specifically and repeatedly rejected multiple requests to meet with NKRTL. It rejected NKRTL's suggestions that it should weigh in publicly on the side of these issues by formal resolution and press releases. It ignored NKRTL's efforts to reverse a nine-year pro-abortion policy which we accidentally discovered in place at the **St. Elizabeth Hospital**, and our efforts to persuade the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board to discontinue reception of federal Title X funds which mandate the distribution of abortifacients and other contraceptives to children, without the consent of their parents.

An unsigned "Position Paper" of St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Ethics Committee dated 1990 authorized the abortion of a class of unborn children with a certain genetic defect. NKRTL only learned of this many years later when it obtained a copy of a letter written on the **Diocese of Covington Family Ministry Office** stationery, by **Co-Director James C. Vogt** (who was Co-Director with his wife **Susan Vogt**, who was then also Executive Director of the Pro-Life Commission of the Diocese), in which Mr. Vogt misrepresents that the Church has always approved abortion in some instances. He stated also that the Ethics Committee's permissive abortion policy in question here has been discussed with **Covington Bishop William Hughes** and with Covington Diocesan theologian and teacher at Thomas More College, **Fr. Ron Ketteler**.

Indicated carbon copies of that letter are shown to **Bishop William Hughes, Fr. Ron Ketteler, and Ms. Rose Hooks**, Chair, Medical Ethics Committee (whose initials appear at

This pro-abortion policy remained in place at St. Elizabeth Hospital with nothing being done concerning it by either the Bishop, or the Pro-Life Commission, or St. Elizabeth Hospital, until the policy was discovered by NKRTL and exposed in our Newsletter. At this point, a 2-line memorandum was issued by **Dr. Luebbe** to the **Pro-Life Commission, Clare Ruehl and Karen Riegler**, dated 4/29/99, that the Ethics Committee voted to "place a moratorium" on the policy. Since of course "moratorium" means a temporary cessation, NKRTL wrote further and insisted that the policy be reversed, and a Pro-Life policy be stated, and that the entire hospital staff be thoroughly advised that no abortion is ever permissible under any circumstances on the hospital facilities, but we were again ignored.

This is the sad but true state of the record on this subject of permissive abortion, by the then-Bishop of Covington, William Hughes, the St. Elizabeth Hospital Ethics Committee, Dr. Luebbe, the Pro-Life Commission and its then-Executive Director Susan Vogt and its current Executive Director Karen Riegler, the Covington Diocesan Family Ministry Office and its director Jim Vogt, and diocesan theologian Fr. Ron Ketteler.

Consequent Confusion to the Faithful

Why are we surprised when the faithful are confused and many feel free to depart from simple and fundamental truth, when people in positions of official leadership of the Church are permitted to teach falsehood in such a public and official manner, effectively undermining the efforts of serious Pro-Lifers?

Incredibly, one of the members of the Pro-Life Commission was **Dr. Ron Luebbe**, who was on the Ethics Committee at St. Elizabeth Hospital that authored and approved abortion there, and **Dr. E. J. Burchell**, an obstetrician who by his own admission distributes the abortifacients and contraceptives in his practice, and who is the partner of **Dr. Michael Kirkwood**, who was one of the leaders on the Health Board in support of continuation of the policy or the distribution of these dangerous and destructive abortifacient drugs and devices to minors without parental consent. All of these people claim to be Catholic.

The PLC obviously has cause for embarrassment. The proper remedy would be to return to fundamental truth, removing these people from their positions where they can mislead the Catholic faithful, and to publicly initiating 100% Pro-Life policies.

NKRTL does not engage in unverified accusations, nor in slander. It speaks truth, and that, of course, is very offensive to people who find themselves in the position of Mrs. Riegler, Dr. Burchell, Dr. Kirkwood, Dr. Luebbe, the St. Elizabeth Hospital, and any other members on the PLC

the bottom of the 1990 memorandum of the Medical Ethics Committee).

who falsely fly Pro-Life colors, or who have shamefully acquiesced by silence in these scandalous policies.

We do not "eat them." The truth exposes them.

They are certainly not "our own" -- as their positions on issues demonstrate.

Big Tent Republicans

But a legitimate application of Mrs. Riegler's vernacular "eat their own" was served up immediately post-election when the "big tent" Republicans fell upon each other like a wolf pack upon a wounded member.

The day after the election, losing Republican candidate in the 4th Congressional District, **Geoff Davis**, announced that he would be in the race 2 years hence. The day after that, **U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell (R)** announced that that was unacceptable and that McConnell was going to put into the race his former Chief of Staff, **Hunter Bates**.

The next quote was from **Marc Wilson**, who served as Davis' campaign spokesman during the past election, and was part of the organizational effort with Barbara Black to form a new rump so-called Pro-Life organization in Northern Kentucky 2 years ago, after NKRTL exposed Mrs. Black's breach of campaign commitment and disagreement on basic principle. Wilson had then savaged us with the kind of "eat their own" rhetoric that Mrs. Riegler now uses, and now has to turn and cover his other flank, and calls McConnell's entry in the race against his candidate Davis "a carpetbagger."

National Elections - "Momentous"???

The headlines of some Pro-Life and Christian newspapers before the election described this election cycle as "momentous," possibly having a bigger impact on life issues than any in recent memory. They cited several pieces of pending Pro-Life legislation, and of course the all-crucial issue of appointments to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Pending Pro-Life Legislation

➤ **The Unborn Victims of Violence Act (HR 503/S 480)** passed the U.S. House of Representatives substantially, but was bottled up in the Senate by the pro-abort **Majority Leader, Tom Daschle (D)**. While one would expect those who support the woman's so-called "right to choose" would not be opposed to protecting the unborn child from others' actions, the reality of course is that such legislation tends to establish the personhood of the unborn child and of course is therefore aggressively opposed by the pro-death community.

➤ **The Partial Birth Abortion Ban (HR 4965)** again overwhelmingly passed the U.S. House of Representatives, by a vote of almost 2 to 1, but was effectively bottled up again in the Senate by Sen. Daschle. This legislation outlaws a particularly heinous form of baby-killing in which the child is 3/4 delivered, feet first, and while the head is still

in the uterus, the neck is punctured and the brain sucked out through a vacuum aspiration device, thus insuring a dead baby.

Even the radically pro-abortion **American Medical Association** agreed that this medical procedure has no medical justification. While the legislation has PR value in

➤The **Child Custody Protection Act (HR 476)** which would punish the abortion community which spirits an underage child across state lines without parental knowledge to have an abortion, has also passed the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly, but again is tied up in the Senate by Sen. Daschle.

➤The **Human Cloning Ban (HR 2502/S 1899)** is a crucial piece of legislation, intended to stop this Nazi/Frankenstein movement of artificial creation of human beings for the purposes of experimentation and cannibalization. That bill also passed the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly, and was killed in the Senate by Sen. Daschle.

➤A **Resolution Banning Abortions in Military Facilities** passed the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly, and was defeated in the Senate by a floor vote of 40 to 52.

➤Another crucial piece of Pro-Life legislation is the **Abortion Nondiscrimination Act (ANDA) (HR 4691)** which would protect hospitals which choose not to perform abortion, based upon moral and religious grounds.

➤And of course the all-crucial issue of replacements on the **U.S. Supreme Court** of aging Justices, several of whom are close to retirement.

Good News - Bad News

The good news is that many pro-abortion Democrats were defeated and the Republican Party took control of the U.S. Senate. The bad news is that the Republican Party, while giving lip service to the Pro-Life movement, is increasingly becoming as pro-abortion as the Democratic Party.

The recent election incontrovertibly established that most voters did not choose to vote for a candidate simply because of his pro-abortion position, nor were they inclined to vote against a candidate with Pro-Life views. This myth, floated by the pro-abortion lobby, has again been debunked.

Dozens of Pro-Life candidates got elected, and more than 20 pro-abortion candidates were defeated. The **Susan B. Anthony** group, which funds Pro-Life candidates, reported that 10 out of 11 of its choices for open seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate were winners. All 11 of its recommended Pro-Life incumbents in Congress held their seats. In addition, at least 8 new Pro-Life voices were added in the House, and 2 in the Senate.

A Pro-Life seat in **Arkansas** was lost to a pro-abortion. There were 3 other turnarounds in the U.S. Senate elections, with all of them resulting in Pro-Life victories, in **Georgia, Minnesota, and Missouri**.

that it demonstrates that the pro-aborts are really not "pro-women," but indeed "pro-death," its practical effect is very limited. Even the attorneys who defended the legislation before the constitutional challenge in front of the U.S. Supreme Court admitted that it would not stop any abortions, since other methods could be used.

➔A Pro-Life vote was lost in **Arkansas** when **Sen. Tim Hutchinson (R)** who was largely discredited there among his Christian conservative base by his scandalous divorce of his wife and remarriage to his young female staffer, was defeated by **Attorney General Mark Pryor (D)**.

➔In **Colorado**, incumbent Pro-Life **Sen. Wayne Allard (R)** prevailed over his democratic pro-abortion challenger. Two of the Pro-Life/pro-abortion contests in Colorado for the U.S. Senate and the U.S. House of Representatives resulted in Pro-Life victories, and in the third, a Pro-Lifer is leading narrowly in the contest still undecided.

➔In **Georgia**, pro-abortion voting **Sen. Max Cleland (D)**, a triple amputee from the Vietnam War, was defeated by his **republican challenger, Saxby Chambliss**, who is said to be Pro-Life.

We need to be cautious about these labels, since they are sometimes loosely applied. Many people who are simply less pro-death (i.e., in favor of killing unborn children only in certain circumstances) are labeled by compromising organizations such as National Right to Life and others as "pro-life." In addition, many of these candidates have not been tested in the heat of the cauldron, where they are compelled to support their words with their votes. We have all experienced disastrous results in many cases when that occurs — including locally here in Northern Kentucky.

➔In **Louisiana**, **Sen. Mary Landrieu (D)** fell short of achieving a majority, in a multiple-candidate race, and will end up in a run-off election with **State Elections Commissioner Suzanne Terrell (R)**. (Landrieu another "Catholic," like 25% of the U.S. Senate, consistently voted pro-abortion.) The republican challenger Mrs. Terrell has publicly stated that she supports an amendment to the U.S. Constitution outlawing all abortion with no exceptions. Mrs. Landrieu, the democratic incumbent, who admitted that she supports *Roe v. Wade*, ducked the question on *Meet the Press* as to whether she would vote for the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, etc., etc. Both of these ladies claim the Catholic faith. Mrs. Landrieu has obviously turned her back upon it. The bishops of Louisiana have been sadly silent.

➔In **Minnesota**, the incumbent **U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone (D)**, a strong pro-abortion, died in a plane crash days before the election and was replaced on the ballot by another strong pro-abortion, **former Minnesota Senator and former Vice President of the United States Walter Mondale**. He was defeated by the Mayor of St. Paul, **Norm Coleman (R)**, who has been described as Pro-Life.

➔In **Missouri**, the pro-abortion voting **Sen. Jean Carnahan (D)**, who was appointed to the job two years ago

after her husband Gov. Mel Carnahan died in a plane crash, was defeated by **Jim Talent (R)**.

→ In **New Hampshire**, we lost one of the strongest Pro-life leaders at the national scene, **U.S. Senator Bob Smith (R)** who was defeated in the Republican primary by **John Sununu (R)**. The republicans held that seat when Sununu defeated the pro-abortion New Hampshire Governor **Jeane Shaheen (D)**. We must remember, however that this John Sununu is the son of the John Sununu who was the former governor of New Hampshire,

The result of the elections has produced a U.S. House of Representatives that is even more controlled by the Republican Party than previously, and a Senate which has now been returned to the Republican Party from a previous minority status to a status now of 51 republicans, 47 democrats, 1 independent (who regularly votes with the democrats), and 1 undecided (the runoff race which is scheduled for Dec. 7 in Louisiana between the incumbent pro-abort Sen. Mary Landrieu [D] and the Pro-Life challenger Suzanne Terrell [R]). The republicans of course have an additional hole card in that the **Republican Vice President, Dick Cheney**, who by the Constitution presides over the Senate, is authorized to vote to break any tie vote.

So the Republican Party is in the position of "put up or shut up," in terms of the Pro-Life issues. It is interesting that they have been able to achieve almost unanimity among their members on almost other major issues, but not on the Pro-Life issues.

There is the crucial question of judicial nominations. In the past, it would have been possible for President Bush to proclaim that he is unable to get Pro-Life judicial nominees approved by the Senate. Even that is a lame excuse. As pointed out by Pro-Life presidential candidate Howard Phillips (I), you simply send them a Pro-life nominee and if they reject him, you send them another, and another, and another, and let the seats remain vacant until they approve your selection. But elected Presidents seem to be of less strong steel than that.

A Tale of Two Dioceses

With apologies to **Charles Dickens**, the comparison still is relevant.

→ According to a story in the *National Catholic Register*, three priests of the **Detroit** diocese defied the **Detroit Archbishop Cardinal Adam Maida**, and persisted in their public support of the gubernatorial candidacy of the pro-abortion **Jennifer Granholm (D)**, who claims to be a Catholic, in obvious disregard and defiance of the central teachings of her Church. The silence of the diocese in its non-censure of these dissident priests is deafening — scandalizing — and instructive.

→ To the West, we see a clear contrast. In **Colorado**, the **Catholic Conference of Bishops** sent to all federal candidates a questionnaire which called for their response on several issues including the Abortion Nondiscrimination Act (ANDA) which would protect personnel and health

and then later close adviser to **George H. W. Bush**, and the prime promoter of Bush's nomination to the Supreme Court of **David Souter**. Souter had a previous clear pro-abortion record as a judge on the New Hampshire Supreme Court and as a director of a public hospital in New Hampshire where he voted in favor of abortion. Despite these hard cold facts, not a single Republican senator voted against confirmation of David Souter.

Truth! — or Consequences?

entities from forced cooperation with or even participation in abortion against their religious beliefs.

When several candidates for the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives failed to respond, **Denver Archbishop Charles Chaput** took to the public press in his personal column in his diocesan newspaper, and explained that unless these aggressive anti-life organizations are stopped, "pro-abortion groups will continue to bend the Constitution and attack health care providers until Catholics and other people of conscience are forced out of this vital public ministry."

Chaput then went on, boldly and appropriately, to name candidates in Colorado for Congress who favor religious freedom of Catholic health care: **republicans Bob Beauprez** and **Marilyn Musgrave** for the U.S. House, and **Wayne Allard** for the U.S. Senate. He identified their democratic opponents as refusing to answer a question about it on a survey. Those remaining silent were **democrats Mike Feeley** and **Stan Matsunaka**, running against republicans Beauprez and Musgrave, and **Tom Strickland**, running against incumbent Sen. Allard. All three of those candidates had made "pro-choice" a major campaign issue, accusing their opponents of being Pro-Life extremists.

The Archbishop challenged those three to reveal how they would vote on ANDA: "Mr. Feeley, Mr. Matsunaka and Mr. Strickland: Do you support or oppose legislation to protect the religious freedom of hospitals and health care professionals to refuse to perform procedures or administer medications that violate their consciences?"

He ended his column by writing that any candidate of any party unwilling to protect that freedom of conscience through practical legislation like ANDA "is unworthy of Catholic support."

The pro-abort candidate won in Detroit. The Pro-Life candidates won in Colorado. "A Tale of Two Dioceses - Leadership!"

If such a clear religious trumpet were sounded just in the Catholic Church leadership across this nation, this issue would be turned around. Catholics occupy 25% of the seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, and in the U.S. Senate, and vote overwhelmingly pro-abortion, with nothing but shameful silence emanating from their spiritual shepherds!

ANOTHER PRO-LIFE ADVOCATE BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

In your charity, pray for the repose of the soul of **Fr. Albert E. Lauer**, Pastor of Old St. Mary Church in downtown Cincinnati who died on Oct. 13 following a long battle with cancer.

This 55-year-old priest will be missed in so many fields of endeavor. He initiated **Presentation Ministries**, and published their excellent newspaper, *My People*, published the excellent daily scriptural readings and meditations, *One Bread, One Body*, and was widely known as a preacher **JAN. 22: 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRAGIC LEGALIZATION OF THE U.S. HOLOCAUST OF ABORTION**

Twenty-nine years later, and after a body count in excess of 40 million surgical abortions -- 4,000 a day, 3 a minute, 1 every 20 seconds, and an even much greater death toll attributable to the increasing popularity and push for chemical abortions -- Pro-Lifers continue faithfully to remind our fellow citizens of the necessity to reverse this morally-bankrupt and socially-tragic institution of the killing of the most innocent member of the human family.

We know the outcome — we have read the last chapter of the Book — we win! Pro-Life victory is guaranteed. The only question is the time frame.

But in the meantime, **it is our solemn duty to remain faithful, and to give active and public witness to the truth.**

Local and National Observation

As many as possible are encouraged to attend the faith-filled and battery-charging **March for Life in Washington, D.C.**, conducted now faithfully these 28 years by **Nellie Gray's March for Life Committee**, on the anniversary of this tragic Supreme Court decision, **Wed., Jan. 22.**

Round-trip bus transportation arrangements, handled previously for many years by NKRTL, have been arranged for the past 11 years by the **Covington Diocesan Pro-Life Commission**. For specific details, telephone (859) 283-6295.

Locally, the annual **Pro-Life Procession/Rally** is sponsored again by The **Pro-Life 2002 Committee** and the **Holy Name Society**, scheduled for **Sat., Jan. 25, 2003, beginning with procession at Cincinnati City Hall, 8th & Plum Streets, at 11 a.m., and culminating in a rally at Fountain Square at 11:45 a.m., with brief remarks from: Fr. William Jenkins, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Church in Norwood, Ohio; Ohio State Representative Tom Brinkman; and Hamilton County Commissioner Phil Heimlich.**

literally across this entire nation, not only for his radio ministry, but because of the missions that he had given in innumerable churches across the country.

Fr. Lauer served previously as Co-Chairman of NKRTL's Celebration of Life, established a problem pregnancy center at his parish, and preached indefatigably on the sanctity of all innocent human life and the priority of this issue. We need to ask the intercession of this holy priest that God bless the Pro-Life movement and restore moral sanity to this nation.

This is something that **everyone** can do.

For more information, please call (513) 929-2080.

Please energize your individual churches, pastors, family, and friends to support this project, and to initiate and advertise appropriate solemn memorials in your own churches, reminding all of our citizenry of the priority and urgency of this issue, "...so that these dead will not have died in vain..."

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

TRI-STATE PRO-LIFE ROSARY PROCESSION,

10/20/02

Tri-State Rosary
Procession pictures

On Sunday, Oct. 20, hundreds of Pro-Lifers formed the Tri-State Rosary Procession, praying for God's help to end abortion. The Procession concluded with exposition and benediction at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati.

(Photos by Mark Summe, son of NKRTL Vice President, Fred Summe)

followed by the Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. The pastor **Fr. Paul Berschied** invites all to attend.

“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 liturgy has been scheduled for the most appropriate date, **Friday, Dec. 27**, the day before the Feast of the Holy Innocents, honoring the martyred babies killed by Herod as he attempted to kill the Christ Child. Mass will be celebrated at **St. Cecilia Church**, 5313 Madison Pike, Independence, Ky. **Rosary will begin at 6:45 p.m.**,

MARCH FOR LIFE NEWSPAPER AD

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

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

MAKE YOUR PUBLIC STATEMENT THAT ABORTION HURTS WOMEN, BY PLACING YOUR NAME IN THE NORTHERN KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE NEWSPAPER AD, TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE KENTUCKY POST ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2003.

Newspaper ad
drawing

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

In order to cover the cost of this ad, a \$3.00 per name donation is requested. (For a family who would like to list the names of their children, a \$10.00 per family donation is suggested.) To cover the cost of the ad, those who are able to do so are encouraged to make a larger donation. (Due to increased cost of the newspaper advertisement, the suggested donation had to be increased from last year.)

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

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

"STAND UP FOR LIFE!" Pope John Paul II

DEADLINE FOR NAME: JANUARY 10

Mr. Cetrulo -

You have to remind Marian to see to it that we mail copies of this Newsletter to every member of St. Timothy parish in Union, Ky. (That's where Karen Riegler goes to church).