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35th TRAGIC ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAR ON THE UNBORN

The bad news is that the slaughter continues. The good news is that uncounted thousands of faithful prayer warriors joined in peaceful marches of prayer and protest across the entire United States, in further and repeated evidence that the unjust decision of *Roe v. Wade* cannot stand.

If one reads only the secular press, the usual distortion appears with a picture in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* of pro-aborts standing in front of the Supreme Court carrying signs, "Save Roe." The picture was a closeup, so as carefully not to show the paltry numbers of their sad group, while the misleading cut lines under the photo described: "Activists on both sides of this divisive issue will mark the 35th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal." The reality is that Pro-Lifers who turn out on January 22 outnumber - exponentially - those who support this legal carnage of human life.

Photo of Washington, D.C. march

Abortion - The Issue That Just Won't Go Away

In Washington, D.C. alone, by all accounts, this was the largest of all of the annual memorials, some reporting in excess of 200,000 Pro-Life marchers.

And these demonstrations were replicated all across the United States.

In San Francisco, 25,000 Pro-Lifers flowed onto waterfront streets and walked two-and-a-half miles to Marina Green (compared with 250 pro-abortion hecklers who flanked the crowd). **Alveda King**, niece of the assassinated civil rights leader **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, told the crowd how she has "repented and asked forgiveness" of God for her own two abortions, and said that if her uncle were alive today he would be fighting against abortion.

Another speaker used the dramatic and graphic description that the surgical abortion deaths in the United States since *Roe v. Wade* equals the deaths that would have occurred from 333,000 jetliners crashing - a dramatic communication which the usually extravagant pro-abortion secular media ignored, as usual.

The secular media continued dutifully to execute its unofficial role as public relations agent for the culture of death, in issuing public reports, simultaneous to this anniversary, that "U.S. abortions drop to lowest level since 1974" (1/18/08 *Cincinnati Enquirer*). It attributed this drop to "more effective use of contraceptives...and great difficulty obtaining abortions in some parts of the country." **There are several interesting facts about this report, the first of which is that it came from the Guttmacher Institute, which is an official agency of Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of baby-killing services in the United States, and the second of which is that it doesn't describe that these so-called "contraceptives" are pills that provide chemical abortion, in far greater numbers than the 4,000 per day of surgical killings, thus reducing surgical abortions but actually increasing the total baby body count.**

A prayer procession from City Hall to Fountain Square in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Saturday, January 19, 2008, was typical of hundreds of similar, somber witness for life events across the entire nation that weekend.

"It Just Won't Go Away"

NKRTL Vice President, Fred H. Summe, J.D., in his regular "In Defense of Life" column in the January 2008 issue of *My People* newspaper in Cincinnati, Ohio, asked us to reflect as to what were the "hot" political issues 35 years ago and now think about how many of those issues are still important. He pointed out that since 1973, in every presidential election, the issue of legalized abortion has played a major factor in determining how a substantial number of voters would cast their ballot.

He asked the very relevant question, "Why?", and pointed out that while there are many important issues, "some define what type of nation we will be," and these include "the Judeo-Christian principle of the sanctity of all innocent human life."

The U.S. Supreme Court in 1857 thought that it had "resolved" the slavery issue in the infamous *Dred Scott* decision. It was wrong. Those who thought that abortion was "resolved" in 1973 by *Roe v. Wade* are likewise wrong.

If the United States of America is to continue, *Roe v. Wade* cannot!

GIFT OF LIFE: NKRTL'S CABLE ACCESS SHOW -

Several years ago, NKRTL's inventive and energetic board member, **Stan Barczak**, taught himself cinematography, and introduced himself to **Insight Cable Board** and obtained the privilege of producing and showing Pro-Life programs on the local cable system.

Accordingly, local Pro-Lifers are regularly treated to viewing NKRTL's guest speakers, on Channel 17 (Religious Access), every Wednesday at 10 p.m. and Friday at 10:30 p.m., through the months of March and April.

The current program features **Greg Patterson**, a certified hospice administrator with over 20 years of experience in healthcare, and founder and CEO of **Covenant Hospice**, a Medicare-certified program whose team works together to develop a plan of care, assuring that proper nursing care is provided, that pain and symptoms are managed, that personal needs such as bathing, feeding, and housekeeping are arranged, and that treating physicians are kept informed — always in accord with unchanging natural law and moral principles.

Not All "Hospices" Are the Same

Mr. Patterson points out that there are approximately 4,000 separate organizations in the hospice business today. Many of them are affiliated with hospitals, including religious institutions, which are advocating and distributing documents authorizing the withdrawal of food and water from non-dying patients — directly contrary to the specific

mandate of **Pope John Paul II**, that food and water are ordinary care, and are required to be furnished to every patient, including comatose patients, and that the deprivation of those essential means of life constitutes euthanasia.

"Even if death is thought imminent, the ordinary care owed a sick person cannot be legitimately interrupted," explains Mr. Patterson. "The scary thing about the Terri Schiavo situation is that her case was a public awakening to something that has been going on for some time."

Programs that will be available for public viewing include Mr. Patterson's address at the NKRTL 34th Annual Celebration of Life at the Drawbridge, as well as his separate interview the day before. Those who heard his talk on the 23rd will be pleased to have the opportunity of hearing him again, as well as hearing his remarks made in a separately recorded interview, and will be certain to encourage their friends who were not able to hear Mr. Patterson personally.

We all go. It is important how we go — and more important where we go!

MORE PRAYER WARRIORS BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

“When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that terrible moment, the Final Judgment, I've often thought what a moment of terrible loneliness it will be — you will have no advocates there, you will stand alone before God and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. You will be gripped by remorse, not about the things you have done in your life, but the things you have failed to do, the sins of omission. But I also believe that those who have worked in the pro-life movement will not be alone. They will hear a chorus of voices that were never heard in this world, but are heard beautifully in the next world — and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare them, because they loved us very much,' and God will look at us and ask not 'Did you succeed?,' but 'Did you TRY?'" **Congressman Henry R. Hyde.**

We can be certain that Congressman Hyde has experienced the truth now of that beautiful prediction, following his recent death last month. Congressman Hyde (R), who served his Illinois district for 32 years, and is widely recognized as the greatest Pro-Life public official in the history of the movement, just went to his eternal reward. Shortly after his first election to Congress in 1976, he discovered the abomination that babies of the poor were being killed by the use of taxpayers' money through the Medicaid program. That obnoxious practice has now been curtailed for 32 years by the Hyde Amendment to the Social Security legislation.

A brief example of this man who, as a brilliant speaker combined persuasive rhetoric with unvarnished truth, are the following remarks that he made on the Floor of the House during a Pro-Life debate in 2000:

“We are knee deep in a culture of death. Look at this advanced democracy in this year of 2000. Is it our crowning achievement that we have learned to treat people as things? Our moment in history is marked by a mortal conflict between a culture of life and a culture of death. God put us in the world to do noble things, to love, to cherish our fellow human beings, not to destroy them. Today we must choose sides.”

Shortly before Hyde’s death, he was presented by **President George W. Bush** with the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and was described Bush as “a powerful defender of life.”



A longtime faithful Northern Kentucky Pro-Lifer, **Cecilia “Shirley” Schultz**, also died recently. She was an early supporter of Northern Kentucky Right to Life, and went out with her priorities intact, requesting memorials to NKRTL in her published obituary.

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of these two Pro-Life advocates, as they continue their advocacy before the throne of God.

NKRTL card

Have you considered a gift of life to NKRTL, in your Last Will and Testament, promoting “the most important work on earth”?

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

Marijuana has now become the number one cash crop in the United States, according to a story published in the 12/18/06 *Kentucky Post*.

The AIDS epidemic has continued to grow in all regions of the world during the year 2006, according to

the annual report issued in November by the United Nations and World Health Organization. AIDS has killed more than 25 million people since the first case was reported in 1981, making it one of the most destructive illnesses in history.



In June 2007, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down, in the case of Wisconsin Right to Life vs. Federal Election Commission, the portion of the McCain/Feingold bill which forbade the use of corporate (including right to life) funds for “electioneering communications” using a candidate’s name during a 30-day period before a primary and a 60-day period before a general election.

The ad in question by **Wisconsin RTL** did not even mention any candidate’s name. The court’s holding prohibits the application of the “blackout period” to groups such as WRTL and constitutes a clear victory for political speech, which is protected under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Ironically, some of the critics of the decision included the secular press such as the *New York Times* and the *Washington Post!*



The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit has just held that parents’ rights end at the school door: “There is no fundamental right of parents to be the exclusive provider of information regarding sexual matters to their children, either independent of their right to direct the upbringing and education of their children or encompassed by it. We also hold that parents have no due process or privacy right to override the determinations of public schools as to the information to which their children will be exposed while enrolled as students.” The U.S. Supreme Court declined to grant review of the opinion.

Noted Pro-Life law professor **Charles Rice** observed: “The 9th Circuit decision reflects the reality that public schools are themselves religious schools, forcing a religion of agnostic secularism on their students. Catholic parents should keep their children out of public schools, choosing instead home schooling, or authentic Catholic schools if they can find them.”



Out-of-wedlock births in the U.S. have climbed to an all-time high, accounting for nearly 4 in 10 babies born last year, according to a recent report from the **National Center for Health Statistics.**



Newly enacted legislation in Missouri says: “No school district or charter school, or its personnel or agents, shall provide abortion services, or permit a person or entity to offer, sponsor, or furnish in any manner any course materials or instruction relating to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases to its students if such person or entity is a provider of abortion services.” **American Life League (ALL) News**, August 2007.

How about **sex ed and condom pushers** pandering to children in Kentucky schools?

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“Babies who are murdered to order,” was the title of an investigative reporter’s piece in the *London Daily Mail’s* 12/18/06 issue, exposing the gruesome side of the **embryonic stem-cell business**: “The plastic bag looks as if it contains meat...But then a right leg is taken from it and placed surgically on the morgue table, followed by the left one. Then the torso. The head follows, a gaping cavity where the brain used to be...tiny fingers of a baby aged about 30 weeks.”

The film was shown to the reporter by a charity worker who represents up to 300 families who believe their healthy babies were deliberately targeted at a maternity hospital in the Ukraine, taken at birth to have their organs and stem cells harvested as part of a sickening but highly lucrative international trade.

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“Fr. John Hardon once commented that a right-to-life movement that does not **oppose contraception and abortifacients** will never win the battle for the protection of the unborn. I heartily agree.” **The Death Peddlers, by Fr. Paul Marx**

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**Yolanda Denise King**, eldest daughter of civil rights leader **Rev. Martin Luther King**, just died recently. The secular press noted that she was an actress, author, and advocate for peace and nonviolence, but notably neglected to report that she was an **outspoken opponent of abortion**.

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Our newly elected pro-abortion **Governor, Steven Beshear (D)**, ran on a strong promise to promote casino gambling in the State of Kentucky, which he claimed would bring about \$500 million in new revenue that could be spent on education and healthcare. The **Kentucky Legislative Research Commission** just published an economic study in January showing that in fact such a venture would produce only \$314 million.

It was just discovered in February that one of Beshear’s prime supporters in the election, **William Yung**, who heads Columbia Sussex, contributed \$1 million to the Bluegrass Freedom Fund, which spent it on **ads during the campaign to promote legalized gambling in Kentucky and help elect Beshear**.

Yung’s company owns hotels and casinos throughout the country, including the Tropicana in Las Vegas, which he has plans to expand to “the biggest building in the world...bigger than the Pentagon,” according to Yung. It also owns a casino in New Jersey, where it was just fined \$750,000 for going nearly six months without an independent audit committee as required by law.

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The **Chief Rabbinate of Israel**, together with **Sephardi Chief Rabbi Schlomo Amar** and **Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yona Metzger**, have joined in a statement that “abortion is a grave sin.”

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“Could you imagine anyone saying that they were personally against drive-by shootings, but if someone else wanted to do it they should have that right?” **Archbishop Joseph Naumann of Kansas City, Kansas**.

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British authorities in January approved scientists’ use of animal eggs to create human stem cells, a ruling that will boost the supply of human stem cells for research. The article reported that similar **work involving human-animal stem cells** is also underway in China and in the United States.

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A recent Letter to the Editor (1/29/08 *Enquirer*) expressed the reader’s **confusion about the state of the law regarding the absence of legal protection of unborn life**: “What *Roe v. Wade* did was set up a situation in which it is legal to kill a baby any time until birth. However, it is still illegal to kill a baby any time after birth. Is this logical? Should this be morally acceptable in our country?”

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At a recent meeting of dissident Baptists who have separated from the Southern Baptist Convention because of its longstanding Pro-Life stance, former pro-abortion **President Jimmy Carter (D)** spoke in favor of “lowest common denominator morality”: “We can disagree on the death penalty, we can disagree on homosexuality, we can disagree on the status of women [read killing of unborn babies], and still bind our hearts together in a common, united, generous, friendly, loving commitment.”

Is he seriously advocating that fundamental beliefs don’t matter, and that people can be **unified in disunity**? Such oxymorons bring to mind the satirical quip by **Mark Twain** that “truth is such a valuable commodity, that it needs to be used sparingly.”

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A huge state-owned Chinese pharmaceutical company that exports to dozens of countries, and is the sole supplier to the United States of the abortion pill Mifepristone, known as RU-486, is at the center of a nationwide drug scandal after nearly 200 Chinese cancer patients were paralyzed last summer by contaminated leukemia drugs.

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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has an operating policy concerning investments for Catholic agencies, entitled “Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines: Principles for USCCB Investments,” which states: “The USCCB will not invest in a company that

derives a **significant portion** of its revenues” from pornography. The original language offered by a committee commissioned to study the problem of porn called for divestment only if the company “has a majority investment or participation” in pornographic material. Apparently, the then-practice of the Christian Brothers Investment Services (CBIS) had a specific policy alluding to a 50 percent or more interest in porn-related material.

It is to be noted that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes pornography as “doing grave injury to the dignity of its participants,” and doesn’t talk about “primary” or “significant.”

Another indication that an inquiry is needed as to who’s minding the shop.

Moral investors will be pleased to know that there are investment funds, which have a very good financial performance record, which prohibit the funds’ investment in any companies that support in any way abortion, euthanasia, same-sex marriage, pornography, embryonic stem-cell research, etc. — **Ave Maria Mutual Funds**, P.O. Box 46707, Cincinnati, Ohio 45246-0707.

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The Federal Drug Administration has announced that the so-called “birth control” patch, **Ortho Evra**, made by **Johnson and Johnson**, has been found twice as likely to cause blood clots in women ages 15 to 44 as opposed to women who used the standard pill, and that these blood clots could lead to lung embolism.

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**British Prime Minister Gordon Brown** has endorsed a policy allowing hospitals to **take organs from dead patients without their consent**. Pro-Life observers have noted that the temptation would be, in this time of increased influence of utilitarian bioethics, to view sick patients, and even healthy patients with significant cognitive impairments, in such a way as to benefit potential organ recipients, rather than the patient, and indeed perhaps not treat them at all.

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An October 2007 report from Louisville, Kentucky, indicates that in elementary and secondary classes across the state there have been a hundred instances of **teacher sexual misconduct** over a recent five-year period, amounting to about two violations for each month of the school calendar. According to an **Associated Press** investigation, sexual misconduct allegations led various states to take actions against the licenses of 2,570 educators from 2001 to 2005, and that the actual numbers of cases could be higher.

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According to a Yahoo internet story, more than one million cases of chlamydia were reported in the U.S. last year, **the most ever reported for a sexually transmitted infection**. Gonorrhea rates also increased, and syphilis also.

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The mainstream media have again almost totally ignored a new story published in the Journal of **American Physicians and Surgeons** which found that abortion is “the best predictor of breast cancer” in eight European nations.

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The scientist who helped ignite cultural and political controversy with the use of human embryos in stem-cell research, **James A. Thomson**, recently told the *New York Times* that his new discovery - using ordinary adult skin cells - means that the war is virtually over: “A decade from now, this will just be a funny historical footnote.”

Since it has been known for a long time that there have been no successful therapies with the use of embryonic stem cells, and tremendous successes with other ethical stem-cell therapies, involving bone marrow and blood cells from consenting adults, and now skin stem cells, the nagging question remains as to why there was all this hype by the media and certain scientists to promote federal funding of embryonic stem-cell research. One Pro-Life observer indicates that:

Science was simply a stalking-horse for something else. In fact, for two something-elses: a chance to discredit America’s religious believers, and an opportunity to put yet another protective hedge around legalized abortion. After all, if our very health depends on the death of embryos, and we live in a culture that routinely destroys early human life in the laboratory, no grounds could exist for objecting to abortion.”

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Roman Catholic Bishop Robert C. Morlino of Madison, Wisconsin, has just parted company with the **Wisconsin Catholic Conference**, and now opposes “emergency contraception” in Catholic hospitals.

ELECTION/SELECTION TIME

Three truisms are worthy of reflection in political elections: (1) Plato’s statement that Democracy is man’s self-deception that he is capable of self-government; (2) Plato’s assertion that Democracy is a terrible form of government - but is better than all of the rest; and (3) what we were taught in high school Civics that people generally get the quality of government that they want or deserve.

All three statements are true, but we must participate since election selections frequently have a profound effect upon the moral fiber of a nation.

Hierarchy of Values

The most overlooked principle - especially by pro-abortion candidates, is the reality that moral values have hierarchical value. In other words, robbing a bank has more harmful consequences to society than spitting on the sidewalk. Obviously, there are many important public issues, but some clearly have priority over others. And it is beyond logical dispute that a legal system which authorizes

the destruction by surgical abortion of 4,000 innocent unborn babies a day in the United States alone, and which has led to the predicted additional deterioration of respect for human life involved in euthanasia, human experimentation, artificial creation of babies in the womb for the purpose of aborting and harvesting their body parts, and all other similar assaults upon innocent human life, constitutes the most profound moral/political issue at least since slavery.

In fact, as was properly pointed out by Pro-Life presidential candidate **Ellen McCormack** 30 years ago, a candidate who supports, or is willing to acquiesce in, such unjustified slaughter of innocent human beings, has "disqualified" himself from support by anyone who seriously claims to be Pro-Life. If, for example, a candidate stated that he was in favor of legalized terrorism, would you bother to inquire as to what his position was on other issues such as healthcare, etc.?

Political Obfuscation

Clearly identifying a given candidate's position on issues is frequently obscured by politicians' proclivity to be evasive, nonspecific, and "nuance" their statements, and indeed their efforts to redefine their past records.

The problem is unfortunately enhanced by "wolves in sheep's clothing," i.e., people who proclaim themselves as Pro-Life, and indeed have some record in the field, and then make endorsements of public candidates which frequently are not compatible with the candidate's record and statements, and in fact which frequently constitute frank misrepresentations.

Democratic Candidates

All of the Democratic candidates have been proudly asserting their respective credentials as more pro-abortion than their opponents - **U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton (D) of New York**, **U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D) of Illinois**, **former U.S. Senator John Edwards (D) of North Carolina**, **U.S. Congressman Dennis Kucinich (D) of Ohio**, **former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson (D)**, and **former Alaskan U.S. Senator Mike Gravel (D)**. The last four candidates have withdrawn from the race. Although each of them has 100 percent pro-abortion voting records, each has attempted to assert that he or she is more pro-abortion than the others.

Republican Candidates

Former U.S. Senator Fred Thompson (R) from Tennessee, was endorsed by the **National Right to Life Committee**, which touts itself as the largest national Pro-Life organization in the United States. It justified its endorsement of Thompson "based on three factors: his commitments on life issues, his record on life issues, and his ability to win." We must remind the readers that National Right to Life Committee has officially and persistently refused to oppose chemical abortion, actively opposed the state legislation in South Dakota a couple of years ago which called for a total ban on abortion, and received \$650,000 from the **Republican National Committee** during

the presidential campaign of the compromiser **Bob Dole (R)**, whom they then dutifully endorsed.

After a very dismal showing in the first few Republican primaries, Senator Thompson withdrew - so much for "electability." More importantly, NRLC failed to disclose that Thompson has approved all abortions through the first trimester (according to his response to the **Project Vote Smart** questionnaire prior to his 1994 senate election victory), that he opposed a constitutional amendment defending human life, that he opposed a constitutional amendment against "gay marriages," that he opposed the congressional attempt to save the life of **Terri Schiavo**, the non-dying patient who suffered the painful euthanasia death of starvation and dehydration, that Sen. Thompson voted for the **McCain-Feingold Bill** which would prohibit right-to-life groups from publishing pro-abortion records of political candidates, and that Sen. Thompson, in his capacity as attorney, represented the pro-abortion organization, **National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association**.

Pro-abortion **former New York Mayor Rudi Giuliani (R)**, who is also in favor of same-sex marriage, and on his own third personal matrimonial effort, was endorsed by televangelist **Rev. Pat Robertson**. Giuliani likewise has withdrawn from the race after miserable initial primary showings.

Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney (R) was endorsed by **Jim Bopp**, a longtime Pro-Life advocate and general counsel for National Right to Life Committee. Gov. Romney claims to be Pro-Life, but has difficulty reconciling his defense of legalized abortion in a taped debate with **Sen. Ted Kennedy**, whom he opposed for the U.S. Senate in 1994. He also ran for governor of Massachusetts on a pro-abortion/pro-homosexuality platform. He currently claims to have reversed his position and now asserts opposition to permissive abortion, but persists in his support of the destruction of human embryos from fertility clinics, which he referred to gratuitously as "surplus embryos from in vitro fertilization." Romney also opposed the congressional efforts to intervene in the Terri Schiavo homicide by starvation and dehydration. In addition, he was reported in a **Catholic Net** interview as of January 14, 2006, as supporting capital punishment for the innocent unborn, i.e., abortion in the cases of rape and incest.

Romney is the most recent of the Republican candidates to withdraw from the race.

U.S. Senator John McCain (R) of Arizona has been praised by **Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life**, for "a clear and convincing pro-life record." Fr. Pavone fails to deal with _____ which includes his votes in favor of using taxpayer funds to finance embryonic stem-cell research (necessitating the destruction of life pre-born human beings), his opposition to the U.S. Congress' intervention to save Terri Schiavo's life, his

opposition to the Republican Party platform plank which calls for a Human Life Amendment, which Sen. McCain found unacceptable because it did not allow destruction of unborn children conceived in rape and incest, and the fact that he was one of the two prime sponsors of the McCain-Feingold Bill which prohibited right-to-life groups from publishing the pro-abortion record of pro-abortion politicians. This legislation was subsequently held unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, as a blatant violation of free speech rights of private groups. Sen. McCain also voted in 1993 to confirm to the U.S. Supreme Court the admitted pro-abortion liberal, **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, who had been an attorney for the stridently pro-abortion American Civil Liberties Union. In addition, he formed the "gang of 14," seven senators from each party, to block the GOP senate from invoking the "nuclear option," i.e., empowering the GOP to break a filibuster of judicial nominees by majority vote - unless the seven Democrats agreed.

There are three candidates remaining in the Republican primaries who have 100 percent bona fide Pro-Life credentials and records: **Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee (R)**, **U.S. Congressman Ron Paul (R) of Texas**, and **former U.N. Ambassador Alan Keyes (R)**.

Huckabee has been endorsed by pro-family, anti-pornography crusader **Don Wildman**.

This bright light of separation between Huckabee and Paul and Keyes on the one hand, and on the other hand all of the remainder of the compromising presidential candidates who are disqualified from consideration of the vote of all serious Pro-Lifers, must be recognized and exposed with clarity to overcome these venal obfuscations by many candidates and their supporters.

Serious Pro-Lifers must screen out the misrepresentations made by the secular media, which of course wants to deceive and mute the Pro-Life vote, and also from the "Republican first" media such as Fox, *National Review*, *Weekly Standard*, etc.

Pragmatism? "Lesser of Two Evils?"

It is now being argued that if McCain turns out to be the Republican nominee, and he currently has a substantial lead, that he would be better than Clinton or Obama. This is an argument very familiar to serious Pro-Lifers, who recall that "electability" gave us **Eisenhower, Nixon, Ford, Reagan, and George Herbert Walker Bush** (the father), who collectively gave us the majority of pro-abortion votes on the U.S. Supreme Court - Stewart, Brennan, Powell, Blackmun, Berger, Stevens, Kennedy, and O'Connor (the Reagan appointee whom he appointed despite her clear pro-abortion voting record in the Arizona state legislature, and who then cast the crucial fifth vote sustaining *Roe v. Wade* in the case of *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*).

Over the past many election cycles, Pro-Lifers were warned not to support third-party candidacies of **Pat Buchanan** and _____ **Phillips**, strong Pro-Lifers, because we would split the vote and elect a Democrat who

was "worse for us than the Republican." The problem with this argument is that it is a left-handed ratchet, working only in one direction - downward, so that now we face the ultimate "bogeyman" (woman), Clinton or Obama. We need to recall the instructive story told by Ellen McCormack, who as a housewife in New York in 1970 went with her friends to Albany to lobby against a pro-abort bill and were advised by their legislator of his support. When he later voted pro-abortion, they threatened to institute opposition to him in the primary election, but he told them that such action would divide the electorate and elect someone worse than he. Her pointed irrefutable response was: "How can anyone be worse? You're not doing anything for us!"

It must be remembered that the Republican Party was born out of the embers of the Whig Party, which disintegrated in the 1860s because it failed to oppose slavery. Many believe that the Republican Party is on its way to the dust bins of history to join the Whigs, and that things may have to get worse before they indeed get better.

The record is unmistakably clear - pragmatism doesn't work! Electability has failed to product results.

The pro-aborts understand this "no excuse" philosophy! And so must we! Truth is sometimes not as attractive as we might like, but untruth is always ugly and always breaks its promises.

Mrs. Judie Brown, President of American Life League, made a very persuasive observation:

"When some pro-lifers argue that it is acceptable to 'vote for the lesser of two evils,' our movement is in deep trouble. There is no such thing as the lesser of two evils. In other words, evil is still evil. I for one could not, in good conscience, vote for anyone who favors denying the most fundamental right any human being has - the right to life - and I would vote for someone who understands that. ...Regarding the 'no-chance' person, I wonder if you realize that, for the past 35 years, the babies have had literally no chance of being protected as persons under the law. Too many pro-lifers keep talking about regulating the way the killing is done rather than ending it. Each pre-born child is a person deserving of equal protection under the law, and, to this very day, their status is precisely the same as it was when the Supreme Court handed down *Roe v. Wade*. The pro-life movement's status quo is appalling."

Noted **Evangelical spokesman Dr. James Dobson** recently issued an instructive statement:

"I am deeply disappointed the Republican Party seems poised to select a nominee who did not support a constitutional amendment to protect the institution of marriage, voted for embryonic stem-cell research to kill nascent human beings, opposed tax cuts that ended the marriage penalty, has little regard for freedom of speech, and organized the Gang of 14 to preserve filibusters in judicial hearings....I cannot, and will not, vote for Senator John McCain, as a matter of conscience....I certainly can't vote for Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama based on their virulently anti-family policy positions. If these are the

nominees in November, I simply will not cast a ballot for president for the first time in my life.”

“Every human person - no matter how vulnerable or helpless, no matter how young or old, no matter how healthy, handicapped or sick, no matter how useful or productive for society - is a being of inestimable worth created in the image and likeness of God. This is the dignity of America, the reason she exists, the condition for her survival - yes, the ultimate test of her greatness: to respect every human person, especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, those as yet unborn. May God bless you all. God bless America!” **Address to the people of the United States by Pope John Paul II.**

There are, of course, alternate courses of action - voting for a Pro-Life third-party candidate, or writing in a Pro-Life candidate's name. When people tell you that that is “a wasted vote,” perhaps you need to remind them of the wasted votes documented above which resulted in pro-abortion U.S. Supreme Court justices.

“CAN YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?” (Mt. 26:40)

At a recent liturgy of the Helpers movement in Cincinnati, the young priest homilist described himself in the words of a famous theologian as “a hopeful pessimist.” He explained that **the evils of the current times and the internal division within the Church itself are greater than ever before in history — but that God never abandons His people**, as He has indeed not abandoned the Jewish people, and so we must indeed have hope that integrity and unity will indeed be restored. He pointed out that this conclusion is simply based upon objective reality. The message of course was similar to that of the famous Christian writer **G. K. Chesterton**, who described a Christian as “a short-term pessimist, but long-term optimist.”

Helpers card

The same message was articulated a dozen years ago by the famous Catholic theologian and author, **Fr. John Hardin, S.J.**: “Unless we recover the zeal and the spirit of the first century Christians — unless we are willing to do what they did and to pay the price that they paid, the future of our country, the days of America, are numbered.”

Will you be a part of this renaissance of Faith? Come join us four Saturdays a month for a two-hour liturgy of reparation, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., at the Holy Name Church on Auburn Avenue, including a peaceful prayer procession to the abortuary two blocks away. This battle of course is not against flesh and blood, but against Principalities and Powers, and can be won only with a massive outpouring of prayer.

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