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PRESIDENT BUSH VETOES CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING OF EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

President George W. Bush on July 19, vetoed HR 810, which would have mandated federal funding of research that requires the killing of human embryos: "Each human being begins as a human embryo, male or female. The government should not fund research that requires the killing of living members of the species Homo sapiens."

That bill had passed the House of Representatives, and just recently passed the Senate, although by a majority which is short of the veto-proof two-thirds majority.

Unfortunately, the pro-death bill was supported in the Senate by the entire Democratic caucus, and many Republicans, including several who have claimed to be Pro-Life, Oran Hatch (Utah), John McCain (Ariz.), and Majority Leader Bill Frist (Tenn.).

Simultaneously, the President applauded the Senate's unanimous passage of the Fetus Farming Bill, which prevented researchers from obtaining fetal tissue from women who become pregnant for that purpose.

Embryonic Stem Cell Scam Continues

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

As we reported in detail in our July 2005 newsletter, embryonic stem cells (ESC) taken from the newly conceived unborn child in the first seven days of life, killing the child, are called totipotent, i.e., they have the potency to become any kind of body cell.

It was originally thought that adult stem cells (ASC) were thought to be pluripotent, i.e., they have the capacity to become a variety of cells, but not all. That hypothesis has now been disproved, and ASC's have been found to be capable of developing into all sorts of cells, and in fact have proven to be very successful in actual therapeutic use in the treatment of a great variety of diseases. Reports of these scientific findings were produced in a recent Summer Course on Bioethics in Rome, Italy, in June of 2006, attended by **NKRTL President Robert C. Cetrulo**, and Pro-Life physician **Patrick Schneider** of Lexington, Kentucky.

ASC's, which can be obtained from living adults, without harm to the donor, and also fetal stem cells, which can be obtained from umbilical cord blood in the normal delivery of a newborn baby, again without harm to the donor, have indeed been responsible for 65 successful therapeutic interventions in a whole variety of diseases. On the other hand, ESC uses in attempting to treat diseases in adult patients have been totally unsuccessful and in fact have resulted in some tragic medical situations of tumor growths, etc.

These unrefuted and documented scientific facts are conveniently ignored in the secular media, and in the pro-death advocates' publications, which continue to make the false report that religious organizations and rabid Pro-Lifers oppose "stem cell research." The news media fails to point out that in fact we support ASC research, and use of fetal stem cells from umbilical cord blood obtained in the normal delivery of a baby, and oppose only the use of ESC's, because it is necessary to kill the embryo to obtain those stem cells.

Another scam has to do with the financing. ESC research has been ongoing in private laboratories, with private funding, with a total absence of any successful therapeutic treatment of disease, as stated above. One wonders then why there continues a clamor for federal funding of this macabre practice.

A recent *Kentucky Post* editorial (7/22/06) engaged in the anonymous and untrue generalizations that such research is such that "scientists believe may eventually alleviate such debilitating disorders as Alzheimer's, diabetes and even cardiac disease." The untruthful editorial continued, in its criticism of President Bush's veto of this

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bill, that “private financing will continue...” In fact, private capital for ESC research has dried up. *Science Magazine* reported in March 2003 that the stock prices in companies doing ESC research have tumbled and the employees of such companies have been laid off in large numbers.

Truly it is immediately apparent to anyone who gives the matter a moment's thought that if the real prospects of ESC research were glowing, as their proponents contend, that the profit-oriented drug companies would be falling over themselves to invest money in the research, rather than being compelled to seek such relatively small sums from the federal government.

THE CONTINUED CONTROVERSY ON CHEMICAL ABORTION, EUPHEMISTICALLY CALLED “EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION”

As is well known to all NKRTL newsletter readers, and indeed to anyone else who has given any serious study to the subject, the so-called “emergency contraception” actually functions as a chemical abortifacient, by denying implantation into the mother's womb of the newly conceived child. NKRTL successfully fought this battle at the level of the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department Board a few years ago, resulting in the Board's resolution prohibiting its distribution through the health clinics operated by the NKIDHD.

Now, the federal **Food and Drug Administration** has publicly stated that it is about to issue authorization for the over-the-counter sale of this abortifacient drug, deceptively denominated “emergency contraception,” and popularly known as the “morning-after pill.” The pro-abortion advocacy in the public press deceptively reports that these pills can “lower the risk of pregnancy by up to 89 percent.” The medical truth of course is that this pill denies implantation in the womb of the newly conceived child, and actually doesn't “lower the risk of pregnancy,” but actually terminates pregnancy — a chemical abortion.

The disingenuity of this misleading advocacy rivals that of a statement made by the pro-death advocates years ago that abortion actually “reduces infant mortality”!!!

Readers are urged to express their outrage and demand that President Bush reverse this newest anti-life onslaught by Executive Order. A true Pro-Life president would do so unhesitatingly.

Catholic Hierarchy:

Confusion and Contradiction Continues

In November of 2004, the **Catholic Conference of Kentucky**, which consists of all of the Catholic bishops in the state — **Roger J. Foys (Bishop of Covington)**, **Ronald W. Gainer (Bishop of Lexington)**, **Thomas C. Kelly (Bishop of Louisville)**, and **John J. McRaith (Bishop of**

Owensboro) — issued a policy statement authorizing in the case of sexual assaults, the dispensing of this abortifacient drug in the Catholic hospitals of Kentucky. The **Ethics Committee of the St. Elizabeth Hospital** in Northern Kentucky, on January 13, 2005, approved this policy.

NKRTL's Executive Committee wrote a six-page letter to each of those bishops, on April 8, 2005, documenting the medical proof of the abortifacient nature of the drug, showing that it indeed does kill unborn children, and furnished “citations to applicable Catholic authority prohibiting the use of this drug,” but the bishops have not withdrawn this aberrant policy.

Next, there was introduced into the **Kentucky General Assembly** in 2006 a bill which would authorize the over-the-counter distribution of this drug, which these same Kentucky bishops opposed with a written statement, pointing out that “the primary function of the drug is abortifacient.” However, the Kentucky bishops have still not withdrawn their previously adopted policy which authorizes the use of this child-killing drug in the Catholic hospitals of the state.

Now, most recently, the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops** has issued a formal statement condemning the recent FDA action of “making this powerful abortifacient drug available...”

One wonders “who's minding the store,” and if anyone really is in charge.

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

The American Diabetes Association has unfortunately joined the pro-death camp, and has weighed in with the U.S. Senate seeking to spend taxpayers' funds on embryonic stem cell research, which of course necessitates the killing of the unborn embryo to obtain the stem cells — ignoring the reality that there has not been one successful use of embryonic stem cells in addressing any disease. On the other hand, the use of plentiful adult stem cells and stem cells from the umbilical cords from live, delivered babies have proven very valuable in effecting cures. ~~~~~

Fr. John I. Jenkins, President of the University of Notre Dame has unfortunately given permission for continued performances on campus of “The Vagina Monologues.” Catholic Bishop John M. D'Arcy of South Bend said he was “deeply saddened by the decision” because he is responsible “for the care of the souls” of the students and “the Catholic identity of Notre Dame.” The Bishop pointed out the play “reduces sexuality to a particular organ of a woman's body separate from the person of the woman, from her soul and her spirit,” and “depicts in an approving way a sexual relationship between an adult woman and an adolescent girl, a minor,” among other travesties.

Unfortunately, this most recent moral travesty continues a long history of deviation from Christian doctrine by Notre Dame University. The recent predecessor of Fr. Jenkins as President of the Notre Dame University was Fr. Theodore Hesburgh, who served on the Board of Directors of the Rockefeller Foundation, a major funding agency of baby killing in the United States. Fr. Hesburgh publicly called Pro-Lifers "mindless zealots."

The worst scandal, of course, is that nothing is done in terms of enforcement of the discipline of Church teaching on these heretics by their bishops, or the supervisors of their religious order.

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Researches at **Auckland University in New Zealand** have revealed that **unborn children begin to cry in the womb at 28 weeks into the pregnancy**, which was proven by use of ultrasound scanners.

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The **Food and Drug Administration** disclosed that **two more American women had died after taking the abortion pill, mifepristone or RU-486, bringing to seven the total number of fatalities** since the drug was approved, over and above 600 additional women who have experienced adverse events following its use, of which 200 women's experiences were "either life threatening or extremely serious."

Louisville abortionist Ronachai Banchongmanie, who will be well remembered in Northern Kentucky because of his failed efforts to open an abortuary in Florence, Kentucky, some years ago, opposed by NKRTL and the community of Florence, Kentucky, has just suffered another malpractice litigation in Louisville, Kentucky. He was the subject of numerous lawsuits during the 90's, and was ordered by a court to pay a woman \$21,000 in 1998 for a botched abortion. He escaped jail time or fines in two other botched abortion cases.

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**"Sex plays role in 7 of 10 shows,"** according to a November 11, 2005 Cincinnati Post study which examined programming on ABC, CBS, NBC, Fox, WB, PBS, Lifetime, TNT, USA Network, and HBO (excluding even the more sexually loaded channels of MTV or Comedy Central).

The number of scenes involving sex has nearly doubled since 1998, climbing from 1,930 to 3,783.

There was an average of 5 sex scenes per hour, according to the **Kaiser Family Foundation** study, and on the top teen shows the average increased to 6.7 scenes per hour.

Examples of sexual content range from discussions of sex to "depictions of oral sex and sexual intercourse."

A lot of people are watching, but is anyone listening? There is no mystery as to the current level of societal depravity!

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Four of the eight Republican state senators who voted against South Dakota's abortion ban lost their recent primary elections following that vote. The other four Republicans who voted against the bill had no primary challengers. So much for the contention as to the popularity of the institution of abortion!

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**The U.S. Senate passed, by a vote of 65 to 34, a bill making it a federal crime to evade parental consent laws by taking minors across state lines for abortion.** Fourteen Democrats joined 51 Republicans in voting for the bill, while 4 Republicans opposed it. Such a bill passed the U.S. House of Representatives in 1998, but Democrats managed to stop it in the Senate at that time. Now, the bill must go to the U.S. House of Representatives, to be reconciled with a slightly different version passed by the House last year. President Bush has issued a statement indicating that he would sign the legislation.

Abortion rights activists and their mostly Democratic allies on Capitol Hill have fought for nearly a decade to head off the restriction on out-of-state travel, which in most cases would also allow parents to sue anyone who helps their child to get an abortion in other states without their consent.

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Pro-abortion advocate Nick Clooney was invited to speak in July of this year at Mother of God Church in Covington, Kentucky, his subject being the recent tour of Darfur, made by himself and his Hollywood son George Clooney. They were quoted in the secular press as describing the holocaust that was occurring there in Darfur as "simply wrong," although Mr. Clooney fails to apply that same test to the surgical slaughter of 4,000 innocent babies in the womb daily in the United States.

Notice of the talk by this pro-abortionist on Catholic church premises was publicized in the bulletin of **Mother of God Church (Fr. Ray Hartman, pastor)**, in *The Messenger*, the Catholic newspaper for the Diocese of Covington, and in the bulletin of the **Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington**. When the **Rector of the Cathedral, Msgr. William Neuhaus**, was confronted with the inconsistency that his church bulletin had advertised a pro-abortionist speaking on Catholic premises, his first proffered defense was that it had already been published in the Mother of God Church bulletin, and in the Covington Diocesan newspaper ["But officer, other cars were also exceeding the speed limit"!?!]. Then his curt response was, "Take it to the Bishop!"

We did, by letter to **Covington Bishop Roger J. Foys, D.D.**, in which we pointed out that the **National Conference of Catholic Bishops** had, in 2004, adopted a policy which had been in place for more than 30 years by the **Knights of Columbus, Northern Kentucky Right to Life Committee**, and many Catholic dioceses in the United States including

New York City, Scranton, Pennsylvania, and others, to the effect that speakers who hold pro-abortion positions should not be permitted to speak on Catholic premises, for the

This defection was particularly disappointing with respect to Msgr. Neuhaus, who, before becoming a priest, was a civil lawyer, and in practice with the well-known Pro-Life attorney in Cincinnati, **Jim Condit**, had been a member of Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Lawyers for Life, and in all respects should have known better than to acquiesce in such compromise of basic principle.

We all know that if Mr. Clooney had, during his political campaign for Congress, espoused anti-Semitic views or racist views, he would not have been acceptable to speak on Catholic premises, regardless of the subject matter of his talk. How then is it possible that he is welcomed when his views support abortion, the greatest destruction of innocent human life known in the history of mankind?

We have not yet heard from Bishop Foys as to whether or not he intends to enforce in the Diocese of Covington this policy statement adopted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

TEN YEARS OF FAITHFULNESS

For over 10 years now the prayer vigil sponsored by *Helpers of God's Precious Infants* has celebrated on Saturday mornings the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Holy Name Church in Cincinnati, then processed three blocks to the Planned Parenthood abortuary, reciting the 15 decades of the Rosary, then returning to the Church for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Ten Years At Calvary

The priest who initiated this pro-life prayer effort was Fr. James Kelleher. Ten years ago, while he was in the Cincinnati area to complete some of his studies, Fr. Kelleher introduced to a number of pro-lifers the efforts of Msgr. Phillip Reilly, who had begun in Brooklyn, New York, a prayer effort known as *Helpers of God's Precious Infants*.

It was Msgr. Reilly who had initiated a nationwide effort encouraging others to pray more frequently at abortion mills.

Fr. Reilly taught that abortuaries are the modern day Calvary, since it is there that innocent blood is being shed. His inspiration was Mary, who throughout her life lived the words "be it done to me according to Thy word." Saying yes finally brought her to a place called Calvary to witness the horrifying crucifixion of her Son.

There she did not beg God to save her Son's life, nor did she curse soldiers or the Jewish leaders responsible for this horror. Instead, she faithfully accepted the will of God, joining herself to the sacrifice her Son was making, resulting in two innocent people suffering for the sins of others, especially those who could care less.

One may ask, instead of traveling to Holy Name Church, why not just attend Saturday morning Mass at my local

obvious reason that they confuse the faithful and give scandal trivializing this crucial issue of the sanctity of innocent human life.

parish, and pray the Rosary there? Why stand in front of Planned Parenthood's abortion mill, sometimes in unpleasant weather, to publicly recite a Rosary, while competing with all the noises of a busy street? A quiet place would be more conducive to meditating on the mysteries of the holy Rosary.

As Msgr. Reilly explained, it is Mary whose witness calls us to be there at modern day Calvary, not only to pray and to work to save unborn children, their mothers and fathers, or the abortionists, but also to pray for the salvation of their souls and our own souls.

It was Mary's faithfulness that brought her to Calvary. She had no illusions that her presence would somehow change the outcome and her Son would be spared crucifixion. Surely, St. John knew the same. It was the 10 other apostles who would bitterly regret that they were not there, to be faithful to Jesus.

It is important that we make the small sacrifice of also praying at the place where the blood of the innocent child is shed.

The Celebration

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of this pro-life prayer vigil, Fr. Kelleher will join us on **Saturday, September 16** to celebrate the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Name Church, which is located on Auburn Avenue, about four blocks north of Christ Hospital. Many of the priests, whose dedication enabled this prayer vigil to continue, will concelebrate with Fr. Kelleher.

Ten years ago the prayer vigil was held only on the second Saturday of each month. Because of the generosity of other priests and the dedication of so many faithful pro-lifers, Mass, the Rosary, and Benediction were also offered on the fourth Saturday of each month. In 2006, the third Saturday was added.

For 2000 years, Christians have found the life of Mary as a true witness of being faithful to the will of God. From her acceptance of the will of God, we now draw the inspiration to do the same. It is only in our attempt to follow Mary's example in her total abandonment to Divine Providence that pro-lifers can be inspired to continue their efforts, especially in light of the fact that after 33 years, abortion on demand still remains the law.

It is so easy to become discouraged, thinking, "What is the use?" or "What contribution can I make that will really change anything?" It is at these moments that a pro-lifer must turn to Mary to obtain the insight and grace to be faithful.

Come and pray at Calvary on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of each month.

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(NKRTL Christmas card story)

(NKRTL volunteer flyer)

("The Disqualifying Issue" article)

## DUES RENEWAL

### *Faithfulness*

A news reporter once remarked to **Mother Teresa** that all her efforts were not successful in eliminating poverty in Calcutta. To this she replied, "Jesus did not call us to be successful, but to be faithful."

For over 34 years Northern Kentucky Right to Life, as well as numerous other Pro-Life organizations, have labored to stop the American Holocaust: ABORTION.

Have Pro-Lifers eliminated abortion? No.

Have Pro-Lifers been successful? In many ways, yes. Because of the ongoing efforts (education, changes in the law, continual prayers, sidewalk counseling, pregnancy centers, public demonstrations, countless Pro-Life literature and films), a number of children's lives have been saved from the hideous crime of abortion, and many young mothers will not have to live with the painful memory of having once destroyed a child who was living within them.

**In fact, the Helpers of God's Precious Infants semi-monthly liturgy/prayer witness at the abortuary in Cincinnati, initiated 10 years ago by NKRTL, has now been successful in shutting down that clinic on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month when we appear in prayer witness, and we've now included the third Saturday.**

But have we been totally successful? No.

But God will ask if we have been faithful, totally faithful! This is a question which each of us will have to answer when we stand before Him.

### *What We Do*

To meet our obligation to be faithful, NKRTL volunteers continue their efforts through the following activities:

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| → publication of a newsletter                                                  | → January "March for Life" newspaper ad                                                                |
| → maintaining an office and telephone to offer assistance and answer inquiries | → annual Celebration for Life, with national speaker                                                   |
| → distribution of Pro-Life literature                                          | → scheduling monthly liturgies                                                                         |
| → sponsoring speakers and films                                                | → sale of Pro-Life Christmas cards                                                                     |
| → supplying voter information                                                  | → publication of Pro-Life newspaper ads                                                                |
| → sponsoring rallies and picketing                                             | → assisting other Pro-Life organizations, especially those involved in direct service to unwed mothers |

### *Join Us*

"I can't do everything," is a common excuse we tell ourselves when we wish not to do anything. Granted, no one can do everything, but there is so much for each of us to do.

First, meet your Christian obligation to educate yourself and to continue to receive and read NKRTL's Newsletter. **Your renewal of membership will guarantee that you will not only continue receiving the Newsletter, but that there will be sufficient funds to continue publishing it. You won't miss the \$20.00 annual dues that bring you our Newsletter and fund all of our activities — but we need you, and you need us.**

We not only need your financial support, but also your active participation. Come join us at one of our monthly liturgies, sponsor one of our speakers at your event, help us distribute Pro-Life literature and our Newsletter, attend our Celebration for Life, rally with us at the Capitol or in Washington, D.C., put a bumper sticker on your car, vote Pro-Life, write your elective officials, etc., etc.

**Your generous donations will assist our volunteers in their efforts to reach out and touch the hearts and minds of those in need of the Truth.**

**Please be faithful in renewing your membership — and extending it to others!**

**Got time?**  
**Volunteer**  
**We need you!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Office**

(Schedule a day or two each month at the NKRTL office)  
 (Hours — 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)  
 (Duties — Main duty is to be there, answer the phone, small light projects — stuff envelopes...)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Newsletter**

(Schedule about 4 hours every 2 months putting the NKRTL newsletter together at the office, during office hours)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Liaison**

(Help bring the Pro-Life message into your Church, School, or Club)  
 (Collect names for the annual January newspaper ad)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Church \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Thank you for giving of yourself to help those who cannot help themselves.*  
**God bless!**

## “THE DISQUALIFYING ISSUE”

“Suppose we learn that our favorite legislator is an embezzler. On other matters he continues to advocate good social programs. Perhaps he is compulsive with regard to embezzlement and no sin is involved. Nevertheless, would he not lose our support immediately? Would anyone even think of arguing that ‘embezzlement is only one issue’?”

“In the objective order, which is more serious — acting in such a way as to steal thousands of dollars (embezzlement) or acting in such a way as to take millions of lives (abortion)?”

“Suppose that our favorite legislator suddenly announces his support of legalized child abuse. He claims that ‘it will go on anyway, and we might as well do it in hospitals — under conditions that are safe for the parents.’ Would he not lose our vote?”

“Imagine that — in a throwback to the 19<sup>th</sup> Century — our legislator decides that slavery should not be prohibited. ‘Whether whites or blacks are equal is a decision that everyone must make for himself. We should not impose our personal morality on those who see nothing wrong with slavery.’ Would support of slavery not be a disqualifying issue?”

“It might be argued that the above examples are extreme. But are they? In the objective order, abortion is as great an evil as the examples mentioned above.

“It should be observed that pro-life people are not saying — as critics of Right to Life sometimes erroneously claim — that abortion is the ‘only’ issue that should be taken into account. What we are saying is that support of abortion should disqualify a legislator from receiving our vote — no matter what stands he takes on other questions.

“Thus, we usually will not vote for a man ‘only’ because he is honest. We will probably check for other qualities. But, if he is an embezzler, that in itself disqualifies him. In the same way, we usually will not vote for legislators ‘only’ because they oppose child abuse and slavery. But, if the opposite is true — and they support child abuse and slavery — that in itself would be a disqualifying issue.

*“IF ONLY the concept of the ‘disqualifying issue’ were understood and applied by all those who oppose abortion! If that happened, we would have a Human Life Amendment tomorrow.”*

ELLEN C. McCORMACK