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## JUDICIAL HOMICIDE OF TERRI SCHIAVO

**“What happened here today is judicial homicide,” said Robert Schindler in response to the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court declining to hear a challenge brought by Florida Governor Jeb Bush to a Florida State Supreme Court decision last September which**

**Terri Schiavo & mom picture**

**had struck down a law that had let Bush order the reinsertion of a feeding tube for Terri Schiavo, age 41. Schiavo’s feeding tube was removed in October 2003 at the request of her husband, Michael, but was reinserted six days later after the passage of a law by the Florida legislature.**

### *A Visit With Terri Schiavo*

“It borders on the criminal. They’ve ignored all the facts. Terri is not a person in a vegetative state. Terri talks. She reacts to the family. She reacts to commands. She needs therapy, and she’s been denied it for 10 years,” stated Mr. Schindler, who was in Washington, D.C. with his wife for the annual March For Life on January 24, the day the court decision was announced.

Contrary to the disinformation being fed to the public by the pro-death community, through the secular press, Terri is not dying, nor is she unconscious, nor in pain. She has a brain injury and otherwise is in good health. In fact, she is reactive and interactive with family and other visitors, as shown by the above quotes by a recent visitor, **Barbara Weller**, who visited Terri on Christmas Eve, 2004, with

Terri’s parents and her sister and her niece and her parents’ lawyer:

“I was truly surprised at what I saw from the moment we entered the little room where Terri is confined. ...Terri was very purposeful and interactive and she seemed very curious about the presence of obvious strangers in her room. Terri was not in bed, but was in her chair...There were no tubes of any kind attached to her body. She was completely free of any restraints that would have indicated any type of artificial life support. Not even her feeding tube was attached and functioning when we entered, as she is not fed twenty-four hours a day. ...When she heard their voices, and particularly her mother’s voice, Terri instantly turned her head towards them and smiled. ...It was obvious that she recognized the voices in the room with the exception of one. ...When her mother was close to her, Terri’s whole face lit up. ...She watched people intently, obviously was attempting to communicate with each one in various ways and with various facial expressions and sounds. She was definitely not in a coma, not even close. ...Terri could improve even more with appropriate care and twenty-four-hour-a-day love that can only come from a dedicated family.”

“As I watched her, my foremost thought was that on the next day, Christmas, Terri should not have been confined to her small room in a hospice center, nice as that room was, but that she should have been gathered around the Christmas dinner table enjoying the holiday with her family.”

As had been previously reported by Cybercast News Service, Terri’s husband, Michael Schiavo, won a \$1.2 million medical malpractice lawsuit based on the claim that his wife’s brain injury was caused by progression of a potassium imbalance that caused a heart attack, depriving her brain of oxygen. The Schindler family has long believed otherwise. Terri’s parents state that they saw her on the night before she was hospitalized with this brain damage and multiple bruises and fractures, and that she exhibited no evidence of injuries then.

Although Michael remains married to Terri, he is living with another woman by whom he has two children. Terri’s parents have offered to relinquish any claims to the trust fund to Michael, if he would consent to their being named guardian and taking over the care of their daughter, but he has declined. But Michael has already spent \$500,000 of her medical trust money on his attorneys’ fees in his effort to kill Terri.

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### **Basis of Her Injuries**

The family's case is supported by **Dr. Michael Baden**, a well-known New York forensic pathologist. Baden, author of three books on forensic pathology, has served as chief pathologist for the city of New York and as director of the forensic sciences unit of the New York state police.

"It's extremely rare for a 20 year old to have a cardiac arrest from low potassium who has no other diseases," Baden said during a 2003 television interview.

Baden has formulated his opinion of what caused Terri's brain injury, based, in large part, on a 1991 bone-scan report that only became available to the Schindler family in 1998.

"That bone scan describes her as having a head injury. That's why she's there. That's why she's getting a bone scan," Baden explained, "and a head injury can cause, lead to the 'vegetative state' that Mrs. Schiavo is [allegedly] in now."

The March 7, 1991 bone scan also listed apparent injuries to the ribs, thoracic vertebrae, both sacroiliac joints, both ankles, and both knees.

"It does show evidence that there are other injuries, other bone fractures that are in a healing stage," Baden said, adding that those apparent injuries were likely the result of "some kind of trauma."

"The trauma could be from an auto accident, the trauma could be from a fall or the trauma could be from some kind of beating that she obtained from somebody somewhere," Baden concluded.

### **Current Legal Status**

**Pinellas County (Florida) Circuit Court Judge George Greer** ruled on February 26 that as of March 18 at 1 p.m., Michael Schiavo can direct doctors to remove the feeding tube which keeps Terri alive. Doctors reported that she will live for 10 to 14 days after the tube is removed and she is denied nutrition and hydration.

### **"Compassionate" Killing**

Killing is of course never compassionate. Its advocates don't understand the true etymology of the word, "com-passion": "suffering with." It is certainly not "merciful" to cause someone to die from starvation and dehydration. An accurate medical description of the horrors of such a death includes:

*"...Various effects from lack of hydration and nutrition, lead ultimately to death--mouth would dry out and become caked or coated with thick material...lips would become parched and cracked...tongue would swell and might crack...eyes would recede back into their orbits and cheeks would become hollow...lining of the nose might crack and cause the nose to bleed...skin would hang loose on his body and become dry and scaly...urine would become highly concentrated; leading to burning of the bladder...lining of his stomach would dry out and he could experience dry heaves and vomiting...body*

*temperature would become very high...brain cells would dry out, causing convulsions...respiratory tract would dry out into thick secretions that would result in plugging his lungs...at some point within 5 days to 3 weeks his major organs, including lungs, heart, and brain would give out and he would die...extremely painful and uncomfortable...cruel and violent."* (As described in a published court decision)

### **Protestant Evangelist Dr. James Dobson**

#### **Focus on the Family Founder and Chairman Dr. James Dobson**

renewed his public call for preservation of the life of Terri Schiavo, citing the recent return of memory and ability to speak to **Sarah Scantlin** after 20 years following being struck by a drunken driver:

"Terri Schiavo deserves the same chance at life that Sarah Scantlin was given. Both cases have involved women who suffered debilitating injuries and continued to live in a disabled state. Today we celebrate the news that Ms. Scantlin has regained her memory and ability to speak, and is apparently on the road to recovery.

"Mental disabilities do not damage a person's worth - the preciousness of life is not defined by one's abilities. Those who suffer a disabling injury are entitled to the same right to life as we all are. Those seeking to take away Mrs. Schiavo's right to life should have second thoughts after hearing Sarah Scantlin's story."

### **Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life**

**Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life**, described Terri's condition based upon two recent visits he had with her:

"She is not dying. She has no terminal illness. She is not in a coma. She is not on life-support equipment. She is not alone, but rather has loving parents and siblings ready to care for her for the rest of her life. She has not requested death.

"Yet a battle rages regarding whether Terri Schindler-Schiavo should be starved. She has sustained brain injuries and cannot speak or eat normally. Nevertheless, the only tube attached to her is a small, simple, painless feeding tube that provides her nourishment directly to her digestive system.

"Her legal guardian is her husband, who already has another woman -- by whom he also has children. He wants Terri's feeding tube removed. Of course, he could simply allow her to be cared for by her parents and siblings, and get on with his life, but he refuses.

"I have had two opportunities to visit Terri, most recently on the first Sunday of February. I have been able to talk to her, to listen to her struggle to speak, to watch her focus her eyes and smile and attempt to kiss her parents. I have prayed with her, blessed her, and assured her that she has many friends around the country and around the world, who love her and want her to enjoy the same protections we all enjoy, even when we're wounded.

“News articles have recently characterized Terri’s situation by saying that some want to ‘keep her alive against her husband’s wishes.’ But Terri is not dying. What does ‘keeping her alive’ mean, if not the same thing as keeping you and me alive -- that is, by giving us adequate food, shelter, and care?”

“Some say that Terri’s family should ‘let her go.’ But this is not a matter of ‘letting her go,’ because she isn’t ‘going’ anywhere. If, however, she is deprived of nourishment, then she would slowly die in the same way that any of us would slowly die if we were deprived of nourishment. It is called starvation.

**Fr. Pavone addressed the issue again, in strong terms, in a Homily given at a Mass nationally broadcast on EWTN-TV on February 24,** wherein he analogized the situation to the scriptural reading for that day of Lazarus and the rich man who went to Hell because he didn’t lift a finger to feed the starving Lazarus.

### ***Conscientious Objections***

“How much longer are we going to go along making believe that what’s right and what’s wrong is just a matter of the abstract or somewhere in the recesses of our mind and heart, and it doesn’t really get translated into concrete reality. No, brothers and sisters. Let me read from the Holy Father’s words. He says when a law is contrary to reason, it is called an unjust law. Here he’s quoting St. Thomas Aquinas. But in this case it ceases to be a law and becomes instead an act of violence. A court decree, with all the respectability that that should have, is in fact an act of violence if it is authorizing the killing of an innocent person. And then he goes on to say these laws and decrees “are completely lacking in authentic juridic validity. Consequently a civil law of that kind ceases to be a true morally binding civil law.”

### ***Shameful Silence of Catholic Bishops***

**“That’s a question I have for leaders in the Church. I have the greatest respect for leaders in the Church. And we owe our pastors and bishops obedience and loyalty, and we have to preserve the communal, the communion, the unity within the Church, a unity of discipline. But that doesn’t mean that if somebody is a coward we have to a coward, too. It just doesn’t mean that.**

**“And I have a question, in regards for example to cases like Terri Schiavo. Some people are not doing anything. They’re not speaking out. I have a question: What are you waiting for? Whose permission are you waiting for?”**

**In a case like this, my friend, just like with the slaughter of the unborn that goes on every day, we don’t need anybody’s permission to stand up and**

**defend human life or to take actions that we can to preserve human life. We don’t need anybody’s permission. You already have a commandment from Almighty God to help your brothers and sisters. You don’t need any legal permission. You don’t need any church permission. You don’t need any permission from anybody. It’s because you’re a human being. And that’s a human being that the law of Almighty God demands that you act.**

“Now, let me conclude here. First of all, to be updated on what the situation is, there are a number of websites that have been set up including by Terri’s family. If you go to priestsforlife.org, our website, we have an action center there that links you to all these other things to keep you up to date. Besides contacting legislators as I mentioned before, be prepared to go to Florida. There are certain activities taking place. There are going to be prayer vigils. There are going to be public witness. There are going to be efforts to put public pressure to stop this disaster. Go if you can. But again, at priestsforlife.org on the Internet, go there. You’ll see the updates. You’ll be kept informed. As I say, the situation changes from hour to hour. Go there, and you’ll see the necessary information that you need.

“And finally, I want to appeal to Michael Schiavo directly, the estranged husband of Terri. ...You’re not our enemy. But you are captive to the enemy right now. ...There’s still time to change your mind and to change your heart and to be at peace, a peace which you so need and which ultimately you so desire. We are praying, not only for Terri, but for you. And we trust in the power of God’s grace to change your mind and heart even today.”

### ***American Life League Continues Its Advocacy***

On February 23, ALL stated: “we implore Catholic bishops — and in particular, Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg — to take up Terri’s fight in both prayer and action and to uphold Church teaching regarding the dignity of human life. ...The Holy Father has made it quite clear that it is our moral obligation to provide food and water to human beings. There is no excuse for the timidity that many in the Catholic hierarchy are displaying in this life and death situation. ...It is shameful that any bishop could find it acceptable to sit by virtually silent while one of the flock is brutally and publicly murdered. ...While a number of Catholic bishops throughout the United States have spoken out strongly in Terri’s defense and against the evil that is surrounding her, the response by the Florida Catholic Conference has been minimal. ...The lack of clear, decisive action by Bishop Lynch and far too many of his brother bishops across Florida and across the nation has been more than disappointing.”

Bishop Lynch has issued a public statement that “the decision will be made within a family,” adding his hope that all will act “with a single focus of achieving the best result for Terri.”

ALL, critical of the timidity and passivity of Bishop Lynch and the Florida Catholic Conference, stated: "Now is the time for them to offer Masses for Terri's safety and encourage every priest in Florida to do likewise, preaching from the pulpits on why one can never remove food and water from a person whose death is not imminent. The priests should also be encouraged to participate in public vigils and prayer services for Terri and to contact public officials insisting that everything possible be done to protect this innocent woman's life."

### ***Personal Action/Individual Responsibility***

**Responsibility does not lie solely with Terri's parents, nor with the lawyers and activists who are assisting her cause, nor with her bishop and the other bishops who aren't acting, nor with those bishops who are acting, nor with leaders of other faiths. It lies with each of us.**

**"Man shall be accountable not only for every idle word, but also for every idle silence." St. Ambrose.**

**Abraham Lincoln reminded us, "It is a sin to be silent when it is one's duty to speak out."**

**We need to remember the ancient legal principle: "Silence implies consent!"**

**Am I afraid of being confrontational? Being confrontational is not the same as being uncharitable. Our Lord, who ate with sinners, also confronted them. Love demands confrontation, because it cannot rest if the beloved is entangled in evil. Love seeks the good of the beloved, and this means it has to get tough at times to extricate the beloved from evil. Many think of the price of confrontation, but forget that there is also a price to be paid for *not* confronting. That price is that evil continues to flourish, relationships become shallow and superficial, and true leadership vanishes because the leader is no longer able to point out the right path, and will eventually lose the respect of those who look to him for guidance.**

**The first and crucial line of action of course is prayer, but one must be reminded always of the old aphorism: "Pray as if everything depended upon God, and act as if everything depended upon yourself." That's always good advice. Both are required.**

**Phone calls, emails, faxes, letters, are urgently needed to Governor Jeb Bush, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399 (tel. 850-488-7146), President George W. Bush, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, your spiritual leader, letters to the editor, etc., etc.**

### ***Congressional Action***

**On March 7, U.S. Congressman Dave Weldon, M.D. (R) introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives the Incapacitated Person's Legal Protection Act, that would give the Schindler family access to federal court to argue**

**for the life of their daughter. All Pro-Lifers are encouraged to immediately contact their representatives in the U.S. House, which for Northern Kentucky is Rep. Geoff Davis, 1541 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC**

**It may well be that by the time you read this particular article that Terri Schiavo may be dead. But the issue will not be! In fact, this case could well be the *Roe v. Wade* decision of the euthanasia movement, wherein it is frankly stated that a patient who is not dying, not in pain, not unconscious, and has not requested the withdrawal of food and water, is consciously and intentionally — and "legally" — killed by her guardian, with judicial consent, in a convoluted legal system which is turned upon its head and ignores the basic duty of a guardian, to see to the life and health of his ward — a principle that comes from God Almighty Himself, and heretofore has been recognized in American jurisprudence.**

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## **THE SAD 32ND MEMORIAL OF LEGALIZATION OF WAR ON THE UNBORN**

**Just as the pro-slavery Supreme Court decision of *Dred Scot v. Sanford* in 1957 failed to "resolve" the slavery issue, so its equally flawed 1973 pro-abortion decision *in Roe v. Wade* has obviously failed to "resolve" the abortion issue.**

***Washington, D.C.***

**March for Life picture including "Defend Life" signs held by marchers**

On January 24, 2005, more than 100,000 faithful and sacrificial Pro-Lifers braved freezing temperatures to join the March For Life in Washington, D.C., despite a weekend snowstorm that socked in much of the East Coast and the Midwest with up to two feet of snow, reported **Miss Nellie Gray**, the faithful Pro-Life Washington attorney who organized the March For Life 32 years ago and has faithfully administered it ever since.

"I regret my abortion" picture

the walkers with obscenities and lewd gestures, waiving coat hangers and at one point blocking the route with a sit-down demonstration.

**Some of the pro-abortion demonstrators were arrested for improper conduct. There were no arrests made of any Pro-Lifers, who were civil and disciplined.**

Many members of **Northern Kentucky Right to Life Committee** participated in the **annual Rosary Procession from Cincinnati City Hall to Fountain Square** on Saturday, January 22.

March for Life ad copy

### ***Pro-Life Rallies Nationwide***

Pro-Life rallies and marches were replicated throughout this nation, from coast to coast.

San Francisco Walk for Life picture

Six thousand Pro-Lifers marched in the modern Sodom by the Sea, in the **San Francisco Walk For Life**, with the participants

stretching more than a half mile throughout the city and jamming San Francisco's scenic waterfront. The climate there of course is as hostile to Pro-Life as anywhere in the nation, and indeed was met with an official resolution of condemnation by the **San Francisco Board of Supervisors**.

The Mayor and the City District Attorney railed in favor of abortion rights at a counter-rally held a half mile away, before nearly 2,000 pro-abortion demonstrators marched down to heckle the Walk For Life speakers, speaking through bullhorns from behind a line of San Francisco police officers. Counter-demonstrators then lined the two-mile route, jeering and berating

"fight the fascist right" picture

NKRTL, under the leadership of its **Vice President Fred H. Summe, Esq.**, and many others, carried out again its effective and informative March for Life ad, filling four full pages in both the *Kentucky Post* and the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, Kentucky Edition. The ad contains thousands of signatures of Northern Kentuckians who identify with the importance of the Right to Life issue. It also sets forth Pro-Life information, such as reminding the public that "abortion kills one out of every three unborn babies...4,000 each day" and points out the other outrageous consequences of *Roe v. Wade* which are predictably making their way into public policy. The ad also included information about the recent pro-euthanasia decision of the Kentucky Supreme Court which incredibly equated food and water with "medical care," and the so-called "morning after pill," misleadingly called "emergency contraception," which in fact can impede the implantation of a newly conceived child in the mother's womb, thereby constituting chemical abortion.

### ***Will Performance Follow Politics?***

**President George W. Bush** addressed the **March For Life Rally** this year by telephone: "The America of our dreams, where every child is welcomed in law...may still be some ways away," he said. "We are making progress and this progress is a tribute to your perseverance and to the prayers of the people," President Bush noted, pointing out as gains in creating a "culture of life" in America, the passage by Congress last year of the **Partial Birth**

**Abortion Ban**, and the **Unborn Victim of Crimes Act** which allows prosecutors to charge a person who harms or

But his **State of the Union Address** never once used the phrase “sanctity of human life,” nor the word “abortion,” nor did he mention our unalienable “right to life,” even when speaking of and quoting from the **Declaration of Independence**.

Then, there is the troubling presence of a majority of pro-abortion activists again in the highest echelons of his administration, including his newly appointed **Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales, a pro-abortion former Texas Supreme Court Justice**, and Bush’s support last year for the reelection of the stridently pro-abortion **U.S. Senator Arlen Specter (R) of Pennsylvania**, in a primary against a Pro-Life Republican opponent.

Specter has now been appointed to chair the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over federal judicial nominees. He has promised fair hearings, but that remains to be seen. It must be recalled that he was the leader of the vicious opposition that defeated **Judge Robert Bork’s** nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court several years ago.

On December 8, President Bush signed HR 4818 which includes \$729 million for 2005 population control programs that promote abortifacient contraception.

### **Judicial Appointments**

Of Bush’s judicial nominations during his first term, several of the nominees to the intermediary appellate courts were known to be Pro-Lifers, and their nominations died by filibuster in the Senate, even though it is controlled by the Republican Party. The adamant Democrats stopped the Republicans from getting the necessary two-thirds vote to cut off the filibuster.

The **Majority Leader of the Senate, Bill Frist (R) of Tennessee**, has now publicly stated that he is going to insist that Bush’s judicial nominees get an up or down vote in the full Senate and would not allow them to be blocked by the Democratic minority. This could be affected by a change in the filibuster rules, which can be effected by the majority party in the Senate.

**The test will be whether or not the Republicans have the will to do that. There are obviously a good number of pro-abortion Republican senators. The question will be as to the strength of the will of President Bush, and whether he recognizes and gives effect to the truth that his margin of victory was provided by those Americans who voted on moral values issues, according to all of the post-election poles.**

Pro-Lifers have been used and deceived and ignored for many years. As pointed out by American Life League President Judie Brown, “Over the course of these 32 years, such political strategizing has dismantled a once strong

kills a pregnant woman with the second crime against the unborn child as well as the crime against the woman.

pro-life powerhouse and converted it into a rickety structure inhabited by wimps.”

**The time for political rhetoric to be transformed into political performance is now. If the Bush administration and his Republican Party fail to measure up, they will deserve the scorn that is so appropriately levied at the Democratic Party, which is openly pro-abortion.**

## **WHEN IS “CONTRACEPTION,” ABORTION?**

**“Emergency contraception (also known as the morning-after pill) is a high dosage of the birth control pill. It is recommended [by our opponents] to be used after sexual intercourse, over a period of 72 hours, to achieve the goal of preventing or ending pregnancy.**

“The idea of emergency contraception – or a morning-after pill – is based on a theory. Under this theory, if a woman has sexual intercourse and fears she may be pregnant, she can take large doses of birth control pills. If in fact the woman is pregnant when she takes these birth control pills, the high dosage could act to kill her preborn child – a living human being. The only ‘emergency’ in this case is the woman’s fear of being pregnant,” explains the **American Life League, Inc.**

### **How do emergency contraception/morning after pills work?**

As published in *Physicians Desk Reference*, the most widely published medical book in the U.S., and reconfirmed by the **Federal Drug Administration**, the emergency contraceptive/morning-after pill has three possible functions:

1. It may inhibit ovulation, i.e., the ovary does not release the egg;
2. The mucus may become thicker, preventing the sperm from traveling to the fallopian tube; or
3. **It changes the lining of the uterus so that if the woman becomes pregnant, the newly conceived child is impeded from implanting into the lining of the womb.**

**Although it is scientifically impossible to demonstrate which particular function occurs in each specific case, it is incontestible that the third function does occur in many cases, resulting in the abortion of the unborn child. The simple truth of this matter is proven by the fact that women who are faithfully on the pill still become pregnant, which means of course that**

### the “contraceptive” function of the pill fails in a certain

“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), published by the **U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops**

“The evidence that the ‘morning-after’ pills are, in fact, abortifacients is overwhelming and irrefutable,” states **Eugene Diamond, M.D.**

### *When Does An Individual’s Life Begin?*

“It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception, when the egg and sperm join to form the zygote, and that this developing human being always is a member of our species in all stages of its life. There is not one medical text in use in one medical school in this country that teaches to the contrary.” **Micheline Matthews-Roth, M.D., Principal Research Associate of Harvard University Medical School.**

If the newly conceived child is unable to implant into his mother’s womb, the tiny baby will die.

“These chemicals ‘harden’ the lining of the womb (uterus), creating a hostile environment and thus making it harder for the tiny multi-celled human being from implanting in the wall of the womb. This constitutes abortion at approximately one week of life.” *A Declaration of Life*, published by **Pro-Life Physicians** (8/14/98).

### **Morality**

*Emergency “Contraception” and Early Abortion*, published by the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**, states: “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.”

“From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.” **Catechism of the Catholic Church (Sec. 2270).**

### percentage of the cases.

*Abortion, whether surgical or chemical, is an act of direct killing that takes the life of a tiny human being – a life that begins at fertilization.*

(The above article, written by **NKRTL Vice President Fred H. Summe, J.D.**, was published recently in *My People* Newspaper, published by Presentation Ministries, 3230 McHenry Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45211, to which publication Fred is a contributing author each month)

## **SIGNS OF THE TIMES: THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY, AND THE RIDICULOUS**

“Yet, despite the countless setbacks, many signs exist that we’ve witnessed **the abortion culture’s high-water mark.**

One senses now, perhaps, the turning of the tide. For instance, a **Wirthlin Worldwide poll** taken in January found that almost 70% of Americans favor ‘restoring legal protection for unborn children.’ Further, a **CBS poll** found that only 42% approve of abortion for ‘terminating an unwanted pregnancy.’

“These surprising results were given further credence by a recent **USA Today/CNN poll** that sent shivers up abortion rights activists’ spines: 88% favor requiring doctors to inform mothers about abortion alternatives, 78% favor requiring a mother to wait 24 hours before aborting her baby, 73% approve of parental consent for women under 18, and 72% approve requiring the husband of a married woman to be notified prior to an abortion. Perhaps most surprisingly, 38% favor a constitutional amendment to ban all abortions, except when necessary to save the mother’s life — not even the usual exceptions for rape or incest.

“While the ‘freedom’ to abort children has captured the minds of this country’s elite, it has not won the hearts of the American people. It has not woven itself into the fabric of our society, but rather remains alien to it. And if it has not been accepted after 30 years of nonstop ‘pro-choice’ propaganda, it never will be.

“How did this happen? ...it is the dogged persistence of individual pro-lifers that are decisive in this battle...

“Ultimately, legalized abortion — like its cousin, slavery -- will fall due to its own evilness.

“Translating this support into legislative victories won’t be easy. In some ways, it will be even more difficult than winning the public relations battle. At the turning of the tide, then, is not when pro-lifers should relax their efforts to end abortion but redouble them; not slacken their resolve, but

stiffen it.” **“At the Turning of the Tide,” by James Bemis, published in *The Wanderer*.**

“No matter how hard I try, I can’t get a handle on what it is that Catholic politicians tell themselves when they take the ‘**personally opposed but**’ position on abortion. The only reason to be ‘personally opposed’ to abortion is the conviction that the procedure takes an innocent unborn life. But if you are convinced that this is what takes place in an abortion, there is no plausible way to simultaneously concede someone else’s right to take the life of the child.

“To test the proposition, consider the reaction to anyone who said he was personally opposed to slavery, but would not interfere with anyone else’s right to own a slave; or who was personally opposed to wife-beating, but reluctant to impose his moral views on men who want to give their wives a beating once in a while.” **“Catholic Politics,” by James K. Fitzpatrick, published in *The Wanderer*.**

After acknowledging the “personhood” of corporations, **Supreme Court Justice William Douglas**, in the 1972 decision of *Sierra Club v. Morton*, said: “So it should be as respects valleys, alpine meadows, rivers, lakes, estuaries, beaches, ridges, groves of trees, swampland, or even air that feels the destructive pressures of modern technology and modern life.” (This same Supreme Court Justice, eight months later, agreed with six other members of the Court who established the woman’s right to abort her unborn child, holding that the unborn child is not “a person” under our Constitution!

Prominent Pro-Life activist, **Dr. Charles E. Rice**, reports in the 10/30/03 *Wanderer* that: “The homosexual relation, in practice as well as in theory, tends to be a parody of authentic marriage. **A study of homosexual men** under age 30 in Amsterdam, sponsored by the Dutch AIDS Project and published in *AIDS 2003*, found that single men acquire 22 casual partners a year, men with a steady partner acquire eight casual partners a year, and ‘steady partnerships’ last an average of 18 months.”

According to a November 23, 2003 *60 Minutes* story on CBS, **more Americans watch pornography than all sporting events put together.** Americans rented pornographic tapes 800 million times last year. Let’s include also the facts that the most famous and successful hotel chains, Marriott, Hilton, Hyatt, and Sheraton, distribute the material, and that some of the porn companies are owned by General Motors and Time Warner which has invested in the pornographic industry because of their recognition of the tremendous profits.

While the word “pornographic” is avoided as much as possible, and instead the “adult entertainment” is substituted, one of the pornographers’ lobbyists, when asked about the reception by politicians, answered, “Politicians realize that what it’s all about is votes and dollars,” although it is disguised in the respectful phrase “free speech.” The pornographic industry paid \$36 million in taxes to California alone last year.

For those who think everything is okay, and for those who intuitively know it isn’t but continue to express confusion as to why, wake up and smell the coffee! “Denial” is an unhealthy psychological defense, leading to disastrous consequences.

**A Cardinal Newman Society Review** of federal election commission reports listing donors to the Bush and Kerry presidential campaigns identifies **employees at 10 leading “Catholic” universities making donations favoring Kerry, 9 to 1.**

Prior to last November’s elections, the **Pennsylvania State Coalition of Black Clergy**, representing about 800 churches, publicly endorsed a Democratic candidate for U.S. senator. The next day, the **Black Clergy of Philadelphia and Vicinity**, a chapter of the Pennsylvania State Coalition, publicly endorsed a pro-abortion Republican senator. That group represents about 450 churches.

The pro-abortion media totally ignored these frank violations of the **Internal Revenue Service Tax Guide for Churches and Religious Organizations**, which clearly requires that “churches and religious organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office.” This formal endorsement of candidates by church organizations has been apparently approved by the silence of the secular media, which groups still continue to slam some Catholic bishops for seeking to enforce upon claimed Catholics the Church’s own internal rules for participation in Communion.

The **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** was originally created to feed, clothe, and provide medication for poor children caught in the disastrous wake of World War II. It has since, unfortunately, become very anti-child.

In 1987, **UNICEF’s records** officially endorsed abortion, after years of silently supporting the measure as a way of family planning. Things quickly went from bad to worse. UNICEF vaccinated 3.4 million people, mainly

women age 12 to 45, in the Philippines against tetanus, with a vaccine laced with the hormone B-hCG. This led to the sterilization of almost all of the women. Additional instances occurred in Mexico, Nicaragua, and other countries.

In 1998-1999, UNICEF funded a book to be distributed **Most Rev. Thomas Olmsted, Catholic Bishop of Phoenix, Arizona, has distributed a directive to all of his diocesan personnel and institutions prohibiting them from providing platforms or honors to public officials “who consistently support abortion on demand or any other act that is always intrinsically evil.”**

**Strident pro-abortionist U.S. Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D) was invited to speak this January at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, a Catholic institution, specifically in violation of the recently enacted policy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops last June** (the policy long advocated by Northern Kentucky Right to Life): “Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors, or platforms which would suggest support for their actions.” American Life League protested Sen. Clinton’s lecture at this Catholic college and petitioned **Buffalo Bishop, Edward Kamiec**, to clarify this policy to the Jesuit administration of Canisius College.

**A pro-abortion state legislator is complaining to the media after her pastor asked her to step down as cantor and youth choir leader at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Andover, Massachusetts.** The pastor responded: “We’re dealing with a person who is against the church’s position. I can’t allow her to be in a public posture — to be standing up at the pulpit singing or directing singing.”

**Jill Stanek, the nurse who attained national fame for exposing and then protesting “live birth abortion,”** after she witnessed one as a registered nurse at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois, has published a report now, developed originally by **Tom Szyszkiewicz**, who writes for *Our Sunday Visitor* and the *National Catholic Register*, that **two Catholic hospital systems were committing the induced labor abortion procedure — live birth abortion — on handicapped babies.**

**Loyola Health System** in Chicago and **Providence Health System** on the west coast and Alaska, attempt to justify the procedures by denying the word “abortion” and calling them “early induction of labor,” which is permitted under the 2001 U.S. Bishops’ Ethical and Religious

in Mexico and El Salvador, **promoting homosexual sex and masturbation, and also promoting bestiality.**

Directives for Catholic Healthcare Services that states: “For proportionate reason, labor may be induced after the fetus is viable.” It must be noted that there was no evidence in these cases of danger to the unborn child by a continuation of the pregnancy. The unborn children in these cases already had disabilities. **Fr. Jack O’Callahan, Staff Ethicist at Loyola**, said that they are trying “to ward off the physical complications of bringing to term a child who is not going to live anyway.”???

**United Methodist Bishop Timothy Whitaker** of Florida, speaking to a group of Pro-Life Methodists, deploring that his church belonged to the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Rights, stated: “What I feel is revulsion at the moral horror that is abortion.” This is first break in the uniform pro-abortion position of United Methodist bishops. United Methodist members are obviously divided, as indicated by the vibrant and longstanding faithful Christian group within the United Methodist Church, whose newsletter, *Lifewatch* (1564 Skyview Drive, Holts Summit, MO 65043), has long and faithfully witnessed to the “horror of abortion.”

**Francis Cardinal Arinze, Prefect of the Holy See’s Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, in a February 11 EWTN broadcast, made it clear that Church teaching prohibits the distribution of Holy Communion to “Catholic” pro-abort politicians:** “The answer is clear. If a person says I am in favor of killing unborn babies whether they be 4,000 or 5,000, I have been in favor of killing them. I will be in favor of killing them tomorrow and next week and next year. So, unborn babies, too bad for you. I am in favor that you should be killed, then the person turns around and says I want to receive Holy Communion. Do you need any cardinal from the Vatican to answer that? It’s simple. Ask the children for First Communion, they’ll give you the answer.”

**American Life League has protested another Catholic institution, Villanova University,** presenting a program on its campus by **Fr. Robert Drinan, S.J.**, a strong pro-abortion priest, who had a 100 percent pro-abortion voting record while serving in Congress, has public defended the *Roe v. Wade* decision, and defended the 1996 veto of the partial-birth abortion bill by President Clinton, and praised Planned Parenthood. This protest has

been sent to the **Archbishop of Philadelphia, Cardinal Justin Rigali**.

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**Denver Roman Catholic Archbishop Charles Chaput has denied the use of Denver's Cathedral Church to the St. Thomas More Lawyers Guild for their**

Outraged parents of **Northern Kentucky University** students complained to the administration of a **program scheduled by NKU Campus Recreation on "Safer Sex Workshop** - a fun and informal workshop. Learn the latest on HPV, birth control, and STI prevention methods. Get the facts on what you've already wanted to know but been too afraid to ask."

**NKU President James Votruba** responded that he was concerned about the "pretty explicit flyer" which he just saw. The program went on anyhow. The presenters at the program were staff of the **Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department**, which of course is the agency that NKRTL has been fighting for years because of its distribution of abortifacient chemicals and devices, including to underage persons without even the knowledge or consent of their parents.

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**Chris Rock, the person chosen to host the annual Academy Awards, has called abortion a "beautiful thing."** Complaints by **American Life League** to the **Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences** to remove Rock as host of this year's show, since abortion is not beautiful and in fact is an evil act that always takes the life of a preborn baby and is never morally acceptable, were unavailing.

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**A report out of the Netherlands, the first nation to legalize euthanasia, revealed that a hospital there is admitting to euthanising babies,** and that grizzly practice has been going on since at least the year 2000, in which year five children, experiencing what doctors claim was "pain from incurable disease or extreme deformities," were killed. Such eugenic euthanasia is carried out not because the babies are going to die, but because they are going to live.

Now, the **Royal Dutch Association** has concluded, after a three-year study, that Dutch doctors ought to be able to kill patients who are not ill but who are judged to be "suffering through living." The clinical psychology professor who led the study stated: "In more than half of cases we considered, doctors were not confronted with a classifiable disease. In practice the medical domain of doctors is far broader. ...We see a doctor's task is to reduce suffering, therefore we can't exclude these cases in advance."

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**annual Red Mass, following the Guild's decision to honor Colorado Attorney General and Senator-elect Ken Salazar, who is an outspoken pro-abortionist.**

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**The French Parliament has approved a law banning any public speech that is offensive to women or homosexuals.** Clergy protested that they could be jailed for preaching the Church's teaching in homilies. Journalists protested restriction of freedom of speech and publication is violated, noting: "A society advances towards tolerance via freedom of expression and debate and not through repression." It must be noted that there are already adequate laws protecting any such victims in the event of assault, or battery, or slander, or breach of the peace, without criminalizing the right of peaceful citizens to make public declarations of moral beliefs.

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**It is apparent that the net of persecution is tightening and that those who hold traditional Judeo-Christian principles of life will not be "tolerated" by the "apostles of tolerance."** One is reminded of the admonition in the marriage ceremony: "Speak now, or forever hold your peace!" **Unless more voices are raised strongly, in the public arena, in defense of the fight to defend morality, that right is in great danger.**

**Matthew warned of Jerusalem's impending destruction: "Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch is now tender, and the leaves break forth, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, know that it is near. Even so, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door. Amen I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things have been accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Matthew 24:32-25.**

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**Am I afraid of being confrontational?** Being confrontational is not the same as being uncharitable. Our Lord, who ate with sinners, also confronted them. Love demands confrontation, because it cannot rest if the beloved is entangled in evil. Love seeks the good of the beloved, and this means it has to get tough at times to extricate the beloved from evil. Many think of the price of confrontation, but forget that there is also a price to be paid for *not* confronting. That price is that evil continues to flourish, relationships become shallow and superficial, and true leadership vanishes because the leader is no longer

able to point out the right path, and will eventually lose the respect of those who look to him for guidance.

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## MOMMY, IT HURTS

The **Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act** (S.51) was introduced in the U.S. Senate in January by **U.S. Senator**

**Abortion stops a beating  
heart.**

**Sam Brownback** (R-Kansas) and would require that the pregnant woman be advised of the sensitivity of her unborn child, and offered intrauterine anesthetic, to prevent the child experiencing the pain of abortion. The bill was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives simultaneously by **Congressman Chris Smith** (R-New Jersey).

Pro-Lifers are asked to write to their **U.S. Senators, Mitch McConnell (R) and Jim Bunning** and their **Congressman, Geoff Davis (R)**, and encourage their co-sponsorship and active support of this legislation, which of course is adamantly opposed by the pro-death camp since it is another public exposition of the reality that the unborn child is in fact a living member of the human family, an individual person.

## MEDIA CESSPOOL FEEDS THE CULTURE OF DEATH

**Further sewage seepage from the secular media appeared on CBS (Channel 3 TV locally) on the 6 o'clock news on November 23, 2004.**

Disgraced, secularist news anchor **Dan Rather**, who has been shown to have phoned up a political assassination story recently, announced his resignation with pride and gratitude for the opportunity to have come into our homes for 25 years.

This obscenity was approved with adulation by ABC "humorist", **Andy Rooney**, who glowingly complimented Rather's career, and ignored the fact that he was obviously leaving in advance of an anticipated report of the investigation of Rather's subjective and biased reporting.

It must be remembered that Rooney just a few years

earlier was reinstated by ABC after having made on public TV a blatant racial slur. In context of the current dispute, Rooney publicly stated (although not reported on CBS, but on other national media) that the Christian vote for President Bush can only be explained on a basis of lack of education, and he characterized Christianity as "nonsense."

One wonders when the (financial) plug will be pulled upon these purveyors of evil and deception. It will only happen when a sufficient number of Christians put their money where their mouth is, and boycott the secular media, and their advertisers.

## WHEN IS A HUMAN BEING NOT A HUMAN BEING?

The intellectual dishonesty and moral bankruptcy of *Roe v. Wade* and its progeny have been further exposed by a recent decision of a **Cook County, Illinois judge, Jeffrey Lawrence**, who just ruled that an Illinois couple has a right to sue the **Chicago Center for Human Reproduction**, where they had stored nine embryos, and were told later that the embryos had been accidentally discarded.

The trial judge referred to the Illinois Wrongful Death Act, which authorized civil action for damages for the destruction of the unborn child, and stated: "The state of gestation or development of a human being" does not preclude taking legal action. The judge said that "an unborn child is a human being from the time of conception and is, therefore, a legal person."

An Atlanta attorney noted the incongruity: "We are considering embryos to be property for certain purposes and life for others."

The obviously truthful principle enunciated by this decision clearly destroys the argument for embryonic stem-cell research, which of course necessarily involves the destruction of the unborn child to extract its stem cells for human experimentation.

Four hundred years ago, **William Shakespeare** observed the inherent incongruity in disingenuity: "O what tangled webs we weave, when first we practice to deceive."

## “HOMICIDE BY ORGAN REMOVAL”

**A31-year-old victim of a gunshot wound was pronounced dead by physicians at St. Mary’s Hospital in Grand Junction, CO, even though his heart was still beating. His organs were then removed, resulting in his death.**

The coroner, after reviewing the hospital records, noted “discrepancies” and ruled the death “homicide,” caused by organ removal.

“As the devaluation of human life occurs, as you decide that it’s okay to expunge the life of human embryos for stem-cell research, as you decide it’s okay to end the pregnancy for the convenience of the mother, as you decide at the end of life that providing care is very expensive, all of these kinds of factors do end up creating a momentum of their own, which then influences the way that people will view somebody who is in a situation that’s less than ideal. Then add to that the possible pressure for organ procurement. It’s certainly more than a theoretical possibility that people will be tempted to cut corners.”

**Perhaps you might want to review that organ donation consent form on the driver’s license in your wallet!**

## “PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF”

The long known fact — that the true promoters of violence are those within the pro-death camp — was demonstrated again on September 11, 2004 in front of the abortuary on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio.

As some 250 peaceful prayer advocates stood in solemn prayer on the public sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood abortuary, a black BMW convertible automobile proceeded northwardly past the praying Pro-Lifers with blaring horn. A couple of minutes later, the same vehicle proceeded back southwardly on Auburn Avenue past the Pro-Lifers, with horn blaring again, and turned left onto McCormack Avenue, just south of the abortuary. Then, a third time the vehicle appeared and proceeded with blaring horn northwardly on Auburn Avenue, in the lane of traffic nearest the sidewalk containing the Pro-Life prayer witnesses, and sped up his vehicle and swerved sharply and threateningly towards the sidewalk, in an obvious effort to frighten and intimidate the prayer witnesses.

Apparently overlooked by the hospital doctors was the teaching of **Pope John Paul II**, in an address to the International Congress on Transplants in 2000, that vital organs can be removed only “from the body of someone who is certainly dead.”

**Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center**, confirmed that it is possible that physicians may take shortcuts and not do the requisite number of tests, and make a conclusion of death “too soon”:

**David Shaffer**, a professional engineer who is a regular attender at these monthly vigils of the **Helpers of God’s Precious Infants** and who serves as one of the Pro-Life traffic marshals who maintain order in the procession from the Holy Name Church to the corner of Auburn and William Howard Taft, on the procession to the abortuary, by stopping the marchers and permitting vehicles to egress from side streets onto Auburn Avenue, procured the vehicle license on this vehicle and called 911.

The police responded within minutes and canvassed the neighborhood and located the offending vehicle parked behind an office building on Wellington Avenue, the street which intersects Auburn Avenue just immediately north of the abortuary, and located the driver of that vehicle who was a psychologist, **Dr. Christopher Meecham**. The doctor admitted that he was the driver. After the officer interviewed this man, the officer reported to Mr. Shaffer that such an occurrence “won’t happen again.”

**Someone who would react with such emotional and irresponsible conduct to the peaceful prayer advocacy of Pro-Lifers who are interceding with God to stop the violent slaughter of unborn children is obviously in need of professional help.**

**Today, 4400 American unborn babies will die from abortion.**

