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CHRISTMAS, 2003

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

God gave us His only Son — Jesus — over 2,000 years ago when He was born in a stable in Bethlehem to the Virgin Mary and her spouse Joseph, the foster father of Jesus. Joseph and Mary were the first to adore the newborn Infant. Then came the humble shepherds, called down from the hills by angelic voices. Soon after, a caravan of illustrious men came, led from afar by a star. They offered the precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. What a beautiful example for us are all of these holy people!

Our world is in such turmoil right now — we so much NEED to get back to God. God made all of us and we need to thank Him at the beginning of each day as a continuous daylong prayer.

As 2003 draws to a close, we wish to thank all who have faithfully supported us in a variety of ways this past year — those many parish volunteers who collect the signatures for the March for Life newspaper ad, sell Christmas cards and the Mother's Day roses, etc., and those fantastic, dedicated volunteers who keep the office running and do a thousand other jobs without which the organization simply could not exist: **Cathy Smith** and her son **Ed, Ralph and Joan Arnsparger, Eric Ante, Belinda Borchert, Anitra Curade, Grace Dillon, Dorothy Grothaus, Ruth Higdon, Jim Johnson, Jack Kenkel, Mark Kloeker, Dorothy Netzer, Jim O'Neil, Lou Poole, Nancy Riley, Kathy Ryan, Omer and Marian Scharold Charlene Studer, and Joanne Widrig.** YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

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Many hands make light work. Behind the scenes, much work is done by our **President Bob Cetrulo, Vice President Fred Summe, Treasurer Bob Hofacre, Secretary Kathy Murphy, Corresponding Secretary Marge Huth, and Board Members Ralph Arnsparger, Stan Barczak, Dr. Art Kunath, Marian Scharold, and Tony Summe.**

*May the memory of the Christmas
Rose,
which symbolizes Christ's birth,
remain with you throughout the
year,
bringing you peace and love.*

-- Vera Stewart

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

Give a Gift of Life

Fill out your Christmas gift list with a gift of life -- a gift that will be of incalculable value to the receiver, the giver, and the unborn babies. Office hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or by special appointment by calling **431-6380**.

In addition to Christmas cards, there are all occasion cards and thank you cards in packs of 10 (\$4 each picked up at the office or \$5 each mailed to your home), bumper stickers (both magnetic and stick-on), precious feet and hands, buttons, license plates, static cling for the windows, and a variety of Pro-Life books and tapes and materials, inspirational and teaching.

In addition, we now have available the marvelous inspirational and teaching book just completed by our **President Robert C. Cetrulo, *That Reminds Me of a Story...Reflections of a Pro-Life Warrior*** — an enthralling account of 32 years of Pro-Life activism, presenting an accurate snapshot of life at the end of the 20th century, and including a treasure trove of citations, references, and documents.

The Foreword to Mr. Cetrulo's book, written by **Fr. Roger K. Arnsparger**, reads in part: *"The book is a partial record of his personal and extensive pro-life apostolate. It has been my privilege to know and work with the author during much of his apostolate in the pro-life movement. I have rarely met anyone with the organizational skills and factual mental recall of this author. His storytelling ability is famous in his often stated: 'That reminds me of a story.' You will find the stories of great advantage to seeing the flawless logic and principles conclusions which the author exposes for the reader. It is this expression of truth which is the core value of the book and the strongest weapon of the pro-life movement. We are all grateful for his contribution of this book."*

Other highly complimentary remarks are published on the jacket by **Mrs. Judie Brown**, President of American Life League, Law Professor **Charles Rice**, and author **Fr. John Powell, S.J.** (*"I don't know how the Lord chooses His prophets. I only know that Bob Cetrulo is one of them."*) As pointed out by Judie Brown, this book is *"a must read for every caring American..."*

**PRAYER, THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT/
LEADERSHIP, THE NEEDED
INGREDIENT**

An overflow crowd of 300 prayer witnesses participated at the **September 13, 2003 monthly renewal of the Helpers of God's Precious Infants liturgy** at Holy Name Church, Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati, and processed after Mass in solemn prayer to the Planned Parenthood abortuary two blocks away. The principal celebrant of the Mass was the **Most Rev. Roger J. Foys, D.D.**, recently consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of Covington. Other celebrants included **Fr. Paul L. Berschied** of the Diocese of Covington, who has been a faithful participant now for

Picture of Bishop Foys at Mass

seven-and-a-half years, **Fr. Michael Due**, Vicar General of the Diocese of Covington, **Fr. Gregory Bramlage** of the Diocese of Indianapolis, who routinely brings a large group down from his parish in Batesville, Indiana, **Fr. Michael**

Cordier of the Diocese of Cincinnati, and **Fr. Wilder** of the

Picture of Mass attendees

Diocese of Peoria, Illinois, a friend of Fr. Bramlage.

The congregation was stirred to enthusiastic applause by the measured and firm homily given by Bishop Foys, who reminded us that "truth is truth is truth," and that "some things are negotiable in life, but truth is not — it is not

Picture of crowd outside

capable of compromise!"

The size and enthusiasm of the crowd is eloquent testimony to the truth that when the history of these times is written it will be made clear that the failures of the times were not the failures of people to follow, but rather the failure of leadership. People respond to the courageous, active leadership of a spiritual shepherd.

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ANOTHER ADVOCATE BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

In your charity, you are requested to pray for the repose of the soul of **Sr. Judith Ann Keller, C.P.**

Sr. Judith was a longtime active member of NKRTL, and in fact worked on our volunteer newsletter crew before joining the religious congregation. When she entered the convent, her name was Debbie Keller, but she chose her religious name as Sr. Judith Ann Keller, in honor of her saintly grandmother, **Mrs. Judith Ann Whaley**, deceased NKRTL board member, who was that beautiful and talented lady who did the beautiful Pro-Life drawings and poems featured so often in our newsletters and programs.

Surely a chorus of voices of unborn children were heard advocating Sr. Judith's cause before the Final Judge.

GIFT OF LIFE TV SERIES, DECEMBER 2003

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

The next program will be the interview by **NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo, J.D.** and **NKRTL Vice President Fred H. Summe, J.D.**, of our guest speaker, **Steven W. Mosher, President of Population Research Institute.**

The interview will be broken down into two segments and will run each week for the months of December and January, airing on Insight Cable Channel 17 Religious Access every Monday evening at 10 p.m. and every Friday evening at 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Mosher was NKRTL's guest speaker at its 30th Annual Celebration of Life at the Drawbridge Villager Premiere in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, on October 12, 2003. Mr. Mosher is a world-renown expert in population who explained: "Overpopulation is a myth. The greatest threat facing the world today is not too many babies, but too few babies. History demonstrates that our greatest resource is people, which is in short supply in country after country around the globe as birthrates fall and populations age."

Even those who enjoyed listening to Mr. Mosher on October 12 will want to tune in, and encourage their friends to do so as well. This lengthy interview covers much more in depth the wealth of information possessed by this remarkable speaker, who is an expert not only in the situation here in the United States, but also internationally. He is especially knowledgeable about China where he lived for a time, and has written two books about the tragedy going on there, and

the forced abortion and mandatory sterilization practices of the Chinese's governments "one child" policy.

PRO-ABORTION MEDIA RESHAPING OF AMERICA

On the local CBS outlet, **WKRC-TV (Channel 12)** in Cincinnati, on October 22 at 6 p.m., **Rob Braun** and **Kit Andrews** published a poll of their station (based upon a pro-abortion, loaded question): "Should government be permitted to overrule the family decision on right to die?" The question conceals the reality that the family was divided on the issue. It conceals the reality that the patient was not dying, but would die a horrible death of starvation and dehydration if her food and water were taken from her.

The issue at hand was the case of **Mrs. Terri Schiavo** in Florida, who has been comatose for several years as a result of a brain injury (reported as usual by the pro-death media as "brain dead," "vegetative state", etc.). Her husband directed her physicians to withdraw her sources of food and hydration (water), over the objection of her parents, who indicate that she gives recognition signs to them upon visitation. Although the husband maintained she did not want to be kept alive, there is direct contrary testimony from Terri's best friend.

Terri Laughs and Cries

Terri, age 39, is disabled. She is aware of her surroundings and has communicated that she does not want to be starved to death. On October 13, 2003, Terri's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, released the following statement:

"We love our daughter very much and we want her home. Over the last 13 years, Terri has laughed with us, cried with us, and even tried to get out of her chair. The accusations that Terri is in a coma or is

a

'vegetable' are a lie.

"We beg Michael Schiavo, and those working with him to end our daughter's life, to let her come home to her family. We will sign any agreement you want, giving you all monies related to Terri's collapse and any insurance money that may be forthcoming. You take the money. We just want our daughter."

Human Care

Carefully avoided in the public presentation by the pro-death media was the fact that the woman is not dying. We are not talking about artificial medical methods to keep her alive, but rather talking about the simple furnishing of food and water, which, of course, is not medical care, but human care.

Terri's husband, who has been living with a mistress for a number of years by whom he has one child and is expecting another, recently barred a Roman Catholic priest from visiting

A 1991 medical report about Terri's condition was not released to the public, at the insistence of her husband. Only recently has the information contained in that transcript become available. The unnamed physician who reviewed a nuclear imagining bone scan found evidence of "multiple fractures." The report said, "Somebody worked her over real good." Terri's family has alleged that her husband was responsible and that the fractures were responsible for Terri's mysterious collapse and ensuing heart failure at home, which resulted in her comatose situation for a time and brain deprivation of oxygen until she was revived at the hospital.

For several years, Terri received rehabilitative therapy and care, was able to move her arms and legs, and even responded to others with simple words like "no," "yes" and "stop that." But in 1993, less than a year after the husband received \$750,000.00 in an insurance payment that could be applied to her medical treatment, he removed his wife from therapy and initiated a long series of steps towards euthanizing her. Instead, he used the money to offset the legal costs that he had incurred involving the challenges to his efforts to move her and to have her life ended.

Parroting the pro-death mantra, the pro-abortion *Cincinnati Post* attacked Gov. Jeb Bush and the Florida legislature's efforts to stop this killing of Terri Schiavo with the following misleading rhetoric: "Considered medical opinion ruled out any hope of recovery. ...[Mr. Schiavo] won final permission to have his wife's feeding tube removed. Death was to follow in a week to 10 days."

***The Hidden Face of Euthanasia
by Starvation and Dehydration:
The Truth About Compassionate Killing***

Particularly absent was a specific description of death by starvation and dehydration. We quote from a decision of the Massachusetts Supreme Court in the case of *Paul Brophy v. New England Sinai Hospital* (1986):

"... Various effects from lack of hydration and nutrition, lead ultimately to death — mouth would dry out and become caked or coated with thick material... lips would become parched and cracked... tongue would swell and might crack... eyes would recede back into their orbits and cheeks would become hollow... lining of the nose might crack and cause the nose to bleed... skin would hang loose on his body and become dry and scaly... urine would become highly concentrated; leading to burning of the bladder... lining of his stomach would dry out and he would experience dry heaves and vomiting... body temperature would become very high... brain cells would dry out, causing convulsions... respiratory tract would dry out into thick secretions that would result in plugging his lungs... at some point within 5 days to 3 weeks his major organs, including lungs, heart, and brain would give out and he would die... extremely painful and uncomfortable... cruel and violent."

Terri at the hospital. He also barred family members from being alone with Terri, after they released a video which shows her "alert and laughing and trying to speak."

Media Information-Deprivation

The local news was followed with the stridently pro-abort **Dan Rather** on CBS national news, with similar bias, and then further with photographs of this woman lying inactive in a hospital bed.

Isn't it interesting that they never show the pictures of the aborted babies, as they advocate "termination of pregnancy," but do show the emotion-evoking pictures of disabled adults whom they advocate euthanising?

Have we learned nothing from the abortion situation where we put one human being (the pregnant woman) in total and arbitrary control over the life of another human being (the unborn child)? Now, are we giving total and arbitrary life and death decision-making authority to one person over the life of his spouse, from whom he is not only estranged, but is in fact living in a sexual relationship with another person? Can we blithely ignore the fact that he is the legal beneficiary of the financial assets of the person he is dictating be starved and dehydrated to death?

The issue is not, as deceptively put by the *Cincinnati Post's* editorial of 10/23/03, "Are Florida's Politicians Now to be the Final Arbiters of Life-and-Death Medical Decisions?", but rather should one person ever be permitted to cause the death of another person by starvation and dehydration?

More Media Spin — Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

The pro-abort spin on the Florida euthanasia story was combined as the lead of the ABC national news by Rather with the other story of the passage by the U.S. Senate of a **partial-birth abortion ban**, which had previously been passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. Rather described it as the most dangerous threat to a "woman's right to choose" since *Roe v. Wade* legalized abortion in 1973.

There followed an imbalanced piece, disguised as journalism, calculated to raise emotional feelings, rather than dealing in factual reality. Carefully avoided in the presentation was the details of "partial-birth abortion," which involves the inverting of the unborn child for an artificial feet-first delivery, the delivery of the child 75 percent out of the uterus with the head only remaining in utero; the puncture then of the child's neck and the insertion of a suction evacuation machine which sucks out the baby's brains, killing it, and then the delivery of a dead child.

Even the pro-abortion **American Medical Association** has agreed that there is no medical utility for this barbaric procedure, and that it indeed poses health risks to the pregnant woman. But all of those facts were carefully deleted from public presentation.

In reality, the partial-birth abortion ban will not save one human life. One needs only to read the

transcript of the oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court by the Nebraska Attorney General, who is attempting to defend their state's partial-birth abortion ban bill, when he conceded that the ban would not stop any abortions, as they

There is a counter-view among many Pro-Lifers, that the debate clouds the real issue. As eminent Pro-Life activist **Notre Dame Law Professor Charles Rice** said, it is sad that we have now degenerated to the point where we are debating solely "how" the baby may be killed. **Many pro-abortionists are taking cover with a so-called "pro-life" vote on the partial-birth abortion ban legislation, when they in reality support other methods of killing unborn children.**

NOW IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH TO PROVE HIS CLAIM TO BE PRO-LIFE

As a matter of documented fact, Mr. Bush specifically declined to accept the invitation put to him many times on the TV campaign debates, by Pro-Life candidates such as **Alan Keyes (R)** and **Gary Bauer (R)**, to agree that he would appoint Pro-Life candidates to the federal judiciary.

After his election, his first two appointees to the U.S. Courts of Appeals were strong pro-abortionists. Three of his recent appointees have been identified with Pro-Life sentiments, and have been filibustered in the U.S. Senate by stridently pro-abortion Democrats.

There are 11 U.S. Courts of Appeals scattered throughout the United States, which hear appeals from the U.S. District Courts, and constitute the last judicial level of authority directly beneath the U.S. Supreme Court. Most of their decisions never get to the U.S. Supreme Court, and these judges are therefore powerful judicial officers.

The uncompromising national Pro-Life organization, **American Life League, has taken out full-page national ads: "Pro-life Americans Urge President Bush - No More Dodgeball During Recess!"**

The ads point out that "after two years of doing nothing but fidget and fuss over Democratic filibuster of Bush's nominees, the Republican leadership on the Senate Judiciary Committee has proven they don't have the guts to do the right thing." The ads challenge the President "to stop playing political 'dodgeball' and start using your power to make recess appointments of pro-life judges."

The ads continue as follows:

"Some say this might 'politicize' the judiciary branch. But the truth is the judiciary branch is already politicized — stacked with judges who wrongly claim the Constitution gives a woman the right to kill the baby in her womb!"

"Mr. President, in the past you've stated that protecting preborn babies is one of your core principles. Now, millions of pro-lifers plead with you to put that principle into practice and use your power to make

will simply be carried out by another procedure. The controversy demonstrates clearly, however, that the "pro-choice" people are not "pro-choice," or "pro-women," but "pro-death," as they insist upon a dead baby.

recess appointments to put pro-life judges on the federal branch."

Pro-Abort Politicians Don't Hesitate

Our pro-abortion President **Bill Clinton** didn't hesitate to make pro-abortion appointments to the federal bench while the Senate was in recess, thus bypassing possible opposition.

The present issue presents a true litmus test as to whether President Bush recognizes the overriding priority of the sanctity of innocent human life, which compels the use of his presidential power to appoint Pro-Life people to the federal bench. "Now is the time for all good people..."

Public Action Essential

The next Senate recess is scheduled to begin November 21. If you want Pro-Life judges presiding over federal courts, call President Bush at 1-202-456-1414.

For more information on recess appointments, write American Life League, P.O. Box 1350, Stafford, VA 22555, telephone (540) 659-4171, fax 540-659-2586, or visit their web site at www.all.org/prolifejudges.

WORDS...OR ACTION???

RIGHT TO LIFE AND ELECTIONS

Northern Kentucky Right to Life's involvement in political races is not primarily to elect politicians, but rather to defend innocent human life, by publishing and standing upon truth. Our recent newsletter followed the pattern it has for years, publishing the record of candidates, and their public statements, and their responses (or non-responses) to the specific questions of our questionnaire.

Several politicians responded, as was reported in the *Kentucky Post* article of 10/23/03, as indeed politicians have in the past, by evading specific questions, and simply writing a letter "I am pro-life." Anyone who thinks about this issue for a moment, or indeed any other issue, realizes that "the devil is in the details," which we try to bring out by asking specific questions committing the politicians to specific positions — which, of course, makes many of them uncomfortable.

For example, **is it Pro-Life to support the killing of unborn babies for the crimes of the father (rape and incest)?** President George W. Bush says yes. The prestigious national Pro-Life organization, American Life League (ALL), says no. Northern Kentucky Right to Life says no. On the other hand, Cincinnati Right to Life called him "pro-life," and Kentucky Right to Life endorsed him. Kentucky Right to Life endorsed in the current race two

northern Kentuckians running for state office, Trey Grayson (R) for Secretary of State and Adam Koenig (R) for State Treasurer, although both specifically declined to answer NKRTL's questionnaire, which contains the nitty gritty questions.

Is it Pro-Life to support for public office fellow party members who vote pro-abortion, and thus keep the

Is it Pro-Life to support the use of taxpayers' funds to distribute abortifacient chemicals (including to children, without the consent or even notice to their parents)?

Federal law (Title X) requires such distribution, and the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board voted for that (led by Kenton County Commissioner Barbara Black [R] who calls NKRTL "extreme"). The Kenton County Fiscal Court voted for that one month after each of their members had just guaranteed in their questionnaire responses that they would oppose such practices. One of the members of that court was Adam Koenig (R), one of the two prominent NKRTL detractors mentioned in the *Post* article.

Why would honest candidates avoid answering the specific questions on the NKRTL questionnaire? Why does the news media fail to probe those seeking public office on the details of their positions?

NKRTL poses specific, clear questions on specific issues to candidates, along with a letter explaining the Pro-Life positions and stating the medical and moral reasons underlying these positions. NKRTL then publishes the responses (or non-responses) of candidates, plus the candidates' public records and/or published statements.

NKRTL-PAC does not endorse candidates unless they are Pro-Life (100 percent!)

But we do furnish all of the information to the electorate.

We do not, as the elitists do, label a person as "pro-life" or "pro-abort." The electorate is sufficiently intelligent to apply the information as they search for truth, in order to cast meaningful and important votes.

The fact that there are so few candidates legitimately deserving the title "Pro-Life" is not a commentary upon NKRTL, but rather upon the politicians, and perhaps the society which produces them.

2003 Kentucky Election Wrap Up

As we reported in our September newsletter, "Sometimes, the only thing NKRTL-PAC can do is pass along to the voter the information it possesses. Pro-Life voters can determine for themselves the unsatisfactory positions of these candidates. NKRTL is not in the business of electing politicians. It is in the business of teaching truth, which is indivisible, uncompromisable, and eternal."

The Republican candidate for governor, **Dr. Ernie Fletcher (R)**, U.S. Congressman from the Fifth Congressional District in Central Kentucky, overwhelmingly defeated the Democratic candidate, **Ben Chandler (D)**. As we reported in our September newsletter, Chandler has openly and aggressively supported the so-called woman's "right to choose," and has supported pro-abortion political

killing machine in place? ALL, NKRTL, Human Life International, and many others say no. However, other groups who call themselves Pro-Life say that that is alright, even though that has given us the current pro-abortion voting majority on the U.S. Supreme Court, including many appointees by Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush.

candidates, thereby making a direct contribution to keeping in place the killing machine. A vote for him is unthinkable.

Fletcher had a Pro-Life voting record as a member of the Kentucky House of Representatives, and as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, but unfortunately declined to answer NKRTL's specific questions on its questionnaire. This raised legitimate and serious questions in the minds of all Pro-Lifers, particularly with respect to the crucial question of chemical abortion, funded through federal law Title X, which mandates the distribution of these chemicals and devices to everyone, regardless of age, and without even notification, much less consent, of the parents of minor children.

The Republican landslide for governor (10 percentage points) had coattails long enough to reach and bring into office two other Republican candidates for statewide office, Secretary of State candidate **Trey Grayson (R)** of Northern Kentucky, and Commissioner of Agriculture candidate **Richie Farmer (R)** from Eastern Kentucky.

The coattails were not long enough, however, to extend to Republican candidate for State Treasurer, **Adam Koenig (R)** of Northern Kentucky, a sitting Kenton County Commissioner whose pro-abort vote and breach of his earlier campaign questionnaire commitment to NKRTL we reported upon in our September newsletter.

NKRTL Is Nonpartisan

For years, the local media called NKRTL "an arm of the Republican Party," because most of its endorsements were of Republicans. The simple reality was, of course, that the National Democratic Party had an official pro-abortion plank for years in its platform, and the National Republican Party had a Pro-Life plank in its platform, and more of the candidates for office locally who qualified for all of our conditions (including the refusal to support a fellow party member who is in favor of killing unborn babies) were Republican.

Over the past several years, the Republican Party (with the obvious assistance of NKRTL which has endorsed most of their candidates because they were Pro-Life) has achieved considerable ascendancy locally. Locally, two Republicans who did not have NKRTL-PAC's endorsement were defeated last month.

THE REMNANT

Many of you probably recall when the Pro-Life movement began more than 30 years ago that we generated crowds

of thousands of people spilling over the edges of Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati. As you look around today, does it seem to you that there are fewer people willing to attend Pro-Life events, speak out courageously and uncompromisingly on Pro-Life issues, or challenge politicians? That there are fewer homilies on the subject in our churches? That there are more politicians who profess serious religious

beliefs, but whose anti-life votes do not match their rhetoric? That when

someone speaks out on these simple and

Many of you recall when it was simple to say that you were Pro-Life, because you opposed abortion, the killing of innocent unborn babies.

Then arguments began to be made for abortion in "the hard cases," like rape and incest, and if you opposed that, you were accused of lacking compassion. Rather than

pointing out that the true issue was not "compassion," but whether the crimes of rape or incest justify the crime of homicide, capital punishment for the innocent

away from the movement. In 1998, Cincinnati Right to Life endorsed the presidential candidacy of George H. W.

Bush, and publicly called him "pro-life." When NKRTL pointed out that Mr. Bush favored the killing of unborn children conceived in rape and incest, Cincinnati Right to Life reacted with astonishment: "Well, we didn't mean 100 percent!"

When the Pro-Life movement logically pointed out that you cannot call yourself Pro-Life and support for election to public office those politicians who are in favor of keeping the killing machine in place, still others walked away.

Now that it has been made scientifically indisputable that the so-called oral contraceptive does not function as a contraceptive in all instances, but indeed fails in many cases to prevent conception, and then denies implantation in the womb to the unborn child, and thus constitutes therefore chemical abortion, still more walked away.

One is reminded of the old story about the young boy who had a long list of names, and an acquaintance saw the list and asked him what that was, and the boy responded that that was a list of those that he could lick in a fight. The second boy pointed out that his name was on there, and that was inaccurate because he couldn't lick him, and so the first boy said, "Well, all right, I'll take your name off."

Jesus had a different answer. In the sixth chapter of John, many of His disciples balked at His teachings, and said these

uncompromising truths, are they labeled "intolerant," "exclusive," "homophobic," "judgmental"?

In a recent homily I heard, from which several of these thoughts were taken, the preacher pointed out that the people who speak these epithets against us are really wanting to silence us, so that they can be comfortable in their sin.

are "hard saying," and the Bible tells us that they walked away from Him. Jesus did not practice lowest common denominator morality, or change His teachings in an effort to entice these people back. Instead, He turned to His 12 apostles and asked, "Do you also wish to go away?" The answer of Simon Peter was immediate and unequivocal: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast words of eternal life." (John 6:68-69).

Truth is neither divisible, nor negotiable, nor compromisable, but eternal!

Another word most commonly associated with truth, "integrity," has another meaning beyond honesty. Webster's defines "integrity" as "incorruptibility," and "the quality or state of being complete or undivided." The opposite of that is "disintegration," which is "the breaking or decomposing into constituent elements or parts." That is, anatomically, "dying"!

And so the "choice" that the Pro-Life movement has is clear: integrity, or disintegration — Peter, or death.

But we must fight with hope, and trust. We have read the last chapter of The Book — we win! God promised that those who hold out to the end will prevail (Revelations 2:26).

The Necessity for Hope

Perhaps the Christian virtue most desperately needed, and probably most under-taught, is the virtue of Hope:

"Hope is the confident expectation of divine blessing and the beatific vision of God."
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, Sec. 2090)

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He Who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23)

"For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope. When you call Me, when you go to pray to Me, I will listen to you. When you look for Me, you will find Me. Yes, when you seek Me with all your heart, you will find Me with you, says the Lord, and I will change your lot; I will gather you together from all the nations and all the places to which I have banished you, says the Lord,

and bring you back to the place from which I have exiled you.” (Jeremiah 29:11-15)

“I am convinced of this, that He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to perfection until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

“Behold I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world.” (Matthew 28:20)

www.nkyrtl.org. There you'll find our statement of purpose, helpful links to other Pro-Life organizations, an archive of past newsletters, and a calendar of upcoming events.

We hope this web site will become an increasingly valuable tool for the Pro-Life effort. Let us know about your planned Pro-Life activities for addition to the calendar, and any ideas, suggestions, or comments you may have for us.

Our email address is postmaster@nkyrtl.org, and our USPS mailing address is NKRTL, P.O. Box 1202, Covington, KY 41012. Also, we encourage you to call our office at (859) 431-6380 or stop by 1822 Madison Avenue, Covington, KY.

NKRTL WEBSITE: CHECK IT OUT!

Northern Kentucky Right to Life's web site has recently been rejuvenated, and we welcome you to check it out at

NORTHERN KENTUCKY RIGHT TO LIFE'S ANNUAL MARCH ON PAPER

Although only some are able to go to **Washington, D.C.** for the magnificent **March for Life, Thursday, January 22, 2004**, we all can make a **public statement against abortion by placing our name in the NKRTL newspaper ad, on this 31st anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision legalizing the killing of unborn children.**

This ad will urge the passage of a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, an amendment which will declare that all children, from the moment of fertilization, are persons entitled to the same protection against murder as the rest of us. Since copies are given to the President, each member of the U.S. Supreme Court, the six Kentucky members of the House of Representatives, and the two U.S. Senators from Kentucky, your name becomes your statement that abortion must be stopped and that after 31 years, you have not given up, and you will not give up the struggle to stop the slaughtering of innocent children.

Enclosed is an envelope in which you enclose a list of your names and donate a small sum of \$3.00 for each name or \$10.00 donation for a family (for families who would like to list the names of their children, but may be prohibited at the \$3.00 per name, we suggest simply \$10.00 donation for the entire family). **In order to cover the cost of the ad, those who are able to do so are encouraged to make a larger donation.**

In memory of the 40+ million American babies who have been destroyed in the last 31 years, please participate in this year's March for Life newspaper ad — **return the enclosed envelope today! Beat the deadline: January 10, 2004. Please send your name and check— now!!**

IF VICTIMS COULD SIGN!!

PRO-LIFE NEWSPAPER AD NEEDS YOUR NAME!