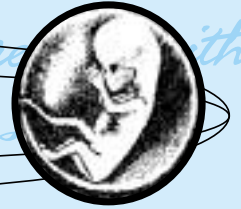


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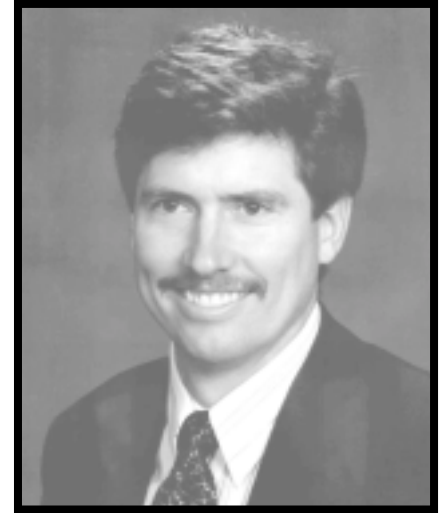
Meet Dr. David Reardon our featured banquet speaker

Few issues today have created more controversy and confusion than the issue of abortion. The "news" we hear is often filtered through the perceptions of the reporter. The "facts" we read are distorted and taken out of context. And if a study is found to be too damaging to the popular position, it seldom surfaces in the mainstream media. That is why we at Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati invited Dr. David Reardon to be our keynote speaker at our Evening for Life Banquet on October 5, 2001.

Dr. Reardon is a biomedical ethicist and is director of the Elliot Institute, an organization that studies post-abortion issues. He has devoted his writing career to uncovering and dispersing the *facts* concerning abortion. His book *Aborted Women, Silent No More* chronicles the effects abortion has on women. He wrote *Abortion Malpractice* as an attorney's handbook on legal strategies pertaining to abortion-related injuries. This work led to a third book, *Making Abortion Rare: A Healing Strategy for a Divided Nation*. To aid clergy in their efforts to minister to those seeking emotional and spiritual healing, Dr. Reardon wrote *The Jericho Plan*. Most recently, Dr. Reardon published his findings in the study of two hundred women who became pregnant through rape or incest. This book, *Victims and Victors*, reveals the fact that most victims of sexual assault do not want abortions.

Dr. Reardon believes that as we, the public, begin to understand what drives women to this des-

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perate act, we will be more understanding and compassionate. Our perception of such terms as "a safe abortion" will change because the truth will show that there is no such thing. As professionals among physicians, lawyers, statesmen, and the clergy learn the truth about the abortion holocaust, they will be better equipped to help women and society heal, and will work harder to preserve the right to life for all people.

When asked what motivates him, Dr. Reardon quoted Chesterton saying, "Morality is like art. Sometime you have to draw a line." When the truth becomes known about the devastating effects of abortion on women's health and well-being, it will spark a new women's-right movement to rid this scourge from them and from society. The women themselves will right this wrong."

Dr. and Mrs. Reardon reside in Springfield, Illinois with their five children.

Plan now to attend the Evening for Life Banquet on October 5, 2001 in the Sharonville Convention Center. Registration information will appear in the next Right to Life Newsletter or you may call Rosemary Schuermann, 513-922-7925.

TO OUR FRIENDS FOR LIFE:

If we look different, we are, but not totally. The newsletter that many of you have read with interest over the past thirty years has changed in appearance, and is expanding. However, the short, pithy articles written by Dr. John C. Willke, MD, are still here to keep you up to date on topics of local and international interest.

The social, political, legal, medical, and moral implications of abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia will remain the focus of our attention, while we expand coverage to provide our diverse readership with a wider array of information. Our goal is to promote a culture of life. Doing this often requires that we identify the people, programs, and policies that promote a culture of death. We hope you find our balance to your liking.

A new feature included in this and future newsletters is a series titled "Straight Talk." It is intended to stimulate your thinking about the sanctity of life. George A. Blair, a professor of philosophy retired from Thomas More College, will challenge us to a deeper level of thinking and debate with his observations. Please see page eight.

We also plan to include articles and guest editorials of interest to young adults. The first of these editorialists is Adrienne Greene. You will find her message on page eleven. Ms. Greene is a Christian speaker who has been conducting youth retreats and seminars on abstinence and other pro-life topics for a number of years. Many of you are familiar with her "Purity Points" messages broadcast on local radio stations.

Another new feature will be the testimonies of women and men who succumbed to the pressures around them and accepted the lies they heard about abortion being a quick and easy solution to their problem. Their decisions to have abortions led to pain and grief. By sharing the consequences of their choices, these people hope others will avoid similar tragedies. This column will also include the testimonies of women who followed their instincts to protect and nurture new life. In these cases you will read about far different outcomes. We welcome contributions to this column. (See page seven.)

You will continue to find notices of various pro-life events worthy of your participation, as well as lists of educational material worth your attention. One such event is the "Evening for Life Banquet" to be held October 5, 2001. The keynote speaker will be Dr. David Reardon, Ph.D. He is a biomedical ethicist, an author, and director of the Elliot Institute, a research and education organization that studies the effects of abortion on the survivors. Read more about Dr. Reardon on page one.

We are delighted to announce "www.AffirmingLife.org." This new web site will direct the inquisitive to information, the informed to additional knowledge, and point those passionate about protecting the lives of the defenseless in our society to direct links with other people and organizations of like mind and mission. Read more about this web site on page twelve.

We owe our new look to several folks from Standard Publishing

who have donated their time and talents to us because they share our esteem for life. Standard Publishing is a 135-year-old publisher of Christian literature and material for Sunday school use, and we are most grateful to President Dan Miles for allowing these employees a little grace time to communicate with us during work hours. A heartfelt thanks to Steve Minor for initiating the project, to Dina Sorn for the new look, to Nancy Lane for the fresh rendition of our favorite photos, and to Theresa Hayes for editing and production support.

We hope you will read over this issue and tell us what you think. The newsletter is a work in progress and we welcome your comments and suggestions. We sincerely value your continued readership. Our mission is to identify and report on the causes and effects of threats to life in our communities and elsewhere. It is our hope that what you read will encourage you to support the right to life of all people, especially the silent and disadvantaged within our midst.



Sincerely yours for life,
J. Patrick Conroy, President
Joseph L. Gubasta, Ph.D.,
Executive Director

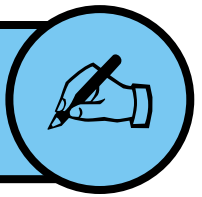
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DR. WILLKE WRITES



ROCKDALE SCHOOL HEALTH CENTER? The Cincinnati Public School office has announced that Rockdale School in Avondale “is in line for renovation and expansion and a health center, in partnership with Children’s

Hospital Medical Center.” That leads your editors to ask several very specific questions. Will this center refer for abortions? Will this center either dispense or refer for contraceptives? Will either of these be done with or without parental notification and consent? Parents and officials related to this school should be alerted to this potential problem.

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT: This proposed act passed the U.S. House by a vote of 252 to 172. Prior to this, a gutting amendment was also thoroughly defeated. Part of the victory was assumed to be the result of powerful ads by the National Right to Life. One ad showed infant Zachariah, whose life was taken in a vicious attack just days before his birth was due. He was being held in his mother’s arms at the time of the funeral. This picture, in an oversized poster, was displayed in the well of the House throughout the debate on this bill.



ABORTION CLINIC REGS UPHOLD: On February 26, the U.S.

Supreme Court refused to hear a challenge to South Carolina’s Abortion Clinic Regulation Law. This lets stand a lower federal court ruling that the regulations are constitutional. These regs require licensing of any facility in which any second trimester or five or more first trimester abortions are performed in a month. These regulations include staff qualifications, sterility and sanitation control, specifics about adequate patient records and procedures to provide emergency care, such as adequate size of doors to permit a gurney, nearby emergency facilities and medical availability, resuscitation equipment, intravenous material and more. They require health officials to inspect facilities for compliance with these orders. Violations of these, if repeated, could result in criminal and civil liability. The defending abortionist had claimed that the regs were simple harassment. The Supreme Court rejected this argument without comment. South Carolina authorities stated that the regulations are very similar to national standards for abortion practices and for any other ambulatory surgical facilities.

PRO-LIFERS CARE FOR COMMUNITY: Two outstanding examples of the generous nature of pro-lifers are Don and Maryanne Klekamp. Their concern for the weakest, most helpless among us – *the unborn* – began in the early 70s when Don became chairman of the newly forming Ohio Right to Life Society. Their interest and support for saving tiny lives has continued over the years. They have also worked on other community needs. Mr. Klekamp chaired the successful annual drive to raise funds to support inner-city parochial schools in 1999. Their generous gifts to the University of Cincinnati College of Law, and more recently to the Legal Aid Society, flow from his own legal career. Legal Aid provides help for those unable to pay for services. His gift helped them to purchase and renovate their own building. We salute them for their concern and support, both for the born and the unborn.

FEMINIST OFFICE – WHITE HOUSE: Six years ago President Clinton quietly established the White House Office for Women’s Initiatives and Outreach. It had a radical, feminist agenda and served as liaison between the administration and certain liberal women’s groups. It reviewed legislation and administrative proposals “to evaluate the impact on women.” It also arranged meetings between leaders of women’s groups and his administration on abortion and other issues. President Bush has “quietly closed” this office, explaining that the office “had expired at the end of President Clinton’s term.” The spokesperson, Claire Buchan, said that its functions will now be handled by aides in the White House Office of Public Liaison, but that this administration is committed to having a strong relationship with women’s groups.

POLITICIANS’ PROTECTION ACT PASSES SENATE:

The mis-named Campaign Finance Reform Act passed the U.S. Senate. If it becomes law, it will be an absolutely unmitigated disaster for the pro-life movement. One of its key clauses is that it forbids a pro-life group from publishing a candidate survey prior to election. It forbids a pro-life group from meeting with or even mentioning a candidate, and specifically a candidate’s position on our issue, for a full 60 days before an election. What it does not do is apply a similar muzzle to the liberal media, which will continue to have free reign and pump vigorously for all of the liberal and pro-abortion candidates. This is a gross violation of freedom of speech. It should be defeated in the U.S. House, but if it passes there, Bush should veto it, if that



is politically possible. We have little doubt but that it will be judged to be an unconstitutional limitation to our freedom of speech by the courts, for it gives effective massive protection for an incumbent politician. It also prevents a challenger from challenging effectively. And it certainly totally muzzles groups like Right to Life from telling the public where candidates stand. It's bad news.

TWO GOOD APPOINTMENTS:

President Bush has nominated Andrew Natsios to be administrator for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). This is the agency that distributes international family planning funds that go to underdeveloped nations throughout the world. This is the agency that is impacted by the Mexico City Policy. Mr. Natsios was former director of USAID's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance under President George

Bush, Sr. and had a pro-life voting record as a state legislator in Massachusetts.



Another good appointment is Mr. Marty Danenfelter, a former aide to Congressman Chris Smith, appointed as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and External Affairs in the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

DENVER POLITICIAN UNINVITED:

The Catholic Archbishop of Denver, Charles Chaput, reversed an invitation from the Denver Archdiocesan Housing Committee for Representative Diana DeGette to speak. He did this because of her pro-abortion position. She was furious. He then wrote that he respects her "commitment to peace and justice, but I've always been puzzled by political leaders who exclude unborn children from the protection of the justice they publicly claim to champion."

PRO-ABORTS BANNED FROM SPEAKING:

The Catholic diocese of Vancouver, Canada has banned pro-abortion political candidates from addressing meetings on its premises. This, according to its Archbishop, Adam Exner.

PRICE HILL - NO ABORTION COVERAGE:

Western Hills trustees Ann Langdon and Carol Espelage discovered that their employees' health insurance covered elective abortion. They quickly brought this to the table and voted to cancel abortion coverage. Trustee Nicholas LaScalea voted to retain it.



NUREMBERG FILES WEB SITE PROTECTED:

The U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals handed down a landmark ruling on March 28. The web site "Nuremberg Files" had listed names and addresses of abortionists. It had featured old Wild West type "wanted" posters with their pictures and details. It called them baby butchers and declared them guilty of crimes against humanity. Planned Parenthood of Oregon and four abortionists had entered a lawsuit, claiming that the web site was a "real threat to doctors and the clinics where they work." Two years earlier, a jury had ordered a dozen pro-life protesters involved to pay these plaintiffs \$109 million. This decision by the appeals court stated that their activities were free speech protected by the First Amendment and that the defendants "can only be held liable if they authorized, ratified or directly threatened violence." The judge further said that while the web site "may connote approval of past violence against abortionists, they cannot fairly be read as calling for future violence against the several hundred other doctors, politicians, judges and celebrities on the list."

TWO DIE FROM AMNIOCENTESIS:

A report by *BBC News on Line* on March 19 reports that both a mother and her unborn child died as a result of an amniocentesis test. She apparently became infected from the needle, developed septic shock and died of a cardiac arrest. Her unborn infant died with her. It is well known that there is a one to two percent fetal mortality rate resultant from this invasive test. Maternal deaths, however, are highly unusual. In this case both died as a result of the test.





BUBBLE ZONE STRUCK DOWN: The U.S. Court of Appeals for Washington, DC recently overturned a lower court decision that had prohibited pro-life sidewalk counselors from coming within 20 feet of any “reproductive health facility” in Washington, DC. The appellate court stated that the lower court decision’s language was too broad and violated the constitutional right to free speech.

RECALL FLORIDA JUDGES? For some in Florida, the gross judicial activism in usurping the legislative function in the current election controversy must have been the final straw. For some years now, we have heard complaints from Florida pro-lifers that their Supreme Court has consistently blocked pro-life laws passed by the State Legislature, calling them unconstitutional. In a new twist, we now hear from the director of the Florida Christian Coalition that his group is strongly considering a campaign to recall at least two of the judges who will face a statewide merit retention election in 2002.

CATHOLICS FOR A FREE CHOICE – NOT CATHOLIC: As we have mentioned in the past, the organization Catholics for a Free Choice is not a Catholic group but rather is a virulently anti-Catholic organization. Its members’ only relationship to the Catholic Church is one of bitter antagonism. Something new has come to our attention from the January/February edition of *Philanthropy*. It has reviewed recent grants to CFFC and notes its total reliance on secular foundations and that it finds not a single major supporter whose program focus is legitimate Catholic philanthropy.

CLONING A HUMAN: Since February 1997, when Dolly the sheep was born as a genetic clone of a single parent, “between 3,000 and 5,000 cloned animals are on the ground.” This, according to Dr. Richard Seed, a physician, scientist and philosopher with several degrees. “There are eight species of mammals cloned,” he said, “about 2,000 mice, 300 cows, and then there are sheep, goats, pigs, rats and two or three other species.” He states that, “It would be bizarre if you could not



LOOKING AHEAD

CHAPTER MEETINGS – GUESTS WELCOME
RTL of Butler County will be meeting on Monday, August 27, 2001, 7:30 PM. Hamilton Christian Center, 1940 Millville Ave. For more information call Linda at 513-896-6580.

Warren County RTL meets the first Thursday of every month, 7:00-9:00 PM. Lebanon Christian School, 1436 Deerfield Rd. For more information call Lori at 513-932-3554.

DAILY PRAYER VIGIL – Join the Fathers & Brothers of Pentecost and pray the rosary Monday – Friday 11:00 AM to noon outside Planned Parenthood Abortion mill, 2314 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH.

PRAY TO END ABORTION – Every second Saturday of the month at 8:00 AM. Mass for God’s Precious Infants. Celebrate at Holy Name Church, 2448 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH. Rosary procession follows to local abortion mill. All welcome. For more information call 513-553-2275.

“AN EVENING FOR LIFE” BANQUET – Friday, October 5, 2001, Sharonville Convention Center. Guest Speaker, Dr. David Reardon, “Ending Abortion with Compassion.” Emcee, Brian Patrick, WCPO news anchor. Honorees, Mary and John McCormick, introduced by Rev. Jon Putka, SM. Call Rosemary Schuermann at 513-922-7925 for reservation information.

ANGELS FOR LIFE RECYCLE – What? Aluminum cans, lawn chairs, siding, cook ware, wiring, copper piping, brass and most all non-magnetic metals. Why? To help support pro-life organizations. When? The last Saturday of each month 8:00 AM to noon.

Where? Guardian Angels Church lower lot, 6331 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH.

BABY SHOWER – Do you have gently used items that a mom in need could use? Consider donating them to the pregnancy center nearest you. Contact our office for locations and hours.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

“An Evening for Life” Banquet

Friday, October 5, 2001
Sharonville Convention Center



Featuring

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clone human beings,” and that “It will happen sooner than anyone thinks.”

CLONED COWS DIE: Results from cloning experiments at two California universities report that 27 of 28 cloned cows implanted in surrogate mothers have died and the 28th is sick. Only three calves survived up to birth, and two have since died.

MORE GENETIC ENGINEERING: *The Financial Times*, February 24 and *Daily Mail*, February 26, report that scientists in California have produced mice in whose brains a quarter of the cells are human. The team injected human neuronal brain stem cells into the brains of newborn mice and observed that these had converted into active human cells within seven months.



The author, Professor Weissman, is now considering injecting human stem cells into the brains of mice whose own brain cells have been programmed to die as the animal develops. He explained, “In that way we might be able to produce mice in which the vast majority of neurons are human.” He says that this has therapeutic potential.

ABORTIONIST – FIVE YEARS IN PRISON: An abortionist in Phoenix, Arizona was recently convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in prison for the death of Louanne Herron. This 33-year-old lady bled to death on his table after he punctured her uterus during an attempted abortion. Testimony showed that while she was bleeding heavily, he did nothing—did not call for help at a near-by hospital, and in fact went shopping after being notified of her condition. Testimony showed that he ignored sonograms indicating that she was five or six months along—too

advanced for him to abort. The court noted that abortionist Biskind showed reckless disregard for his actions. His medical license had been revoked a year earlier after a similar botched abortion.

A HUMAN CLONED? According to a report on the Web, a private biotech company in England, American Cell Technology, has succeeded in cloning a living human embryo. This, according to a BBC News report carried by pro-life E-News. This apparently happened last November, but the company held the news back. This tiny, living human was killed at ten days of age. According to the report, the firm plans to clone more humans, but then kill them and extract their stem cells. (Life Advocacy Briefing as reported on AOL)

BUSH ON STEM CELL RESEARCH: President Bush’s press secretary, Ari Fleischer, recently stated that Bush “would oppose federally funded research for experimentation on embryonic stem cells that require live human embryos to be discarded or destroyed. He further said, “I believe there are wonderful opportunities for adult stem cell research. I believe we can find stem cells from fetuses that have died a natural death, but I do not support research from aborted fetuses.”



PLANNED PARENTHOOD HIT FOR \$1 MILLION PLUS: Twenty-four-old Lisa Joseph’s breast cancer was misdiagnosed by Planned Parenthood Mohawk Hudson, in New York. Its clinic, on two separate occasions, examined her and stated that the lump was not cancerous. She finally got a second opinion, by which time the cancer had spread to her chest wall. She is undergoing chemotherapy. Her life is threatened. The

Glen Falls Post Star, January 23, described a settlement with Planned Parenthood that was in excess of \$1 million.

FAT CELLS INTO CARTILAGE: Scientists at Duke University took fat cells from liposuction procedures and, using a cocktail of enzymes, converted these human fat cells into cartilage. This is yet another new example of the potential of alternatives to the use of embryonic stem cells. (BBC News 28 Feb.)

WASHINGTON POST AGAINST HUMAN CLONING: The *Washington Post* is well known for



being a totally biased flagship for the pro-abortion movement. That gives added emphasis to a column recently published there by Thomas Murray from the Hastings Institute. Some of his comments are the strongest yet published. He states that "cloning does not result in healthy normal offspring" and that

animal cloning has resulted in clones "suffering staggering rates of abnormality and death." Until this process is perfected, there will be "dead, dying and deformed clones." He states that you do not need to be a professional bioethicist to see that trying to make a child by cloning at this stage of technology would be a "gross violation of international standards protecting people from overreaching scientists, a blatant example of immoral human experimentation." He notes that, even if the process did produce a healthy embryo, "the result

would not be the same person, as the one whose genetic material was used for each person is a complex amalgam of luck, experience and heredity... The only thing we can be certain of is that we are much more than the sum of our genes." He concludes, "Creating a child to stand in for another dead child is unfair." For parents to clone a child to be a reincarnation of someone else is a "grotesque funhouse mirror distortion of their expectations." Murray, *Washington Post*, 4-8

HEIMLICH INTRODUCES RESOLUTION:

On May 23, 2001, Cincinnati City Councilman Phil Heimlich introduced a resolution urging the U.S. Congress to pass legislation to ban the killing of babies during delivery (partial-birth abortion). This was voted on and passed by a vote of six to three. The following members voted yes: Cranley, DeWine, Heimlich, Luken, Monzel, Tarbell. The following members voted no: Booth,



Cooper, Reece. Our warm thanks to Councilman Phil Heimlich for this strong pro-life effort that he has made. We're proud to have him on City Council. We are also pleased and thankful to the other City Councilmen who voted against killing babies during delivery.



TESTIMONIES

This newsletter is committed to preserving life by informing and educating our readers. We do this by telling the truth about people, policies, and practices that protect (and threaten) the lives of us all, especially the defenseless. Because people learn by personal experience, as well as the experiences of others, we invite you, our readers, to provide testimonies of your encounters with life and death. We are interested in hearing your life experiences—such as the one on page nine—as they relate to abortion, infanticide (the killing of children), and euthanasia (physician assisted killing). The point of these testimonies is not to heap praise on some or glorify the pain and suffering of others. Rather, your experience may give hope and direction to some who think they have nowhere to turn, and forewarn others that the consequences of their choice may be long-term physical, emotional, and spiritual pain, and the risk of death.

If you'd like others to learn from your personal or family-related experiences, send your one-page testimony to "Testimonies" c/o Right to Life, 1802 W Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, 45239, or fax it to 513-728-7872, or e-mail it to RTLJoe@cinci.rtl.com. It would be best if we had a way to contact you, but if you wish to remain anonymous, we will protect your identity. We reserve the right to edit for content and space.

With this issue, we begin a series on basic subjects dealing with the right to life. First, let's consider why so many on the pro-choice side do not simply disagree with us; they think of us as crazed fanatics, who are trying to destroy or enslave them.

Here's the logic behind this: The common consensus of our day dictates that to be human is to be equal to other humans. But, men can have sex without worrying about getting pregnant, while women can't. So, unless women can control pregnancy with birth control devices, they don't have the sexual freedom that men have, and that means they are not fully equal—that is, according to this view—fully human. In order to achieve that same level of freedom, women must use contraceptive measures, and since they don't always work, abortion must be available as a backup.

For a woman who thinks this way, any talk that her fetus is a human being is not only irrelevant, but subversive, because the very existence of the fetus, when unwanted, takes away what she considers her humanity. She thinks of abortion in

terms of self-defense; and that is why she regards any attempt to deny it as a kind of moral equivalent of slavery or even murder.

We won't make serious headway against abortion if we ignore this.

But how can we deal with it? First, by bringing a hidden assumption into the open: the assumption that recreational, promiscuous sex is the really human way to have sex. If it isn't—if true human sexuality recognizes that the sex act includes the possibility that a child might result—then, when men act promiscuously, *they* are the ones who have become less than human.

When we come to accept the truth that the creation of new life is a joint responsibility, the lack of reproductive freedom dehumanizes no one because everyone is subject to the same consequences. What this means is that for there to be *human* equality, *men* must be taught—or forced by society—to accept the same responsibility for their sexual activity that women must—because of their *equal* biological contribution. Men have to recognize the consequences of their act and be prepared to join the women

in rearing the child that may be conceived.

How else can men and women be equal? Is a woman now really *equal* to a man if she has to not only fill herself with powerful chemicals to block what her body is trying to do, but also has to go so far as to kill her own child—in order to achieve equality? That's insane.

Think about it. Don't react; think. The child is not a thing you add to your sexual experience if you want one, as if sexual activity itself is sterile, or without purpose. Let me put this another way: reproduction is not a dysfunction of the sex act, it is a purpose. The absurdity of thinking otherwise can be seen from the fact that if the contraceptive fails, the act succeeds. Even though not every act of sex reproduces, the reproductive *dimension* is inherent in the act itself, and is not an add-on. To deny this is a fantasy, and is essentially dishonest, and so not human.

One of the reasons this is relevant to the abortion question is that once you buy into the lie about what sex is, it's frighteningly easy to buy into the other lie that the fetus is nothing but a tissue mass.

—But that's another article.

New Director of Development and Public Relations



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Jana Morford Widmeyer to oversee Right to Life's fund raising and public relations initiatives. Jana recently left her position as district representative for U.S. Senator Mike DeWine in order to devote more time to her family. She also worked for Hamilton County Commissioner John Dowlin and Governor Bob Taft. Jana is no stranger to Right to Life. She chaired our Pro-Life banquet last year and is a former board member of Ohio Right to Life. Jana is also on the Board of Trustees for Pregnancy Center East in Hyde Park.

THIS IS MY STORY

Planned Parenthood Association
of Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky
2314 Auburn Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

December 1, 2000

Dear Administrator:

Twelve years ago I walked into your clinic and had an abortion. I was ten weeks pregnant. You told me that I would feel cramping and to take a day or two off of work. You said that I would have my whole life to have babies, that now wasn't such a good time. Did you think having a baby would be worse than the hell that I feel?

After the procedure, I stood up and saw a large garbage can full of paper towels, blood, and fetuses. Do you have any idea how devastating that is?

Never in my life have I had another doctor that didn't say, "If you have any questions or problems, call me." Not so much as a pamphlet was given to me to explain how I would feel. Nobody told me that I would have morning sickness for seven days after the abortion. No one told me that I would experience depression, insomnia, and thoughts of suicide. I thought you had a woman's best interests in mind. I thought you were pro-choice. When did visiting hell become a choice? What kind of choice is that? I was eighteen years old, damn it! I thought you were going to help me! You let women down, just like the men who abandon pregnant women.

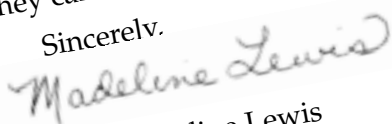
No follow-up care, no counseling, just memories of a bloody garbage can and a nurse who pointed to the sonogram and said, "See, it's nothing." Pro-choice is not liberating for women. Abortion cuts us to our very soul. It leaves us with feelings of grief, shame, and guilt. Just like rape.

I hate the lies you tell us: "It's a simple and quick procedure" . . . "It's over quickly." I am writing to say that twelve years is not quick! It is an eternity to grieving women. It is *never* over. Mourning your child's death *never* ends. Some days it's just less painful.

I do not blame you. It was my choice. As afraid and desperate as I felt before, the abortion was a "walk in the park" compared to the hell I felt afterwards.

My great wish is for you to stop abortions. If you can't do that, then at the very least tell the truth. Tell women that it is painful. Tell women they will grieve their child. Tell them they will reach the depths of hell before they can forgive themselves.

Sincerely,



Ms. Madeline Lewis

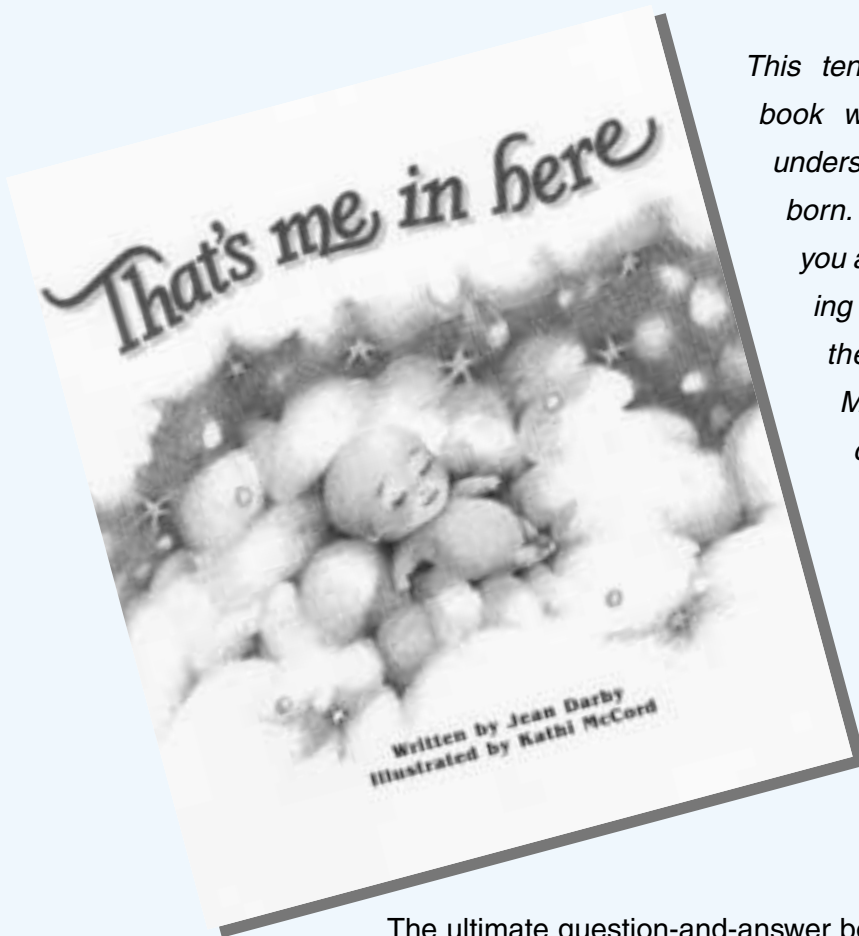
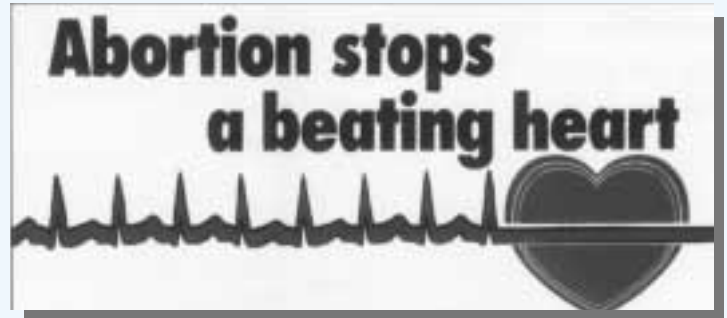
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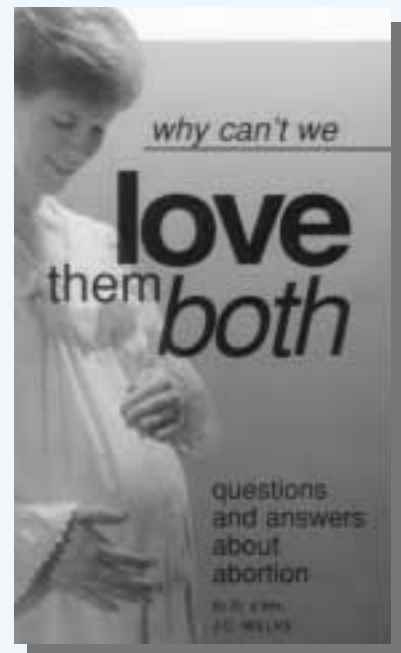


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THE WHY REPORT

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There are causes and there are causes. As a teen or young adult, you are faced with a barrage of banners to pick up and fly: Save the whales, the rainforests, the environment. Protect animal rights, gay rights, abortion rights. Free the impoverished, the persecuted, the oppressed. As Americans, we get to choose the worldview or activity we align ourselves with and speak freely about it without legal ramifications or danger. It is our right, as citizens of the U.S., to create a movement regarding our cause, and shout about it from the rooftops.

And, as has been the case throughout history, it will be the young people in our society who bring about change! As I work with thousands of youth each year in the educational realm, I encounter countless teens with the energy, motivation, and desire to do something positive—to make a positive change in the world. This is the time in your life when some serious need will tug at your heart and you will decide to make a difference. Many important changes in our country and around the world started just this way.

Perhaps God has given you a compassionate heart, like He gave to Trevor Ferrell. Trevor was eleven years old when he gave a blanket and pillow to a homeless man and realized that one small person *could* make a difference. To see the results—so far—of what Trevor's been doing for the past thirteen years, check out his site: <http://www.youthventure.org>.

Or maybe God gave you the brains and creativity He gave to

Bill Gates, who founded Microsoft when he was seven-teen, and who has now given more than \$266 million to charities and schools.

Or perhaps you have a talent like Rebecca St. James, who was singing for the Lord at age fourteen and opened for Carmen at age sixteen.

You can find stories like these going back thousands of years; three young men who were thrown into a furnace of fire rather than deny God (Daniel 3); one young man who was thrown into prison because he chose to remain sexually pure (Genesis 39); and one frightened young girl who, when faced with a seemingly impossible choice, said, "I am the Lord's servant. May it be to me as you have said" (Luke 3:38).

All these people had something in common; they were willing to step up to the plate, to use what they had, to risk failure and ridicule to do what they knew was right. You can do that too. You are, right now, in a position to save lives. It won't take Bill Gates's money or Rebecca St. James's talent, or the brains of Einstein—it will take only courage.

You and your peers have grown up in a world where abortion is legal. For many, it is an unquestioned fact of life, or should I say, death? It will take courage for you to say "no" to sexual promiscuity for yourself, and it will take courage for you to reach out to help your friends who are already pregnant. Don't default to apathy or fear when

you hit a snag—be prepared for it. People will resist you. They may even ridicule you. But isn't protecting the life of an unborn child worth it? Can this be a stand you will take?

I meet teens and young people all the time who say to me, "Yeah, I'm pro-life." That's great! Now, give a voice to the pro-life cause in your school or college. *You* can be the one others turn to when they are being pressured to have an abortion. *You* can be the person who shows them where they can get *real* help!

People under twenty-one are a mighty force to be reckoned with. You have a will of iron, a persevering spirit, and a desire to be a part of a winning team. With the freedom and technology available to you today, you can make radical changes in our culture. You're it. We need you to bravely consider carrying the pro-life banner into the next generation. Very few have stepped forward to enlist. This cause will change your world for the better. Think about it.



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Whether your interests in pro-life issues are general or specific, take a look. AffirmingLife.org will provide you with information about abortion and other life alternatives; infanticide, and euthanasia. This site includes many interesting and informative documents and research studies. It provides direct web links to other sites run by organizations specializing in such things as human development, post abortion issues, biomedical ethics and research, legislation, and more.

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