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2006 CELEBRATION FOR LIFE

“When a mother is abruptly and violently disconnected from her child there is a natural trauma. She has undergone an unnatural death event.

“In many cases, she has violated her moral ethics and natural instincts. There has been a crushing blow to her image of “mother” who nurtures, protects and sustains life,” explains **Theresa Burke, Ph.D.**, a

Dr. Theresa Burke

psychotherapist and founder of Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries.

She continues:

“I have counseled thousands of women whose lives have been shattered by the trauma of abortion, which they experience as a cruel and degrading procedure. There is grief, sadness, heartache, guilt, shame and anger.

“They have learned to numb themselves with alcohol and drugs, or master their trauma through repetitions of it. Some re-enact their abortion pain through promiscuity and repeat abortions, trapped in traumatic cycles of abandonment and rejection.

“Others stuff their feelings through eating disorders, panic attacks, mental depression, anxiety and thoughts of suicide. Some have suffered permanent physical and reproductive damage that rendered them unable to have children in the future.”

September 17

Northern Kentucky Right to Life is indeed proud to invite **Theresa Burke, Ph.D.** to address the **33rd Annual Celebration for Life**, which is scheduled for **Sunday**,

September 17 at London Hall, Drawbridge Estates in Ft. Mitchell (I-75, Exit 186).

The doors will open at 1:15 p.m., followed by the showing of a pro-life film at 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and exhibits will be available at 2:00 p.m., with the program commencing at 2:30 p.m. (Free babysitting is provided.)

Tickets (\$10.00) and additional information can be obtained from Joan Arnsperger, Northern Kentucky Right to Life, 1822 Madison Avenue, Covington (859-431-6380).

Theresa Burke, Ph.D.

Rachel’s Vineyard Ministries is a ministry of weekend retreats for healing after abortion. In 2006 it will provide 450 weekend retreats for healing after abortion. Each retreat will have between 12 and 25 participants. The ministry is growing at a 40% rate each year. In just the past seven years, thousands of men and women have come for help as Rachel’s Vineyard has spread to Africa, Taiwan, Russia, England, Ireland, Scotland, Spain, Portugal, South America, Canada, and throughout the United States.

Dr. Burke, in her book *Forbidden Grief: The Unspoken Pain of Abortion*, co-authored with David C. Reardon, Ph.D., Director of the Elliot Institute, 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.

Photo of Dr. Burke’s book

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Psychological Relationship

“A woman goes through psychological stages in her relation with her unborn child as a pregnancy progresses — a factor often overlooked in the abortion debate. Pregnancy is not a disease or an illness. It is a natural event.

"Women's bodies are instinctually programmed to nurture and sustain life. The psychological relationship between the mother and her unborn child is triggered by physical and hormonal changes, but also by the woman's support system and culture," states Dr. Burke.

"By the moment of birth, when the child is placed in a mother's arms, the mystery, the wonder, the excitement all culminate in a powerful bonding process as the mother joyfully welcomes a precious new life into the world."

Abortion

Dr. Burke inquires: "When we look behind the rhetoric of choice, we can more honestly ask, 'Whose choice is it?' Recent research indicates that in 95% of all cases the male partner plays a central role in the abortion decision."

As reported in the Elliott Institute's *Post Abortion Review*, studies indicate that up to 80% of women would give birth if given support.

"Too often, abortion is the choice of someone else in her life and we hear most women say they had no choice but abortion," states Dr. Burke. "In fact, murder is the No. 1 cause of death among pregnant women. Men who have been convicted of the murder of their pregnant partners cite not wanting to pay child support as the primary motive. Such disturbing national statistics clearly indicate that there is a high level of coercion driving women into unwanted abortions."

From her studies, Dr. Burke concludes that there are usually a number of persons who are involved in the so-called "her choice," such as "parents who threaten her with a withdrawal of love or even eviction if she does not abort; the school/mental health or health care professional who uses the power of their position to make abortion seem the rational, mature and only decision that makes sense given her circumstances."

Are You Prepared to Help?

As Dr. Burke explains, the whole topic of abortion is very threatening since "grief following an abortion can be extremely complicated and can be experienced on all levels of the personality." It is difficult for women who have had abortions to talk about it, describe their feelings, or find someone who will listen and allow them to grieve.

Dr. Burke finds the popular view is that we should "bear our pain alone." Comments like "just forget about it," "it wasn't really a baby yet," "you can always have another baby," or "just stop thinking about it" will prohibit someone who needs to grieve from doing so. The pain is simply buried deeper, instead of exposing it and working through it.

Professor Jacobsen also destroyed the sign which explained the "Cemetery of the innocents: one cross represents 400 babies killed each day by surgical abortion in the USA."

Professor Jacobsen stated in the public press that during a break in class she asked her students, "If any students wanted to participate in practicing their freedom of speech, destroying the very offensive right to life, anti-

Doesn't just talking about the whole issue of abortion, or the grief and trauma that some women experience, make others feel more guilty, causing them to have regrets and anxieties that they would not otherwise experience? To this, Dr. Burke responds, "If a woman is grieving over the death of her baby, the best thing I can do is acknowledge the reality of that experience with her."

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."

If someone came to you, revealing that they had an abortion, would you be prepared not only to listen but to encourage a woman to not only grieve, but to find healing?

Meet your Christian obligation to educate yourself, and make a personal commitment to hear this pro-life advocate and encourage your family and friends to join you.

Photo of Jacobsen approaching trash can

DESTRUCTION OF CHRISTIAN CROSSES: "A MINOR ACT OF VANDALISM"

That is how the *Kentucky Post* editorial characterized the lawless and fascist actions of **Northern Kentucky University professor Sally**

Jacobsen, who encouraged her graduate level English students and participated with them in the removal and partial destruction of 400 crosses. After obtaining permission from the University, **Northern Right to Life, a Pro-Life student group on campus**, had erected this Pro-Life exhibit.

Photo of Jacobsen destroying sign

abortion display in the central plaza," and "some did," she said.

Photo of Jacobson holding crosses

Ms. Jacobsen was placed "on administrative leave" by the university. This two-week paid vacation excused her from finishing her teaching obligations, preparing, administering, and grading exam papers, and led up to her planned retirement at the end of the semester, so that in effect she has received no punishment at all from the university where she has, for 27 years, obviously been radicalizing our youth, at the taxpayers' expense.

Dean of Students Kent Kelso is conducting an ongoing investigation before hearings for determination of what sanctions should apply to these adult, graduate level students, who obviously have a woefully inadequate understanding of the free speech system so central to the United States.

Professor Jacobsen and six identified students were called to answer criminal misdemeanor charges in the Campbell District Court for criminal mischief and theft by unlawful taking. The students are: Michelle Cruvey, 21, of Walton; Katie Nelson, 21, and Heather Nelson, 27, both of Dayton, Ky.; Stephanie Horton, 23, of Alexandria; Sara Keebler, 26, of Cincinnati; and Laura Caster, 24, of Lexington. Jacobsen was also charged with criminal solicitation for her role in enlisting the help of students to vandalize.

The patent insincerity of the professor was shown by the incredible statement made by her in the secular press: "If I had known it would have been construed as a crime, I would never have done it. I never intended to deprive anyone of their freedom of speech."

Northern Right to Life consists of a group of students who organized to advance the cause of the sanctity of all innocent human life. In contrast, there was organized on campus this spring a faculty group which called itself "**Educators for Reproductive Freedom.**" The pro-abortion faculty group excluded from its closed-door meeting on campus students who wished to attend to be informed, and indeed the student newspaper, the *Northerner*.

The student group, represented by President Katie Walker, NKU sophomore, has shown remarkable restraint and maturity in the face of this lawless and violent onslaught by the pro-aborts. She indicated that the students are vitally interested, however, that this episode be treated with the

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seriousness that it deserves, so as to avoid setting a bad precedent for encouraging such lawless and intimidating conduct on other campuses.

Subsequently, "someone" erected the typical pro-abortion display, coat hangers dipped in red paint. This installation was done without going through proper channels or seeking a permit from the university, and was subsequently ordered taken down by the university.

The goals and beliefs of these disparate organizations could not have been made more clear than they have been by a comparison of the peaceful and lawful conduct on the part of the Pro-Lifers, with the violent and anarchistic conduct by their opponents.

Assault on Free Speech Captures National Interest

"Jackboot feminism on campus," was the headline written in the *Washington Times*: "The contrast between the behavior of the Northern Right to Life group and that of Miss Jacobsen is striking. Northern Right to Life followed the rules by obtaining permission from the university to assemble its demonstration. In destroying the group's exhibit, Miss Jacobsen disgracefully impinged on others' right to free speech."

NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo was interviewed on the nationally broadcast show of **Al Kresta** in the afternoon.

Mr. Cetrulo and **Fred H. Summe**, two NKRTL attorneys, also furnished counsel to the young students who had been victimized by these outrageous acts.

Nazi Kristelnacht - "Minor Vandalism"???

One wonders what might have been the response of the *Kentucky Post*, had it been in existence in Germany in the 1930's when the newly developing Nazi fascist movement began with the infamous night of "Kristelnacht." Would that have been viewed by the *Post* as "after all, a minor act of vandalism," since of course it only involved the breaking of some windows in commercial establishments? It just so happened of course that the owners of those businesses were Jewish, and that that action was the opening gambit to the (then) greatest holocaust in the history of the world, the destruction of six million Jews and six million Christians.

Pro-Lifers have been jailed for trespassing on abortuary property, even though there was no destruction of property.

The community will be watching with intense interest the outcome of the processing of these dangerously criminal actions.

Pro-Lifers have long known, and the statistics are now confirming, that while two patients go into the abortuary (the

mother and the child), only one comes out alive, and she is wounded!

Teen Suicide

Planned Parenthood aborts over 240,000 babies every year. Nationally, 1 out of 6 abortions are performed on girls between 15 and 19 years old. All their lives, these girls have been told that a baby in the womb is a “choice,” not a child.

Planned Parenthood’s clever lie leads girls to think that abortion is an easy and harmless way to end an unwanted pregnancy. But eventually all lies are exposed and when a teenaged mother finds out that her “choice” had arms, legs, eyes, fingers, feet and toes, the truth can hurt so bad, some girls will use any means to escape it—even suicide.

The most recent studies show that girls between 15 and 18 who abort a baby are more than twice as likely to experience depression, chronic anxiety and suicidal thoughts than the average girl in the same age group.

Every year, Planned Parenthood receives over \$265 million in your tax dollars and the result is the death of over 240,000 young people in America. Some of them die when they’re still in the womb. Some of them when they’re still in high school.

CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS HEARING THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE - ALMOST!

Impacted by the undeniable and unambiguous electoral successes of Pro-Lifers, Democratic officeholders have been stung into some sort of response — but unfortunately not a true conversion which would support the right to life of all innocent human beings including the unborn child. A new “Statement of Principles” was signed by 55 of the 73 Catholic Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives, which statement practices semantic gymnastics and tries to straddle the fence of this issue, which they unfortunately do not recognize is not capable of compromise.

The statement purports to affirm Catholic teaching on “the value of human life and the undesirability of abortion,” and the politicians pledged to support alternatives to abortion such as adoption, improved access to children’s healthcare and childcare, and “policies that encourage parental and maternal responsibility.” (In reality, the package also demanded public subsidy for “contraception,” which they define to include the hormonal contraception which everyone knows, including the Federal Drug Administration and Planned Parenthood, constitutes an abortifacient, killing a child after conception.)

The statement continues: “we seek the Church’s guidance and assistance but believe also in the primacy of conscience. In recognizing the Church’s role in providing moral leadership, we acknowledge and accept the tension

Child rape is the answer to that question posed in the June 6, 2006 *Cincinnati Enquirer* article. A 13-year-old girl was

that comes with being in disagreement with the Church in some areas.”

They also dredged up that overworked shibboleth that they are obligated to preserve the U.S. Constitution, “which guarantees religious freedom for all Americans.”

Response by Catholic Leaders

The fraudulent scam was appropriately received with the disdain that it deserves by the Catholic circles to which it was intended to appeal. **Fr. Thomas Euteneuer of Human Life International** responded: “On the eve of Ash Wednesday, the day that marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, ‘Catholic’ House Democrats choose to play the role of Judas in a passion play that ends with the crucifixion of the unborn child.”

A formal response was issued by three Catholic bishops who chair respectively the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities**, the **Taskforce on Catholic Bishops and Politicians**, and the **Committee on Domestic Policy**: “We also need to reaffirm the Catholic Church’s constant teaching that abortion is a grave violation of the most fundamental human right — the right to life that is inherent in all human beings, and that grounds every other right we possess,” the bishops wrote. The right to life is the central right upon which all other rights exist that human beings enjoy, they emphasized, referring to the late Pope John Paul II’s *Christifideles Laici*.

“While it is always necessary to work to reduce the number of abortions by providing alternatives and help to vulnerable parents and children, Catholic teaching calls all Catholics to work actively to restrain, restrict and bring to an end the destruction of unborn human life, the bishops said.

Catholic members of Congress, the bishops said, are morally responsible because, “conscience must be consistent with fundamental moral principles. As members of the church, all Catholics are obliged to shape our consciences in accord with the moral teaching of the church.”

Even **Hillary Clinton** is trying to join the “let’s all of us tigers change our stripes game,” and has sent out a fund raising letter claiming that Pro-Life lawmakers and advocates are to blame for abortions. It’s sort of like trying to blame slavery upon the slaves?

Brings to mind another old truism: “You can fool some of the people all of the time and all the people some of the time, but you can’t fool all the people all the time!”

JUST WHAT IS IT THAT PLANNED PARENTHOOD IS TRYING TO HIDE?

being sexually abused by her 21-year-old male soccer coach. When the abuser discovered that this child, now at age 14, was pregnant with their baby, he persuaded her to

go to Planned Parenthood Southwestern Ohio region in Cincinnati to abort their child. He gave her his cell phone number to give to the abortion providers at PPH as "dad", and she told PPH that it was her father's number. When the male abuser arrived with the girl at PPH for the abortion, the abuser said that he was the child's brother. In violation of Ohio law, PPH aborted their baby.

This all happened even though PPH knew the girl's age and the correct name and address of her father as well as the fact that no medical emergency existed. The abuser, who drove the young girl to the clinic for the abortion, posing as her brother (with a different last name), also paid for the abortion — and the birth control shot (so he could continue his abuse).

The child's parents had no knowledge of any of these facts and upon learning of them, brought the police into it. The abuser is now in jail. The parents have sued the abortuary. Incredibly, PPH has countersued the child — so much for the abortion industry's claim of concern for females!

The crime of statutory rape is being winked and connived at by abortuaries across the United States, as they facilitate the continuation of child abuse by adult male predators, violating the laws of every state that require their reporting of pregnant minors in these situations.

If they will kill babies, why are we shocked that they lie and protect sexual predators?

SOUTH DAKOTA LAW WILL CONFRONT THE COURT WITH ABORTION'S REALITY

We are unable to improve upon the incisively clear and trenchant logic of the article by Law Professor Charles E. Rice as to the importance of the recent South Dakota legislation providing a total ban on abortion, and therefore publish his article verbatim:

"A New York Times editorial predicts that a new South Dakota law, banning virtually all abortions, will 'jump-start a whole new era of abortion battles.' The law, House Bill (HB) 1215, affirms that 'life begins at the time of conception' and prohibits abortion as the only way to "fully protect" the mother as well as her unborn child. Let's examine why the Times' prediction is probably accurate.

"HB 1215 exempts a 'physician who performs a medical

"An unnoticed feature of HB 1215 is its assertion that, under the Constitution of South Dakota, 'a pregnant mother and her unborn child' have a right to 'due process of law' and 'a natural and inalienable right to life.' The Supreme Court has recognized 'the authority of the State ... to adopt in its own Constitution individual liberties more expansive than those conferred by the Federal Constitution' *Pruneyard Shopping Center v. Robbins* (1980). HB 1215 provides to unborn human beings greater protections under South Dakota law than are provided by the Supreme Court under

procedure ... to prevent the death of a pregnant mother.' The physician is required to 'make reasonable medical efforts ... to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of her unborn child.' Medical treatment causing 'accidental or unintentional injury or death to the unborn child is not a violation' of HB 1215. Also, HB 1215 exempts the mother from any penalty for abortion.

"HB 1215 rejects the failed incremental strategy of proposing restrictions that nibble at the edges of legalized abortion without ever challenging the essential holding of *Roe v. Wade* that the unborn child is not a 'person' entitled to the right to life protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. The Court said in *Roe* that if the unborn child is a 'person,' the case for abortion 'collapses.' The Court, in *Roe* and since, has declined to decide whether the unborn child is a human being. Its ruling that, whether or not he is human, he is not a person is equivalent to a ruling that an acknowledged human being is a nonperson. That principle, that innocent human beings can be defined as nonpersons and subjected to execution at the discretion of others, is the principle of the Supreme Court's 1857 *Dred Scott* case which said that slaves were property rather than persons. It is also the principle that underlay the Nazi depersonalization of the Jews.

"In *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court insisted on considering public school segregation in light of present (1954) realities rather than as if it were still 1868, when the Fourteenth Amendment was adopted, or 1896, when *Plessy v. Ferguson* decreed the 'separate but equal' doctrine. Now, 33 years after *Roe*, the evidence is compelling beyond any doubt that the victim of abortion is human, and that abortion is harmful to the mother and society as well as to her unborn child. HB 1215 will confront the Court with the reality of abortion in a way that even a Supreme Court Justice will find hard to evade.

"Some criticize HB 1215 because it does not allow abortion where the unborn child is conceived as a result of rape or incest. Pope John Paul II said in *Evangelium Vitae* that a pro-life legislator could legitimately vote for an imperfect law in some circumstances. But there is no justification for pro-life advocates themselves to propose laws that validate the depersonalization of human beings. If an innocent human being is legally subject to execution because of the identity of his father as a rapist or as a close relative, he is legally a nonperson. HB 1215 invites the Court to decide whether the law can ever authorize the depersonalization and execution of the innocent.

the Fourteenth Amendment. As an assertion of the reserved power of the State to define, as a matter of state law, the meaning of its own Bill of Rights, HB 1215 affirms the federalism embodied in the structure of the United States Constitution as well as in the Tenth Amendment. The Supreme Court has never ruled on this question of whether a state can apply to the unborn child the rule that a state can use its law to protect rights beyond the extent to which they are protected by the United States Constitution. This could be the most important aspect of HB 1215.

“HB 1215 adopts the approach taken by Abraham Lincoln on the Dred Scott case, which denied the personhood of slaves. In his Chicago debate with Stephen A. Douglas, Lincoln said: ‘If I were in Congress, and a vote should come up on a question whether slavery should be prohibited in a new territory, in spite of that Dred Scott decision, I would vote that it should. ...Somebody has to reverse that decision ... and we mean to reverse it, and we mean to do it peaceably.’”

Comment on the Compromisers

Longtime Pro-Life activist **Joe Sobran** stated in his column: “At any rate, you have to wonder how long the gradualist strategy is going to take. After a third of a century and tens of millions of dead children, I’m inclined to say it has had its chance. The forces of evil disdained the gradualist approach in 1973.”

“Now is the time,” stated another uncompromising Pro-Life activist **Judie Brown, President of American Life League**, who expressed her disappointment and astonishment that some organizations that call themselves “pro-life” oppose this legislation. She is obviously referring to **National Right to Life Committee**, and most of its affiliates, which include **Kentucky Right to Life Association**, which similarly opposed identical legislation introduced into the Kentucky legislature.

Similar legislation has been introduced into the Ohio legislature by **Cincinnati Representative Tom Brinkman (R)**.

The clear principles, which have been effectively garbled by the pro-aborts and their sympathizers in the public media, and unfortunately not effectively explained (or perhaps understood by some in the Pro-Life movement) are really quite simple.

The South Dakota bill does not contain a so-called “life of the mother exception.” Instead, it adopts and institutes the “principle of the double effect.”

When applied to abortion, the principle of double effect states that if a doctor is faced with the necessity of treating a life-threatening disease in a manner that puts the child in the womb at risk, he may do so, if and only if the procedure is intended to cure the disease. Thus, the South Dakota bill recognizes the medical and moral reality that abortion never treats illness, but rather is always the intentional taking of a

When one goes back to the older medical dictionaries (just before the politicization of medicine following *Roe v. Wade*), we see that the treatment of a true disease or pathological condition in the woman, resulting in the unintended death of the unborn child, was never conceived of in medicine as “abortion.” Rather, abortion is the intentional destruction of the unborn child, or delivery of the unborn child prior to his probably capacity to live outside the womb.

child’s life.

and so, of course, ignorance continues to be the seed bed of evil.

The question becomes, “When will true teaching authority accept its responsibility and come forward with unapologetic and clear teaching on the truth?”

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY, AND THE RIDICULOUS

Lucy Kibaki, First Lady of Kenya, is warning the youth of her country: “**Fellow citizens, this gadget called the condom...is causing the spread of AIDS in this country.**” She chairs the **Organization of the 40 African First Ladies** and has joined with **Ugandan First Lady Janet Musevgi** in calling for abstinence as the only way to stop the AIDS pandemic in Africa.

Mrs. Kibaki’s speeches have touched a nerve in AIDS activists, who continue to promote condom use, even though the 2003 UN report on condoms showed that they failed 10% of the time to prevent disease transmission, meaning that contraction of the disease means “when,” rather than “if.”

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**Alveda King, niece of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., has made some strong Pro-Life statements: “Abortion is a deadly genocide for all populations. Yet, evidence shows that groups such as Planned Parenthood have targeted African-American communities with a campaign to encourage young black parents to abort babies. ...The proper solution is righteousness and holy living, including abstinence and marriage. This is the case for all people, regardless of nationality and socioeconomic status. ...My uncle, Dr. King, said, ‘The Negro cannot win if he is willing to sacrifice the lives of his family for personal comfort and safety.’ My parents raised me as a Christian, and I believe the Bible. My grandfather, Daddy King, was very firm about the life of the unborn, and rejected the idea of abortion.”**

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More than a thousand faithful Pro-Lifers participated in the first annual “Walk the Bridge for Life Rally” on June 4, 2006. The demonstration was sponsored by **Life Coalition 2006**, comprised of 20 anti-abortion organizations including NKRTL.

One speaker pointed out that in 1974, one year after *Roe v. Wade*, a march across the bridge and from Cincinnati suburbs to the rally at Fountain Square produced 10,000 people! Is there a message there? While we must congratulate the efforts of those faithful who “stood up for life” last month, we must not succumb to the psychological defense of “denial,” by ignoring the reality that 30 years

later, 9,000 people chose to stay at home and watch a ball game!

AMERICANS RETURNING TO PRO-LIFE VIEWS

Zogby International found that a majority of Americans are Pro-Life on a number of abortion issues, which explains the deluge of Pro-Life legislation that has been proposed by elected legislators at state and national levels.

This poll was an extensive survey of 30,117 respondents across 48 states, conducted in March of this year. The margin of error is only .06 since it was such a large sample, so that it presents quite an accurate reflection of American views on abortion issues. See chart below.

Additional polls seem to confirm these results. A January **CBS News** poll found a 50-42 Pro-Life advantage and a **Los Angeles Times/Bloomberg** poll released recently found a 51-46 Pro-Life majority. Other polls, such as **Gallup** and **Wirthlin Worldwide**, have found a 55-45 Pro-Life margin. The CBS poll found that 64% of Americans want more restrictions on abortion.

(New Zogby Poll... chart)

Number of Abortions Is Declining Nationwide

Thanks to dozens of Pro-Life laws approved by state legislatures each year, the growth and effectiveness of pregnancy centers and the popularity of abstinence among teenagers, states across the country are seeing abortions decline. In some cases they've reached their lowest abortion total since *Roe*. However, in typical political spin mode, one researcher published a contention that abortions were actually increasing under President Bush's watch. After both sides of the abortion debate refuted his claims, he then admitted that an analysis by the pro-abortion **Alan Guttmacher Institute** was "significantly better" than his own. That study indeed showed that abortions had gone down nationwide.

University of Alabama political science professor and statistician **Dr. Michael New** has conducted extensive analysis on abortion laws and abortion figures and determined that the hundreds of Pro-Life laws state legislatures approved contributed significantly to the 17.4 percent abortion decline during the 1990's.

That abortion decline is continuing into the current decade:

- ◆ The number of abortions in **Tennessee** has dropped to its lowest level in almost 30 years. Not since 1977 has the number of annual abortions been this low. The number of abortions in 2004 dropped by more than 1,000, a 6.9 percent decline.

- ◆ New figures in November from the **Georgia** Department of Health reveal the number of abortions in down more than 5 percent. According to health officials, abortions performed in Georgia fell 5.3 percent from 2003's totals.

- ◆ The new **Pennsylvania** figures show a decline of 2.4 percent in 2004.

- ◆ **Minnesota's** abortion numbers are down to their lowest totals since 1975. The Minnesota Department of Health says there were 13,788 abortions reported in 2004, compared to 14,174 in 2003 — a decrease of nearly 3 percent.

- ◆ New statistics in the state of **Illinois** show a whopping 10 percent drop in the number of abortions performed last year. They're at the lowest level since *Roe*.

- ◆ The **Michigan Department of Community Health** reports 26,269 abortions were performed in Michigan during 2004 compared to 29,540 Michigan abortions in 2003, a decrease of 11.1 percent.

- ◆ Abortions on women in **Washington state** are at their lowest points since the state started collecting data in 1980, according to a May 2005 report.

- ◆ Also in May, the state of **Wisconsin** reported that abortion rates there are at their lowest levels since 1974.

- ◆ Abortions in **Oregon** are down to their lowest levels since 1998, having decreased 20 percent between then and 2004.

- ◆ Abortions in **Kentucky** have been steadily dropping for more than a decade with 3,502 in 2002 and 9,590 in 1991.

- ◆ Since 1988, abortions have dropped a whopping 53 percent in **South Carolina**.

- ◆ After peaking at 8,814 in 1991, the number of abortions in 2004 in **Mississippi** fell to just over 3,000.

- ◆ Abortions in **Kansas** are still on the decline, having dropped again for the fourth year in a row. In 2005, abortions there decreased significantly, with a decline of 8 percent from the previous year.

NKRTL'S NEW OFFICE MANAGER - STAN BARCZAK

Stan is one of 10 children of Polish parents who were imprisoned by the Nazis in forced labor camps during World War II and liberated by US soldiers at the end of the war. His parents were sponsored by Catholic Relief Services and emigrated to the United States and were brought to Northern Kentucky when a priest of the Diocese of Covington sponsored them.

Stan was born in Nov. 1957. He grew up in Ft. Mitchell, graduated from Covington Latin School in 1973, and received a BA in Philosophy at St. Pius X Seminary in Erlanger. He went on to study one year of Theology at Christ the King Seminary in New York for the Diocese of Covington before discerning that being a priest was not God's will for him.

Stan worked for Delta Airlines in numerous customer service capacities for 27 years before being furloughed by the company. He is in the midst of searching for a new career with hopes of becoming a teacher.

Stan married his wife Cathy in 1983, and they have five beautiful girls. Mary, the oldest daughter, will be a junior at St. Henry District High School. Elizabeth will be a freshman at St. Henry District High School. Rachel, Sarah, and Rose (three years old), attend St. Joseph Academy in Walton.

Stan and his family attend All Saints Parish in Walton. He has served on parish council, lectors on a regular basis, and teaches 7th grade CCD. Early this year he was asked to serve as Chief Ranger of the Catholic Order of Foresters at the local St. Joseph Academy Court. Next year he will serve as the president of the PTO at St. Joseph Academy.

Stan states: "I've always had a special calling to the pro-life movement. I joined the Board of Directors of Northern Kentucky Right to Life about 15 years ago, and have served in various capacities -- mainly as a technical coordinator. I've been taping the annual Celebration of Life for about 18 years now, and began a cable access show -- Gift of Life (seen on Insight Cable religious access Monday at 10 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 p.m.) -- for NKRTL about 12 years ago. I've been taping a local interview of our speaker for the Celebration for the last eight years, and have enjoyed personally meeting all these pro-life warriors.

"The position of office manager for NKRTL has come up several times over the years and I've always had a tug at my heart to apply for it, but being a father of five and trying to raise a family it didn't seem feasible. Now, with me being furloughed by Delta, I'm looking for a new career, and the position of office manager became open again. I look at it as a call from God to serve the pro-life movement in this capacity, so I took the position after being asked by the Board. I'm still looking for a full-time job to support my family, and I hope to be able to serve as office manager after finding a job, but until I find a job I know I can help the pro-life cause by serving in this capacity.

"By the way, the office is always looking for new volunteers. If you have the time and the pro-life call, I'd be glad to hear from you. My e-mail address is stanbarczak@yahoo.com."

Photo of Stan & family

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