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CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF KENTUCKY APPROVES USE OF ABORTIFACIENT CHEMICALS IN CASES OF RAPE

The Catholic Conference of Kentucky (CCK), which is composed of Covington Bishop Roger J. Foys, Lexington Bishop Ronald W. Gainer, Owensboro Bishop John J. McRaith, and Louisville Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly, have approved the use by Catholic hospitals in Kentucky of the so-called "emergency contraception" in cases of rape.

At the outset, it must be noted that emergency contraceptive pills (ECPs) have an abortifacient action as well as a contraceptive action. According to the *Physicians' Desk Reference*, the most commonly used medical reference in the United States, "ECPs...act primarily by inhibiting ovulation. They may act by altering tubal transport of sperm and/or ova and/or altering the endometrium (thereby inhibiting implantation)."

This medical truth has been recognized also by the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:**

→ "These properties of OCs (Oral Contraceptives) have long been acknowledged, but it is impossible to determine which mode of action is responsible in any given cycle for a woman's failure to conceive or maintain pregnancy...It is important to note that 'ovulation is not always stopped...cervical mucus is not always made impenetrable, ...the lining of the womb is not always rendered unreceptive to a fertilized ovum every cycle...' – **Life Insight (September 1998)**

→ "While these pills may sometimes have a contraceptive mode of action because they prevent or delay ovulation or fertilization, they are designed to prevent implantation as well.

"Thus some researchers conclude that interfering with the endometrium 'could explain the majority of cases where pregnancies are prevented by the morning-after pill.'

"Women are being falsely led to believe that these pills are contraceptive in nature. But one of their common and intended modes of action is to prevent the development of the embryo, resulting in his or her death." – **Emergency "Contraception" and Early Abortion**, published by the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Church Doctrine

Of course, the Catholic Church clearly condemns chemical abortion as equally evil with surgical abortion.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has addressed specifically the question of treatments morally permissible to a victim of rape or incest: "It is not permissible, however, to initiate or to recommend treatments that have as their purpose or direct effect the removal, destruction, or interference with the implantation of a fertilized ovum." – **Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Healthcare Services, Directive 36 (2001)**

Most Rev. Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Denver, just issued a statement on February 11, 2005 condemning a potential bill pending in the Colorado state legislature which would mandate that women who are victims of rape automatically receive the abortifacient morning after pill by all hospitals, including Catholic hospitals. The Colorado Catholic Conference pointed out: "If enacted, HB 1042 would have the dubious distinction of being the first law in Colorado to require a Catholic entity to actively violate its own teachings. ..."

Prominent moral theologian **Msgr. William Smith, Professor at St. Joseph Seminary** in Dunwoodie, New York, likewise exposed this scam: "It's wrong to say you can use anything that has abortifacient properties. 'Emergency contraception' is double talk. It's what I call 'verbal engineering.' Catholic hospitals are not free to prescribe or provide anything with abortifacient properties without contradicting their witness. If they don't see a problem with that, someone's playing a game."

Medical Testing

It has apparently been suggested now by some that there is a test that can be administered within 24 or 48 hours to a woman who has been raped, which will conclusively determine whether she is or is not pregnant from the rape. **The fact is, there is no such medical test.**

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The test suggested by advocates of the use of "emergency contraception" measures the urine or serum to determine the presence or absence of HCG. The urine or serum becomes positive for that chemical only after about 15 to 20 days after fertilization, which is one to two weeks after implantation of the newly conceived child into the lining of the uterus. This is one week after menstruation is missed. Therefore, a negative HCG is irrelevant in determining whether fertilization has occurred from the rape.

Rape and Incest

The woman who has conceived a child by the violent act of rape or by incest needs understanding, encouragement, and support by family, friends, and the entire community. An abortion cannot and will not remove the suffering from such trauma nor cause the woman to forget such acts:

"Rape and incest victims actually suffer considerably from the abortion. What are some of the symptoms or rape? The woman feels dirty, guilty, sexually violated, down on herself, angry, and fearful or hateful toward men; she may experience sexual dysfunction, or feel she has lost control of her life.

"Now let's look at the symptoms of abortion. The woman feels ditty, guilty, sexually violated, down on herself, angry, and fearful or hateful toward men; she may experience sexual dysfunction or a loss of control of her life – all the same symptoms.

"So instead of curing the problem, we are intensifying the same symptoms by offering abortion. Abortion, then, is a 'cure' that only aggravates the problem." – **David C. Reardon, Director of Eliot Institute for Social Sciences Research**

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"I soon discovered that the aftermath of my abortion continued a long time after the memory of my rape had faded. I felt empty and horrible." – **Jackie Bakker, a victim of rape**

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"As horrible as rape is, it very seldom results in pregnancy." – **C. Everett Koop, M.D.**

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"Abortion in the cases of incest is not the answer of convenience. It hides the crime of incest and it continues to hold the female victim in bondage to the secrecy of molestation. This does not mean that incest will stop." – **Becky Smith, a victim of incest**

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"Abortion for incest victims sounds compassionate, caring, and heroic; but, in actual practice, it is simply another violent and deceptive tool in the hand of the abuser...abortion does absolutely nothing to protect a young girl from continued abuse and, in fact, aids and abets the abuser in his crime." – **Mary Jean Doe (a pseudonym), a member of Feminists for Life and a victim of incest**

"The crime of rape or incest does not justify the crime of homicide." – **Henry Hyde, Congressman for Illinois**

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"If we have the baby killed by abortion, it certainly does not help the baby. In the short run it may well relieve the mother of a traumatic burden, but it will leave her with a lifelong memory of having once carried a child which she had destroyed. Today's experiences are tomorrow's memories. In general, the experience of an abortion is a long and painful memory." – **Fr. John Powell, S.J., Ph.D., psychologist**

**Regardless of the circumstances in which a baby is conceived, an unborn baby is still a baby.**

### ***NKRTL's Request to the Bishops***

**Northern Kentucky Right to Life wrote to the four bishops of Kentucky on April 4, 2005, setting forth these facts, and pointing out that the unequivocal findings of both science and morality demonstrate conclusively that the CCK position is indefensible and will lead to great moral harm, to the scandal of abortion carried out in Catholic institutions, and to scandal given to the Catholic faithful as well as other Christians.**

**Although our letter has been ignored, we have complied with the Biblical mandate of first confronting the offenders before publicizing their dereliction. Matthew 18:15.**

**In the meantime, this atrocious abortifacient policy has been adopted by the Ethics Committee of St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Northern Kentucky.**

## **CHECK-OUT: LIFE CHECKS**

Many Pro-Lifers have been using the services of **Lifechecks** which, under the name of **The Check Gallery**, prints out personalized checks with Pro-Life messages.

Now, the excellent Pro-Life organization, **Life Dynamics** of Denton, Texas, has discovered that Lifechecks' parent company, parents another subsidiary called **"Message Products,"** which prints checks for Planned Parenthood, National Organization for Women, American Civil Liberties Union, and several gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights organizations.

Although Lifechecks was originally developed by a Pro-Life couple who donated part of the proceeds to various Pro-Life ministries, the company which took them over does not make contributions to Pro-Life groups and in fact funneled money to the above groups of about \$500,000 last year.

Informed Pro-Lifers will certainly not want to support that kind of activity.

***Real Pro-Life Checks***

Sanctity of Life personal checks are now available online at **Promise Checks**, <http://tinyurl.com/9ctta>,

## **POPE BENEDICT XVI**

On April 19, 2005, Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church elected as the new Pope, **Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger**, a German archbishop who has worked in Rome for many years and who served as Dean of the College of Cardinals

Picture of

Pope Benedict XVI

prior to his election. Cardinal Ratzinger selected as his papal name **Benedict XVI**.

according to a recent **American Life League** newsletter.

Like his predecessor, **Pope John Paul II**, Pope Benedict XVI has a long record of distinguished service, speaks many languages, is a published scholar in philosophy and theology, and was welcomed warmly by Roman Catholics and many others, worldwide.

Right to Lifers are particularly interested in his views concerning the primacy of the sanctity of innocent human life, as well as the crucial issue of orthodoxy and purity of doctrine, and the related issue of relationship of church and state. His record is clear, and inspirational, on all of these crucial issues.

Critics of the new Pope (as well as of the previous one) in effect demand that he simply conform the Church to modern culture. For example, a left-leaning organization which calls itself "Catholic," but which is in open rebellion against the Church's formal dogmatic teaching on several issues, expressed their discomfort over the election of Pope Benedict XVI in a press release of April 20. They noted that they advocate "reforms in the Catholic Church such as the ordination of women; optional celibacy for priests; change in birth control teaching; equality for homosexuals..."

### ***Church and State***

Regarding the crucial issue of church/state relationship, where the secularists of course are trying to intimidate Christians from bringing their religiously-informed views into the public square, (then) Cardinal Ratzinger wrote, "The Church must make claims and demands on public law and cannot simply retreat into the private sphere." He said that the fundamental political task of the Church is to make sure that the state has a conscience. "Where the Church itself becomes the state, freedom becomes lost. But also when the Church is done away with as a public and publicly relevant authority, then too freedom is extinguished, because there the state once again claims completely for itself the jurisdiction of morality." **Ratzinger: Church, Ecumenism, and Politics, 1988.**

### ***Right to Life***

At the special Consistory of Cardinals called together in 1991 by Pope John Paul II to address the critical challenges to the sanctity of human life in the world, the future Pope Benedict XVI made a comprehensive report in which he applied this Church-State theme to the Right to Life:

"...[A] State which arrogates to itself the prerogative of defining which human beings are or are not the subject of rights, and which consequently grants to some the power to violate others' fundamental right to life, contradicts the democratic ideal to which it continues to appeal and undermines the very foundations on which it is built. By allowing the rights of the weakest to be violated, the State also allows the law of force to prevail over the force of law. One sees, then, that the idea of an absolute tolerance of

freedom of choice for some destroys the very foundation of a just mode of social life. The separation of politics from any natural content of law, which is the inalienable patrimony of everyone's moral conscience, deprives social life of its ethical substance and leaves it defenseless before the will of the strongest."

### ***Enforcement of Doctrine Within the Church***

**Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests For Life**, joyfully welcomed the election of Pope Benedict XVI and emphasized that the Pope's role as Universal Pastor of the Church, as well as the role of enforcing doctrinal orthodoxy "...are closer to each other than one may think. In fact, they are aspects of one another, because compassion is not opposed to truth, nor is truth opposed to compassion. It is only when one presents the truth, in all its fullness, vigor, and clarity, that one can be pastoral. To 'shepherd' the flock includes shepherding them into the

Pope Benedict XVI's address to the Cardinals at the opening of the Papal Conclave frankly and directly addressed head on "the dictatorship of the relativists."

### ***Early Signs***

Serious Catholics, and all Pro-Lifers, have reason to be joyous based on early signs of this new Papacy. **Fr. Thomas Reese, S.J.**, a very liberal Catholic priest and editor of the liberal Jesuit magazine, *America*, was reported

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to have resigned on May 9, based upon directions from the Vatican. The Jesuit magazine has been a frequent critic of Catholic orthodoxy, and the Pope. Fr. Reese was sought out, as usual by the secular media, as one of their liberal sycophants, and complied with his usual liberal remarks which undermine the existence of absolute truth, upon which Catholic orthodoxy is based.

## **STEM CELLS - WHAT ARE THEY?**

Everyone has been reading a great deal in the secular media about "stem cells" — much of it, "disinformation," propagated by the "culture of death" and the pro-abortion media.

As has been taught by fundamental logic (mostly in previous days), any intelligent discussion of a topic must begin with a definition of terms — if truth is the actual goal of the discussion.

**"Stems cells" are cells that have the potential to become many different kinds of cells. They are means by which cells in the body can be replenished.**

In the very early embryo, these cells are called *totipotent*, i.e., they have the potency to become any kind

truth, and Cardinal Ratzinger has had a special gift for precisely that.

"In particular, one of his key gifts is to articulate the fact that there is such a thing as truth. To give a modern answer to the culture's echo of Pilate's question, 'What is truth?' is a key demand of the papal office in our day. To tell the culture that there is a right and wrong, and we can know it, is a key demand of compassion, a requirement of being a Good Shepherd. To remind people that we are capable of discerning what is good for humanity and what is destructive, what constitutes respect for life, what the gift of marriage and family really are, and what love is, becomes a service and a blessing to our generation. Truth and compassion are two sides of the same coin."

of body cell. In adult stem cells, the cells have been thought to be *pluripotent*, i.e., they have the capacity to become a variety of cells, but not all.

Research scientists have as their goal the use of stem cells to develop various tissues that can then be used to repair damaged tissues in the body — heart tissue to repair a damaged heart, nerve tissue to repair a damaged spinal column or reverse the effects of Alzheimer's Disease.

### ***Intellectual Dishonesty***

**Pro-aborts have been asserting in the public press (which has unfortunately failed to present the opposing assertions) that Right to Lifers, the Catholic Church, and other organizations and institutions and individuals which hold traditional values oppose stem cell research. That is not true. What they do oppose is embryonic stem cell research, which can be carried out only after the creation of a new human being, an embryo, and then its destruction in order to obtain its stem cells.**

Harvesting stem cells... cartoon

**The next piece of verbal sleight-of-hand which the secular media has permitted to go unchallenged on**

behalf of the pro-death movement is the covering up of the simple reality that there have been major medical successes in curing or alleviating disease by the use of adult stem cells, and not one successful result with the use of embryonic stem cells. If one gets past the secular (and untrustworthy) communications media into the actual research documents themselves, one finds tremendous success in the use of adult stem cells, and zero success in the use of embryonic stem cells, to achieve the stated goal of repairing stem cells in diseased patients.

Recently, the **Ethics Committee of Northeast Hospital Corp.** hosted a program at Beverly Hospital, "From Birth to Aging: The Implications of Stem Cell Research." Lecturers were **Curtis L. Cetrulo, M.D., Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston,** and **Dennis J. Selkoe, M.D., Professor of Neurologic Diseases at Harvard Medical School and Co-Director at the Center for Neurologic Diseases at Brigham and Woman's**

### Ulterior Agenda

Hospital.

A story in the October 3, 2004 *Cincinnati Enquirer*

One then must ask the question as to why the pro-death community ignores (and the media continues to misrepresent) this uncontradicted scientific data which favors the use of adult stem cells, and shows the total failure, scientifically, of embryonic stem cells.

One thing we do know — when people lie to you and that is proven, not only is their credibility lost, but their motivation becomes suspect!

described (and pictured) **Dr. Robert Ersek**, a 66-year-old plastic surgeon, liposuctioning himself, by removing about a half a pound of fat from his abdomen, after numbing the skin. Dr. Ersek pointed out that his office throws away tons of liposuctioned fat every year, but he shipped his own to a California company for processing and long-term storage of some of the cells from that fat, since scientists have found evidence that adult stem cells can turn into a wide variety of stem cells and can be used later to address disease.

Researchers at **Tufts University in Boston** have published a report in the *Journal of Clinical Investigation* which shows that tests on adult stem cells show that they appear to be capable of changing into the many varied types of cells that make up the human body, and that indeed these adult stem cells have the same potential as embryonic stem cells.

According to **Dr. Douglas Losordo**, the Tufts cardiologist who headed up the research team: "I think embryonic stem cells are going to fade in the rearview mirror of adult stem cells."

Stem cells from adult bone marrow, as well as taken from blood and umbilical cords of delivered babies (not involving their destruction) have been used for years to treat critically ill patients.

The life of the placenta and umbilical cord stem cells, according to Dr. Cetrulo, is known to be 15 years, but could prove to be much longer as research continues. "Bone marrow has been saved and used for 70 years," Cetrulo said.

Hematopoietic (adult stem cells) can regenerate into other cells. There are about 80 diseases now known that can be helped with the use of stem cells including certain types of leukemia, disorders such as Hodgkin's disease and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, multiple myeloma, breast cancer and sickle cell anemia, the study reported.

All of these stem cells can be maintained in liquid nitrogen, for years, at modest expense, for potential use by family members years later to address disease.

**University of Minnesota biologist Catherine Verfaillie** has also done work with these adult stem cells, and has concluded that they have the capability of turning into any kind of cell and not becoming tumors, as embryonic stem cells sometimes do.

Researches at the **University of Pittsburgh Medical Center** received approval from the Food and Drug Administration to use stem cells from the patients' own bone marrow (adult stem cells) to inject into the hearts of 10 heart failure patients when the patients are implanted with a pump meant to sustain them until they can receive a heart transplant. According to the lead investigator, **Dr. Amit Patel**, such a study was conducted in South America and the patients' hearts improved. Similar results were found in Patel's research with bypass surgery patients. Other international studies have also found that bone marrow stem cells can improve heart function, according to the article published in the May 14, 2005 *Cincinnati Post*.

### **Political Spinning of Numbers**

You have heard it repeated widely that **President Bush's** opposition to federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research is in a tiny minority. As is usual, "the devil is in the details."

A new poll just commissioned by the **Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** showed that a majority of Americans, 52%, oppose federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research, while just 36% support it. Moreover, when the respondents were told that scientists disagree on whether embryonic stem cells, or stem cells from adult tissues and umbilical cord blood, may end up being most successful in treating diseases, 60% favored funding only the researches that

raise no moral problem, while 22% favored funding all stem-cell research including the kind that involves destroying embryos.

These results are consistent with an earlier poll in August of 2004.

Another poll, this one of Republicans, commissioned by the GOP congressmen supporting the disputed pending legislation, **HR 810**, is frequently cited as favoring embryonic stem-cell research among Republicans. But in fact, with respect to the question of *federal funding* of embryonic stem-cell research, 58% stood in favor of President Bush's policy of limiting funding or no government funding at all.

President Bush appeared on television, in the White House, on May 24, and made a very forthright and uncompromising stance again, arguing that every embryo is unique, and that there are "no spare embryos," to the applause of the audience which included 21 youngsters who had been abandoned embryos in scientific in vitro fertilization procedures, but had been adopted, and their parents and relatives.

President Bush has insisted that it is wrong to use public funds to support the destruction of human life, and that if that legislation passes, he will veto it: "I made it very clear to the Congress that the use of federal money, taxpayers' money, to promote science which destroys life in order to save life is — I am against that. And therefore, if the bill does that, I will veto it."

### **"2) A Clear Majority of Americans Favor Stem Cell Research: More Deception than Truth.**

"Of course they do, but what type of stem cell research are you talking about?

"Do the majority of Americans who favor the use of drugs for illness support Oxycontin dealers in high schools? Are you talking about liking good fruit or rotten fruit? Almost every sentence that begins with 'stem cell this' or 'stem cell that' is more about spin than truth.

"Typical polls do not distinguish between adult stem cells (ASC's) and ESC's. When 1001 Americans were asked if the government should fund stem cell research, which require destroying human embryos, 47% of Americans oppose with 43% in favor. And when choosing between funding stem cell research including ESC's vs. Stem cell research without ESC's, Americans support the latter approach 67% to 18%. Americans oppose human cloning to create embryos for medical research, 80 percent to 13 percent. (International Communications Research, Aug. 13-17, 2004).

### **"3) Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) Does Not Produce An Embryo: False.**

"This was the position taken by a UK spokesman during the 2003 General Assembly and during a debate on cloning with this author. This view is at variance with scientific thought. The National Academy of Science, the *New England Journal of Medicine*, Dolly's creator, Ian Wilmut, and Prof. John Gearhart of Johns Hopkins

### **Ten Stem Cell Claims: True or False**

There is a great deal of confusion surrounding the topics of stem cell research and cloning — some understandable, and some contrived.

We are blessed by a brief, incisive, and instructive exposition of the truth of these subjects, produced by an eminent Lexington, Kentucky physician, **A. Patrick Schneider, II, M.D.**, who also has a master's degree in public health. We reprint his remarkable educational piece herewith:

#### **"1) Embryonic Stem Cells (ESC's) Have Not Helped A Single Human: True.**

"Not even the *Herald-Leader* disputes this fact; on page A5 (12/18/04) the paper stated, 'So far, not a single person has been helped by human embryonic stem cells.' The ability to clone frogs through somatic cell nuclear transfer (SCNT) was first discovered with frog eggs more than 50 years ago — personal communication, retired University of Kentucky (UK) animal ESC researcher Prof. John Just. Furthermore, after 20 years of ESC research not a single mouse disease has been cured. In fact Dr. Jean D. Peduzzi-Nelson, Ph.D. testified before a U.S. Senate subcommittee on July 14, 2004 that 'there have been no genetic diseases in animals cured with stem cells from clones even though there is no current ban regarding cloning.'

University (one of the discoverers of human embryonic stem cells) — all state that an embryo is created.

"Additionally, after 6 months of study, the 17 members of the *President's Council on Bioethics* unanimously concluded in 2002: 'Our first effort, and a difficult effort it was, was to clarify the confusing terminology that confounds the public discussion beginning with the term of human cloning itself. ...we regard the immediate product of somatic cell nuclear transfer for whatever use as the cloned human embryo.' [Emphasis added.] ESC's can only be obtained by killing an embryo; they cannot be obtained 'directly from tissue.'

#### **"4) Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) Is Not Cloning: False.**

"Fifty years ago the nucleus was taken out of the large frog egg and was replaced by a nucleus of a diploid cell. A small electrical shock was applied which caused the artificially fertilized egg to divide. The result was a cloned frog.

"Relative to the question of humans the sentence in above section #3 is worth a re-read: After 6 months of study, the 17 members of the *President's Council on Bioethics* unanimously concluded in 2002: 'Our first effort, and a difficult effort it was, was to clarify the confusing terminology that confounds the public discussion beginning with the term of human cloning itself. ...we regard the immediate product of somatic cell nuclear transfer for whatever use as the cloned human embryo.' [Emphasis added.]

**“5) Reproductive Cloning and ‘Therapeutic’ Cloning Are Very Different: False.**

“Again, the *President’s Council on Bioethics* unanimously concluded: ‘The first use of cloning has come to be known as reproductive cloning or just cloning. The second has come to be called therapeutic cloning, research cloning or nuclear transfer or stem cell research.’

“In reproductive cloning the embryo is put into a uterus; in ‘therapeutic’ [clone to kill] the embryo is killed for the ICM (i.e., inner cell mass that is then put into a petri dish). This is very plain writing: the process is exactly the same up to the point of implantation into the uterus on the one hand, or ‘therapeutic’ killing on the other hand. [Please note that the President’s Council, in some concession to the oxymoronic nature of the terminology, also puts ‘therapeutic’ in quotes.] The only way to derive ESC’s is to kill a human embryo; again, they cannot be obtained ‘directly from tissue.’

“Similarly, the *President’s Council on Bioethics* concluded: ‘Accordingly, we mean by human cloning the production of cloned human embryos, the earliest stages of developing human life, with the intention of either transferring them to a woman’s uterus to initiate a pregnancy or taking them apart in order to produce embryonic stem cells [ESC’s].’

“ASC’s do not form tumors, nor is there the risk of rejection. They have a degree of plasticity that was thought only possible with ESC’s. During U.S. Senate testimony on July 14 (2004) Dr. Jean D. Peduzzi-Nelson, Ph.D. stated: ‘Also there is evidence from Dr. Verfaillie and colleagues at the University of Minnesota that stem cells from adults are able to form any cell type in the body. ...Recently at my university, UAB, Prof. Devin Eckhoff performed an islet cell transplant into a young woman who was totally dependent on insulin shots since age 2. The transplanted cells were obtained from a pancreas of a patient who died in an accident. These transplanted cells immediately began to function and it is hoped that this patient will never have to take insulin shots again. There has been tremendous progress in adult stem cell research in the last few years. In another study, adult stem cells transplanted into mice with liver injuries helped restore liver function within two to seven days.

**“8) ASC’s Are Already Allowing Patients with Spinal Cord Injury to Leave Their Wheelchairs: True.**

“Two groups (in addition to the Koreans) are making real progress using ASC’s. Firstly, Dr. Peduzzi-Nelson testified on 7/14/04 before a Senate subcommittee: ‘Dr. Lima and his team of doctors have requested that I present the results of the study. All of the people were treated in Portugal between six months and six years after their injury. ...at a time when no further improvements are expected. In this procedure, the area of the spinal cord damage is exposed surgically in patients with severe spinal cord injuries. Then a small piece of olfactory mucosa in the upper part of the nose is removed from that same patient. The olfactory mucosa is then rinsed, cut in small pieces and placed in the spinal cord...all [the] patients that were

**“6) Embryonic Stem Cells (ESC’s) Show Great Promise: False.**

“Again, not a single human has been even helped, much less cured, and no animals have been cured. The Chinese injected fetal tissue into a Parkinson patient’s brain who later died, and at autopsy there was evidence of hair, bone and skin tumors in his brain; additionally, in March 01 the *New England Journal of Medicine* reported the ‘absolutely devastating’ results from the use of ESC’s for Parkinson patients.

**“7) Adult Stem Cells (ASC’s) Are Already Producing Many Very Impressive Results: True.**

“ASC’s have helped tens of thousands of people with about 70 different conditions; ASC’s were not discovered until mid 2000; the French have cured 3 patients with ‘bubble boy syndrome’ using gene therapy with stem cells from the patient’s own bone marrow; with a similar technique (ASC’s with gene therapy) 15-year-old Keone Penn was cured of end-stage sickle cell disease — his blood type was changed from Type O to Type B!

treated with the olfactory mucosa showed some improvement.

“Two of these brave young women are here today... Laura Dominguez had her accident on July 3, 2001. Afterwards she had no movement of her legs or hips and no feeling below her collarbone. Laura was 18 years old, tetraplegic... After her surgery, she regained some sensation and motor control of certain muscles. She is now able to point her toes. With braces, she is able to walk some distance. Susan Fajt was in a car accident on November 14, 2001. The spinal cord lesion was at thoracic level 7 and 8 and was about 3 cms long. ...She had no voluntary movement or sensory sensation below her level of injury... In May, ...Susan got more strength in these muscles and began walking using a walker with braces on her legs.’

“Secondly, shortly before his death on October 10 (2004), Christopher Reeve, ‘the world’s most famous advocate for using human cloning and embryonic stem cells to find cures’ as a great source of hope for those paralyzed, went to Israel to view the work of Michael Schwartz, Chair of Neuroimmunology at the Weizmann Institute. She is injecting the patient’s own stimulated macrophages (i.e., ASC’s) into the spinal cord within 14 days of injury. In the Phase I study all 14 patients showed some improvement; the Phase II study with multiple centers (some in the U.S.) Has begun. ‘That’s totally amazing,’ Reeve said; ‘That’s the most impressive example of recovery from spinal cord injury I’ve ever heard of. So that helped renew my hope.’ [Emphasis added.]

**“9) ESC Research is a Good Investment: False.**

“In 2003 the federal government spent \$200 million on ASC research and \$25 million on ESC research. California

recently passed a referendum that will ultimately cost \$6 billion to taxpayers in that bankrupt state.

“Private capital for ESC has dried up: *Science* magazine reported in March 2003 that stock prices in companies doing ESC research had tumbled — PPL \$320 to \$11 (no longer listed) and Geron \$69 to \$1.70 (with 33 of 62 employees laid off; value of the company fell from \$1 billion to \$43 million).

**“10) ‘Academic Scientists Are Reasonable People Who Can Be Trusted’: False — Good Roads Need Guardrails and Good Science Needs Safeguards.**

“This claim was made by a UK spokesman in 2003 (4/14). I asked if he could name one scientist who had opposed the New Jersey cloning bill that now permits destruction of the baby through all nine months to harvest its cells and organs. He could not name one.

“Sadly, physicians joined the Nazi party earlier and in greater numbers than any other profession. A huge killing machine requires the cooperation of physicians — then and now. Despite the massive abominations performed by the Nazi ‘doctor’-researchers, can anyone name a single scientific benefit of those experiments?

“The Tuskegee experiments whereby U.S. public health money was used to follow the deadly course of untreated syphilis among poor black sharecroppers continued into the second half of the 20th century.

“In this day Peter Singer, Princeton bioethicist, now says that the decision to kill a baby can be made up to one year after birth.

“Given the know-how that has been acquired with equine research, Kentucky is a promising site for ethical

**LETTERS WE RECEIVE...**

**Most of the letters that we receive at NKRTL are favorable — but not all.**

Just recently, we received a letter from a lady who asked to cancel her subscription (although she had made no contributions in more than five years): “Although I believe in the sanctify of human life, I can no longer bear to read the inflammatory language and the hatemongering that ooze from the pages of your newsletter. I do not wish to be associated with such a narrow-minded institution.”

We wrote her back, requesting specificity to her expressed dissatisfaction with our newsletter, other than her “inflammatory, narrow-minded, hatemongering letter.”

We also transmitted to her a copy of a letter we received the same month from a resident of a senior citizen retirement home: “Your last issue on Terri Schiavo was excellent, as are all your newsletters. Thank you.”

This lady transmitted a poem with consent for our use, which we publish herewith:

**“A Plea for the Children of God**  
*When abortion stalks a people,  
 hear the beast of license roar;  
 When the guilty, unrepentant,  
 stand defamed, forevermore;*

stem cell research. GOOD RESEARCH WILL BRING HOPE, HEALING AND HONOR.”

**MORE “EXTRA-LEGAL” CONDUCT BY**

**Another classic example of media manipulation, scientific conniving, and deception of the public, which calls for the clarity of truth — a light shining into the darkened corners!**

**THE PRO-DEATHERS**

Recently, pro-aborts received another legal setback for yet another of their illegal actions in a decision by the **Ohio Court of Appeals**. It appears that a peaceful Pro-Life prayer witness in front of the **Cincinnati Women’s Service Clinic** abortuary had a sign “God has a plan for your baby!” leaning against a public fence in front of the abortuary, and the abortuary director removed the sign and took it onto the abortuary parking lot in front of the facility.

The Pro-Lifer peaceably retrieved the sign and returned to the public sidewalk, all within 90 seconds, as pointed out by the appellate decision, but the baby killers called the police, who arrested the Pro-Lifer for trespass. His conviction by the trial court was overruled by the Court of Appeals, which upheld his technical trespass for the purpose of retrieving his stolen property. Counsel for the Pro-Lifer was long-time Pro-Life activist attorney **Tom Condit** of Cincinnati.

*It is not the prize of victory,  
 with flags on shining mast,  
 Won by tactics and bravado,  
 whereon heaven’s die is cast;*

*In the judgment-hall of heaven,  
 there’s a value greater still -  
 It’s the right which God remembers  
 as He sifts the good from ill.  
 There’s a tribunal in session,  
 and its stern Judge never sleeps -  
 Its records are the world’s deeds,  
 weighed in scales God’s justice keeps;*

*When children die aborning  
 (and their cause is pure and clear),  
 The Judge has one commission -  
 His children’s prayer to hear.  
 Oh, excuses do ring hollow now,  
 and ever will, in truth,  
 As a nation stands for judgement  
 before eternal Youth.*

*When self-interest in balance  
 with the pure of heart, is weighed  
 Give us odds on little children;*

*let us with them be arrayed -  
For, in death man seals his honor -  
justice ever gets the nod  
From the One Who searches motives  
at the judgment-seat of God."*

— Ada Federspiel

### **Other Letters**

\_"God bless you and thank you for all you do."

\_"Please put me on your mailing list. It is gratifying to find a right to life organization faithful to its mission. Most of them are just political opportunists where life is not a priority but politics is. Keep up the good work, and may God bless all of your endeavors."

\_"At age 81, about all I can do is send a check when possible. God bless you."

\_"Thank you for the voting information!"

\_"Thank you so much for the unselfish, hard work you do to protect the most innocent and most helpless of the world. May God continue to bless you and your work. And may your rewards in heaven be great."

\_"A small donation for the good work you do. My small donation is flavored with daily prayers."

\_"Just a small donation to your request for financial assistance to continue your outstanding work for Right to Life. May all of us continue to

Picture of Dr. Lanfranchi

"A teenager who has an abortion between 9 and 24 weeks has a 30% chance of developing breast cancer in her lifetime. If that same teenager also has a family history of breast cancer, the risk increases so much that one study showed that all such women developed breast cancer by the age of 45," finds the **Breast Cancer Prevention Institute**. The Institute concluded: "Having an induced abortion,

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speak out for Justice in this lack of Justice for the innocent ones in our midst. God bless!"

\_"You have a powerful newsletter. God bless!"

\_"I can only send \$3.00. But daily I pray that abortionists, enter the light of God's truth and love....Thank you for your hard work."

\_"Your article on Terri Schiavo was marvelous."

\_"May I obtain extra copies of your article on Terri Schiavo to send to friends, because it was so good!!"

\_"No acknowledgment desired. Save the dollars for your great work." (A priest who sends us money every few months)

\_"Keep up the good work!!!"

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especially as a teenager or before you have a full-term pregnancy, increases risk. If you do have an abortion, taking hormonal birth control after an abortion will increase risk further. However, having children and breast feeding them will reduce the risk."

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She is an expert in breast cancer and published extensively in the field, including co-authoring with **Joel Brind, Ph.D.**, Professor of Endocrinology at Baruch College, City University of New York, *Breast Cancer: Risks and Prevention*, which is available online at the **Breast Cancer Institute** website: [www.bcpinstitute.org](http://www.bcpinstitute.org), or can be ordered through **One More Soul**, 616 Live Oaks Ave., Dayton, OH 45406. **This booklet contains a logical and**

**easily understood explanation of the clear connection between abortion and breast cancer, and indeed between hormonal birth control and breast cancer.**

The Breast Cancer Institute also concluded: "A large majority of studies show increased breast cancer risk in women who take birth control medications, especially if they are taken before a full-term pregnancy, when their breast cells are still immature. Birth control pills are very commonly used by young women. For example, in one study women who took birth control pills before the age of 20 had more than a ten-fold increase in the risk of breast cancer. The longer they took the pill, the higher their risk. Even 'low dose' estrogen pills have been associated with

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higher breast cancer risk."

**HERESY WATCH: "WOLVES IN PRIESTS' CLOTHING"**

Fr. Thomas J. Euteneuer, President of Human Life International, has added to his newsletter, *Front Lines* (HLI, 4 Family Life Lane, Front Royal, VA 22630), an insert entitled "*Heresy Watch*," wherein he asserts that **"we need to hold heretics up to scorn."**

Fr. Euteneuer was active in the effort to stop the judicial execution of **Terri Schiavo**, and is obviously trying to alert the Church's Shepherds to the crucial necessity of protecting the faithful from the heretical teachings of these multiple theological predators.

He cites the "usual lineup of suspects," including Fr. **Richard McBrien** of Notre Dame University theology faculty, the salacious sex novelist **Fr. Andrew Greeley** of Chicago, and lists several quotes from **Fr. John Paris, S.J.**, who unfortunately is deceiving the faithful in his enabled position as professor at the **Jesuit Boston Diocese of Louisville** appeared as a spokesman for the **Catholic Conference of Kentucky** (which includes the four Bishops of Kentucky, **Roger J. Foy** of Covington, **Ronald W. Gainer** of Lexington, **Thomas C. Kelly** of Louisville, and **John J. McGrath** of Owensboro) on a program debating the handling of the Terri Schiavo case. Unfortunately, Fr. Smith was the third pro-death advocate on that program, which group included a Methodist minister, an American Civil Liberties lawyer, and himself. The only advocate representing the traditional Judeo-Christian ethic was attorney **Amy Dougherty**.

**Fr. Smith defended the killing of Terri Schiavo, and in great neo-sophisticated, Clintonesque style questioned the definition of "food and water," as he justified the removal of the feeding tube from Terri. He**

**What would Terri Do? cartoon**

**College.** Fr. Paris's reaction to the authentic teaching of the Catholic Church, through **Pope John Paul II**, mandating the providing of food and water, even when necessary through artificial means, and to all patients, including any who might be unconscious, was to characterize such teaching as "causing mischief," and Fr. Paris recommended that "the best thing to do is to ignore it and it will go away."

These examples bring to mind the salient teaching of **Pope St. Gregory the Great**, about the responsibility of bishops: "It's a dumb dog that doesn't bark when the wolf is among the flock!"

One wonders at the continued silence of Fr. Paris's superiors in the Jesuit order, as well as the Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Boston, which has ultimate responsibility for the deception of the faithful, **Archbishop Sean O'Malley**, who apparently continues to fail to enforce the 15-year-old Papal mandate, "Ex Corde Ecclesia," which requires that people who teach in Catholic facilities obtain the approval of the bishop of their diocese, by certifying that they support all teachings of the Catholic Church.

**Local Clerical Heresy**

On April 4, 2005, **Fr. Tony Smith** of the Catholic

**also, incredibly, asserted that Terri really died as a result of her underlying pathology, rather than the removal of her feeding tube — even though she had never been diagnosed as having any terminal disease, and in fact didn't die until 13 days after she was deprived of the same life maintenance which maintains all of us, nutrition and hydration.**

**Sadly, the moderator never put to Fr. Smith the unanswerable question as to how he appeared there, as a Catholic priest, purportedly representing the four Catholic Bishops of Kentucky, in direct contradiction to the formal, explicit, and recent teaching of Pope John Paul II in March of 2004:**

**"...the administration of water and food, even when provided by artificial means, always represents**

**a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act. Its use...[is] morally obligatory. ...Death by starvation or dehydration is, in fact, the only possible outcome as a result of their withdrawal. ...such an act is always 'a serious violation of the law of God'..." (Emphasis furnished by the Holy Father)**

NKRTL exposed these facts, and this distortion by Fr. Smith, in a letter to the four Catholic Bishops of Kentucky on April 7, 2005 — which letter has, routinely, been ignored.

### ***Principles...Or Pragmatism?***

We conclude with two quotes in Fr. Euteneuer's recent newsletter which put the issue precisely:

"In times past there were false prophets among God's people, and among you also there will be false teachers who will smuggle in pernicious heresies." **II Peter 2:1.**

"Heresy is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth of the faith which must be believed with divine and catholic faith, or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same." **Code of Canon Law, c. 751.**

## **FEDERAL JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS - DOES DEMOCRACY WORK?**

The cauldron is beginning to heat up as Pro-Life Republicans confront the Deathocrats, who are committed to maintaining their ill-gotten death gains by liberal pro-abortion judges.

**President Bush** presently has 12 nominees before the U.S. Senate for positions on the U.S. Courts of Appeals (the appellate courts immediately beneath the Supreme Court, and which are in many cases the final courts since the U.S. Supreme Court cannot hear most of the appeals attempted to be processed there, simply by reason of time).

Several of these nominees are judges who are known to have Pro-Life views, based upon opinions they have written previously. One is a distinguished justice on the California Supreme Court and another a distinguished justice on the Texas Supreme Court, both female (one Black and one White), both of whom have received the the Democratic leadership in the U.S. Senate, that they would confirm some of his nominees, at the further price of the Republican leadership agreeing not to push the so-called "nuclear option," which is a procedure by which the majority party can, by simple majority vote (51 votes - which the Republicans have), change the internal rules of the Senate, which means that they could remove judicial nominations from the filibuster procedure.

**The time of "explanations, excuses, evasions" has passed. We know how the Deathocrat senators will vote. Any votes by a Republican senator, or any evasion of this confrontation by the Republican leadership in the Senate, or any acceptance of such shameful compromise by this Republican president, will unmistakably, and irrevocably, brand the**

highest ranking by the American Bar Association, and both of whom are heartily opposed by the pro-death movement and the entire delegation of Democratic members of the U.S. Senate.

Several of these judges have been nominated by President Bush previously, and the minority Democratic party filibustered (meaning talking aimlessly to prevent a floor vote). The rules of the Senate require a 60-person vote to close a filibuster. Thus, a minority can effectively thwart an "up or down," responsibility-defining vote.

The Democrats are attempting to avoid a public-accountable vote on these judges, whom they know will obtain a majority of the votes in the Senate and be confirmed, by reference to the filibuster rule, and are arguing that this rule is a fundamental premise of American freedom. Balderdash! The Constitution gives the Senate the authority — and responsibility — to "advise and consent" upon presidential nominations. It does not give the Senate the authority to overrule the majority will of the nation, reflected in its election of a president and of a congress, by stymying a public vote on obviously qualified judicial nominees (all of these nominees have received excellent ratings from the American Bar Association Fitness Study Committee).

### ***The Time of Testing***

**Republicans in the Congress, and this Republican president, have been elected on promised platforms of traditional values. The Democratic party is obviously committed to contrary values — killing of unborn children, killing of disabled people by starvation, same-sex "marriages," Frankenstein creation of unborn babies for the purpose of cannibalizing their parts, etc., etc. These moral atrocities have gained "legal status" by liberal judges abusing their judicial power to supercede the legislative authority of representatives elected by the people.**

**Now is the time to determine the sincerity — or insincerity — of the Republican party in its campaign rhetoric.**

President Bush has rejected the "compromise offer" of

**Republican party's Pro-Life claims as pandering prostitution, condemning them to a total loss of credibility with the Pro-Life movement.**

### ***Political Compromise***

At the 11th hour, seven Republican senators and seven Democratic senators formed a coalition and struck an agreement which effectively denied each of their Parties the necessary votes to either continue filibuster, or to invoke the rule change. Their agreement has been characterized as "a truce, not a treaty," and realistically seems unlikely to last very long.

Under the agreement, those 14 agreed to allow final confirmation votes on the floor of the Senate for three of Bush's nominees, **Justice Priscilla Owen of the Texas**

**Supreme Court, Justice Janice Rogers Brown of the California Supreme Court, and William Pryor, former Attorney General of Arkansas** (ironically, the three most conservative nominees who had been vilified by the Democrats as the most radical of all of the nominees). Under the agreement, there is no commitment to vote for or against the remaining nominees, and the implication is that they will not be given an up or down vote on the floor, although the agreement further goes on to say that “future judicial nominees should only be filibustered under extraordinary circumstances.”

**Majority Leader Bill Frist**, senator from Tennessee, in effect seems to have been bypassed by his Party, at this time at least. Frist nonetheless insisted that he believes all the judicial nominees deserve an up or down vote (which has been the consistent position of President Bush, who is not a party to the agreement) and that the agreement “falls short of that principle and will require careful monitoring.” He has not agreed to the taking off of the table the so-called nuclear option, i.e., the authority of the majority Party to change the rules of the Senate and require only a majority vote to bring up a nominee for a floor vote.

The Republicans need 50 of their 55 members to support such a rule change, and then the deciding vote would be cast by **Vice President Cheney**, who serves as Presiding Officer of the Senate.

**The problem remains, of course, that not all of the Republican senators are Pro-Life. Among the seven Republicans who joined the “gang of 14” were John McCain of Arizona, who has been on every side of this issue as well as most other issues, John Warner of Virginia, who is certainly not a strong Pro-Lifer, Mike DeWine of Ohio, who believes that it is appropriate to kill the unborn child for the crime of the father, Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, who is a strong pro-abortionist, and Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins of Maine, who are strident pro-abortionists. The one shocking number there was Lindsay Graham of South Carolina, who previously has been thought of as Pro-Life, and who has been feeling the heat of his betrayal by South Carolina constituents.**

#### ***Truth vs. Fiction***

There are many observers of this dispute who simply “don’t get it.” The *Kentucky Post* in its recent deceptive editorial, “*The center holds*,” got part of it right. They pointed out that this dispute is really not about circuit court nominees, but about the President filling a Supreme Court

### **INTERSTATE TRAFFICKING IN ABORTIONS OF MINORS**

**The U.S. House of Representatives passed**, 270 to 157, a bill that prohibits the transportation of minors in interstate commerce for the purpose of abortion, where no notice is given to the parents of the minor pregnant female. One would think, logically and morally, that no one would really oppose such legislation, which simply protects the sanctity of the parent-child relationship and protects the child from adult predators, but 157 members of the U.S. House of Representatives apparently disagreed.

The bill is now pending before the U.S. Senate, where it is opposed by the **American Civil Liberties Union** as “a lack of compassion towards teens and in particular to their health.”

It is noteworthy that the Republican Congress has passed four Pro-Life bills since 2001:

vacancy and naming a new Chief Justice perhaps very

If the Democrats invoke the filibuster routinely, as is suspected, and particularly when it comes to presidential nominations for the U.S. Supreme Court, many believe that Graham and DeWine will return to Party discipline, giving the Republicans 50 votes, which, together with the Vice President, will be sufficient to effect the rule change, and to cause an up or down vote on the floor of Bush’s nominees.

soon.

They also got right the conclusion that this “agreement” will last only as long as Bush’s “Supreme Court nominee is from close to the middle of the ideological spectrum.”

What they don’t understand, or perhaps choose not to deal with, is that all of these fulminations are about “the A word” — ABORTION, as pointed out by **Fox News commentator Judge Andrew Napolitano**. The hard left base of the Democratic Party, which obviously controls totally the agenda of that Party, has slandered and radicalized and attempted to marginalize these nominees of Bush, because they are Pro-Life. They have received the highest ratings of the legal profession, and the two most vilified in fact have been elected and reelected several times to the Supreme Courts of their respective states — hardly radical or incompetent! The burning issue of course is whether or not the Republican Party, which has a substantial majority in the Senate, will meet the platform promises upon which they were elected — defense of the sanctity of innocent human life.

The other part of the issue that the *Post* and similar spinners of cosmetic fraud fail to deal with is the simple truth that there is no “moderate position” or “middle of the ideological spectrum” on the most fundamental issue in the world today — protection of innocent human life. One either supports the killing of unborn babies, or one opposes it.

The nation awaits what is truly the most crucial legal/political confrontation in at least the past 50 years, and which will have the most profound long-term implications

Obviously, all of this is “dress rehearsal” for the big game, the anticipated retirement this summer of **Chief Justice William Rehnquist of the U.S. Supreme Court**, and possibly one or two others yet in Bush’s term.

for the future of this country.

(1) A law that makes it a separate crime to harm the unborn child during an assault on a pregnant woman, so that there are legally (as in fact there are medically) two victims of the assault.

(2) The denial of federal funds to state and local agencies that act against healthcare providers and insurers who do not provide or pay for abortions.

(3) A law severely limiting the partial-birth abortion procedure, where the unborn child is partially delivered before being killed.

(4) The legal definition of person and human being, extended to include any unborn child that survives an abortion procedure, so that appropriate steps must be taken to attempt to protect its ongoing life.

Obviously, these laws are incomplete and imperfect, but constitute an effort to protect as best as possible innocent human life until Roe v. Wade is reversed and the sanctity of all innocent human life is legally protected.

All of these modest pieces of legislation met with vehement opposition from **Planned Parenthood**, the **American Civil Liberties Union**, and an overwhelming majority of members of the Deathocrat Party in the Congress.

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## ABORTION INDUSTRY PROTECTS CHILD PREDATORS

**Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline** is demanding that two abortuaries in his state turn over the medical files of about 90 women and girls. He points out that he needs the material for an investigation into child rape, and potentially illegal late-term abortion: "There is a predator population out there, and we owe it to our children to bring them to justice."

The abortuaries are of course fighting the request on "privacy grounds."

**The law of every state requires the reporting to police authorities of any sexual battery or statutory rape, which of course is involved whenever a minor has sexual relations with an adult. Private investigations have proven that such crimes are occurring in significant numbers, and are being covered over by the abortion industry, which itself is then guilty of criminal conduct in failing to make such reports.**

A most recent episode has occurred recently in Cincinnati, resulting in a suit by the parents of a 13-year-old child who was impregnated by a 21-year-old man, who then procured her abortion, without parental knowledge or consent, by **Planned Parenthood of Cincinnati**. That suit is pending and was brought by long-time Pro-Life attorney **Thomas Condit** of Cincinnati.

Stay tuned as the light is shined into the filthy dark corners of the pro-abortion industry.