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news letter

For: Butler, Clermont,
and Hamilton Counties

OHIO HEALTH DEPARTMENT — AN OPENING: This newsletter has, on a number of occasions, detailed that the Ohio Health Department is almost exclusively staffed in its top administrative positions with liberal, pro-abortion, radical feminist people. Some of these are holdovers from Celeste's administration. Most serve in unclassified positions and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Now there is an opening.

Kathy Peppe is Chief of Family and Community Health Services. She is a pro-abortion feminist with 20 years in ODH, a holdover from Celeste. She will be retiring. A search is on for her replacement. Applications are in and a decision will be forthcoming. This will be the moment of truth.

We have been told again and again by Dr. Baird, the Director, and Governor Taft's spokespeople that the Department will be more balanced. To date, no changes have been made. Now, here it is. This new person simply must be someone supportive of pro-life, pro-family values or the Taft administration will be under intense public criticism from now until the next election.

COMPASSIONATE CARE — ASSISTED SUICIDE: State Rep. Merle Kearns will be introducing a Compassionate Care Bill in the Ohio House soon. This bill would have two main objectives:

- a) To help eliminate the unnecessary suffering of many patients with terminal illness or severe chronic pain through an effort to increase the use of the latest advances in pain and symptom control. This would be done by creating a task force on pain management to recommend ways to improve the quality of pain management, encouraging, and assisting educational offerings to medical professionals; and
- b) To deter assisted suicide through civil penalties by: making it grounds for professional discipline for medical professionals; authorizing injunctive relief against a person who is about to assist a suicide or who is in the course of assisting suicide; and possibly authorizing a civil action by the patient's relatives or health care provider against a person who assists a suicide.

This bill is very important because: 1) the best available pain control is often not provided to the terminally ill and 2) there are currently no legal restrictions on assisted suicide in Ohio. (See *State v. Sage*, 310 Ohio St. 3d 173 at 178 [1987].)

PLANNED PARENTHOOD FUNDING IN OHIO: At press time, a major effort was underway in the Ohio House to reduce or eliminate the tax funding of Planned Parenthood in the state budget. Planned Parenthood affiliates in Ohio receive a high percentage of the state family planning grants awarded from an annual \$1.7 million set aside from Department of Health line item 440-416. (This is in addition to federal family planning grants and a TANF Family Planning line item of approximately \$250,000.)

Regular readers of this newsletter know that Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in the U.S. (PP reported doing 182,854 abortions in 1999.) Our readers also know about Planned Parenthood's support of controversial sex education programs that are offensive to many parents. What some of our readers may not know is that Planned Parenthood has plenty of other sources of funding. The annual reports of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America showed that it had profits of \$128.8 million in Fiscal Year 1999 and \$59.5 million in Fiscal Year 2000. In a tight economic situation when the budgets of public agencies are being cut and the legislators are seeking millions of extra dollars for court-ordered school funding, it makes no sense to use our tax dollars to fund this controversial private organization that has plenty of private funding available.

Even if efforts to cut Planned Parenthood's funding are successful in the Ohio House, we should expect a fight to restore funding in the Ohio Senate.

A REAL VICTORY: As you know, Target, formerly owned by Dayton-Hudson, has been on the pro-life boycott lists a very long time for its support of Planned Parenthood.

We have great news. There has been some restructuring of the company and *they no longer fund* Planned Parenthood. They have met all criteria and have been taken *off* the boycott lists. Stores formerly owned by Dayton-Hudson and now owned by the Target Corporation are: Target, Dayton's, Hudson's, Mervyn's, & Marshall Field's.

Boycott lists are available from LDI at 202-347-2066 or www.fightpp.org.

PHARMACIST CONSCIENCE BILL IN OHIO: On Feb. 7, State Rep. Keith Faber introduced H.B. 71, to permit pharmacists to refuse to dispense a drug on the basis of ethical or religious principles. Although, under current FDA guidelines, RU-486 should not be distributed through pharmacies, there are other prescription drugs which can have an abortifacient effect and pharmacists who morally object to them should not be coerced into participating in their distribution. The bill has been assigned to the House Health and Family Services Committee.

Southwest Ohio representatives on the Health Committee are: Greg Jolivette (chairman); Bill Seitz; Michelle Glass Schneider; Tom Raga; and Merle Kearns. They can be contacted at Ohio House of Representatives, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43266-0603.

LEGISLATIVE ASSOCIATE HIRED: In March, Ohio Right to Life added another professional to the right to life team. Maria Vitale is the new Legislative Associate to help with lobbying and Political Action Committee work.

Maria's first experience in the pro-life movement came in 7th grade, when she was asked to hold a protest sign in front of the Ohio Statehouse marking the anniversary of the dreadful decision legalizing abortion. It was part of a public service project launched by the principal of her elementary school, Mater Dei Academy. After graduation, she studied at Bishop Hartley High School in Columbus and went on to earn a journalism degree at Ohio State University. As a journalist for public radio station WOSU-AM in Columbus, she had the opportunity to cover a now-legendary pro-life march on the Ohio Statehouse in the '80s. After four years at WOSU, Maria earned a graduate degree in journalism from Northwestern University. She then returned to Columbus, where she worked as a producer for CBS affiliate WBNS-TV. Following her stint in commercial television, she returned to radio for a job as Statehouse correspondent for Ohio Public Radio (not associated with National Public Radio). While at Ohio Public radio, Maria had a chance to learn the inner-workings of the state legislature and met the players involved in the legislative process. Maria has also served as President of the Ohio Radio-TV Correspondents Association, as a member of the St. Patrick parish council in Columbus, as pro-life coordinator for St. Francis of Assisi parish in Columbus, and as a member of the Respect Life group at St. Patrick church.

We look forward to working with Maria and wish her a successful career with Ohio Right to Life.

“CHOOSE LIFE” LICENSE PLATE: H.B. 88, the “Choose Life” License Plate Bill, has been assigned to the Ohio House Transportation and Public Safety Committee. H.B. 88 would authorize the issuance of “Choose Life” license plates in Ohio with a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the plates going to Heartbeat International, an umbrella group of crisis pregnancy centers. There have been two hearings on the bill, but some members of the committee questioned the wisdom of the bill. At the hearings, NARAL attacked CPCs as “fake abortion clinics” that provide false information to women.

The only southwest Ohio representative on the Transportation & Public Safety Committee is Michelle G. Schneider. She can be reached at Ohio House of Representatives, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43266-0603. In addition, Cincinnati area residents should contact Senate President Richard Finan, Ohio Senate, Ohio State House, Columbus, OH 43215.

2001 ORATORY CONTEST: On March 26 seven teenagers presented their views about abstinence, abortion and euthanasia. Each spoke with conviction and compassion for between five and seven minutes. By combining study, research and verbal illustrations about these topics, each speaker presented an informative and persuasive argument for the sanctity of life and the importance of being responsible young adults.

These seven students represented the Right to Life organizations of Butler and Greater Cincinnati regions. All were awarded cash prizes for their participation. Stacy Beadle won first place with a moving account of a young lady contemplating and abortion. Matt Gunn was selected to represent these regions at the Ohio Right to Life Oratorical Contest in Columbus later this spring.



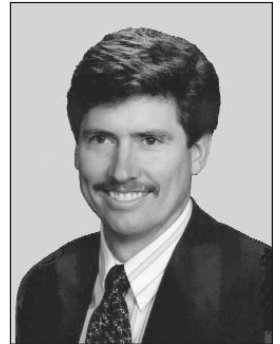
Left to right: Front row: Matt Gunn, Meghan Burke, Ashley Rue, and Courtney Daudistel. Back row: Michael Telford, Alicia Bruewer, and Stacy Beadle.

2001 PRO-LIFE BANQUET

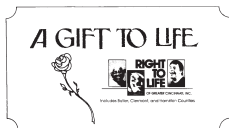
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 5th is the date, mark your calendars! One of the nation's leading experts in the pro-life movement, Dr. David Reardon, will address attendees at Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati & Education Foundation's annual banquet at the Sharonville Convention Center.

Dr. Reardon is a biomedical ethicist, whose work has appeared in numerous magazines and newspapers, including *NEWSWEEK* and the *NEW YORK TIMES*. He is a frequent guest on Christian radio and Christian television talk shows. His writings include five books and numerous articles, many of which highlight the after effects of abortion on women.



Dr. Reardon is qualified to address many pro-life issues from various points of view. For example, his studies on abortion's impact on women resulted in the publication of an attorney's handbook on legal strategies pertaining to abortion related injuries. His understanding of the moral, political, and legal "realities" that surround abortion prompted him to define a strategy for ending abortion using a new compassionate approach to the abortion conflict. Recognizing the ever-growing need for post-abortion healing, Dr. Reardon developed a guide to help ministers and clergy address the abortion issue. His fascinating work offers something of interest for the pro-life and pro-choice public as well as the majority of people who are confused about this divisive issue.



We wish to thank all of you who have given a gift in memory or honor of the following.

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hagerty
Donald Klekamp
Rev. Gregory Konerman

GOOD NEWS FOR WEB BROWSERS:

In the coming weeks Right to Life will release a new web site: www.AffirmingLife.org. On it you will find a wide array of information about life issues and life saving choices covering many concerns and topics. Issues like abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, bio-ethics, medical research, and more are addressed by authorities in these fields. This web site will showcase several dozen area pro-life organizations dedicated to the mission and ministry of hope and healing for their constituents. Back issues of RTL Newsletters and Bulletins will appear along with articles and news items from various authors and sources. In addition, this site will provide access to some of the best pro-life resources throughout the country and world through direct links to these organizations.

LOOKING AHEAD

- May 6 & 13 Mother's Day Flower Sale
- May 12 Birthmother's Tea
- June 28-30 National Right to Life Convention, Charlotte, NC
- July Baby Shower
- Oct. 5 Pro-Life Banquet

WILL YOU HELP? — We offer the newsletter free to all churches. It can be put in the bulletin, passed by volunteers or ushers, mailed with monthly information, or placed on a table by the door. Please acquaint your minister or pastor with this offer and ask him to help mothers and babies, by further educating your church community to their needs, through this monthly publication. Call our office with the number of copies your church can use. We will see that they are delivered each month. Phone Karen 522-0820 at RTL office.



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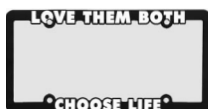
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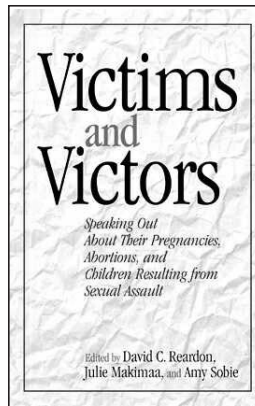
ANGELS FOR LIFE RECYCLE

— What? Aluminum cans, lawn chairs, siding, cookware, wiring, copper piping, brass and most all non-magnetic metals. Why? To help support pro-life organizations. When? Last Sat. of month 8 a.m. to noon. Where? Guardian Angels lower parking lot. Info Rose 232-2237.

FOR YOUR CAR



LICENSE PLATE HOLDER — to carry the message of life to others whenever you drive. Four dollars at our office or \$5 mailed (includes s&h.)



This compelling new book by Dr. David C. Reardon addresses these complex issues in a clear and insightful manner. Drawn from a survey of nearly 200 women who have experienced rape or incest pregnancies, *Victims and Victors* reveals a seldom-heard truth: that most women who become pregnant through sexual assault do not want abortions! To order call the RTL office at 522-0820 or go to the Elliott Institute website at www.afterabortion.org.

BIRTHMOTHER'S TEA — A time for birthmothers and adoptive mothers to share their unique relationships. For more info call Patty 513-489-1616.



FLOWER SALE — Support the Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale. This event benefits Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati. To find a church or organization near you, call Rosemary at 598-4809.

LIFE ON THE RADIO — Tune into "Life Issues" a daily, five min. pro-life commentary by Dr. Jack Willke on WAKW (93.3FM) at 1:55 p.m. and 4:55 a.m., WFCJ (93.7FM) at 1:05 p.m. and WNOP (740AM) at 1:15 p.m. Also listen for "Life Jewels" by Dr. Willke on WTSJ (1050AM) throughout the day. Please tune in and encourage friends to listen also."

DAILY PRAYER VIGIL — Join the Fathers & Brothers of Pentecost and pray the rosary Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m. – noon outside Planned Parenthood Abortion Mill, 2314 Auburn Ave.

PLANNING ON MOVING? You can help our treasury by telling us what your new address will be. We want to keep track of our members, but the Post Offices charges a very significant fee for address correction. Please take a moment to send your change of address to: Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, 1802 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239.



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PRAY TO END ABORTION — Every second Sat. 8 a.m., Holy Name Church, Mass for God's precious infants. Procession follows to local abortion mill praying rosary. All welcome. Info 553-2275.

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