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About us...Action for Life...Our Purpose...Pray to End Abortion...

Above is the current roster. April or May we hold our elections, recruit new members, etc. Last year we listed eleven members on our board. We want to thank Bill Cullen, Carolyn Kollegger, Ellie O'Neill, Erin Flaherty and Fr. Garrity who had to step down this year. The ideal board member is someone who has time to focus on something. If you know of someone, the younger the better, who would like to become active with us, that would be great. Board membership is not a requirement.

Nancy Fitzpatrick, Eileen Hennessy and Judi Katz are the new board members this year. None of them is really new to pro-life. Judi is a returning board member who has been connected with the group since the nineteen seventies. She is a past president, vice president, etc. She also has been a long time Florida Right to Life member and officer. Eileen has been the Respect Life representative at St. Elizabeth Seton for many years. She recently became The Rose Garden manager, (who works at the store when no one else can???) replacing Gigi Daniel, who had filled that role so well, for so many years. Nancy Fitzpatrick has been working at The Rose Garden and the pro-life office for some time.

When you PRAY TO END ABORTION please include our membership and our work. As Mother Theresa was famous for saying, we are not asked to be successful, we are just asked to be faithful. God Willing, all of us, in our own faithful way, will continue to promote God's Culture of Life and eliminate the present legal culture of Death.

We are phasing out the name "Naples Pro-life Council" also, although it will work when people use it from habit. Legally, we have always been "Action for Life."

Fiscal Year 2006

Our Fiscal Year ended on June 30, 2006. Your contributions allowed us to continue our regular activities such as the Annual Dinner, the Life Chain, the Mother's Day Ad and the Essay Contest. These events help to increase the community's awareness of the Pro Life Message.

We were able to assist CCAP (Collier County Abstinence Program) to purchase textbooks on abstinence in time for the fall semester of a local Middle School. We helped subsidize the travel expenses for 40 students from Ave Maria so they could attend the annual March for Life in Washington. We continued to run weekly Pro Life Ads in the local High School newspapers. We believe it is important to educate the young of our community.

Our contributions and store revenues were down slightly last year but we still managed to break even. Ed Melone is going to

manage the Dinner this year. Judi Katz has rejoined the Board and has promised to revitalize the Mother's Day Ad. We are still financially strong and look forward to a very successful year.

Thank you for your contributions.

Annual essay contest

Congratulations to the winners of Action for Life's 2006 annual essay contest.

The topic for Grades 9-12 this year was "Stem Cells, What's the fuss?"

The first prize of \$500 in the high school division was awarded to A'shayla Passaretti, Grade 10, homeschooled, second prize of \$250 was awarded to Alexander Matura Masud, Grade 12, St John Neumann, and third prize of \$100 was awarded to Michelle Bauer, Grade 9, home-schooled..

In the middle school category the topic was "Thanks, Mom, for Life." Prizes in the amounts of \$300, \$200 and \$100 were awarded to: First prize to Lillian Muhlenbruch, Grade 7, First Baptist Academy; second prize to Rebecca Osmond, Grade 8, St Ann School; and third prize to Christina Brown, Grade 6, home-schooled. There was also an honorable mention for Katrina Cowan, Grade 7, First Baptist Academy.

We thank all the students, teachers, and parents for their participation. Special thanks to the judges, Judi Katz, Ed Melone, and Dr. Dan Pepin, who had the difficult choices to make.

For anyone interested, there is a booklet at our office with all the winning essays.

Hope to hear from you all again next year!

The Rose Garden

The Rose Garden, our very own thrift store, has been blessed for several years with dedicated volunteers who have kept it open Monday thru Saturday (closed Mon. during the summer) from 10 am to 4 pm. The Rose Garden provides quite a bit of our financial support. There is a need for donations (tax write-offs), especially furniture in good condition. (Call for pick-up if needed.) Along with a continual need for regular Rose Garden volunteers, the picking up of the many large furniture donations presents a special volunteer need. We would really welcome inquiries in this area. Otherwise, this SOS is mainly for volunteers for The Rose Garden who are able to donate a few pleasant air-conditioned hours a week.

Web Site...actionforlifenaples.org...or...actionforlifenaples.net

This is a great resource for starting a search for serious pro-life information. Come and visit! Make suggestions! We'd love to hear from you!

Pro-Life E-mail... actionforlife@earthlink.net

We still have someone putting out our pro-life e mail. It could replace mailing newsletters to some. It could also be an "in between" way of handling emergency type news. It could be especially used for legislation that comes up, both state and national, concerning the life issues. With the right technical help at our end, the possibilities are endless! The sign-up is very simple, just e-mail, (see above) with your e mail address and tell us to sign you up!

Vote Pro-Life – some thoughts

Since this newsletter will miss the primaries, we won't reprint voter guides. Instead we will review some general thoughts on pro-life voting, as well as some of the "hot-button" pro-life issues.

Pro-Choice ... (it's only tissue ...)

Almost one hundred and fifty years ago slavery was perfectly legal in this country and slaves were considered property not people. In 1973 The Supreme Court, to make abortion legal, ruled that people before birth aren't people either!

At first, how did the abortion promoters, as a group, soften the fact, or justify that they promote the regular killing of all these innocent unborn people? They said that they aren't really people. They are just "tissue!"

People who think that abortion is only legal "for any reason" in the first three months have been deliberately misled. It is legal "for any reason" right up to giving birth! Now you are looking at perfectly formed aborted babies or parts of perfectly formed babies, not tissue. "Choice" was the brilliant new strategy. "It's my body!" It's my choice!

Promote contraception !!! ??? ...

The latest pro-abortion strategy (after promoting the word choice) says that you really aren't pro-life if you don't promote contraception to reduce abortions. Pro-life people really promote abortions, they say (eg Harry Reid and Hillary Clinton) when they oppose contraception. We found something in the latest Republican National Coalition for Life Report (www.rnclife.org) that helps trash this latest deception.

"Reid and Clinton Try to Finesse the Life Issues

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY) co-authored a column. "Abortion debate shuns prevention," that appeared on April 18, 2006 in the Albany Times Union in which they tried to appear interested in reducing the number of abortions in this country. ...

In their column, they talk about prevention of unintended pregnancies and the abortions resulting from them. Their answer to the problem is more contraceptives and sex-education programs funded, of course, by the taxpayers. The deception they practice is amazing. While Planned Parenthood and other so-called "family planning" agencies operate their revolving doors of "how-to" sex education in the schools, dispensing of birth control pills and condoms, followed by STD and pregnancy testing, followed by treatment for the STDs and abortions for the pregnancies, followed by more contraceptives and condoms, and more STDs and abortions — Reid and Clinton have the gall to call for more. Senators Reid and Clinton evidently think the American public is too stupid to figure these things out. They know the Democrats have a big problem among the electorate when it comes to abortion and other life issues. Their joint effort indicates that we can expect to see more Democrats running on a quasi-"pro-life" platform between now and 2008. To be forewarned is to be forearmed."

People are the enemy ...

To repeat, in this country, since 1973, abortion is perfectly legal right up to the moment of birth. Almost ten years ago Bobbi McCaughy gave birth to septuplets. The Ladies' Home Journal (www.lhj.com) has been doing stories and pictures of them ever since. If you have the patience to go on the internet you can see and hear seven (with a big sister) very normal children whose parents refused the urgings of doctors to "selectively reduce" some of them by abortion!

Those of us who deal with abortion literature on a daily basis are even familiar with the idea of the need for abortion to fight overpopulation. Some even point out their belief that people are the greatest enemy of the planet. The idea of killing doesn't end

with birth. Those who are "less than perfect have a duty to die!" Later on, in this newsletter, we were fortunate to get a very "in depth" article ("Imposing narrow religious beliefs") that examines other subjective pro-abortion arguments.

Single Issue Voter ...

We remind our readers that it is very strange that the pro-life community is told that we shouldn't be "single issue voters" even though we always see a very firm pro-abortion "single issue" voting bloc.

In Vitro Fertilization ...

Embryos are expendable. They are made in test tubes. Some are killed. Some are implanted. Some are frozen for later killing. Very immoral!

Embryonic Stem Cell Science ...

(...is never good because it has to kill embryos/people)

Also; "...imposing our narrow religious beliefs..."

From "Dan Pepin" <pepindan@hotmail.com>

[Christendom] "Imposing Our Beliefs" on Others

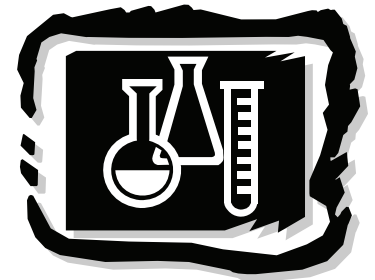
19 Jul 2006 ... by REV. TADEUSZ PACHOLCZYK ... excerpts

A lot of hot-button topics are being debated in our state legislatures these days, topics of great ethical and bioethical importance, ranging from emergency contraception to gay marriage. These debates address important issues for the future of our society. Lawmakers face the daunting task of making decisions about what should or should not be permitted by law within a reasonable society. Recently I was asked to speak in Virginia at legislative hearings about embryonic stem cell research. After I gave my testimony, one of the senators asked a pointed question. "Father Tad, by arguing against embryonic stem cell research, don't you see how you are trying to impose your beliefs on others, and shouldn't we as elected lawmakers avoid imposing a narrow religious view on the rest of society?"

The senator's question was an example of the fuzzy thinking that has become commonplace in recent years within many state legislatures and among many lawmakers.

Two major errors were incorporated into the senator's question. First, the senator failed to recognize the fact that law is fundamentally about imposing somebody's views on somebody else. Imposition is the name of the game. It is the very nature of law to impose particular views on people who don't want to have those views imposed on them. Car thieves don't want laws imposed on them which prohibit stealing. Drug dealers don't want laws imposed on them which make it illegal to sell drugs. Yet our lawmakers are elected precisely to craft and impose such laws all the time. So the question is not whether we will impose something on somebody. The question is instead whether whatever is going to be imposed by the force of law is reasonable, just, and good for society and its members.

The second logical mistake the senator made was to suppose that because religion happens to hold a particular viewpoint, that implies that such a viewpoint should never be considered by lawmakers or enacted into law. Religion teaches very clearly that stealing is immoral. Would it follow that if I support laws against stealing, I am imposing my narrow religious viewpoint on society? Clearly not! Rather, the subject of stealing is so important to the order of society that religion also feels compelled to speak about it. Religion teaches many things that can be understood as true by



people who aren't religious at all. Atheists can understand just as well as Catholics how stealing is wrong, and most atheists are just as angry as their Catholic neighbors when their house is broken into and robbed. What is important is not whether a proposed law happens to be taught by religion, but whether that proposal is just, right, and good for society and its member. ...

Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk. "Imposing Our Beliefs' on Others." Making Sense Out of Bioethics (September, 2005). This article is reprinted with permission of the author. See www.ncbcenter.org.

SAVE THE DATES !!!

CHRISTOPHER WEST, foremost lecturer and educator on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body will be speaking in Naples FL at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd. on Oct 20, 2006, 7:00pm-9:00pm & Oct 21, 2006, 9:30am-11:30am.

Sponsored by Laity for Life, Inc. Admission is free.
Questions? Call (239) 352-6333

Morning After Pill Will Do More Harm Than Good, ...Doesn't Lessen Abortions ...

(excerpts)

by Wendy Wright, August 3, 2006 ...

(President - Concerned Women of America)

(see; www.cwfa.org for much more Plan B information)

Abortion advocates claim that making the "morning-after pill" available over the counter would be safe and reduce pregnancies and abortions. The real-world experience shows just the opposite. The morning-after pill is a high dose of the birth control pill, which requires a prescription to guard against serious complications such as blood clots. The Food and Drug Administration has never allowed a nonprescription status for a high-dose drug when a low dose of the same drug needs a prescription.

The FDA first declined over-the-counter status, concerned it would harm adolescents. Now the FDA is negotiating a scheme for any "woman over 18" to buy it without a prescription. Any adult could buy the drug and — even in the store — give it to a 13-year-old (without the parent's knowledge). Neither FDA nor Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc., the drug maker, has the ability to punish people who sell or give the drug to a minor.

Countries that made the morning-after pill nonprescription show no drop in pregnancies or abortions. But sexually transmitted diseases skyrocketed. Scotland made the morning-after pill nonprescription in 1999 and in 2005 reported its highest number of abortions since abortion was decriminalized in 1967. In England, abortions increased from 176,000 in 2002 to 185,400 in 2004. In four years, chlamydia went up 76 percent. Gonorrhea went up 55 percent. Syphilis went up 54 percent. Genital warts went up 20 percent....

E Mail Alerts ...

Just a reminder about our e mail project. We would like to be able to put out special items about things that come up between newsletters. For example, special events like the Life Chain, our annual Pro-Life Dinner, The March for Life, legislation that affects our issues, etc. The sign-up is very simple - just e-mail to actionforlife@earthlink.net and say ALERT ME.

Mark Your Calender...(again)...Life Chain...

When - First Sunday in October - October 1st, 2006.

Starting at Pine Ridge South to Fifth Avenue South.

Time - 2:30 - 3:30 P.M. Encourage everyone to participate especially the YOUTH.

We hope, with the addition of two Pastors on the board, that their churches and other churches will greatly increase participation this year.

PS ... its never too early to remind participants that the Life Chain is so much more effective if people spread out, 10 or 20 feet apart. Also we have a selection of uniform signs on nice firm poster board that is easy to hold and, by repetition, makes a stronger unified appearance.



Plan your sun protection, even bring chairs if standing is difficult, and plan to help save some defenseless unborn people.

Planned Parenthood ... Also from RNC for Life ... Republican National Coalition for Life (www.rnclife.org)

PROTECT YOUR CHILDREN FROM PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Jim Sedlak, the vice-president of American Life League, has written "Parent Power," a book which outlines the various ways that Planned Parenthood is threatening our children. He gives valuable counsel on how to fight back. To order "Parent Power" call **1-866-538-5483** or visit the pro-life store at <http://www.ALL.org>. Parents should know what a menace Planned Parenthood is to the health and well-being of their precious children.

Florida abortion clinic regulations ... August 16, 2006

After years of lobbying efforts, last year the Florida Legislature passed the Women's Health and Safety Act which will finally put regulations into effect for abortion facilities. Per the note below, the regulations will soon go into effect. Let's pray that these regulations will make a difference.

P.S. Special thanks to everyone who contacted their legislators either from home or in Tallahassee to ask for support of these regulations.

Planned Parenthood has withdrawn their rule challenge so after the 21 day notice in the Fl. Administrative Weekly and then 20 days that must elapse after the notice, the regulations should FINALLY be in effect Sept. 27, 2006.

The core licensure regulations go into effect October 1, 2006. This will allow access to records and unannounced visits, issues Planned Parenthood objected to but will not be changed because abortion clinics will fall under these regulations. A long and winding road but we are almost there, thanks be to God.

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Pray to End Abortion

Action for Life Arrests Joe Schiedler ... Annual Dinner – 2007

By Ed Melone

Joe Schiedler has been put under arrest for one night and no lawyer or Court can save him. His bond for release will be to address the Pro-Life Dinner on January 30th 2007. Joe has been a fearless and tireless fighter for the Unborn. He is an Author of books and Producer of Videos that assists everyone involved in the "Fight for Life".

We are all excited about scheduling Joe to speak at our Annual Dinner. While Planned Parenthood has scheduled Jane Fonda, possibly someone who could have been indicted for treason, we have scheduled a blue blood proud American. For twenty years Joe has been under attack in the courts by the NOW Gang and through appeals and three visits to the US Supreme Court he has been exonerated for any wrong doing.

Joe was a Racketeer for Life and NOW, the National Organization for Women, attempted to wring him out in court under the RICO Act. His house was taken as a bond and the plaintiffs, NOW and a Wisconsin abortion clinic would benefit if Joe was found guilty. We are a country of laws and justice and the truth will overcome. It did in the three visits to the Supreme Court.

Joe Schiedler is a recognized expert on the abortion culture, sidewalk counseling, the spiritual dimension of pro-life activism, fetal experimentation, working with the media, the responsibility of the churches to fight abortion, battling the courts and the need for a return to morality.

Enjoy an evening with Joe at the Action for Life Annual Dinner. This year's event will take place in the Life Center of St. John the Evangelist Church. The bill of fare will be a sit down dinner with hors d'oeuvre and refreshments before dinner. The cost of the event is fifty dollars (\$50.00) per person. Checks should be made out to Action for Life and clearly indicate that it is a dinner reservation. Tables of eight (8) and ten (10) are available. If you cannot attend, sponsoring a student or clergyman, is an alternative to supporting the event.