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ROE V. WADE ON ITS WAY TO

Supreme Court (tilting) graphic

A woman has always been morally and legally entitled to receive reasonably necessary medical treatment for a pathological physical condition, which imminently threatens her physical life, even if the unintended result is the death of her unborn child:

“An exception is not needed in the law to authorize such operations (cancerous womb or an extra-uterine

Charles E. Rice, College of Law, University of Notre Dame.

Are there real-life situations where the mother would die if she would carry her child to term, but would live if she destroyed her child by an abortion?:

“In my 36 years of pediatric surgery I have never known

The prime sponsors of HB 489 (the bill banning all abortion) are **Joe Fischer** (R-Campbell County), a longtime active member of Northern Kentucky Right to Life), and **Addia Wuchner** (R-Boone County).

The bill has more than 30 additional co-sponsors in the Kentucky House of Representatives (which numbers only 100), and includes all of the Northern Kentucky members of the Kentucky General Assembly with the sole exception of **Arnold Simpson** (D-Covington).

Similar legislature has been introduced into the legislatures of several other states, including Ohio, and has already passed the South Dakota state legislature and is expected to pass the Senate and to be signed into law there by the Governor.

Kentucky Right to Life Association Again Abandons Principle

Kentucky Right to Life Association, which has a long history of compromise — avoiding the issue of chemical abortion and endorsing as “pro-life” politicians who support the killing of unborn children for the crimes of the father (rape and incest), etc. — has again defected from principle, taking its marching orders no doubt from its national affiliate, **National Right to Life Association**, and has expressed opposition to HB 489.

disingenuously stated that they were fearful that this bill would “cause a division in the pro-life movement.”

Any attentive student of the issues is clearly aware that there has been for many years a longstanding division between those groups who are 100 percent Pro-Life, no exceptions, no compromise, no excuses (**American Life League, Northern Kentucky Right to Life, Connecticut Right to Life, Human Life International, March For Life**

DINOSAUR GRAVEYARD

Several pieces of Pro-Life legislation have been introduced into the Kentucky General Assembly (with the prime sponsors, again, being almost exclusively members of the Northern Kentucky delegation to the legislature).

One bill would provide protection to disabled persons from the horrible and painful death of starvation and dehydration, as witnessed recently in the judicial homicide of **Terri Schiavo**.

A second bill would protect embryonic human beings from Frankenstein-like experimentation.

A third bill would guarantee fully informed consent to women who are being sold abortion by the death peddlers without disclosing all of the consequences.

A Ban On All Abortions

A fourth, a most important bill, would ban all abortion, excepting only those measures necessary to prevent the death of the mother (**HB 489**).

KRLA Executive Director Margie Montgomery

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National Committee, Pro-Life Action League, Thomas More Law Center, and others) versus National Right to Life and some of its state and local affiliates.

Separating the Sheep From the Goats

A recent and graphic display of the compromise colors of National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) (which has consistently and specifically refused to condemn chemical abortion, which kills a phenomenally greater number of babies than surgical abortion) was NRLC's frank objection to a total ban bill in the South Dakota legislature some years ago.

"National Right to Life Committee has lost the moral authority to lead the pro-life cause," stated **Richard Thompson, President and Chief Counsel of the Thomas More Law Center of Ann Arbor, Michigan.**

Thompson's organization had helped to draft a bill that would virtually ban all abortions in the state, and constitute a direct challenge to the Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade*. The bill passed the South Dakota House of Representatives 54 to 14, but was thwarted by **State Senator Jay Dunwald**, an officer in both the state and national right to life organizations, who led behind-the-scenes opposition, in conjunction with pro-abortion senators.

Shock and sadness was expressed by **Leslee Unruh**, a member of right to life for 25 years and director of South Dakota Alpha Health Center, whose husband helped start local right to life chapters throughout the state.

Serious Pro-Lifers remember an identical episode a few years ago in Louisiana when National Right to Life tipped the scale against a "total ban" bill that was well positioned to pass the Louisiana state legislature, making the same "prudence" and "timing" false arguments. That stellar and uncompromising Pro-Life leader, law professor **Charles Rice**, has described in detail the incredible debacle that occurred in the Louisiana legislature, as the betrayal there was led by National Right to Life Committee.

Professor Rice further noted that the Pro-Life movement has sadly degenerated into a debate not over the question as to *whether* we should kill babies, but *how* we should kill them.

The Chaos of Moral Schizophrenia

At the Rally for Life at Frankfort, Kentucky, on February 1, 2006, KRLA Executive Director Margie Montgomery introduced as Pro-Life members of the Kentucky General Assembly **State Senator Dan Mongiardo** (D-Hazard), who had in fact opposed two years earlier the pharmacists' conscience clause bill in the General Assembly which would have guaranteed "freedom of choice" to those pharmacists who wished to be free to refuse to fill prescriptions for

Status of U.S. Supreme Court

The Senate has now overwhelmingly approved President Bush's nomination of **Judge Samuel Alito**, whose record and education obviously suggest measured and principled interpretation of the U.S. Constitution, which of course would mandate the protection of the life of all

abortifacient chemicals, and **House of Representatives Speaker Jody Richards** (D-Bowling Green), who has consistently appointed pro-abort chairmen to the various sensitive committees in the Kentucky House. Richards as the presiding Chairman of the rules of the all-powerful Rules Committee has denied opportunity to Pro-Life members to cause bills to be discharged from committees for vote on the floor of the House of Representatives, thereby effectively killing Pro-Life legislation.

The most recent newsletter issue of **Cincinnati Right to Life** (another affiliate of the compromising NRLC) reported **U.S. Senator Bill Frist** (R-Tennessee) as "pro-life" — although he has publicly stated his support for embryonic stem cell research, which of course involves the killing of newly conceived human beings for the purpose of cannibalizing their parts for experimentation.

Bright Spots on the Horizon

Right to Life of Central Kentucky, a longtime affiliate of KRLA and NRLC, voted unanimously at their February meeting in favor of a motion condemning all abortifacient drugs, which include the IUD, low-dose birth control pills,

These are obviously incongruous positions which cannot last.

The current dispute merely highlights what has been long known by any serious student of the issues — that there has existed for a long time a profound division between those of us who are **100 percent Pro-Life**, and **other groups that call themselves "pro-life."**

The answer, as in most moral issues, is simple, but not easy — no compromise, **NO COMPROMISE, NO COMPROMISE!**

National Right to Life Committee has long since discredited itself. Its principles are indefensible, and its strategy a failure.

RU-486, and the so-called "morning after pill." This puts that organization in direct opposition to the specific policy of NRLC, and to the tacit policy of KRLA (silently approving the policy of its national body, NRLC), and in direct opposition to the specific policy of the **Kentucky Conference of Catholic Bishops**, which has, incredibly, approved the use of the abortifacient emergency contraceptive pill in Catholic hospitals in Kentucky in certain circumstances.

innocent human beings (see our December 2005 newsletter).

The issue will be won when enough state and local right to life organizations abandon the failed and immoral policies of NRLC and join **American Life League (P.O. Box 1350, Stafford, VA 22555-9986, phone 1-888-546-2580, fax 540-659-2586, website www.all.org)**, whose strategy is identical to its moral values: no exceptions, no compromise, no apologies!

Ted Kennedy cartoon

illustrated most graphically in the more than 100,000 Pro-Lifers who marched in Washington, D.C.

This leaves us in a situation where Alito replaced the stridently pro-abortion (media darling, “moderate”) Sandra Day O’Connor, and John G. Roberts replaced the Pro-Life vote of deceased Chief Justice William Rehnquist. We end up with what the secular media likes to describe as five “Catholics” on the Court, Scalia and Thomas, who have voted Pro-Life previously, Roberts and Alito, who are expected to vote Pro-Life, and Kennedy, who has consistently voted pro-abortion and is Catholic in name only, and Breyer, Souter, Ginsburg, and Stevens, four committed and strident pro-aborts.

Until Kennedy, or another, resigns or dies, *Roe v. Wade* has yet a time to live, although probably short.

Considering the age and ill health of pro-aborts Stevens and Ginsburg, and the hopeful fact that President Bush has learned his lesson in his earlier timorous nominations to the Court, there is every reason to believe that a fifth and decisive Pro-Life justice could be added to the Court in the next two years, and provide the decisive and moral anti-*Roe* vote to overrule *Roe v. Wade* — perhaps in a test case challenging the pending Kentucky legislation.

Young people lead the 33rd annual March for Life up Constitution Avenue in Washington Jan. 23.

THE SAD 33RD MEMORIAL OF THE LEGALIZATION OF WAR ON THE UNBORN

A grieving nation dramatically and massively enacted on January 23, 2006 the sad memorial to more than 1 million babies surgically slaughtered in the womb in the previous year, with large marches and prayer services from coast to coast, the largest being again of course in Washington, D.C.

The secular, pro-abortion media, in typical Orwellian style, suppressed publication of the events by their scant and biased coverage, largely ignoring the nationwide protests,

This peaceful and prayerful demonstration of fidelity across the nation, and the nation's capital, Kentucky Post with a few paragraphs of text under a carefully chosen photograph of a very few the-ists, carried out in the Supreme Court steps. The photograph is obviously "tight," since they didn't want to show the very few numbers marshaled by the well-funded, organized death movement of Planned Parenthood, ACLU, etc.

Firsthand accounts of witnesses present in Washington describe the 20,000+ young Pro-Lifers who attended religious service that morning, preceding the March, at the MCI sports arena in the Capital. Over 3,000 additional people were turned away because of fire regulations.

The above three pictures, taken by Covington Catholic freshman Mark Summe, are of the Pro-Lifers who marched in Washington, D.C. on Monday, January 23.

Group praying in front of Planned Parenthood clinic photo

Pro-Life Observances Elsewhere

Rallies and marches, and prayer services and religious observances, were observed throughout the United States that entire weekend, with more than 10,000 Pro-Lifers marching on a parade route through San Francisco, in peaceful prayer, being vulgarly and loudly heckled and cursed by literally only handfuls of pro-aborts along the parade route. So much for the balderdash about the popularity and strength of the pro-abort movement!

Local Observance

The regular **Helpers of God's Precious Infants** liturgy (initiated by Northern Kentucky Right to Life more than 10 years ago and now held on three Saturdays of each month at Holy Name Church on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati followed by prayer procession to the abortuary) featured the appearance of **Cincinnati Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk**, and attracted 300 participants.

Collage of photos

Participants walking from Holy Name Church photo

Later that morning, there was reenacted the annual Rosary March for Life in downtown Cincinnati:

Photo of march, with man holding flag

Photo of march, with 2 girls holding signs

This successful project, again carried out under the leadership of **NKRTL Vice President Fred H. Summe, Esq.** and many others, attracted the signatures and donations of 7,500 area citizens and filled four pages in *The Sunday Challenger*.

The ad is excellent public witness, reminding people that “abortion kills one out of every three unborn babies...4,000 each day.”

The ad points out the other outrageous consequences of *Roe v. Wade* which are predictably making their way into public policy: (1) equating food and water with “medical care,” thereby giving the tragic death of starvation and dehydration to non-terminal patients; and (2) the advance of what is misleadingly called “emergency contraception,” which in fact prevents the implantation of the newly conceived child in the mother’s womb, thereby constituting chemical abortion, etc.

Being Pro-Life

Involves a Year-Round Commitment

The magnitude of the issue obviously compels each of us to be involved on a 24-7-365 basis. Some opportunities afforded to each of us, inexpensively and with very little sacrifice, include:

- Subscribing to — and reading — **NKRTL’s newsletter** and entering a gift subscription for your friend, family, pastor, etc.
- Attending the **Helpers of God’s Precious Infants liturgies**, conducted on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of every month, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Holy Name Church on Auburn Avenue in Mt. Auburn, with peaceful, prayerful procession to the abortuary two blocks away or remaining in prayer in church for those unable to make that walk.
- Participating in the “**Walk the Bridge for Life**” scheduled by **Life Coalition 2006**, for **Sunday, June 4, 2006 from 2 to 4 p.m.** Participants from 20 Pro-Life agencies in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area will converge on the Purple People Bridge, starting at the World Peace Bell in Newport, and process across the Ohio River. Family friendly entertainment is also being planned.
- Participating in the **Third Annual Way of Love Lenten Pilgrimage** scheduled for **March 26, April 4, and April 9** (Palm Sunday) beginning at 2 p.m. at the Burnet Woods Bandstand. The walk lasts about an hour and processes past the Women’s Medical Center abortuary in Clifton.

As **Ohio Representative Tom Brinkman** looks on,

NKRTL March for Life ad

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Northern Kentucky Right to Life carried out its annual project again this year, giving those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. a voice to speak out in defense of innocent human life.

Judgment Day

“Some day, you know, you will stand before the judgment seat of Almighty God and make a full account of your life here on earth. At that moment, which

position would you rather defend: That you supported, encouraged, or even allowed, by your silence, the death of innocent children and abortion? Or that you did your very best, made every possible effort, to defend and protect the innocent life God Himself created? I don't know about you, but for me the choice is crystal clear!"

The oft-repeated myth is that contraception and sex education would markedly reduce the number of abortions. That lie ignores of course the statistical and historical reality that the past 30 years represent a period unequaled in history as to the ready and easy availability of contraception and sex education, including to children without even the knowledge or consent of their parents, but is paralleled with the greatest growth in unwanted pregnancies and abortions.

EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION (EC) DOES NOT PREVENT ABORTIONS

We take this opportunity to publish a scholarly article by a highly credentialed physician, **A Patrick Schneider, II, M.D., M.Ph.** of Lexington, Ky., who is board certified in Family Medicine and Geriatrics, has a master's degree in Public Health from Harvard University, is in private practice in Lexington, Kentucky, and practiced obstetrics for ten years:

"Rep. Mary Lou Marzian stated on *KET Tonight* (Feb. 13th) that greater access to EC would 'actually lower the incidence of abortion.' This statement may be perceived by many to be true, but is, in fact, false.

"The Planned Parenthood Federation of American (PP) website states that emergency contraception 'could prevent 1.7 million unwanted pregnancies and 800,000 abortions each year in the U.S.' Likewise, a 1997 review in the *New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM)*, by Anna Glasier, claimed that 'the widespread use of EC in the United States could prevent over 1 million abortions and 2 million unintended pregnancies...' Similarly, a July 11, 2005 *Newsweek* editorial by Anna Quindlen proclaims that, 'In theory, access to the drug called Plan B should be a no-brainer. ...If easy access to a pill that has been shown to significantly decrease the number of abortions is not a welcome development, what is the real point of the anti-abortion exercise?'

Roman Catholic Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Youngstown, Ohio.

"The breathtaking expansiveness and lack of credibility of these Planned Parenthood et al claims are demonstrated when it is recalled that the most recent official statistics for abortion reported a total of 854,122 for the United States in 2002. A 93.7% (i.e., 800,000) *reduction* is the Planned Parenthood claim!

"Numerous studies were published in 2005 refuting these claims of a reduction in abortions. A controlled trial of advanced EC provision was published in *JAMA* [Raine et al. 293:54-62] and not only did it not show a reduction in pregnancy rate, but instead the report found a 10% higher rate. The increase, was not statistically significant given the report's sample size, but could be a huge public health impact for the entire country.

"Similarly, a California study [Raine et al, *Obstet Gynecol Surv* ;60:244-5] although it starts with, 'Possibly half of the 3.5 million unplanned pregnancies occurring each year in the United States could be avoided if EC was readily available,' likewise did not find a lower pregnancy rate in the advanced provision group. Despite the clear pro-EC bias of the authors, they did note that the advanced provision group was significantly more likely (37%) to use the EC at least once and they further admitted that 'high rates of unprotected intercourse may negate the potential EC benefit...' The same negative findings were reported with EC supplied to adolescent mothers [Belzer et al. *J Pediatr Adolesc Gynecol* 2005;18:347-354].

"In fact, after reporting in December 2005 that, 'Advanced provision of emergency contraception to postnatal women in China makes no difference in abortion rates: a randomized control trial' in the journal *Contraception* [72:111-16], the same Anna Glasier, who previously wrote of 'preventing one million abortions' with EC in the *NEJM*, now clearly refutes what she had written in 1997. In a January 2006 *Contraception* editorial Glasier writes, '...randomized trials of advanced provision of EC in a variety of settings have all demonstrated increased use of EC, but none has shown a reduction in unintended pregnancies [Glasier A. *Contraception* 2006;73:1-3].'

"The claims of EC safety are no more credible and include an increased risk of STD, promiscuity and known hormonal side effects (e.g., blood clots, stroke, cancer, etc.).

The current Planned Parenthood website also refers to RU-486 as 'a safe, effective and acceptable option.' The recent finding of a 10-fold maternal risk of death from RU-486 when compared to surgical abortion, should be a caution flag relative to PP's credibility and the safety of its promoted products from Partial Birth Abortion, to RU-486 and EC."

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**Figures don't lie — but liars do figure!!!**

## LITTLE LIES, BIG LIES, AND STATISTICS

During the recent confirmation hearings of **U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito**, we heard again the oft-repeated myth by the pro-aborts that Americans overwhelmingly support *Roe v. Wade*. What is the real truth? As usual, truth does not appear in the sound-bite mentality of the abortionists' rhetoric.

Where the abortion is planned because the woman and her partner simply do not want another child, or the couple does not wish to marry, or the pregnancy would interfere with the woman's career, those grounds for abortion were rejected by more than 60 percent, according to an in-depth Gallup review of polls conducted in 2002.

Since at least 1975, all of the polls have consistently found that about two thirds of respondents oppose legal abortion after the first trimester. A **CNN/USA Today** poll in 2003 showed that 68 percent of Americans oppose legal abortion in the second three months of pregnancy and 84 percent opposing it in the last three months of pregnancy.

In fact, the public is never informed that the companion case to *Roe v. Wade*, decided the same day by the U.S. Supreme Court, *Doe v. Bolton*, gave the woman the right to abort the unborn child based upon considerations of "health," which it defined as "all factors — physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age — relevant to the well-being of the patient." The implication of this standard (PEPFA), when the combined decisions of *Roe* and *Doe* are read together — as mandated in the *Roe* opinion — allows a woman to abort a pre-born human at any stage of pregnancy, for any reason, including economic and social reasons. This is incontestably rejected, in all of the polls.

The one poll that came the closest to telling the truth to the American public was the *Los Angeles Times* poll in June of 2000, which asked the respondents: "Generally speaking, are you in favor of the Supreme Court decision which permits a woman to get an abortion from a doctor at any time, or are you opposed to that?" With the question thus posed, accurately reflecting the present state of the law under the *Roe* and *Doe* decisions, only 43 percent of the respondents favored that state of the law.

Further enfleshing the truth about abortion was the September 2005 study released by the **Alan Guttmacher Institute**, the research arm of Planned Parenthood, which showed that "the two most common reasons were 'having a baby would dramatically change my life' and 'I can't afford a baby now'" (cited by 74 percent and 73 percent respectively). Ninety-five percent of the women were choosing abortion for reasons that most Americans oppose.

**History - "Unrevised"**

Recent polls in 2005 by **CBS, PEW, Gallup**, and **NBC/Wall Street Journal** found that 59 to 65 percent of respondents approved of *Roe*.

On the other hand, when specific criteria are offered to the respondents, some interesting results appear. A 1962 Gallup poll showed that 71 percent of the respondents disapproved of abortion if it were undertaken because of inability, psychological or otherwise, to care for the child. The same question in 2003 showed 61 percent disapproving.

In 1971, widely-esteemed UC Berkeley sociologist **Judith Blake**, a strong pro-abortionist, wrote a comprehensive survey about polls regarding American attitudes towards abortion during the 1960's and concluded that "elective abortion would not accord with the view of over 80 percent of the population."

During the 1960's, not a single state repealed its abortion laws. In 1970, four states relaxed their abortion restrictions (Hawaii, Alaska, and New York setting a 24-week cap and Washington a 17-week cap).

In November of 1972, Michigan and North Dakota voters defeated referenda for legalizing abortion up to the 20th week of pregnancy by percentages of 61 percent and 75 percent respectively.

In 1972, the New York state legislature reversed its permissive abortion amendment and reverted to the previous restrictive abortion law, but that statute was vetoed by **then-Governor Nelson Rockefeller**. Months later, the U.S. Supreme Court intervened and gave to the abortionists what they could not win in public referenda or through popularly elected representatives of the people in the state legislatures.

In 2003, a poll commissioned by Planned Parenthood President Fay Wattleton produced results disappointing to the abortion feminists: 51 percent of all women support abortion for reasons of rape, incest, and the life of the woman, and 17 percent support abortion with more restrictions. Thus 68 percent of all women oppose *Roe v. Wade*!

**Why does one suppose that there is such a plethora of Pro-Life legislation passed in state legislatures across the entire nation, and challenged in the courts?**

If there were a nationwide referendum on abortion, giving accurate information to the American public concerning the precise holdings of *Roe* and *Doe* which allow unrestricted abortion up until the time of birth, those decisions would be overwhelmingly rejected. But don't hold your breath! The death peddlers are acutely aware of this political reality.

**The answer is obvious — such legislation favoring the protection of innocent human life enjoys the support of the majority of Americans who elect these selfsame legislators who pass the bills.**

The lesson for the Pro-Life public — which is in fact the majority of us Americans — is that we must not be intimidated by these false figures produced by deceptive pollsters, plastic politicians, and lying statisticians.

**Bobby Schindler, the brother of Terri Schiavo, is greeted by NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo at the State Rally held on February 1, 2006 in Frankfort. Mr. Schindler, the principal speaker at the Rally, later conferred with legislators about the pending bill which would provide protection to disabled persons from the horrible and painful death of starvation and dehydration, which his sister experienced. (Photo by Fred H. Summe, VP, NKRTL)**

## 2006 CELEBRATION FOR LIFE

“I am trying to learn to live with this and how to put on a show for the world. Sometimes, I feel like I won’t be able to keep this show going for much longer. On the outside it seems like life has gone on like normal, but on the inside I feel like I am falling apart. It is even harder to pretend that I am enjoying myself when all I want to do is be alone and cry until I can cry no more, but even then the tears never seem to stop.”

Forbidden Grief graphic

These words were taken from a diary entry of a woman who had an abortion, who was now seeking the assistance of **Theresa Burke, Ph.D.**, a psychotherapist, and founder of **Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries**. Dr. Burke has devoted her practice to treating women who have been traumatized by having an abortion and who still grieve over the child that has died.

Dr. Burke’s photo

The first victim of abortion is a child, a special and unique individual, one who has never lived before and will never live again. Although his earthly life was terminated before the time his Creator had planned, his life, like all our lives, will go on in eternity.

However, there is a second victim of abortion, one whose sufferings are either minimized, forgotten, or silenced. It is the mother who carries the regrets, the grief, the heartaches, the loss, and the memories of a child that is now no more.

**Dr. Theresa Burke**

Dr. Burke, in her book ***Forbidden Grief: The Unspoken Pain of Abortion***, exposes the grief that women experience, sooner or later, about the abortion they had. Based on her experience with counseling hundreds of clients, she explains how these repressed feelings surface through destructive behavior, failed relationships, eating disorders, alcohol and drug abuse, and other emotional and behavioral problems.

Northern Kentucky Right to Life is honored that Dr. Burke has accepted our invitation to address the **2006 Celebration For Life, scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2006**, at the Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. Mark your calendars and encourage your family and friends to attend this annual Pro-Life event.

As Dr. Burke explains, “Because the consequences of abortion can be so threatening, we don’t want to exasperate the problem by doubting or negating the many women who have undergone excruciating pain because of their choice.”

*Dr. Burke’s book may be ordered by calling Authentically Catholic Books (tel. 859-431-7196).*