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"Abortion May Be Legal, But It Is Still Morally Wrong!"

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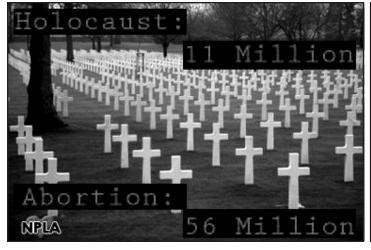
January 22, 1973-January 22, 2014 41 Years of Abortion

In Memory of the Babies Who Have Been Killed by Abortion Since the 1973 Supreme Court Decision Legalizing Abortion

It has been forty-one years of Roe Vs. Wade. Nearly 58 million legal abortions later! Bus loads of student s and adults journey to and from Washington DC. Many visit our Representatives and Senators, protest in front of the Supreme Court and Planned Parenthood. Nearly one-half million will gather in memory of the those lost to abortion and pray for our leaders so they may have a change of heart and support life and not killing of the unborn.

We join our nation in mourning the deaths of over 58 million innocent lives lost to abortion. We acknowledge the pain and anguish suffered by the many mothers and fathers who now regret that fateful decision. We pray for their healing. We only wish that mothers coming into abortion chambers could see the "window into the womb" so they could see what they are carrying. If they could see, we believe they would choose life not abortion. Please join with us in this battle to save the lives of the unborn. Support the efforts of the Right to Life Organization in this important mission.

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Baby Sucking Its Thumb in the Womb

The picture to the left shows a baby sucking its thumb while still in the mother's womb. In the first month of pregnancy the baby's heart will start to beat, in week 6 brain waves can be detected, and the child's mouth and lips are present and fingers are forming. Does this Child look like a Baby to you? During the first two months is when most abortions are performed.

During this 2014 Election Year, Please Remember to Vote Pro-Life

As we begin this election year, even though it is not a Presidential Election Year we will be voting for U.S. Congressman, State Representatives and State Senate Candidates as well as many other elected officials on the State and Local level. We ask everyone to remember the unborn when they vote, You are their voice! Our Country is in a moral decay because of abortion and other anti Christian policies running rampant in our country. So many of our clergy was taken in by our President and other liberal leaders in 2008 and because of their inaction and their liberal tendencies our moral fiber is in serious decline. All Churches can and must inform their member not to vote for people running for office who are pro-abortion. Churches don't have to endorse candidates, just inform the voters who is pro-life. Well this is not happening and our country is suffering because of it. Those individuals who say neither party is pro-life just do not know what they are talking about. One Party may not be as pro-life as we would like but we know how the President and his party stand. They are pro-abortion from top to bottom. Let us do our best in this election year to get our message out. The Unborn is depending on us. So Vote Pro-Life!

Quote for the Day! We also could have used louder voices among our clergy—fewer confusing alphabetical voter guides from some religious groups and more insistence on the real life issues at stake!

Planned Parenthood: \$1.2 Billion "Nonprofit," \$542 Million From Govt

Americans often look with disdain on people who continually live off of government assistance. While those from left to right would generally concur that welfare programs can be helpful for those in times of crisis, the majority of people grow weary, and even angry, when people live off of Uncle Sam for years on end.

This reality makes it a mystery of why the tolerance of Planned Parenthood's dependence on Uncle Sam (and Uncle Obama). As we reported, Planned Parenthood's latest annual report for the 2011-2012 reporting year shows that abortions were up by a few thousand. A total of 333,964 babies were killed in Planned Parenthood affiliates last year, and our government has helped line the abortion giant's pocketbooks.

It's no secret that Planned Parenthood receives both state and federal taxpayer funds, but somehow seeing it in full color in a season of American budget crises and the impending anniversary of Roe V. Wade, it seems to have more of an impact. A full 45% percent of Planned Parenthood's funds are attracted to "Government Health Services Grants and Reimbursements." This amounted to \$542 million last year. While a drop in the bucket of our federal budget crisis, it does remind us that the government prioritizes an abortion provider, whether the money is "technically" for abortion or not, in a time of economic crisis.

Add/Remove to RTL Mailing Lists

If you are receiving the *Right to Life* mailings and wish to discontinue receiving them, please call our office at 812-257-0222 and give your name and address, and we will honor your wishes.

On the other hand if you know of someone who would like to receive our mailings, please call the number above and give the name and complete address. We only ask that the individual whose name you turn in is open to receiving the *Right To Life* Mailings. We do want to increase our mailing lists but only to individuals that wish to receive them. Thanks for your help.

Now is the Time to Renew Membership—see back page of Newsletter

Please continue your support of the local Right To Life Organizations. Now is the time to renew you membership or make a donation. Please help to keep the Pro-Life Movement strong and help them in the defense of the unborn. You should have received a Membership Letter asking you to renew your membership or make a donation to support the local Right To Life Organizations. So, please do what you can! Your Support is Greatly Appreciated!



Killing Children by Guns Is Tragic, But What About Abortion?

By Louis Kavanaugh Jr., President of Daviess County Right To Life

We were all horrified and saddened at the taking of innocent lives in the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Isn't it amazing that the liberal media and so many liberal leaders in our country are outraged and wanting more gun control laws, but when it comes to taking the lives of the unborn, they support abortion and do everything they can to promote abortion in this country. All life is precious, the young, the old and the defenseless, but do these people have a double standard. Now they are on this kick for more gun control. Could it be the problem really is that we have lost the value of life in this country? We have taken Prayer, God and the Commandments out of our schools and the work place. We have turned away from God and made our own commandants as we see fit. Let us continue to pray for this country and our leaders that they will see the light and respect all God's People, the born and those to be born that are in the womb. Let us continue to pray that our citizens in this country will turn back to God. Let Us Pray!

Questions/Answers on Abortion:

What are the time limits on when during pregnancy an abortion is allowed under Roe and Doe?

Abortion is legal for any reason at least into the sixth month, and even after that for "health reasons." According to Justice Blackmun, the "factors" relevant to "health" include "physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age."

What limitations does *Roe* allow on why a woman may have an abortion?

There are no limitations.

Is legal abortion really safe for the mother? Pro-lifers talk about the guilt and regret women sometimes feel, but is there any real evidence of the dangers of abortion?

There is a great deal of evidence that abortion poses both physical and psychological risks to the mother. Physical complications include increased risk of future ectopic pregnancy, breast cancer, and premature birth. Psychological dangers include increased risk of self-destructive behaviors such as smoking, drinking, and drug abuse; relationship difficulties; and guilt, regret, and even suicidal ideation.

Do most Americans approve of the reasons given for most abortions?

No! Polls show majority opposition to the reasons for abortion most often cited by women. It would be fair to say that a majority of Americans oppose the reasons cited for at least 93% of the nearly 1.3 million abortions performed annually in the U.S.

If *Roe* were overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, abortion would immediately become illegal in the United States.

False. The overturn of *Roe* would allow, but not require, state and federal legislators to enact protective legislation. As the "Second Look Project" put it so eloquently, "Not until Roe v. Wade is reversed will the people be able to gov-

ern themselves again on the important public policy issue of abortion."

Are sex-selection abortions—abortions performed because of the baby's gender—performed in the U.S?

Although there are no statistics (women don't have to tell anyone why they are obtaining an abortion—there is evidence that this may be a factor even in the U.S., and many geneticists do not object to this.

What percentage of abortions are performed because of rape or incest?

While women do not have to provide a reason for seeking abortions, survey results from the Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI), the research arm of Planned Parenthood, indicate

Thoughts from the Womb

Floating in a warm and peaceful place, I kick and yawn and make a face. I hear her voice; yes, my mom's still there; Will I have her eyes, perhaps her hair? Mommie's voice sounds strange, a little sad, saying she can't raise me without a dad. I hear her told that she has a right; someone named Roe has fought that fight. Another voice soothes and calms her fears; she can have a child in a few more years. But I'm here now, and I want a chance to run and play and someday dance. Mommie's afraid, so she's made her choice. My life will end. Don't I have a voice? As she lies down, Mommie's sobs begin; The nurse and doctor will be right in. I'm frightened now, so I suck my thumb. If I close my eyes, maybe they won't come.

Donna Cox (Author) March 13, 2009

The above poem was written by Donna Cox, a member of the Daviess County RTL. We may have run this before but want to re-run this as we appreciate her support of the Pro-Life Movement.

that rape is the primary reason for less than one half of one percent of women seeking abortions.

Which of our nation's founding documents contains the phrase "right to an abortion"?

If you find it, let us know. But, seriously, there are none.

At what age does Roe require minor girls to have parental notification before an abortion?

Parental notification is not required by *Roe*, but states may pass parental involvement laws if they choose. Currently, there are 28 such laws in effect. Many states have passed such laws, but these are not in effect due to Planned Parenthood and other pro-abortion organizations fighting the court decision because it is costing them money.

Kill the Child Now or Later?

A worried woman went to her gynecologist and said: "Doctor, I have a serious problem and desperately need your help! My baby is not even one year old and I'm pregnant again. I don't want kids so close together."

So the doctor said: "Ok, and what do you want me to do?" She said: "I want you to end my pregnancy, and I'm counting on your help with this."

The doctor thought for a little, and after some silence he said to the lady: "I think I have a better solution for your problem. It's less dangerous for you too."

She smiled, thinking that the doctor was going to accept her request.

Then he continued: "You see, in order for you not to have to take care of two babies at the same time, let's kill the one in your arms. This way, you could rest some before the other one is born. If we're going to kill one of them, it doesn't matter which one it is. There would be no risk for your body if you chose the one in your arms."

The lady was horrified and said: "No, doctor! How terrible! It's a crime to kill a child!" "I agree," the doctor replied. "But you seemed to be ok with it, so I thought maybe that was the best solution." The doctor smiled, realizing that he had made his point.

He convinced the mom that there is no difference in killing a child that's already been born and one that's still in the womb. The crime is the same!

(Sounds somewhat like the wisdom of Solomon; remember the suggestion of cutting the baby in half?) Together let us help save precious lives! AMEN

Girls Scout Cookie Boycott is Gaining Momentum

Girl Scout Cookie sales are in full-swing, but more and more pro-lifers are looking for other ways to fill their sweet tooth and to charitably contribute to the well-being of girls in their community. Girl Scouts of America (GSUSA) claims to take "no position" on the issue of abortion, but the organization seems to be increasing ties at the national level to America's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood.

Earlier this year, both the author of the immoral HHS mandate, Kathleen Sebelius, and late-term abortion champion Wendy Davis were both recommended by GSUSA as

role models and women of "courage, confidence and character." In addition, a growing number of girl scout councils across the country are partnering with Planned Parenthood for sex education conferences and relying on materials provided by the abortion giant. GSUSA even joined forces with Planned Parenthood in heading up a conference at the UN.

Because of this a coalition of national pro-life organizations, including American Life League, the Pro-Life Action League, Live Action and Operation Rescue, have organized a "cookie boycott." Thousands of pro-lifers have already signed the petition and have looked for alternative ways to support the moral development of girls in their communities.

Indianapolis Abortion Doctor Ordered To Close Ohio Abortion Clinic by Dept. Of Health

Dr. Martin Haskell, a doctor who travels to Indianapolis to do abortions, has been ordered by the Ohio Department of Health to close his Sharonville, Ohio, abortion clinic for failing to meet Ohio medical standards requiring a hospital transfer agreement that facilitates emergency medical care for women suffering complications from abortions. News of the Ohio Department of Health's directive comes as the Indiana Senate considers requiring better accountability in verifying that doctors doing abortions in Indiana have local hospital admitting privileges or an agreement with a doctor to provide emergency back-up. According to Indiana Induced Termination of Pregnancy reports compiled by the Indiana State Department of Health, Haskell has done just over 2,000 abortions in Indiana since 2012.

In a statement to media on the ordered closure, an Ohio Department of Health spokeswoman said, "There is a history of problems with this particular ambulatory surgery facility and operator ... The agency no longer has confidence that this ambulatory surgery facility will take necessary steps to operate in accordance with regulations." "We believe this underscores why the Indiana legislature must act now by requiring full transparency in verifying whether doctors doing abortions in Indiana meet hospital admitting privileges requirements," states Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter. "Women's safety when suffering complications from an abortion procedure must be paramount. As it stands today, not one person at the Indiana State Department of Health can verify if any doctors doing abortions in Indiana, including Dr. Haskell, have local hospital admitting privileges, or emergency back-up, as required by law. This is a dangerous oversight that must be corrected immediately."

Indiana Medical Licensing Board Calls for Attorney General Investigation of Abortion Doctor

The Indiana Medical Licensing Board today called on the Indiana Attorney General's office to investigate allegations that Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, operator of three Indiana abortion clinics, failed to report a statutory rape as required by Indiana law, while ruling at the same time that Klopfer's license will remain active during the investigation. Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter issued this statement following the hearing: "While we believe the seriousness of

this allegation should have resulted in a suspension of Dr. Klopfer's license pending the investigation, we applaud the Indiana Medical Licensing Board for refusing to overlook the matter and for referring the issue to the Indiana Attorney General's office for a thorough investigation. We urge Attorney General Greg Zoeller to make this a priority issue and are fully confident that the investigation will be done in a professional and timely manner."

Quote: Edmund Burke was right when he said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." It's important that we help those who are indifferent see that by not taking a stand, they're enabling abortion to continue to kill the pre-born and emotionally devastate their parents.

Pro-lifers Extremely Active at State Level in 2013—By Ingrid Duran, Senior State Legislative Analyst

In 2013 pro-lifers witnessed the second inauguration of an extremely pro-abortion President and as the year unfolded read detailed accounts of the horrendous practices of abortionist Kermit Gosnell who was eventually convicted of three counts of first-degree murder. With this—and so much more—as background and motivation, pro-lifers wasted no time renewing their efforts to protect unborn children through legislation at a state level. Three more states passed NRLC's own model "Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act," keeping the focus on the humanity and pain capability of the unborn child. Arkansas, North Dakota, and Texas enacted the measure, raising to ten the number of

states that recognize that beginning at 20 weeks fetal age (if not earlier), the baby will experience excruciating pain when subjected to typical late abortion procedures.

The Texas debate made national headlines when pro-abortion Texas state Senator (and now gubernatorial candidate) Wendy Davis conducted an 11-hour filibuster which temporarily halted passage. But undeterred, pro-life Governor Rick Perry called a second special session which passed HB2.

Wisconsin passed Sonya's law which enables the pregnant mother to view an ultrasound of her unborn child prior to having an abortion performed. The law also requires abortionists to have admitting privileges to local hospitals. This latter component has been temporarily halted by a law-suit but the ultrasound provision—this "window to the womb"—is in effect. Now mothers will be fully informed on the development of their baby prior to deciding whether or not to abort. North Dakota also passed an admitting privileges law. Seven states addressed the effort (primarily of Planned Parenthood clinics) to dispense the two-drug RU486 chemical abortion cocktail via web-cam in which the abortionist is never in the same room as the pregnant woman.

Now Alabama, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Texas require that the abortionist be in the same room as the mother. In response to the state exchanges that are part of Obamacare, four states (Arkansas, Michigan, North Carolina, & Pennsylvania) have passed laws that protect taxpayers from subsidizing abortion by allowing them to "opt" out of the state exchanges. In addition to these laws which received most of the media attention, pro-life lobbyists were engaged in enacting other types of protective laws in 2013.

Kansas passed an omnibus bill that prevented sex-selection abortions. North Carolina and North Dakota also

enacted a sex-selection ban. Moreover, Kansas passed a bill that banned so-called wrongful life/birth lawsuits. The measure also expanded the ability of parents to sue for the wrongful death of an unborn child, so that such suits can be filed on behalf of a child throughout gestation, not just after viability. Montana enacted two pro-life measures: one recognizing the unborn child as a separate victim from its mother if she is the victim of an attack; and the other law requiring parental consent before a girl under 18 undergoes an abortion.

Oklahoma was also instrumental in passing several pro-life laws. One amended the state's parental involvement law to require notice of at least one parent prior to an abortion. If the minor girl wants to proceed with the abortion, she would need a parent's consent or a judicial bypass. Oklahoma also amended its reporting law to incorporate requirements relating to new pro-life laws which have been passed since the original reporting law was enacted. Even in politically challenging times, hope can be seen in the efforts of pro-lifers nationwide. The 2013 legislative session was indeed busy, and 2014 holds the promise of a renewed effort to continue to protect life. After all, we are pro-life warriors and warriors never give up.

Remarks from Archbishop Chaput On Anniversary of Abortion Decision

Here is some comments made by Archbishop Chaput which were delivered at the January 22 homily from the closing Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, in Washington, DC.

"Today is the 41st anniversary of Roe v Wade, which effectively legalized abortion on demand. It's a time to look back and look ahead. The abortion struggle of the past four decades teaches a very useful lesson. Evil talks a lot about 'tolerance' when it's weak. When evil is strong, real tolerance gets pushed out the door. And the reason is simple. Evil cannot bear the counter-witness of truth. It will not co-exist peacefully with goodness, because evil insists on being seen as right, and worshiped as being right. Therefore, the good must be made to seem hateful and wrong.

"The very existence of people who refuse to accept evil and who seek to act virtuously burns the conscience of those who don't. And so, quite logically, people who march and lobby and speak out to defend the unborn child will be - and are - reviled by leaders and media and abortion activists that turn the right to kill an unborn child into a shrine to personal choice."

"Seventy years ago, abortion was a crime against humanity. Four decades ago, abortion supporters talked about the 'tragedy' of abortion and the need to make it safe and rare. Not anymore. Now abortion is not just a right, but a right that claims positive dignity, the license to demonize its opponents and the precedence to interfere with constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech, assembly and religion. We no longer tolerate abortion. We venerate it as a totem."

Irony: Obama Tells Prayer Breakfast: "We Believe in the Dignity of Every Person." Really?

President Barack Obama gave a speech at the National Prayer Breakfast with language striking pro-life themes, ironic given the massive pro-abortion record he has compiled in two terms as president. Obama took the podium at the 62nd National Prayer Breakfast at the Washington Hilton and spoke to a crowd of about 3,500.

"Each of us is wonderfully made in the image of God—we believe in the inherent dignity of every person," Obama told the attendees. "No society can truly succeed unless it protects the rights of all of its people."

He also said the breakfast gives participants the chance to "put aside labels of party and ideology and (be) what we are

first, children of a loving God." "Our concern should not be whether God is on our side, but whether we are on God's side," he said.

No kidding Mr. President—you might want to look in the mirror. The words from the president ring hollow in light of how he, just last month, issued a statement celebrating the 41-year-old Roe v. Wade decision that allowed for virtually unlimited abortions. The decision, handed down on January 22, 1973, overturned pro-life laws offering protection for unborn children in most states across the country, and made abortions legal and virtually unlimited. Almost **57 million unborn children** have been killed in abortions since.

"This struggle for a culture of life is not hurt most by those who hold opposing views, but by those who say nothing at all."

I am ashamed of myself knowing what I know, then doing the little that I do to stop it. Truth means responsibility. "Is it lawful to save life rather than to destroy it?"

Erin Stoyell-Mulholland, President, Notre Dame Right to Life On this 41st anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, a decision that has legalized the deaths of more than 55 million children, damaged countless women and men, and indelibly marked our entire nation. Our culture fails to save human life in many ways, from euthanasia and the death penalty to the early death suffered by those in poverty. Some have asked, "How could we possibly have let this happen?" "But they were silent.'

How many lives could have been saved if a single person had spoken up in support of a pregnant woman? How many people would find dignity if we fully supported those who are chronically ill, disabled, and dying? As Christians, we have an obligation to build a culture of life through our actions as well as our words. We are called to speak out against injustice, rather than remaining silent. We are called to be a voice for the voiceless. "He was grieved at their hardness of heart."

Let our hearts not be hardened by the culture of death and violence that surrounds us. Jesus calls us to have a compassionate heart that sees with eyes of love rather than eyes of judgment. We must extend a loving hand to those who find themselves in crisis pregnancies, be compassionate towards those suffering from the effects of abortion, and educate others with truth. We must support those who suffer from violent crimes, and care for the imprisoned.

On this anniversary of Roe v. Wade and every day may we use our words, our actions, and our prayers to build a culture of life.

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Have You Renewed Your Membership or Made a Donation to Help Stop Abortion!

When the Obama administration took office in January of 2009, they said their first priority was to pass laws that will remove all restrictions on abortion. By doing this on the federal level, they would remove all restrictions on abortion, and the Federal government would now be in control of the abortion issue. All Hospitals would be required to close or lose funding if they did not perform abortions. Tax payers would once again be required to fund abortions. Through the efforts of many Pro-Life Leaders in Congress these efforts have been slowed, but the Obama Administration is the most pro-abortion Administration ever elected, and we must renew our efforts to see this does not happen. Will you help?

What can we do to prevent this from happening? Contact your Federal elected officials (Senators and Congressman) and ask them to vote against all bills promoting Abortion. Otherwise there will be no choice for the children that will be killed by abortion. For Addresses of our Elected Officials, see page seven of this Newsletter.

Please renew your Membership or make a donation to help with this important work!

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