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## POPE JOHN PAUL II, THE APOSTLE OF LIFE: MAY HE REST IN PEACE

May 18, 1920 - April 2, 2005

Picture of Pope John Paul II

(elected pope October 16, 1978)

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**"If you want equal justice for all,**

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**and true freedom and lasting peace,  
then America, defend life  
from conception until natural death."**

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*"Yes, America, all this belongs to you. But your greatest beauty and your richest blessing is found in the human person: in each man, woman, and child, in every immigrant, in every native-born son and daughter.*

*"For this reason, America, your deepest identity and truest character as a nation is revealed in the position you take toward the human person. The ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones.*

*"The best traditions of your land presume respect for those who cannot defend themselves. If you want equal*

*justice for all, and true freedom and lasting peace, then, America, defend life! All the great causes that are yours today will have meaning only to the extent that you guarantee the right to life and protect the human person.*

- Feeding the poor and welcoming refugees;*
- Reinforcing the social fabric of this nation;*
- Promoting the true advancement of women;*
- Securing the rights of minorities;*

*— Pursuing disarmament, while guaranteeing legitimate defense: all this will succeed only if respect for life and its protection by the law is granted to every human being from conception until natural death.*

*"Every human person — no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or how old, no matter how healthy, handicapped, or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society — is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival — yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn."*

*— Excerpts of Pope John Paul II's presentation as he bid farewell to the people of the United States on*

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*"The true success of our lives consists in knowing and doing the will of Jesus, in doing whatever Jesus tells us."* — Pope John Paul II

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(Meeting with Youth, New Orleans, 1987)

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September 19, 1987.

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## DEATH WITH DIGNITY? A TALE OF TWO DEATHS

There has been much publicity recently concerning two deaths in the Easter season, within a week of each other — **Terri Schiavo** and **Pope John Paul II**.

By “coincidence,” this Good Friday was the 10th anniversary date of John Paul’s 1995 Encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (“The Gospel of Life”), which called euthanasia “a grave violation of the law of God.”

### **Capital Punishment for the Innocent**

**Terri Schiavo** was executed by the courts in Florida by a painful process of starvation and dehydration over Holy Week. Her starvation and dehydration death constituted gross indignity — the cruelty of which is documented in reported judicial decisions (“...lips would become parched and cracked...tongue would swell and crack...lining of stomach would dry out and patient would experience dry heaves and vomiting...major organs including lungs, heart and brain would give out and he would die...extremely painful and uncomfortable...cruel and violent.”). If you did this to your dog, you’d be sent to jail, and appropriately so. Isn’t it interesting that while the killers denied that she

Right to die...or right to kill? Graphic

could experience pain, they simultaneously administered morphine to her?

### **Death With Christian Dignity**

**Pope John Paul II**, who had been in and out of the hospital for the past couple of months, and was having difficulty swallowing, was the recipient of a feeding tube furnishing nutrition and hydration, and ultimately died after finally slipping into unconsciousness in the papal apartments in the Vatican, surrounded by those who loved him and were administering to him spiritually and medically.

He lived out, in his own last illness, the moral principles which he had formally taught as mandatory (March of 2004) regarding this specific question of the furnishing of food and water to all human beings, regardless of their medical condition:

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

*means* of preserving life, not a *medical act*...and as such is morally obligatory. ...Death by starvation or dehydration is...always ‘a *serious violation of the law of God*.’” (emphasis by Pope)

In a spiritual sense, the 84-year-old Pope had been preparing the world for such a moment. As his health had declined in the past decade — sapped by Parkinson’s Disease and other ailments — his writings and addresses had increasingly dealt with the ethics and morality of the end of life. The overall message is simple and direct: “Life holds inherent dignity until the moment of death.”

### **Perversion of Truth by the Culture of Death**

Unfortunately, the issues in the Terri Schiavo case have been wrongly framed, by the pro-death advocates and their allies in the largely secular media, which persistently and dishonestly converted the act of killing her by starvation and dehydration into the misleading

The issue is not “who should decide, Terri’s parents (**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schindler**), her husband, the government, or the courts” (as framed by the March 22, 2005 poll conducted by **Channel 12’s Rob Braun**), nor is it whether her brain injury was reversible (as framed by the misleading **CBS** report captioned “Terri Schiavo’s Right to Die Drama”), which interviewed only doctors who said she was in a coma — contrary to many other doctors). As noted by **U.S. Senate Leader Bill Frist (R)**, who is himself a physician: “Scores of neurologists have come forward and said that it doesn’t look like she is in a persistent vegetative state.”

**The simple issue is whether or not the life of every human being is to be protected by law, which, as pointed out by Thomas Jefferson, is the first purpose of government.**

**Terri Schiavo was not dying, had no terminal condition, was on no artificial life support system, was not a “vegetable,” and depended for survival only upon food and water, as each of us does.**

euphemism of “letting her die.”

The true facts surrounding Terri Schiavo’s execution were largely concealed by the secular media, but could be seen in some segments of the national and Catholic press and on the marvelous Catholic television station, **EWTN-TV (Channel 38)**.

Generally fair and balanced coverage was provided also by **Fox News**, which literally provided around-the-clock coverage on the scene at the Florida hospice where Terri was killed, and included interviews of her parents and siblings, and **Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life**, all of whom went to see her

with some frequency and testified to her mental responsiveness and physical health, even in this brutal

Fox also presented live interviews with **Ms. Heile Law, R.N.**, who served as a caregiver for Terri Schiavo for six months in the nursing home. She said Terri showed cognition, normal sleep patterns, took food orally, and tried to talk. Law and another nurse confirmed the abuse of Terri by her husband in terms of treatment in the nursing home, and his outrageous statements about his wife. Yet another interviewed nurse, **Carla Sauer-Iyes**, stated that she cared for Terri in 1993, at which time Terri “spoke, sat at the nurses’ station, etc.” Ms. Iyes indicated that Terri was eating, interacting, saying hi, laughing when jokes would be told, moved off the bed to use the bedpan, etc., and this testimony was confirmed by yet another nurse, **Cheryl Ford**, who confirmed the husband’s statements of greed at his receipt of the financial medical award for Terri.

### ***Feelings***

“Terri Schiavo has no feelings,” the pro-death community told us. Her observed reactions were simply “reflexes,” and involved no sensation.

Many years ago, when I was a neophyte fisherman (which I still am), I recall a dramatic experience at Cumberland Lake. As the fishermen were cleaning their fish at dock, they routinely killed the fish first, by decapitation, before filleting it. One man at the next table violated this practice, and simply took the live fish out of his cooler, placed it upon the filleting sink, and filleted out each side of the fish. As he proceeded to the next one, and before throwing the filleted fish back into the lake, one could observe the head and the tail connected largely by a skeleton, trembling and shaking there on the sink top. My companion was outraged and confronted the other fisherman with his inhumanity, to which the other fisherman responded, “It has no feelings.” My companion inquired whether the other man had inquired of the fish!

The same scam was attempted not long ago by the pro-abortion physicians who blithely asserted that the unborn child does not have a sufficiently developed brain to appreciate the sensation of pain in the abortion process. This was then dramatically and conclusively refuted by a whole host of qualified physicians including neurologists, etc. It if of course refuted simply by our intuitive knowledge as well, since babies routinely recognize voices, songs, etc. that they experienced while in the womb.

Fr. Pavone, who spent much of the last 14 days of Terri’s life at her bedside (except when excluded the last few months before her death by her husband Michael), describes Terri’s painful degeneration without food and water: “Terri’s death was not at all peaceful and beautiful. It was quite horrifying. She is dehydrating to death, and looked it. Her face had an expression of dread and sorrow. In my 16 years as a priest, I never saw anything like it before.”

The only ones that we are certain to be without feelings are those who perpetrated this homicide, and participated

process of execution.

in it. And their guilt for complicity in such evil is guaranteed of retribution. **Exodus 1:15-17.**

### ***Political Players in the Schiavo Tragedy***

One of the chief actors of course was the **Florida Circuit Court Judge, George Greer**, who consistently and persistently ruled against the parents’ wishes and in favor of the death wish of Terri’s husband, **Michael Schiavo**. Interestingly enough, Judge Greer ignored and failed to rule upon a motion to remove Michael Schiavo’s guardianship, based upon his failure to comply with Florida law mandating guardianship requirements, and for his obvious conflict of interest. This motion was made in November of 2002, but Greer has never ruled upon it to date.

Nor has anyone ever explained the multiple bone fractures to Terri’s ankles, knees, hips, and spine, demonstrated on a bone scan taken after her admission to the hospital following her brain injury 15 years ago. A New York pathologist who reviewed the documents indicated that she looked as if she had been in a massive automobile accident, or else had been beaten badly. In fact, she was never in such an automobile accident, and was seen the night before her hospital admission by her parents and brother and sister, who affirmed that she was fine. And yet these suspicious circumstances were never investigated.

Greer accepted carte blanche the hearsay testimony of a faithless husband, who has been living with a concubine for several years, that Terri would not have wanted nourishment to keep her alive in her brain-injured condition. This testimony was of course totally contradicted by Terri’s parents, as well as by her best friend, who was seen live on Fox News, stating that she and Terri several years earlier had had specific conversations regarding the **Karen Ann Quinlan** case, and that Terri had specifically stated that she would not wish to be deprived of life in that fashion, even in a disabled condition. Greer disregarded that evidence and accepted the death wish evidence of the faithless husband. Even a child rapist must be proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt!

There was also filed before Judge Greer an affidavit by **Dr. William Chesire**, who is a neurologist at the **Mayo Clinic**, indicating that he had been in Terri’s room and observed her for 90 minutes, and that she was not in a “persistent vegetative state,” and that he believed it would be inappropriate to withdraw her feeding tube. In fact, there had been filed earlier before the state judge an affidavit of some 33 physicians, many of whom were trained neurology, who had reviewed the medical records, and reviewed the videotape of Terri, among other things seeing her eyes follow a balloon floating above her head, and the testimony of other lay people who affirmed that indeed Terri communicated, and that they were also of the opinion that she is not in a persistent vegetative state. It

must be noted that the diagnosis of PVS is really a medical opinion and of course can turn out to be wrong. It is a prediction that the patient will not recover, and in fact there are many case histories where they have.

**David Gibbs**, who served as Terri's attorney, stated that as he stood in her room and watched her being starved, "It's unbelievable that I'm in the United States of America."

Gibbs said that Terri, married five years as of the date of her hospitalization in 1990, had been on the verge of divorce and was planning to move to her own apartment when her unexplained injuries occurred.

Multiple appeals were taken from Greer's rulings to the Florida Court of Appeals and the Florida Supreme Court, and to the U.S. Supreme Court, all unsuccessful.

The intellectual and moral bankruptcy of the courts' acceptance of Michael Schiavo's testimony is pointedly highlighted in the observation of national columnist **Joseph Sobran**:

"Why didn't Michael Schiavo, then, just divorce Terri, allowing them [her parents, who volunteered] to care for her? 'That will never happen,' he told a CBS interviewer; 'I made a promise to Terri.'

"Can he be serious? He also made a promise to be faithful to Terri unto death, but he's living with another woman by whom he already has two children and whom he calls his 'fiancee.' That word tells us his intentions toward Terri. Ah, the sanctity of the marital bond! While living in adultery, he actually uses his wedding vows as an excuse to seek her death.

"One of the nurses who has treated Mrs. Schiavo has recalled that her husband was visibly elated whenever her condition took a turn for the worse; he didn't even conceal his hope, expressed in language too crude to quote here, that she would die as soon as possible.

"This nurse also says that Terri seemed to be far more conscious of and responsive to external stimuli than the media have reported; she seemed to be upset, even sweating, after being left alone with Michael. Despite her condition, this nurse also says, Terri also made some efforts to speak.

"The media have suddenly rediscovered the sanctity of the marital bond, just in time to serve Michael's turn. They want to support his legal rights while ignoring his character and the clear pattern of his behavior. He appears cynically ruthless toward both his wife and her parents.

"To put it simply, who really wants what's best for Terri -- her husband or her parents? The answer is only too obvious. Michael Schiavo has long since ceased considering himself her husband, except for legal purposes. The only 'duty' toward her he acknowledges is one that would conveniently release him from all further duties as a husband.

"His 'fiancee' would be well advised not to rely too heavily on his devotion, in sickness or in health."

**Florida Governor Jeb Bush (R)** had been very supportive of Terri's right to live, and even engineered legislation through the Florida legislature to assist in that respect, but the courts held the statute unconstitutional.

Greer was excommunicated by his Southern Baptist church based upon his rulings in this case.

**Ken Connor**, the attorney who represented Governor Bush, explained the Governor's efforts to protect the sanctity of innocent human life in this case. He pointed out that in the civil lawsuit several years earlier when Michael testified in front of a jury, he never expressed any statement that Terri didn't wish to be kept alive and in fact indicated that he needed large sums of money in order to support her. Then, after he received \$1.2 million, his attitude changed considerably. When she didn't die, Michael continued to spend about \$400,000 of the money on attorneys' fees in his persistent effort to have her killed. As guardian, Michael countermanded orders for ongoing antibacterial treatment for Terri, and for rehabilitation and physical therapy treatments for her, and three times directed that her feeding tube be removed.

Attorney Connor pointed out that the guardianship law is based upon the presumption that the spouse is the most natural person to take over and protect the best interests of the disabled person, and Connor was in agreement with that, but stated that where, as here, the spouse has entered into a relationship with another woman, and fathered two children by her, that he should be removed from the guardianship as he obviously has a conflict of interest and does not have the best interests of the wife/ward at heart.

**Republican leadership in the U.S. Congress** introduced legislation, during Terri's two-week death tragedy, that gave federal courts jurisdiction to guarantee her due process rights, and it was passed rapidly and with fervent support by the overwhelming majority of the Republicans, who came back from Easter recess vacation. One hundred two (102) Democrat members of the House of Representatives did not come back. Of those who did come back, their votes split 47 for and 53 against.

The pro-death cabal again attempted to divert the attention from the real issue to "form," protesting that it is not a matter in which the Congress should "intervene." But don't we expect government to "intervene" every time an innocent person is being killed? Isn't that what **Thomas Jefferson** said is the first and fundamental function of government?

**President George W. Bush** flew back from his Easter vacation at his Texas ranch to Washington, D.C. at midnight to sign this Pro-Life legislation, but it also was held unconstitutional then by a prompt decision of the Federal District Court in Florida, which was affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the case.

**Religious Players in the Schiavo Tragedy**  
Protestant pastor **Rev. Pat Robertson** described her killing as "totally immoral."

Protestant entertainer **Pat Boone** called Terri Schiavo "the modern day Joan of Arc."

Well-known Protestant evangelist, **Rev. Franklin Graham** (son of **Rev. Billy Graham**) stated that Congress should honor John Paul II by a Sanctify of Life Bill,

**Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Conference** stated: "If she is allowed to die of dehydration and malnutrition, every American who is sick, elderly, infirm, ill, or mentally or physically handicapped is significantly less safe."

**Florida United Methodist Bishop Timothy Whitaker**, who made news headlines recently as the first United Methodist bishop to break ranks with that church's pro-abortion position, uniformly held by all other United Methodist bishops, spoke forthrightly in defense of traditional Christian teachings regarding human life in the Schiavo case: "A fundamental moral principle consistent with faith in God revealed in Jesus Christ is to always care rather than to kill." Whitaker observed that "there are many disabled people who live by means of a feeding tube and that Mrs. Schiavo was more accurately described as 'severely disabled' rather than terminally ill."

Two Protestant pastors, **Rev. Chet Gallagher** and **Rev. Rick Barnard**, were arrested on Easter for attempting to

Picture of people praying for Terri

bring Communion to Terri, following their sunrise service.

The family and sympathizers and supporters of Terri continued an around-the-clock prayer vigil there in front of the Florida hospice where Terri was being starved to death.

At one point, 10 of them, including children, attempted to enter the hospice with cups of water to nourish Terri and were arrested and handcuffed and taken to jail.

#### ***U.S. Catholic Bishops Sadly Silent***

With some notable exceptions of a few strong voices among the Catholic bishops of the United States, the majority of Catholic bishops, including the Florida bishops and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, have been tragically timid or shamefully silent, even in the face of strong pronouncements from Rome. "Absurd and horrifying," are the words used by *L'Osservatore Romano*,

protecting future Terri Schiavos from starvation and dehydration.

Protestant pastor and widely known liberal political activist **Rev. Jesse Jackson** flew to Florida to lend support and prayers to Terri's parents, and to condemn the immorality and brutality of Terri's execution. the Vatican's official newspaper, which condemned these pro-death judicial decisions.

"Rome Speaks, Bishop Squeaks," is the headline of an article in the Catholic newspaper, *The Wanderer*, picked up from *Life Matters!* ([www.cureltd.blogspot.com](http://www.cureltd.blogspot.com)), the official Internet diary of **Citizens United Resisting Euthanasia** (CURE). They were commenting upon the insipid statements made by Terri's own bishop, **Robert Lynch** of St. Petersburg, Florida, who described the whole situation as "complex and tragic" and who urged "mediation" between Terri's husband Michael and her parents regarding the question of removal of her food and water!!!

Even more shocking was the fact that Bishop Lynch had formally directed all priests of his diocese to remain away from the Schiavo deathbed, which was reported by a priest giving a Homily at a Mass on March 29, 2005, broadcast live on EWTN-TV!!!

**The symptoms of this underlying disease of episcopal neglect are everywhere.** The 3/28/05 *Cincinnati Enquirer* reported that the Schiavo case was "scrupulously avoided" during the Easter Mass at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Clearwater, Florida. A parishioner commented that that was a good thing: "I don't think that's got anything to do with Easter. I think the Church's teaching is not to take extraordinary measures to perpetuate life. ...I think all those people bleating in Schiavo's front yard give Jesus a bad name."

More obvious is the bad name given to those charged with religious teaching who fail to teach their flock that food and water are not "extraordinary measures to perpetuate life," but indeed normal human care to which everyone is entitled by official teaching of the Catholic Church.

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| <p>The <b>U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops</b> made no formal statement on the Schiavo tragedy, although during the very week of her protracted execution they published a statement, through <b>Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington, D.C.</b>, that they were going to take an increasingly active role <b>against capital punishment. They said nothing about capital punishment for the innocent!</b></p> |
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The same pattern was followed in the Covington diocesan newspaper, *The Messenger*, whose issue of March 25, 2005 had several front page items which included the "anti-death penalty campaign," but had no reference to Terri Schiavo, who was dying that very week.

In fact, some time earlier *The Messenger* had referred to the Schiavo case and pointed out that living wills can be drawn in such a way as to “withhold or withdraw artificially provided food, water, or other artificially provided nourishment or fluids.” NKRTL had written to *The Messenger*, and subsequently to Bishop Foys, pointing out that this was contrary to specific Catholic teaching, and transmitted articles setting forth the proper teaching of the Catholic Church in this respect, with quotes from Pope John Paul II (see page 6) — which articles were never published.

(Pope John Paul II’s March 20, 2004 Address)

### ***Catholic Disapproval of U.S. Catholic Bishops***

We present for the reader’s reflection the observations by *Catholic World Report* (April 2005) regarding the dereliction of **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** and the **Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops**:

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(Pope John Paul II's March 20, 2004 Address)

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“Curiously, Vatican officials showed a stronger interest in Terri Schiavo’s case than local Church leaders. In the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida, where her tragic drama was being played out, **Bishop Robert Lynch** took a stance that might best be described as noncommittal. But in Rome, the **President of the Pontifical Academy for Life** said that removing her feeding tubes would be a ‘grave sin,’ while *L’Osservatore Romano* said it would be tantamount to a court-ordered execution.

“Are there hundreds of Americans who die each year of starvation, alone and unmourned, because their relatives agree that their lives are no longer worth living? Or is the number in the thousands? We do not know. But we do know that the pressure to end the lives of handicapped people is increasing, and the precedents set by the Schiavo case will accelerate that trend.

“If we hope to build up a ‘culture of life,’ we should confront the most dangerous trends first. In the US today, the ‘right to die’ movement is gaining momentum. The use of the death penalty, on the other hand, is becoming less common. In 2004 there were 59 convicted felons executed in the US; in 2003 the figure was 65. Does anyone seriously believe that the number of hospital patients who were unjustly deprived of food and water during the past 2 years was *less* than 124?

“Every year, more than 1 million American babies are killed in their mother’s wombs. Thousands of human embryos are created, frozen, thawed, and eventually destroyed in fertility clinics; thousands more are harvested for use in medical research. If they truly wanted to take a stand in defense of human life, our bishops might mount a public campaign against any one of these grave evils. Yet somehow they chose the death penalty. Why?”

### ***Is the Schiavo Case the Roe v. Wade of Our Generation?***

A recent Letter to the Editor in the *Kentucky Post* stated: “Most recently the media enabled the judicial killing of Terri Schiavo, with rigged surveys and lies about her physical condition. They have no desire for the truth, just their agenda for death. ...The cancer of secular humanism has metastasized and is gaining a death grip on our society.”

Lest the reader think the Schiavo case is an isolated aberration, or that the above writer is hysterical, we would refer you to <http://www.worldnetdaily.com>, April 7, 2005: **“Granddaughter yanks grandma’s feeding tube: 81-year-old not terminally ill, comatose, nor in vegetative state.”**

*Voices* is published by Women for Faith & Family, P.O. Box 300411, St. Louis, MO 63130 (341-863-8385).

In a situation recalling the recent death of Terri Schiavo in Florida, an 81-year-old widow, denied nourishment and fluids for nearly two weeks, is clinging to life in a hospice in LaGrange, Ga., while her immediate family fights desperately to save her life before she dies of starvation and dehydration.

Mae Magouirk was not terminally ill, comatose nor in a vegetative state, but was hospitalized with an aortic problem, totally lucid, and then transferred to a hospice by her granddaughter, who ordered that food and water be withheld: “She has glaucoma and now this heart problem, and who would want to live with disabilities like these?”

The granddaughter asserted that she had a power of attorney, but later investigation showed that it was not a *medical* power of attorney, but only a *financial* power of attorney, and that the patient had a Living Will but it did not authorize feeding tube and fluids to be discontinued in these circumstances.

**Ken Mullinax**, Magouirk’s nephew, said that the cardiologist stated that her aortic condition is contained and not life threatening. Mullinax caused the feeding tube to be reinserted.

The granddaughter was not dissuaded and obtained a judicial emergency guardianship over the grandmother and had the feeding tube pulled out again, and is unavailable for comment. The nephew has begged the granddaughter for permission to take full responsibility for his aunt’s care.

At press time, the hospice was not returning phone calls, nor was the attorney for the granddaughter, and grandma is being starved.

**Ron Panzer, President and founder of Hospice Patients Alliance, a patients’ rights advocacy group based in Michigan, stated that what is happening to Magouirk is not at all unusual: “This is happening in hospices all over the country. Patients who are not dying – are not terminal – are admitted [to hospice] and the hospice will say they are terminally ill even if they’re not. There are thousands of cases like this. Patients are given morphine and ativan to sedate them. If feeding is withheld, they die within 10 days to two weeks. It’s really just a form of euthanasia.”**

Likewise instructive is the thought-provoking article by national columnist **Patrick J. Buchanan**, “The Execution of Terri Schiavo”:

“America is a great country because she is a good country, and if ever she ceases to be good, she will cease to be great. **Alexis de Tocqueville** is quoted as saying.

Are we that America today? Are we the same kind of people? Would the country we grew up in have done this to a disabled woman?

“**Hubert Humphrey**, a passionate liberal, once said, ‘The moral test of government is how [it] treats those who are in the dawn of life...those who are in the twilight of life...and those who are in the shadows of life.’

“We have turned a sad page in the history of America’s decline.”

### **Crossroads - The Cancer of Secular Humanism:**

#### **Postscript**

#### **- Apportionment of Guilt**

And so, who really is guilty for the cruel and immoral execution of Terri Schiavo? Surely her husband bears a

And so the conclusion is inescapable, that bad results, in the euthanasia issue, and in the abortion issue, are the direct result of media complicity, and the failure of teaching of those in positions of responsibility, primarily religious leaders. When have you read these facts and details of our courts, to take ourselves out of the question as to whether we have done anything possible, with our power to defend the sanctity of innocent human life, which Pope John Paul II has repeatedly told us is the most important issue facing the world today.

Surely no one can deny that that question will be the question put to us in that Final Court, by the Just Judge, after the time of mercy has expired: “I was hungry and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; depart from me accursed ones, into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels.” **Matthew 25:41-43.**

good portion of the blame. **And so does a secular judiciary which has long since abandoned the primary principle upon which this country was founded — that all authority comes from God.**

But, as those of us who pray regularly in front of the abortuaries have come to understand, none of us is totally innocent, and there is enough guilt to go around.

The smokescreen of the sound bite mentality (“let her die,” “brain dead,” “loving husband,” “painless death with dignity”) is conclusively rejected by specific and overwhelming evidence to the contrary in each instance, and the public then has reacted much differently. Fox News had received 8,000 emails by March 24, the vast majority of which supported the obligation to give Terri food and water -- after their balanced coverage had debunked these previously propagated lies.

While initial secular polls containing the usual misleading questions tended to show more people favored

### **Wake Up America**

**The proof is overwhelming that our judicial system is indeed broken. What is needed is legislation establishing the fundamental truth that food and water constitute human care, not medical care, and thus is obligatory. Everyone should execute a Pro-Life living will, expressing this principle, and protect themselves from horrible death by starvation and dehydration.**

Michael Schiavo’s position, a more recent poll by **Zogby** illustrated the truth, well known to all Pro-Lifers, and any other serious polling students interested in truth, how the wording of the question influences the result. **Their question, “If a disabled person is not terminally ill, not in a coma, and not being kept alive on life support, and they have no written directive, should or should they not be denied food and water?”**, was answered with only **9 percent** saying that such a person should be denied food and water and **79 percent** saying that they shouldn’t!

## **NKRTL 32nd Annual Celebration of Life** **- Sunday,** **September 25,** **2005**

Picture of Dr. Lanfranchi

Northern Kentucky Right to Life is pleased to announce as its speaker for the **32nd Annual Celebration of Life** at the **Drawbridge Inn**, Buttermilk Pike & I-75, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, for **Sunday, September 25, 2005**, beginning at **1:30 p.m.**, **Angela Lanfranchi, M.D.** Dr. Lanfranchi is Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School of Piscataway, New Jersey.

Angela Lanfranchi, M.D.

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.

**A "Dirty Little Secret" -  
Abortionists Are Killing Not Only the Babies,**

An article in the February 28, 1997 issue of *The Wall Street Journal*, "The Politics of Cancer Research," describes the 1994 research effort of medical researcher **Janet Daling**, working with a team of researchers at Seattle's highly respected Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, found a 50 percent increase in the risk of breast cancer among women who had had abortions. Dr. Daling was immediately excoriated by abortion-rights activists, who claimed that her studies were somehow designed to set back women's freedom to have abortions. Dr. Daling herself is in favor of a woman's right to have an abortion, but said: "I don't think those things should enter into the science. It should be a separate issue."

The evidence of a link between abortion and breast cancer is undeniable. The female hormone estrogen, which rises 20-fold during the first trimester of pregnancy and falls only in the third trimester, promotes the growth of normal and most cancerous breast tissue. Overexposure to estrogen is linked to most known breast cancer risks.

A meta-analysis including all 28 previously published studies of abortion and breast cancer incidents was published in October 1996 by the British Medical Association *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, and found "a remarkably consistent, significant positive association between induced abortion and breast cancer incidents." The *British Journal of Cancer* reported on a presentation given at a large cancer research conference in Manchester, "Trends and Risk Factors in English Breast Cancers," in July of 2004. The Director of Pension and Population Research Institute in London said that the study demonstrated that in general the best predictor of breast cancer among British women is legally induced abortion.

The physiology and chemistry of this deadly process is well known and quite simple. Girls are born with primitive, cancer-vulnerable breast lobules, known as TDLUs, or terminal ductal lobular units. Cancers are known to develop in TDLUs. During a normal pregnancy (not most miscarriages), the hormone estrogen stimulates the woman's lobules to multiply and causes her breasts to grow larger.

At 32 weeks gestation, a process called "differentiation" protects her from the carcinogenic effects of estrogen by maturing her breast tissue into cancer-resistant lobules. The woman who has a full-term pregnancy is thus left with more cancer-resistant tissue than she had before she became pregnant. If she aborts her unborn child, she also short-circuits this protective process and in fact misses this "differentiation," thereby leaving her with the carcinogenic effects of the increased estrogen.

**But Also Their Mothers  
(On a Delayed Basis)**

This abortion/breast cancer (ABC) connection has been known in the medical literature for a long time, but is being suppressed by the abortion industry, unfortunately with the connivance of many "scientists" and also with that of the **American Cancer Society**.

The process of differentiation explains why women with more children have a lower lifetime risk for breast cancer. By contrast, the woman who chooses to abort is left with more TDLUs than she had before she became pregnant, and is therefore more susceptible to the disease.

Doctors further increase the post-abortive women's risk by prescribing oral contraceptives for her. As pointed out by Drs. Lanfranchi and Brind: "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. ...in one study women who took birth control pills before the age of 20 had more than a 10-fold increase in the risk of breast cancer. The longer they took the pill, the higher their risk."

Likewise therapeutic and cancer preventative is breast feeding, which results in some menstrual cycles without an estrogen peak and also missed menstrual cycles. Therefore a woman is exposed to less estrogen and has decreased breast cancer risk.

**Politicized Science**

A recent study published in the March 27, 2004 issue of *Lancet* has been widely ballyhooed as demonstrating that there is no link between abortion and breast cancer.

In fact, Dr. Lanfranchi effectively debunks the "no link" claim in the November 2004 issue of *Ethics and Medics*, showing: "This conclusion is scientifically inaccurate for many reasons. Selection bias in choosing studies for re-analysis, the unproven assumption of recall bias in retrospective studies, and the choice of a scientifically invalid control group, all resulted in a very flawed re-analysis." She explains in detail those three separate flaws and concludes that such scientific "manipulations" "reinforce my general concurrence with Disraeli's statement that there are three kinds of lies: lies, damnable lies, and statistics."

**Political - Industrial -  
Abortion Industry Connection**

Sadly, the **National Cancer Institute** is complicit in this conspiracy. In 2003, NCI issued a statement denying a link between abortion and increased breast cancer risks (although, incredibly, the same NCI release indicated that childbirth is a good preventative mechanism against breast cancer!).

**One must recollect NCI's dismal record in denying the tobacco-cancer link in 1954, despite decades of research and a mounting death toll: "It may be**

concluded that the existing evidence neither proves nor strongly indicates that tobacco smoking, and especially cigarette smoking, represents a major or even predominating causal factor in the production of cancers of the respiratory tract..."

### **"Follow the Money!"**

In fact, there have been direct donations by cancer foundations to the abortion industry. **Eve Sanchez Silver**, a two-time breast cancer survivor and Hispanic advisor to the Dallas-based **Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation**, resigned when she discovered that the foundation was making direct contributions to **Planned Parenthood** clinics.

As in so many situations, unfortunately the relief may lie not in principle, but in principal. A girl who had an abortion at the age of 15 years just won a lawsuit against the **All Women's Health Services Clinic** of Portland, Oregon, since she was not informed of the increased risk of breast cancer inherent in abortion. This was the second lawsuit of its kind successfully prosecuted in the United States.

As more of these women continue to develop the disease, and to die, legal responsibility will be fixed upon those who acted without moral or professional responsibility.

## **PLANNED PARENTHOOD ABORTS CHILD WITHOUT CONSENT**

A Hamilton County couple, represented by long-time Pro-Life attorney **Tom Condit**, is suing **Planned Parenthood of Southwestern Ohio** for performing an abortion upon their 14-year-old daughter without their consent or knowledge, in violation of Ohio law.

The girl was 13 when impregnated by a 21-year-old man (statutory rape). The man then coursed her into the abortion and delivered her to the Mt. Auburn abortuary even though she did not want the abortion. The PPH workers were told that the male companion was her stepbrother, but didn't even contact her parents, even though she furnished her father's name and address.

The arrogance of the abortion industry, and indeed such criminal conduct by it, has long been known, but very few cases are brought forward. Under the law of every state, the abortuary has the obligation not only to notify the parents, but where the evidence shows that the minor is impregnated by an adult, the abortuary has an obligation to notify the law enforcement officials of this criminal act. This case is merely the tip of the iceberg, as the abortion industry furnishes cover to criminals, debauches our youth, and violates the sacred parent/child relationship. When we will have enough?

## **PRO-ABORTS OPPOSE "CHOICE" FOR PRO-LIFERS**

**Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich** issued an emergency regulation in his state compelling pharmacists to fill a drug prescription, even if it is in violation of their religious beliefs.

At issue of course is the so-called "birth control pill," which is conclusively demonstrated by the Federal Drug Administration and indeed by the labels on the pill package to perform an abortifacient function in some cases, by preventing implantation in the womb of a newly conceived human being.

"Pro-Choicers" continue their intolerance of Pro-Lifers.

Kentucky and Ohio pro-abort groups, including Planned Parenthood and the American Civil Liberties Union, are surveying pharmacies to determine whether any pharmacists are declining to fill such prescriptions: "I don't think that pharmacists have the right to refuse to fill any type of medicine based on their personal and religious beliefs," said **Teresa Scott, President of Planned Parenthood of the Bluegrass**.

The **Ohio Pharmacists Association** adopted a conscience clause allowing for pharmacists "to refuse to participate in something they find morally, religiously, or ethically objectionable." The **American Pharmaceutical**

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**Association** has adopted a similar clause.

There is no law in Kentucky on this question. Right to Life groups proposed a law several years ago, to give conscience rights protection to pharmacists, but the bill failed in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives, after having passed the Republican controlled Senate.

## **TRUTH: A ROSE IS A ROSE**

**Cook County, Illinois Judge Jeffrey Lawrence** recently ruled that a couple's wrongful death lawsuit for the death of their embryonic child at a fertility lab could go forward. Since the differences between a human being at the embryonic stage and later on are only age, size, location, and level of development, Judge Lawrence ruled that an embryonic human being is protected under the law just as any other human being.

This has thrown the modern medical engineers into a tizzy: "If the decision stands, it could essentially end in vitro fertilization, said **Dr. Robert Schenken, President of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine** (although he did not mention that the killing of "spare" embryos is an integral part of the IVF procedure and that

the great majority of embryos created artificially in

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laboratories are destroyed.

Before the politicization of medicine and science, a recent phenomenon for economic and social reasons, everyone of course understood the very basic concept that an individual human life began at the moment of fertilization, and there was no contrary assertion in the scientific field:

**“A Human Life = A Human Being = A Person.** The basic unit of *all* life is the cell. Human cells are different from plant or animal cells. At conception, unique cells – a human sperm and a human ovum – unite to become a human cell and, therefore, being the unit of life, a priori, a human life. Even primitive and ancient societies, before the discovery of the cell, recognized the distinction between vegetative life, animal life, and human life. A sperm, a unicell, has life, but does not possess the genetic code of *Homo sapiens*, and, although, it may potentially lead to human life, it is not existent human life. The ovum, a unicell, has life but does not have the genetic code of *Homo sapiens*, and, although, may potentially lead to human life, it is not existent human life. When the sperm and ovum unite in conception a zygote – a unicell – is formed. This unicell has life, but it also carries the *Homo sapiens* genetic code. Thus, it is human life. The individual human begin begins with the formation of the zygote.” – ***A Treatise on Human Life: An Unalienable Right*, by Harold D. Kletschka, M.D..**

“O what tangled webs we weave, when first we practice to deceive.” – **William Shakespeare**

## WHAT ON GOD'S EARTH IS MORE GLORIOUS THAN THIS: TO BE A MOTHER!

*"The Most Important Person.....  
on earth is a Mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral - a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby's body.... The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other human creature. God joins forces with Mothers in performing this act of creation....What on God's earth is more glorious than this: to be a Mother?"*

– Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty

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**Mother's Day this year in the United States is Sunday, May 8, 2005.** We honor all mothers and those special people who are dear to us on this day, so we are once again sponsoring a silk rose sale. The roses come in all colors are put together as a **nosegay for \$2.00** or a **bouquet for \$5.00**. They come with a (12 week in the womb) feet pin attached to the package. Since the roses are silk, they are suitable for laying on a grave of a deceased mother, grandmother, or aunt, and of course as a lovely gift to those still in our midst.

We also have available this year **wrapping paper covered with images of smiling babies**. These are **75 cents a roll or two for \$1.00**, and are suitable for use as a year-round Pro-Life statement. Our thanks to a generous donor for these!

These items may be ordered from our office manager, **Cathy Smith, at (859) 431-6380** or by stopping at the office at **1822 Madison Avenue in Covington, Kentucky**. Always call before making a special trip because we are staffed by volunteers and family emergencies do come up. As usual, we can always use "new" volunteers (no experience necessary, just be completely Pro-Life!!).

These sales help the people involved (by their doing something positive), and the profit to NKRTL helps save more innocent blood. Those giving the rose and pin away are being generous, and those wearing the feet and pin are giving witness to their contacts. What a blessing all the way around!!

**To be a mother, what a blessing! Happy Mother's Day!**