



30TH TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. WAR ON THE UNBORN

Contrary to the pap fed to the public by the abortion-controlled media, which on a back page describes that on Jan. 22 “thousands of anti-abortionists and pro-choicers gathered in Washington, D.D.,” the reality is that a handful of pro-aborts, and more than 200,000 peaceful Pro-Lifers marches in bitter cold from the Washington Monument up Constitution Avenue to the U.S. Supreme Court building. **NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo, J.D.**, and **Board member Arthur M. Kunath, M.D.**, conferred with **March for Life President Nellie Gray**,

Picture of Nellie Gray, Cetrulo & Kunath

Dr. Kunath and Mr. Cetrulo are greeted by March for Life President Nellie Gray in front of the U.S. Supreme Court building.

at the terminal point of the March in front of the Supreme Court building, and learned that the official counters stationed there determined the crowd to exceed 200,000 people. This, of course, was only the national demonstration, with additional rallies and marches in all 50

Pro-Life Activities Nationwide

The Catholic newspaper, *The Wanderer*, reports that 7,000 Pro-Lifers braved 0 degree temperatures at St. Paul, MN for an hour-long program of speeches including their

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states. The pro-aborts control the media, the foundations, and thus far the government — but insofar

Picture of March for Life marchers w/banner

200,000 committed and persistent Pro-Lifers in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22, reminding our government and our nation that the War on the Unborn must and will be ended.

as the people are concerned, they are “miserable merchants of unwanted ideas.”

More than 7,000 Pro-Lifers, mostly Catholic, attended an evening Mass and prayer service, and an all-night prayer vigil at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., the night of Jan. 21, preparatory to the March the next day.

Some 400 Northern Kentucky students came to the March on busses, sponsored by the local **Knights of Columbus** and the **Covington Diocesan Pro-Life Commission**.

Pictures of marchers holding number signs

newly-elected Pro-Life governor and lieutenant governor.

Arizonians for Life gathered at Phoenix with a Pro-Life rally featuring many women speakers who expressed their regret at having chosen abortion.

Locally, 9,400 lent their names to the beautiful four-page signature ad prepared by **Northern Kentucky Right to Life** annually, and published in the Kentucky Post this year on Saturday, Jan. 18, with beautiful informative messages. Thanks go to all those participants, and particularly those who labor so long for two months in advance to collect and organize the ad — **NKRTL Vice President Fred H. Summe**, and **NKRTL Board members**

NKRTL March for Life ad

Kathy Murphy, Marian Scharold, and her husband Omer, and Office Manager, Kathy Smith.

The **19th Annual Pro-Life Rosary Procession and Pro-Life Rally** was conducted on Saturday, Jan. 25 from the Cincinnati City Hall to Fountain Square, with brief talks there given by **Hamilton County Commission Phil Heimlich, Ohio State Representative Tom Brinkman, Jr., and NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo.**

Instructive observations were given by young people in a *Cincinnati Enquirer* story of Jan. 22, who have never lived under any system other than permissive abortion. **Dan Egan**, age 26, said, "I am opposed to abortion because it's murder. Everyone agrees we're killing. But what are we killing? A frog? No, a human. I have a say in it because I am part of the human race."

Liz Galvin, age 17, explained her Pro-Life views as "part of the natural law." She said, "We're not permitted to mess with what God intends, and that includes contraception and human cloning also."

The Incredible Price of Abortion

A popular Pro-Life bumper sticker asks "How much does an abortion cost? and answers "One human life." That, of course, is too high, and only begins to count the cost. Forty million babies have been killed by surgical abortion since the U.S. Supreme Court legalized this medical holocaust of the unborn in 1973, and conservatively many times that number by chemical abortion.

The disastrous count continues. We were told that legalizing abortion would reduce child abuse, but scientific studies and the obvious evidence has demonstrated that

Other speakers at the conference included **Peggy Hamill, State Director of Pro-Life Wisconsin**, the largest Pro-Life organization in that state, **Ed Szymkowiak**,

child abuse sharply increased after abortion became legal in 1973. How about unwanted pregnancy? Divorce? Sexually-transmitted diseases? Children killing children in schools across the country? Women who can't have children because "legal" abortions have robbed them of the ability to conceive and carry children? Increasing numbers of doctors and family members who assist patients in ending their lives — and indeed ending their own? The Bible tells us that the devil was a liar from the beginning, and abortion is based upon lies, as confirmed by the two women who were used by the pro-abortion movement, the plaintiffs in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, both of whom are now Pro-Life activists. Is there anyone who can, with a straight face, assert that "we are better off today than we were in 1973"?

American Life League Washington, D.C.

Conference - "Total Protection Package:

No Exceptions, No Compromise, No Apologies"

The premiere — and growing — Pro-Life organization on the national level, **American Life League**, conducted an all-day conference in the Capitol, the day before the Jan. 22 March. Most significant was the reality that the ALL local affiliates have grown dramatically, including state and local Pro-Life organizations such as **Connecticut Right to Life** (now the only Pro-Life organization in the state, since the National Right to Life affiliate has gone defunct), **Kansas Right to Life, Pro-Life Wisconsin**, organizations from **Buffalo, New York, New Jersey, Northern Kentucky Right to Life**, and many others. These organizations have all come to recognize the simple reality that "pragmatism doesn't work." The wages of compromise is defeat.

NKRTL President Cetrulo and **Board member Kunath** were invited to be presenters at this conference, speaking upon the issue of fighting Title X contraceptive and abortifacient funding in your community. They shared with the group the experience of NKRTL's ongoing efforts to persuade the **Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board** to reject Title X funds. Accepting such funds requires the recipient to distribute contraceptive and abortifacient drugs and devices to all, including teenagers, without parental consent.

Picture of Dr.
Kunath

Cetrulo and Kunath demonstrated to the audience, with appropriate scientific citations, that distribution of these dangerous drugs and devices constitutes bad morals, bad medicine, and bad public policy.

National Director of Stop Planned Parenthood, Joseph Sheidler, Director of Pro-Life

Picture of Mr.
Cetrulo

Action League of Chicago, Judie Brown, President of American Life League, and other longtime, well-known, uncompromising Pro-Life leaders in the United States.

Crusade for the Defense of Our Catholic Church

Of course the responsibility for aggressively advocating the Pro-Life cause lies upon every individual, and is not restricted to any particular faith. Certainly, however, the responsibility lies most heavily upon people of faith, and particularly upon their leaders.

In typical leadership form, **American Life League** has initiated the **Crusade for Defense of Our Catholic Church**, identifying in a full-page ad which was published in the *Washington Times* on Jan. 22 (see Page 4 of this newsletter): "Wanted for Fraudulently Claiming Catholic Faith: The Deadly Dozen," in which they identify 12 U.S. senators who claim the Catholic faith, and routinely vote to kill unborn babies. Significantly, the ad then identifies their dioceses, and the name and phone number of their bishops — who have been guilty by culpable silence and inaction, in failing to inform these people of their moral responsibilities, and in failing to remove the scandal given to the faithful in non-teaching of these vital principles of the Faith.

Catholic Leaders Stepping Up

An unambiguous mandate that all Catholic politicians must be Pro-Life was released by the Vatican on Jan. 26, with specific approval of **Pope John Paul II**, *A Doctrinal Note on Some Questions Regarding the Participation of Catholics in Political Life*. It was addressed to the bishops of the Catholic Church and to all the lay faithful called to participate in the public and political life of democratic societies. The document insists that Catholics in public life oppose, and never support, such immoralities as abortion and euthanasia. Among the principles that must always be defended in public life, the Vatican says, are the right to life "from conception to natural death," and "the rights of the human embryo."

Pro-Lifers have been encouraged by appropriately strong actions taken recently in the United States, by Catholic clergymen.

Msgr. Edward Kavanagh, Director of St. Patrick's Home for Children, pulled the welcome mat from under pro-abortion **California Governor Gray Davis (D)**, a Catholic, just as the governor was scheduled to play Santa Claus and deliver gifts to the youth residents at the Children's Home. Davis was notified that he would be welcome to St. Patrick's only if he signed a statement repudiating and repenting for his long-term extreme pro-abortion policy, which forced California taxpayers to massively subsidize 10,000 abortions per month.

Kavanagh faxed the statement of repentance to Davis' office for signature and posted a sign at the gate of the Children's Home: "Baby Killers Not Welcome Here."

"Our gates are closed to those who promote 'the culture of death'," Kavanagh said. "I will personally be at the gates to confront Governor Davis." Davis neither appeared nor repented.

"We cannot allow a person who doesn't promote the sanctity of human life to appear that he was all for helping children when he's killing the unborn — the most defenseless of all," Kavanagh told reporters.

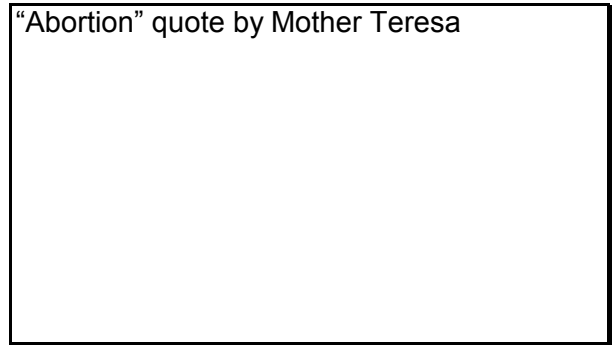
Most Rev. William K. Wiegand, Bishop of Sacramento, CA (the state capital, where the "Catholic" pro-abortion governor, Gray Davis, lives and works), delivered a stunning mandate at morning Mass on the 30th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, calling upon Governor Davis to renounce his support of abortion, or stop taking Holy Communion: "As your bishop, I have to say clearly that anyone — politician or otherwise — who thinks it is acceptable for a Catholic to be pro-abortion is in very great error, puts his or her soul at risk, and is not in good standing with the Church. Such a person should have the integrity to acknowledge this and choose of his own volition to abstain from receiving Holy Communion until he has a change of heart." Regarding Davis, the bishop went on: "...he is not in line with the Catholic Church on an issue that the Pope has said is the most important issue of our day."

Davis has taken exception to Bishop Wiegand's statement and says he will neither stop taking Communion, nor renounce legalized abortion. The Bishop's public response was that he was studying the issue further and commented that Davis "has manifested publicly a hardness-of-heart — and in-your-face response." Wiegand had scheduled two previous private meetings with the governor, both of which were canceled by the governor. Wiegand said he wants to follow canon law carefully, which requires two official admonitions before forbidding Communion. He has tried to counsel the governor in a way that wouldn't embarrass him, said Wiegand, but Davis has "gone public, saying that the bishop shouldn't be guiding people in the faith." "This is very curious to me," Bishop Wiegand said. "He's obviously not very informed about the teachings of the Church."

It appears that a Catholic bishop is about to do to a prominent pro-abortion Catholic officeholder what is the obligation of every bishop under the circumstance. The national consequences would be profound!

“Abortion” quote by Mother Teresa

“The Deadly Dozen” ad printed on this page



TOTAL PROTECTION PACKAGE: NO COMPROMISE, NO EXCEPTIONS, NO APOLOGIES

The above phrase is the battle cry finding resonance among more and more Pro-Lifers, as was evidenced at the Rally and conferences in Washington, D.C. last month. It was the rallying cry of **American Life League**, and its expanded number of local affiliates, and has always been the central philosophy of **Northern Kentucky Right to Life Committee**.

On January 20, as NKRTL President Cetrulo was leaving his office for the trip to Washington, D.C., he received a call from the *Kentucky Post*, which was doing a major story on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The reporter was most interested in what differences exist between **Northern Kentucky Right to Life** (where there are no killing centers), and **Cincinnati Right to Life** (where there are three killing centers), **Louisville** (where there are three killing centers), **Lexington** (where there is one), etc. The populations are similar in many respects. Cetrulo responded that the major difference was that Northern Kentucky Right to Life refuses to compromise: "We have a militant, active, uncompromising Right to Life organization here that some places don't have."

The reporter went ahead to note: "Opposition to abortion is strong in Cincinnati, but the region's hotbed for anti-abortion sentiment is Northern Kentucky," pointing out that two clinics have tried to operate in Northern Kentucky in the last 30 years (1973 and 1985) and both were quickly discouraged by lawsuits and picketing.

While Ohio has three times the population of Kentucky, it has 12 times more abortion agencies than Kentucky. Cincinnati alone had almost twice as many abortions as the entire state of Kentucky in the year 2001.

NKRTL has consistently insisted that the wages of compromise is defeat, and that until that lesson is better learned, we will not be taken seriously, and progress will be negligible.

The National Congress for the Protection of Human Life

NCPHL has been developed to provide an effective national coalition of all individuals and organizations who share this essential philosophy — total protection for all innocent human life: "no exceptions, no compromise, no apologies."

Contrary to the compromisers, and the pro-aborts, this group represents the brightest and best of people and organizations widely known for years throughout the Pro-Life community:

- ⇒Judie Brown, President of American Life League
- ⇒Pat Buchanan, The American Cause
- ⇒Jim Sedlak, President of STOPP International
- ⇒Bay Buchanan, The American Cause
- ⇒Professor Charles E. Rice, Notre Dame College of Law
- ⇒Gary Bauer, Campaign for Working Families
- ⇒Ken Diem, Chairman of the NY State Right to Life Party
- ⇒Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer, President of Human Life International
- ⇒Howard Phillips, The Conservative Caucus
- ⇒Ed Szymkowiak, National Director of STOPP International
- ⇒Bryan Kemper, Founder and Director of Rock for Life
- ⇒Colleen Parro, Republican National Coalition for Life
- ⇒Elmer Feldkamp, President of Right to Life of Kansas, Inc.
- ⇒Debra L. Vinnedge, Executive Director of Children of God for Life
- ⇒John P. Morgan, Islip Town Leader, NYS RTL Party Of Town of Islip
- ⇒Fr. James E. Goode, OFM, Ph.D., President, National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life
- ⇒Kay Zibalsky, President of Life After Assault League, Inc.
- ⇒Elizabeth Costanzo, Chairman of Right to Life Coalition of Lower Westchester
- ⇒Larry Behr, President of Western New York Lawyers For Life
- ⇒Gerry Matatics of the Biblical Foundation International
- ⇒Connecticut RTL Corp. Hugh J. St. Leger, President
- ⇒Edward R. Heelan (formerly of Buchanan Campaign), Brewster, N.Y.
- ⇒American Independent Party of California, Affiliate of The Constitution Party, Reed R. Hustis, Jr., Vice Chairman
- ⇒Buffalo Regional Right to Life Com. Inc., Stasia Z. Vobel, President & Founding Member NCPHL
- ⇒Kenneth Diem, Chairman, New York State Right to Life Party & Founding Member NCPHL
- ⇒David Franklin, Maryland Constitution Party & Founding Member NCPHL
- ⇒John Cooney, Executive Committee Member, Kansas Reform Party & Founding Member NCPHL
- ⇒Robert C. Cetrulo, President, Northern Kentucky Right

To Life Committee

Another lie dispelled! Unity in truth is growing!

CLONING: HUMAN ENGINEERING - AND VERBAL ENGINEERING

The issue continues as we take further steps down this disastrous road, in the euthanasia field ("death with dignity") and now in the field of cloning where they have created an artificial distinction without a difference, calling cloning in one instance "reproductive cloning," and in another instance "therapeutic cloning."

"Reproductive cloning," i.e., artificial creation of a human being (xeroxing yourself by initiating another human life with your exact unique genetic inheritance) has as its end permitting the full development to maturation and birth of a human person. *Most* people, and *most* politicians, say they oppose this kind of cloning.

The verbal engineers preface the scientific word "cloning" with "therapeutic" so as to make it seem that it is something different. In reality, they simply want to clone human life, and not allow it to come to term, i.e., to create a human being solely for the purpose of destroying it for its parts and cells. Clearly, this is no more "therapeutic" for the cloned person who is created only to be destroyed for some other purpose or use, than was "therapeutic" abortion therapeutic for the unborn child who was killed in that fashion.

Typical of the deceptive malarkey out there was an editorial in the Nov. 29, 2001 *Cincinnati Post* which condemned "reproductive cloning" as "dangerous...fraught with moral and ethical dilemmas," while suggesting that "the promise, however distant, of human stem cell and cloning research is too great to impose a ban on all kinds of experimentation." Obviously, they ignore the underlying basic principle that a rose is a rose is a rose, or as Dr. Seuss so accurately put it: "A person's a person no matter how small."

It is yet another devastating step, initiated of course originally by *Roe v. Wade* 30 years ago which legalized the killing of unborn children (unquestionably human and unquestionably alive biologically, independent of any theological arguments), and authorized in legislation in several states only for "hard cases" of rape or incest, suspected deformity of the child, etc. That rapidly broadened into abortion on demand, for nine months in the womb, with a daily body count of 4,000 dead babies a day in the United States by surgical abortion alone. The devil is in the details!

While the politicians fiddle, unconscionable scientists proceed apace, with public statements that cloned babies will be born within the next month or two. In their Frankenstein-blindness they ignore the overwhelming evidence that every cloned animal suffers defects. **Ian Wilmut of the Roslin Research Center in Scotland**, who

"All social engineering is preceded by verbal engineering," stated **Msgr. William B. Smith**, noted moral theologian, in the August issue of *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*. He pointed out of course that the Culture of Death did not begin with the bold call "Let's kill the unborn!" or "Let's kill the old folks!" Rather, they began talking about "removing the product of conception," "termination of pregnancy," "therapeutic abortion," "pro-choice," "therapeutic abortion," etc.

is known for his work in creating "Dolly," the cloned sheep, says every cloned animal is genetically and physically defective. Dolly the sheep itself suffers from premature arthritis, and Wilmut says that cloned mice, cows, sheep and pigs all show developmental difficulties. *Lifesite Daily News* (4/29/02).

Action is Urgent

The **U.S. House of Representatives** last year passed a total ban on all cloning research in the United States. The Democratically-controlled Senate, under the leadership of **Sen. Tom Daschle (D)** kept the bill bottled up in committee.

Sen. Sam Brownback (R) of Kansas, is introducing a bill into this session of the Congress which would prohibit all human cloning.

Letters are needed urgently to our two **U.S. Senators**, **Jim Bunning**, 502 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510 and **Mitch McConnell**, 361-A Russell Building, Washington, DC 20510, asking their co-sponsorship and strong and public support of Sen. Brownback's bill.

The Democratic Party of course opposes the Pro-Life position. The Republican Party is already compromising, as they frequently do. Last year, Brownback offered his total cloning ban as an amendment to another piece of legislation, and White House operatives came down to the Senate and persuaded senators not to support his amendment. The newly-elected **Republican Majority Leader in the Senate, William Frist (R)** of Tennessee, who is in favor of killing babies for the crimes of the father (i.e., rape and incest abortion) has been quoted in the press as "seeking middle ground in the embryo research wars." True Pro-Lifers understand that there is no "middle ground" on any of these human life issues. It is always wrong to destroy innocent human life.

Current Pro-Life Political Issues, Nationally

As noted in our last newsletter, there are many pending pieces of Pro-life legislation and executive action that are indeed vital.

➤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-abortion **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 (SR 4965) plan 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

➤The **Child Custody Protection Act (HR 476)** which would punish the abortion community which spirits an underage child across the 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 or 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.

“Now is the time for all good persons to come to the aid of their party — country!”

Republican Power: Promises, or Performance?

While the Democratic Party has been formally pro-abortion for many years, the record of default and deceit by the Republican Party, its failure of promises vs. performance, is not a new phenomenon.

Those who carefully follow the slight of hand of the pea under the shell, are aware that **the pro-abortion majority of the U.S. Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade in 1972** included the following: **Chief Justice Warren Burger** (appointed by **Republican Richard Nixon**), **Justice William Brennan** (appointed by **Republican Dwight Eisenhower**), **Justice Louis F. Powell, Jr.** (appointed by **Republican Richard Nixon**), **Justice Harry Blackmun**, the author of the Opinion (appointed by **Republican Richard Nixon**), **Justice Potter Stewart** (appointed by **Republican Dwight Eisenhower**), **Justice William O. Douglas** (appointed by **Democratic Franklin Roosevelt**), and **Justice Thurgood Marshall** (appointed by **Democratic Lyndon Johnson**).

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 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.

The dissenting justices who voted Pro-Life were: **Justice Byron White** (appointed by **Democratic John Kennedy**) and **Justice William Rehnquist** (appointed by **Republican Richard Nixon**).

Thus, of the seven pro-abort votes, five were appointed by Republican Presidents and two by Democratic Presidents. And of the two Pro-Life votes, one was a Democratic appointee and the other was a Republican appointee.

And so on that Court, which wrote the abortion holocaust into the law of this land, five of the six Republican-sitting justices voted pro-abort, and two of the three Democratic-sitting justices voted pro-abort.

Very interesting!

A review of the personnel of the present U.S. Supreme Court, and their votes, and their appointees, is very instructive. The three Pro-Life votes come from **Chief Justice William Rehnquist** (appointed by **Republican Richard Nixon**), **Justice Antonin Scalia** (appointed by **Republican Ronald Reagan**), and **Justice Clarence Thomas** (appointed by **Republican George H. W. Bush**).

The six pro-abort votes come from **Justice John Paul Stevens** (appointed by **Republican Richard Nixon**), **Justice Sandra Day O'Connor** (appointed by **Republican Ronald Reagan**), **Justice Anthony Kennedy** (appointed by **Republican George H. W. Bush**), **Justice David Souter** (appointed by **Republican George H. W. Bush**), **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg** (appointed by **Democratic William Clinton**), and **Justice Stephen Breyer** (appointed by **Democratic William Clinton**).

Only nine Republican senators voted against Breyer's appointment, and only three Republican senators voted against Ginsburg. Indeed, the leading Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, **Orin Hatch**, was a cheerleader for both Breyer and Ginsburg.

Also very interesting! Word vs. acts!

Longtime Pro-Life activist **Ellen McCormack** of New York (whose candidacy for President of the United States in the Democratic Primary was chaired in Kentucky by **NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo**) ran as an Independent in 1980 (again chaired by Cetrulo in Kentucky), against Republican **Ronald Reagan**. She predicted that Reagan would appoint pro-abort justices to the U.S. Supreme Court. Her prediction was prophetic, as his first nominee was Sandra Day O'Connor, who had a long pro-abortion voting record as a member of the state

legislature in Arizona, and who then cast the decisive vote, after her confirmation on the U.S. Supreme Court, reaffirming Roe v. Wade.

President George W. Bush

It must be remembered that **President George W. Bush's** first two nominees to the U.S. Courts of Appeals — the courts immediately beneath the U.S. Supreme Court — were strident pro-abortionists. One of them was an interim appointment of our former abortionist President **William Clinton** to the 4th Circuit, who had not received Senate confirmation. Bush simply reappointed the man.

Three of Bush's appointments to the Texas Supreme Court while he was governor there were strident pro-aborts, who voted to strike down even the moderate abortion

Sadly, John Ashcroft, a former U.S. senator with a Pro-Life voting record, nominated by President Bush to be U.S. Attorney General, testified at his confirmation hearings that Roe v. Wade was "the settled law of the land." He added, "I don't think it is the agenda of the president-elect of the U.S. to see to overturn Roe."

President Bush refused to guarantee in his presidential campaign that he would appoint Pro-Lifers to the Supreme Court, and broke his sole promise to the Pro-Life movement that he would not support federal funding of experimentations based upon the bodies of aborted babies.

In October of 2002, Bush approved the expansion of a New York State program that employs federal Medicaid money to distribute free birth control (which includes abortifacients) and condoms.

Now there will be an opportunity to test President Bush's claims to be Pro-Life. He now has a Senate controlled by his Party, which he should be able to influence, as he has on other matters, to pass the Pro-Life legislation described above, and to confirm Pro-Life members to the U.S. Supreme Court and other courts.

Kentucky's U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell has been elected by his colleagues as Majority Party Whip, the second in charge of his Party in the Senate, which was described in the Nov. 13, 2002 *Kentucky Post* as meaning that he "will have a seat at the table when key decisions are made about what bills will be brought to vote. As a result, he will have a hand in virtually every piece of legislation that comes through the Senate."

Even though Sen. McConnell has a somewhat lackluster record on the Pro-Life issues, and has publicly supported the killing of unborn children for the crimes of the father, i.e., rape and incest, he lays claim to the title "Pro-Life." Now is the time for all good Pro-Lifers to call him into account for that claim.

Your letters to Bunning and McConnell, urging them to co-sponsor Sen. Brownback's anti-cloning bill, should also remind them that we are now looking for them to perform, in accord with their claims to be

restriction of parental notification. One of them, **Mr. Al Gonzales**, sits next to him now in the White House, as his Chief Assistant.

President Bush's other nominees to the highest positions of the Executive branch do not inspire confidence in our hope for Pro-Life nominees to the U.S. Supreme Court. The pro-abortionists that he has named to his Cabinet include: **Secretary of State Powell, Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, Secretary of Health and Human Services Thompson, Secretary of the Treasury O'Neill, Chief of National Security Rice, White House Counsel Gonzales, President Chief of Staff Card, Homeland Security Chief Ridge**, etc.

Pro-Life, and for them to advise the President that only Pro-Life nominees to the courts will be acceptable.

The strongest rumor "inside the beltline" is that the first vacancy on the U.S. Supreme Court will be filled by the President's pro-abort counsel, Al Gonzales, an Hispanic and claimed Catholic. The President must come to understand that that is totally unacceptable, and would be final confirmation of the considerable evidence developing which creates doubts as to his claims to be Pro-Life.

Matt Drudge, the nationally syndicated talk show host who publishes the *Drudge Report*, said on April 20, 2002 that Gonzales was a frontrunner for a Supreme Court nomination by Bush.

In a related interview of April 20, 2002, by *USA Today*, with **Andrew Card, Bush's White House Chief of Staff**, Mr. Card stated that abortion was not a priority in the Bush administration.

And it must be noted that President Bush proposed \$253.9 million in funding for the Title X program in 2002. This is the program that funds "family planning" to the states, including condoms for kids, abortifacients, etc.

A pro-abortion Republican national leader, **Ann Stone, National Chair of Republicans for Choice**, stated that modest legislation would be advanced by President Bush and Republican lawmakers "...to mollify their conservative base without seriously angering" pro-aborts: "They're doing a lot of back-dooring, fine-tuning around the edges to keep the base happy."

National columnist **Joseph Sobran**, who has long been critical of the Republican Party as deceivers of the Pro-Life movement, stated: "Pro-Lifers have demanded very little from the Republican Party; and they have assuredly received very little. Their expectations are so low that Bush, speaking to this year's annual right to life march by telephone, felt he could retain their support by promising to seek a ban on late-term abortion this year." Sobran then cited the disappointing record of Republicans in terms of judicial appointments, confirmations, etc., cited above in this newsletter.

The Urgency of Prayer

It is obvious that we must pray for our President, and all elected officials, but particularly the Republicans in the U.S. House and the U.S. Senate, who now possess the reins of power, and therefore the concurrent responsibility. While we must always be hopeful, we cannot be Pollyann-ish. The record is what it is — and in the case of President Bush, it is not a great record. We need performance — not promises.

“Those who hold the reins of government should not forget that it is the duty of public authority by appropriate laws and sanctions to defend the lives of the innocent, and this all the more so since those whose lives are endangered and assailed cannot defend themselves. Among whom we must mention in the first place infants hidden in the mother’s womb. And if the public magistrates not only do not defend them, but by their laws and ordinances betray them to death at the hands of doctors or of others, let them remember that God is the Judge and

Claims for “wrongful birth” and “wrongful life” are civil suits for damages, brought against physicians, whom the plaintiffs charge with negligence for failure of diagnosis of some prenatal “defect” while the child was still in the womb, thus permitting the child to be born damaged or impaired in some respect.

The concept of “wrongful life,” is the argument that the child, once born, should have the right to sue the doctor, upon the thesis that the child would have preferred no life to being born with medical problems.

The concept of “wrongful birth” is that an action should lie in favor of the parents who are “forced” to raise and support a child born with “defects,” which could have been diagnosed by the physician while the child was in utero, and then aborted.

In the growing pro-death and increasingly litigious atmosphere of the United States, the number of such civil suits for damages has increased over the years. Most state courts have rejected both claims, holding as a matter of law that such causes of action do not exist.

In 1983, the **Kentucky Supreme Court** rejected such a claimed suit for “wrongful life” as “a contradiction in terms.”

In the present case presented before the Kentucky Supreme Court, the intermediary appellate court, the **Kentucky Court of Appeals**, held that “wrongful birth” constituted a cognizable cause of action in this Commonwealth.

Both theories, “wrongful life” and “wrongful birth,” are predicated upon a concept that life itself can constitute a legal injury. Such claims are an affront to the sanctity of human life, and repugnant to the very principles upon which the United States was founded, as demonstrated in the Declaration of Independence. Such legal theories inevitably lead to a eugenic mentality whereby the “unfit” are made disposable.

As observed by the **Alabama Supreme Court** in the case of *Elliott v. Brown* (rejecting these theories): “Upon what legal foundation is the court to determine that it is

Avenger of innocent blood which cries from earth to Heaven.” (**Casti Connubii by Pope Pius XI**)

THE CULTURE OF DEATH CONTINUES ITS AGGRESSION

The fundamental principle that things never stay the same — they either go forward or backward — is certainly exemplified in the always continual aggression of the culture of death.

The most recent battlefield engagement in Kentucky, in this ongoing war, was a hearing before the **Kentucky Supreme Court** on Oct. 9, 2002 in an appeal involving a lower court decision based upon two separate lawsuits asserting claims for “wrongful birth” and “wrongful life.” *Bogan v. Altman*.

better not to have been born than to be born with deformities? If the court permitted this type of cause of action, then what criteria would be used to determine the degree of deformity necessary to state a claim for relief?”

NKRTL President, Robert C. Cetrulo, who participated in the preparation and filing of a Brief Amicus Curiae in the Kentucky Supreme Court in this case, supporting the Pro-Life position, described his reactions at that hearing before that Supreme Court:

“I only wish that each reader could have sat there with me in that courtroom and listened to the lawyers pleading with the Supreme Court for the adoption of such a ‘death is better than life’ rule to be adopted! Those lawyers told the judges that the child in question ‘had no life,’ and indeed was ‘of no value to his parents.’

“I was riveted with sadness and indeed fear as I watched the attorney for the Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services make the callous cost/benefit analysis of human life by explaining to the judges how much money is costs to sustain this child’s life, in her advocacy to seek damages against these doctors who had failed to kill the child in utero, or advise the mother to do so.

“Make no mistake that these actions are specifically calculated to intimidate all physicians into cooperation with the ‘culture of death’ mentality, by subjecting them to legal liability for damages if they fail to do so. ‘Pro-choicers’ oppose ‘choice’ for Pro-Lifers. Evil cannot coexist with good, and will actively insist upon destroying it in everyone. Evil does not wish to be ‘tolerated’ but wishes to mandatorily enforce its principles on everyone.

“The lawyers for the physicians made the usual arguments in opposition to these claims, based upon the traditional system of tort law (personal injury liability), pointing out that these claims cannot meet the standard tests of liability in tort: duty, breach, causation, and damages.

“One of the defense lawyers, however, caught the rapt attention of all of the judges on the Court by his focus, un-apologetically, upon the truly decisive issues that must resolve such claims, i.e., uncompromising commitment to

the sanctity of all innocent human life, objectively and fearlessly applied. Any other position obviously leads to furthering the morass in which we find ourselves today.

"He pointed out that disabled children are 'not without benefit to their parents, or to society.' How arrogant of anyone to suggest that it would be better if those children did not exist! Such claims undermine the very essentials of our civilization. He told the judges that whether the issue be characterized as theological, philosophical, ethical, or whatever, the Court simply had no business adopting such a doctrine.

"The sober and serious silence on the part of all of the judges, who had been routinely interrupting the other lawyers with questions, eloquently demonstrated the principle that truth is indeed self-proving. It is written on the heart of each of us by our Creator, and needs to be powerfully advocated by all of us to those in position to do so, by making our arguments based on fundamental and

Apparently expecting no one to notice, the "pro-choice" crowd is now aggressively advocating laws that strip all others of "choice," most noticeably in the field of **proposing legislation which would require all employers to provide their employees with insurance coverage for contraceptives (which of course include abortifacients)**, regardless of the moral or religious beliefs held by those employers. Such a bill passed the New York legislature, and is now the subject of a lawsuit brought by several Catholic and Baptist organizations which challenge the constitutionality of that statute as violating their religious freedoms. The New York Senate which passed the bill is controlled by a majority of Republicans. The bill was signed into law by **New York Governor George Pataki**, a Republican, and a Catholic.

Similar legislation has been proposed in the Kentucky General Assembly. All readers are encouraged to write your state senators and state representatives expressing your strong opposition to such legislation. Its passage would simply drive out of the healthcare field the Catholic Church and other religious entities who hold moral and religious beliefs against these practices, and would condemn other employers, who hold similar conscientious objections to these immoral practices, to violate their conscience or to violate the law.

It is obvious that those who call themselves "pro-choice are only for your right to choose their choice!

Similar legal approaches by the anti-life movement are underway at the federal level. In 1997, the U.S. Congress passed the **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**, otherwise known as Title XXI, which allocates money to the states to help pay for health insurance for children under the age of 19. An effort is afoot to have the states pay for "everything necessary," which they define to include abortion, sterilization, and artificial birth control.

The **Equal Employment Opportunity Commission** has ruled that insurance companies must pay for prescription contraception including abortion drugs, under

unchanging moral principles, rather than technical or pragmatic positions.

"Witnessing this experience was a chilling reminder to me of the ongoing life and death struggle between the power of truth and the relentless insistence of evil, continually played out on the stage of the live of each of us.

"These are truly titanic life and death struggles, not just for those unborn children, or their parents, or the defendant physicians, but for the very survival of any society that wishes to claim the title, 'civilization.'"

THE INTOLERANCE OF THE "PRO-CHOICE" MOVEMENT — MANDATING INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CONTRACEPTIVES AND ABORTIFACIENTS

threat of violating the "**Pregnancy Discrimination Act**" of 1978. There are no exemptions granted for religious beliefs.

The **U.S. Senate Committee on Health Education, Labor and Pensions**, chaired by pro-abortion **Senator Edward Kennedy (D)**, another "Catholic," has held hearings on the **Equity in Prescription Insurance Contraceptive Coverage Act (EPICC)**, which has about 40 cosponsors in the Senate. If that bill becomes law, it will require their premium payors, to pay for contraceptive services and contraceptive drugs and devices, many of which kill already-conceived human persons by preventing their implantation in their mothers' wombs.

Letters are needed on all of these scores to President Bush, to Senators Bunning and McConnell, to your congressmen, and to your state representatives and state senators.

THE GOOD, BAD,
UGLY, AND "I'm not for
RIDICULOUS AND abortion..." cartoon

→Covington City
Commissioner Craig
Bohman introduced a
resolution before the
commission, one week prior to
the 30th anniversary of Roe v.
Wade, asking "the U.S.
Supreme Court to reexamine
and reverse Roe v. Wade as
contradictory to the letter and spirit of the U.S.
Constitution and harmful to our society," and urging
the Kentucky General Assembly and the U.S. Congress
"to promote and protect the right to life of unborn
children."

The resolution was defeated 3 to 2. The three pro-abortion votes were cast by Catholics, **Alex Edmondson**,

Jerry Bamberger and **Mayor Butch Callery**. Bamberger was interviewed by the public press and called himself "pro-life."

Right!

→According to a study published in the newest issue of *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* (which is on record as favoring abortion), **women with a prior history of abortion are twice as likely to use alcohol, five times more likely to use illicit drugs, and ten times more likely to use Marijuana during the first pregnancy they carried to term compared to other women delivering their first pregnancies.**

This research is based upon the **National Pregnancy and Health Survey**, using a national representative sample of 2,613 women who had recently given birth. The survey was sponsored by the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**, the **National Institutes of Health**, and the **Division of Epidemiological and Prevention**

→**Eight universities which call themselves "Catholic" were found two months ago to have Websites on the Internet referring their students to Planned Parenthood, America's foremost proponent of abortion and contraceptive services**, according to a story in the Jan. 2003 issue of *Catholic World Report*: **Boston College, Georgetown University, Loyola University (Chicago), Santa Clara University, DePaul University, John Carroll University, San Francisco University, and Seattle University.**

→In its most incredibly spiritually blind and insensitive statement, **Planned Parenthood has been selling Christmas cards "Choice on Earth," in an incredible parody of the Christian message that indeed Jesus came to bring "Peace on Earth."** The editor of the *Cincinnati Enquirer* Editorial Page, **Peter Bronson**, after appropriately excoriating this abysmal insensitivity to the Christian message, suggested that PPH should simply issue cards with a manger with an empty cradle!

→*The New York Times Magazine* not long ago stated: **"Today 59% of all abortion doctors are 65 years old...nearly two-thirds are beyond legal retirement age."**

→**NARAL (National Abortion Action League) has just pulled its latest slight-of-hand, changing its name to "Pro-Choice America."** In its continuing effort to sanitize killing, it even proposes to change its corporate name, which is more than 30 years old, to advance its goals of deception.

But as Shakespeare said, "What's in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Killing, is killing, is killing! Pro-Lifers must be sufficiently

Research at the national Institute on Drug Abuse — hardly pro-life organizations!

This is the 17th study linking abortion to elevated rates of substance abuse. The abortion industry continues its ostrich approach of ignoring real problems.

→**Test tube babies have double the risk of birth defects and tend to be smaller than usual**, according to an Australian study and a U.S. study, both reported in the March 8, 2002 *New England Journal of Medicine*.

→A new study published by **Dr. Olive Shisana** disclosed that **over the past four years South Africa has seen a huge increase in condom use. However, AIDS infection has also surged into epidemic proportions.**

sophisticated so as to avoid this trap of deception. One is either Pro-Life, or pro-abortion. "Choice" is a calculated deception, and we should not repeat it ourselves.

→**ALL President Judie Brown has been appointed to a second five-year term as a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life by Pope John Paul II.**

→**A second epidemic of AIDS may be underway among patients who harbor HIV strains that are resistant to available drugs**, according to a recently-published study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*: "We have the first epidemic of HIV that is uncontrolled and spreading throughout the world. And this is the second epidemic, drug-resistant HIV."*****

→Nine days after Pro-Life voters provided victory margins in close U.S. Senate elections for Republicans in several states, **the Republican leadership of the U.S. House of Representatives forced ahead for passage a major new bankruptcy bill, favored by big corporate donors. This bill would bar Pro-Lifers from seeking bankruptcy court relief from crushing financial judgments rendered against them as a result of Pro-Life rescues.**

The easy passage of the new bankruptcy bill was being celebrated at the White House, with at least one GOP House leader present as the U.S. House vote was about to take place. But to the surprise of almost all the experts, there was a revolt by 87 House GOP Pro-Life congressmen, including **Chris Smith** of New Jersey, defeating the entire bill over this Pro-Life issue. Unfortunately, the majority of members of the Republican Party, and its leadership, and the White House, were willing to accept these provisions punishing Pro-Lifers for

the sake of the passage of this bankruptcy bill. Hopefully, **House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R)**, a Catholic, who calls himself Pro-Life, and his fellow leaders will learn that there are still people in their own Party who place principle above party!

→A recent national columnist pointed out the obvious and delightful inconsistency that most liberals are not “**pro-choice**” about school vouchers, owning guns, driving large cars, wearing fur, smoking cigarettes, privately investing a portion of one’s Social Security taxes, saying the unedited (by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit) Pledge of Allegiance, etc., etc. Only about killing unborn babies!

→The **Republican National Coalition for Life** (an organization whose record demonstrates that it has its priorities correct — principle first, party second) reports that the **National Abortion Rights Action League Political Action Committee** spent \$10 million for pro-abortion candidates in November’s elections, and lost 10 of 11 contests.

The **pro-abortion PAC, Emily’s List**, which exclusively backs pro-abortion, female Democrats, raised

and spent almost \$21 million, and yet lost 16 of the 21 races.

→**Miss America 2003 has been ordered by the Miss America Pageant Committee not to talk publicly about abstinence before marriage**, the key theme that she wishes to emphasize during her one-year reign.

She apparently intends to speak about the issue anyhow since it has been a major subject of her previous public appearances prior to being crowned Miss America last September.

Similar pressure was reported by **Mary Louise Kurey, 1999 Miss Wisconsin**, and in fact more than 30 Miss America candidates chose abstinence before marriage as their platform.

Just another example that “pro-choicers” are strongly in favor of your right to choose — so long as your choice mirrors their choice! *****

→**Cohabitation outside of marriage has dramatically increased**, according to U.S. Census data, to the point where unmarried partner households shot up 72% nationwide in the 1990’s.

NKRTL is providing our readers with a guide — compliments of **Life Decisions International** — to help Pro-Lifers keep their money out of the hands of **Planned Parenthood**. Due to their support of PP, the following corporations appear on the boycott list below. (LDI's comprehensive list of corporate supporters of Planned Parenthood, including their products, services, subsidiaries, names of chief executive officers, addresses, phone numbers and information about the boycott, is available from **Human Life International**. To order, call 1-800-549-5433. Or, for this list and other related information, call Life Decisions International at 202-347-2066, ext. 2., or visit LDI's website at www.fightpp.org.)

This is a project in which everyone can participate. You can withhold your funds from these organizations, and simultaneously, after obtaining the list of their officers and addresses, write them and let them know that you are doing so, and why.

Corporate Supporters of Planned Parenthood

American Express	Dallas Cowboys	Loews	Prudential Insurance
American Home Products (Advil, Robitussin, etc.)	Esprit	Lost Arrow (Patagonia)	Radio Shack
Applied Power	Forbes	Meditronic	Rich Products
Arriscraft	Fortis	Microsoft	Schering-Plough
Bank One (First USA)	Freddie Mac	Multimedia Design Group (Canada)	Sony
Berkshire Hathaway (Dairy Queen, GEICO Insurance, etc.)	GATX	Nationwide Insurance	Steelcase
Chase Manhattan	Johnson & Johnson (Tylenol, Neutrogena, Band-Aid, etc.)	New York Times	Sun Microsystems
CIGNA	J.P. Morgan	Newman's Own	Textron
Corning (Pyrex Revere Ware, Corelle, etc.)	Kaiser Permanente	Northern Trust	Wachovia (First Union)
	Levi Strauss	Organon	Walt Disney (Miramax, Touchstone, etc.)
	Lincoln National	Phelps Dodge	Whole Foods (Whole Foods Market, Fresh Fields, etc.)
		PNC Bank	Working Assets
		The Principal	