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ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS OR NONE IS

Dear Pro-Life Friends:

Having been involved in pro-life work for many years I am convinced that the majority of people know very little about the issue of abortion. I hope I can help you understand why we have legal abortion and some of the effects that it has had on women, our country and the world in general. In 1969 I read a book titled, *"The Vanishing Right to Live"* by Charles Rice who was a Professor of Law at Fordham University. In it he referred to a pamphlet put out by Planned Parenthood before they began their campaign for abortion. I sent for a copy and it reads as follows: ***"An abortion kills the life of a baby after it has begun. It is dangerous to your life and health. It may make you sterile so that when you want a child you cannot have it. Birth control merely postpones the beginning of life."***

Around that same time Paul Ehrlich, a former Stanford University Professor, wrote a book titled *"The Population Bomb"*. It incorrectly predicted world-wide famine due to overpopulation. The book sold two million copies and in the 1960's and 1970's it greatly influenced public policy and services. In the early 70's the role of women in public life was starting to change. A movement to promote abortion state by state began. The Medical Director for the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) at the time was Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a Jewish atheist. He campaigned all across the country promoting abortion and state after state including our own passed laws legalizing abortion in certain circumstances. Later, when the U.S. Supreme Court supported the Roe v Wade decision it became a federal issue. After some 50 years of effort by pro-life groups, last year the present Court ruled that the issue of abortion should once more be decided by individual states. During this period of time Dr. Nathanson changed his views. He became a Catholic and wrote three books about abortion, revealing how they went after the Catholic Church, lied about statistics and down played the development of the unborn child in order to get abortion legalized.

The promotion of abortion has been financed by people of wealth such as the Rockefeller's and individuals like George Soros. It is the rich man's answer to poverty. Rather than offer the poor positive programs to change their lives they allow them to kill their unborn children. It's cheaper to abort than to support. The majority of abortion facilities are located in poor neighborhoods where many people

of color live. Margaret Sanger, who was a racist, was the force behind the birth control movement and she later advocated for legal abortion. This resulted in the formation of the Planned Parenthood organization. In 1969, then Vice President of Planned Parenthood, Frederick Jaffe, sent a memo to the head of the Population Council, Bernard Berelson, which included a table of "Proposed measures to reduce U.S. Fertility". It was published in the Population Council's February 1969 issue of Studies in Family Planning. The memo made suggestions for policy changes to be implemented in order to achieve population control.

- Restructure the family
- Postpone or avoid marriage
- Alter image of ideal family size
- Compulsory education of children
- Encourage increased homosexuality
- Educate for family limitation
- Fertility control agents in water supply
- Encourage women to work and provide few child care facilities
- Compulsory abortion of out-of-wedlock pregnancies
- Compulsory sterilization of all who have two children except for a few who would be allowed to have three
- Confine childbearing to a limited number of adults
- Payments to encourage sterilization
- Payments to encourage contraception
- Payments to encourage abortion and sterilization on demand.

It's shocking to see how many of these measures they have managed to achieve. Planned Parenthood is a tax exempt organization. The organization gives approximately 22 million per year to Congressional Representatives who vote for the allocation of one-half billion dollars per year to Planned Parenthood. The average person going to Planned Parenthood probably knows nothing about the real purpose of the organization. Please join us in prayer for those who promote killing rather than caring as a solution to problems.

Peace Be With You
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Medical Group Denied Participation in Annual Conference of the American Conference

The American Association of “Pro-life Obstetricians and Gynecologists has attended the annual conference of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on medical education for the past 15 years. However, this year’s conference organizers revoked the pro-life doctors booth space without prior notice.

According to Dr. Christina Francis they were not notified that their exhibit was barred until they arrived at the conference. Despite multiple requests for an explanation as to why they were denied they were initially given vague responses and finally were told it was because they disagree with the ACOG on the issue of abortion - and they do disagree! According to the mission statement of the pro-life group, “*We exist to encourage and equip medical practitioners to provide an evidence-*

based rationale for defending the lives of both pregnant women and their unborn children.” The website for the pro-life group documents the transition of the ACOG from an organization dedicated to providing medical expertise to one that today describes abortion as “essential health care” and actively encourages its’ members to advocate for expanded access to abortion in their states. This is often referred to as “reproductive freedom”.

We were glad to learn that since the overturning of Roe v Wade one-half of abortionists in the U.S. have closed their business. What was once a multi-million dollar source of income for them is no longer the case. Many abortion advocates have also changed and are now working in the pro-life movement.

Men Also Suffer Post Abortion Trauma

When it comes to abortion, most of the talk revolves around women and how it affects them and rightly so. But what about how it affects men? The fathers of those whose lives have been taken are largely ignored. The reality is that men are affected by abortion as well. It’s not unusual for the father to regret the loss of his child. Guilt may be greater if the man was the driving force in procuring the abortion. Even if they are not religious, they can feel grief, regret, and guilt after losing their child.

Sociology Professor Arthur Shostak who once supported abortion conducted an extensive study of the reactions of men after abortion. He said that of all the men he has interviewed whose partners had an abortion, 90 percent considered it “one of the most stressful experiences of their lives.” He calculated the number as 90,000 a year. However, the number may be much higher because 50% of the men did not come with the woman when she had the abortion. If you know of a father who is struggling with post-abortion grief there are resources that can help. Check out “Silent No More”, Healing After An Abortion, or Rachael’s Vineyard or a local pregnancy resource center for help. In our area contact Carenet at 724 State Street, Watertown, N.Y. (315-782-5433) or Catholic Charities, 812 State Street (315-788-4330).



Abortion is the leading cause of death in the world, destroying more than 42 million lives every year and wounding millions of women. Yet, amid this darkness there is hope. Since 2007 this organization has saved the lives of 23,600 unborn children. There is a chapter here in Northern New York. The local chapter of Forty Days For Life held a kick off rally on Saturday, September 23rd at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick’s Parking lot on the corner of S. Massey Street and Arsenal Street in Watertown, N.Y. Vigil dates began on Monday, September 27th from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and will continue each Monday through Saturday during these hours until Saturday, November 5th. The vigil site is 160 Stone Street on the sidewalk across from the Planned Parenthood facility. We would like to see as many people as possible take part in this effort.

Sign up for vigil hours: www.fortydaysforlife.com. On the top of the page click on locations and type in Watertown, NY. Create an account by using your email address.

Local campaign manager can be reached at firstwatertownny40daysforlife@gmail.com or via the 40 Days website.

Please join us in praying for those who have been exploited and for those who promote killing.

Protecting the Unborn a Year After Dobbs and Roe v Wade

When the Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade last summer, pro-life Americans rejoiced knowing that they could now begin the work of saving the lives of unborn babies. The Court determined that the issue of abortion should be decided by the individual states. There have been some hard and disappointing moments but many unborn children have already been saved. In the six months following the Dobbs decision an average of 5,377 fewer abortions occurred each month for a total of six percent nationally. There has been a steady increase in the number of states passing laws to restrict or ban “elective abortions” with many of the states allowing exceptions for rape and incest or if the life of the mother is deemed to be threatened. Many states have also voted for millions of dollars to assist pregnant women in distress. Today most unborn children face better odds of being born than they have in the past 50 years.

Catholic Faith Targeted

Judicial Watch and Catholic Vote have sued the FBI and the Department of Justice for records which revealed that they targeted Catholics who adhere to traditional beliefs and other cultural issues. A leaked document that verifies this has been condemned by several federal and state officials as well as clergy, including Bishop Barry Knewtout of the Diocese of Richmond, Virginia, who recently called the memo “a threat to religious liberty.” Ongoing reports of damage to churches and synagogues are still occurring.



Miracles Still Happen

The April issue of the Catholic Register carried an article titled “Meet the Guinness Record Holders.” It told of the triumphant story of twins, a boy and a girl, that are still thriving a year after they were born just minutes into what doctors deemed “a viable state.” Speaking to the Mom, Shakina Rajendram, about her harrowing - now hopeful experience she recounted going into labor at 21 weeks and five days of her pregnancy, a gestational marker that the medical community deemed “a viable state.” Her heart was shattered when she was told that her babies would receive no resuscitation. She had lost her previous baby in the same hospital and was understandably distraught by the circumstances. Prayer warriors on social media from all over the world kept the babies and their parents in their prayers.



Nothing was being done by the doctors. They then learned from a friend who belonged to an organization called 22 Matters. Through their assistance the little ones were transferred to another hospital where they were given the necessary help. A few hours into

the 22 week threshold a tiny baby girl, Adiah Laelynn, was born weighing just under 12 ounces. Following her birth her brother, Adrial Luka arrived weighing 15 ounces, the size of a soda. His skin was so thin that you could see his internal organs through it. Dr. Prakesh, Pediatrician at Mt.

Sinai Hospital in Toronto said he was proud to see these record holding babies through all the challenges they face. They are now 19 months old.

Our Financial Support

In the past we have listed the names of donors who have financially supported our efforts by sending in donations. Because we receive so much info relative to pro-life issues that we wish to inform you about, in the interest of space, we will no longer print the list. However, we feel it is important to tell you how grateful we are for your support, and thought it might be a good idea to tell you about what your generosity has made possible. When we use public property for such events as our prayer vigil or life chain there is an insurance fee we must pay for the use of the property. The bulk mailing permit and the cost of printing and the distribution of our newsletter is an ongoing expense. We have also sent mailings to every doctor as well as to the high school nurses and health teachers of every high school in our county. Endeavors such as bringing pro-life speakers to our area so people can be accurately informed have also been very costly. Another very large expense was the renting of the theater at the Salmon Run Mall for a viewing of "Unplanned"

which was seen by a large number of attendees free of charge. We have also purchased a huge amount of educational material which are distributed at pro-life events. It is our fervent prayer that you will continue to support our efforts financially so that you will receive accurate information on pro-life issues since most of the media today supports the culture of death. In the past they would publish letters to the editor relative to pro-life issues. That is no longer the case. Three years ago when I mailed them a letter relative to abortion they refused to publish it because they said it was too contentious.

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