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March For Life 2003

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Pro-Life Signature Ad

On Sunday, January 19, 2003 Right to Life will run a half page ad in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* where your name can be listed to show support for the unborn and their families. To support this project we are requesting a suggested donation of \$10 per listing to cover the cost of the ad. For more info, see page 2.

Ribbon for Life January 22

Ohio Right to Life is asking pro-life advocates across the state to wear and display pink and blue ribbons January 22 to mark the 30th year of *Roe vs. Wade*. Like other commemorative ribbon campaigns, pink and blue ribbon loops will be worn on clothing, and ribbons tied to trees, bushes, cars, door knobs, mailboxes, and more. Please remember this day in a small but visual way with Ribbons for Life.

Fountain Square Services

The 30th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion on demand nationwide, will be observed on Fountain Square, January 22nd at 5pm. this will be an ecumenical service to accomodate those who cannot participate in the March for Life in Washington D.C. Please call 513-728-7870 with questions.

Our Second Civil War

J. Patrick Conroy, President,
 Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati

Eleven score and seven years ago, our forefathers established a new nation based on the principle that all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with inalienable rights, including Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. When people of conscience opposed the ruling of seven Supreme Court Justices that slaves were entitled to but three fifths the rights of white men, we suffered the most tragic type of conflict—civil war.

A score and ten years ago, the Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand and again denied full citizenship to many of our citizens, not on the basis of race, but because of their stage of maturity, residence and absence of political power. Additionally, the court usurped the states' rights in the process, resulting in a crime against our youngest citizens and a second tragic conflict—civil war in defense of the unborn.

On January 22, 2003 we commemorate the 30th year of this crime, which has taken the lives of more victims—all completely innocent—than were taken in two World Wars. We remember 30 years of this crime, which has infected most of the globe and continues to wreak havoc in individual lives and in our culture.

But also on this day, we honor another generation of heroes—all who have joined in any manner in the Crusade for the Innocent. Many have fought this battle from the beginning and are resolved to continue the battle until all God's creatures do indeed enjoy their inalienable rights.

The world will little note nor perhaps long remember what those of us in the battle say or do, but we must remain dedicated to the unfinished work we have already advanced. For this work will eventually yield a new measure of justice and meaning to the noble goals originally intended by our country's founders and forefathers.

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“Pastor Praise” Continues to Acknowledge Leaders



Right to Life has received several nominations for the “Pastor Praise” project, which recognizes pastors who assertively address sanctity of life issues from the pulpit. As of this printing, the following pastors have received notes of appreciation and a memento lapel pin: Rev. Anthony Brausch, Our Lady of the Visitation;

Pastor Bob Bunch, Wofford Baptist Church, Williamsburg, KY; Rev. Robert Keller, Church of the Resurrection; Rev. Gregory Konerman, St. Mary, Urbana; Rev. Norm Langenbrunner, Sacred Heart; Pastor Steve LoVette, Faith Evangelical Free Church; Rev. Paul Wolfer, Our Lady of Lourdes; and Rev. Carl Wollering, St. Jerome Church. We are grateful to these pastors and others in positions of spiritual leadership who exhibit such courage and commitment. Please continue to notify us of your nominations!

“Elect Life” Scam Alert

An organization calling itself “Elect Life” has been reported as contacting pro-life advocates via telemarketing to obtain donations. The organization has apparently falsely claimed to support pro-life candidates, and to be working in Congress on a partial birth abortion bill. Their tactics are said to be aggressive, including pressure for a credit card, debit card, or check by phone. If you receive any such telemarketing calls, contact the Ohio Attorney General’s office, 614/466-4320, 800/282-0515. (“Pro-Life Families Complain About Group’s Telemarketing Calls,” Pro-Life Infonet, November 19, 2002, <http://www.prolifeinfo.org>)

Watch for Right to Life’s of Greater Cincinnati’s Membership Drive Information. Renew or Join Now!

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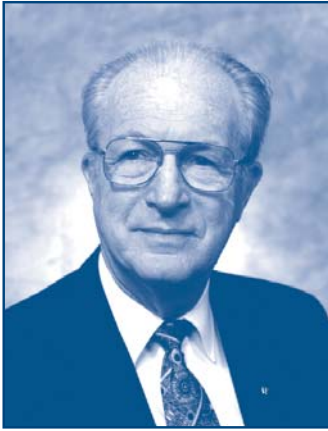
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Amount of donation: \$ _____ (a donation of \$10 is requested to help defray costs).

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DR. WILLKE WRITES



PRO-LIFERS MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN ELECTIONS: Jim Talent, a strong pro-life candidate, won the Missouri Senate race defeating Jean Carnahan, who had a strong pro-abortion position. According to exit surveys conducted by Fox News Channel, Missouri voters chose abortion as the second

most important issue on which they based their vote. Of those who chose the abortion issue as important, approximately four out of five chose the pro-life candidate, Jim Talent, over the pro-abortion candidate, Jean Carnahan.

In Minnesota, abortion was the #3 issue, with 81% voting for the pro-life candidate, Norman Coleman. Considering the closeness of these two victories, we can ascertain that Senator Carnahan and former V.P. Walter Mondale were defeated on the pro-life issue.

Finally, in the Georgia Senate race, Rep. Saxby Chambliss (R) took out incumbent Senator Max Cleland (D) by a vote of 53 to 46. In this race, 10% of the people stated that abortion guided their decision on voting, and again a strong majority of those who voted on the issue of abortion voted for the pro-life candidate, Mr. Chambliss. From these three races, it seems evident that, except for the pro-life vote, there would still be pro-abortion senators in these three states rather than the newly elected pro-life senators.

DEMOCRATS DEFEAT PRO-ABORTION INCUMBENTS: In the primary election in Georgia, incumbent congresswoman Cynthia McKinney (D) was defeated by former state judge, Democrat Denise Majette. McKinney has the dubious distinction of having been probably the most vocal and radical female in the U.S. Congress. Then in Maryland, long time incumbent Connie Morella (R) was defeated by Democratic state Senator Chris Van Hollen. Ms. Morella held the distinction of being perhaps the most effective pro-abortion Republican woman in Congress. The National Abortion Rights Action League bemoaned her defeat stating that it had taken their Republican leader away. So pro-lifers rejoiced in both of these elections — the first reducing the pro-abortion decibel level and the second taking out a very potent pro-abortion strategist. Both new congressmen will probably vote pro-abortion, but being freshmen in the minority party, they will have far less influence than the defeated incumbent women.

BLACK GENOCIDE: Damon Owens is a national spokesman for the Life Education and Resource Network. He recently stated, “More blacks are killed in a three-day

period by abortion in the United States than were ever lynched in the history of America.”

MEDICAL OATH: A new “physician charter” has been published simultaneously in two medical journals — *The Annals of Internal Medicine* and *The Lancet* — as a supplement to the Hippocratic Oath. The publishers of *The Annals of Internal Medicine* call it a “watershed event” and encourage those in healthcare to read it. Not surprisingly, physicians in many areas are talking about it. Be warned, it may well be a wolf in sheep’s clothing. On first observation, it looks fine, being built on three principles: patient welfare, patient autonomy, and social justice. But what do these things mean? One principle is glaringly missing, and that is the ethic that all human lives are valuable and should be cared for and protected. There is no definition that would include the unborn in this statement. Among those who have already publicly challenged the wording are the Christian Medical and Dental Association, Physicians for Compassionate Care, and Dr. Walt Larimore, Vice President of Medical Outreach for Focus on the Family.

NEW CHURCH LEADER PRO-LIFE: Orthodox Archbishop Herman has been elected the new spiritual leader of the Orthodox Church in America. As new primate, he will now be known as Metropolitan Herman. This is good news for pro-lifers. The Orthodox Church has been strongly pro-life, so his pro-life position is no surprise. However, he is someone rather special. He has not missed any of the January 22nd Marches. He’s always been present and in full regalia. We have a strong pro-life person in his presence and are thankful for it.

ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY—PRO-LIFE: Bishop Rowan Williams has been named to lead the world’s 70 million Anglicans as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. He has been a member of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children in England for many years. We welcome his appointment.

JEWISH COLLEGE STUDENTS MORE PRO-ABORTION: Researchers at the University of California of Los Angeles (UCLA) have analyzed data from freshmen at 424 U.S. colleges. They compared responses from 8,000 Jewish students and 232,000 non-Jewish students and found that 90% of Jewish students agreed that “abortion should be legal.” Only 52% of non-Jews agreed. The study was sponsored by the Jewish campus organization, Hillel. There was also a disagreement on pre-marital sex. 61% of Jewish students agreed, while 38% of non-Jewish students agreed that:

DR. WILLKE WRITES continued next page

“If two people really like each other, it’s all right for them to have sex, even if they’ve known each other for only a short time.” One possible explanation may be due to the study’s report that 13% of Jewish freshmen indicate frequent attendance at religious services during the year prior to entering college, while 46% of non-Jews had observed such attendance.

NEW PRO-FAMILY ADVOCACY GROUP: A new Washington-based, pro-family advocacy group, The Family Action Alliance, has opened its office. This looks very promising because of its leadership, which includes Chuck Donovan, former Deputy Director of Presidential Correspondence in the Reagan White House, and more recently, acting CEO of The Family Research Council. His partner is former FRC veteran Bob Morrison. Both of these gentlemen are well-known veterans of the Washington scene with many contacts. We wish them well.

BIOTECH’S BUDGET TIGHT: One of the reasons for the frantic push for federal funding is that embryonic stem cell and cloning research firms have limited funding. California-based Geron Corporation has laid off one-third of its staff. The Dolly-the sheep-company, PPL Therapeutics, had to sell its “pig cloning” technology. Advance Cell Technology in Massachusetts has had to rely on its own finances recently. Except for an infusion of federal funds, research cloning seems to be attracting very little private investments, and as noted, is in the process of cutting back its activities.

CHOOSE LIFE LICENSE PLATES ROAR ALONG: Louisiana is one of the states that has legalized Choose Life license plates. Their 1999 law permitted creation of state-issued specialty license plates containing the words “Choose Life” for an extra fee of \$25. The proceeds go to organizations that counsel pregnant women about options other than abortion. Planned Parenthood and the National Council of Jewish Women filed a lawsuit challenging the legality of the plates. The plates were declared legal. When appealed in March, a three-judge appeals court still ruled them legal. Now the entire Fifth Circuit US Court of Appeals has rejected the Planned Parenthood lawsuit. Choose Life plates have been a great success in other states. The pro-abortion industry hates them and will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

BABY’S CORD BLOOD CURES MOTHER’S LEUKEMIA: Pregnant mother, Patrizia Durante, 27, developed leukemia. Her baby was delivered early and she was then given intensive chemotherapy, which failed to stop the disease. Unable to find a suitable bone marrow transplant donor, the doctors at Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal decided to infuse her with her newborn baby’s umbilical cord blood, which had been stored. This was only a half-match as

it carried both the mother’s compatible genes, and her father’s incompatible genes. The baby’s cord blood immune system identified the leukemia cells as foreign and destroyed them, then began to rebuild her blood system. Circulating in Mrs. Durante’s veins is now actually her baby’s blood. This was a first in medical history. Mrs. Durante cradled her 13-month-old baby, Victoria, and said, “I gave my daughter life, and then she gave me mine back.”

PROTECT AFTER VIABILITY: Two committees of the Presbyterian Church USA have recommended a change in that denomination’s support for abortion-on-demand. The Committee on Litigation and the Committee on Social Policy have recommended that their church should only support late term abortions of viable children, “if the abortion is necessary to save the life of the woman, to preserve the woman’s health, to avoid fetal suffering as a result of untreatable, life-threatening genetic anomalies, and in cases of rape and incest.” The recommendation will be considered by the annual National Assembly in June.

However, if this position is adopted it won’t change PCUSA’s position one iota, because when you include these exceptions, you still have wide-open abortion-on-demand. Also, why only protect *viable* preborn babies? 50 years ago, viability was at 30 to 35 weeks, 20 years ago it had dropped to 25 weeks; now we have two survivors at 20 weeks. Babies haven’t changed. What has changed is the sophistication of available external life support systems for babies. In the future, the age of viability may drop still further. These PCUSA committees have also ignored the fact that the ability to survive outside of the womb has nothing at all to do with whether a child is a fully human individual and/or whether this human individual has the right to life. We’d suggest they go back to the drawing board.

GHANA—CANADA REFUSES MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: MaterCare International (MCI) is a group of Catholic obstetricians and gynecologists dedicated to the care of women in the developing world. They had assembled a “world class team of specialists” to set up a trauma center in Ghana. The Ghana government supports the project. They received donations of money, land and medical equipment to set up a new birth trauma center, which would not do abortions. The center’s director, Dr. Richard Walley, said that his group had been working with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for some time and “recently, they have found out exactly who we are [Catholic and pro-life] and they are now out to block or destroy us.” This is not a first. According to Walley, “We have most recently experienced the same opposition when we tried to establish essential obstetrical care in East Timor, which has no obstetricians. The UN made it clear to us that we were not welcome unless we would agree to provide abortions, the morning- after pill, sterilizations, etc. We refused and the UN has blocked our participation.”

Local Girl Scout Leaders Defend Organization

In the November 2002 issue of this newsletter, we documented the invitation of Dr. Nafis Sadik to speak at the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) world conference. Sadik is the former head of the United Nations Population Fund, which was recently defunded by the U.S. government for supporting forced abortion in China. She delivered the keynote address and was presented with the WAGGGS World Citizenship Award as well as the Population Prize Award from the People's Republic of China.¹

Local Girl Scouts leaders reacted with dismay to our published information, because they said it reflected falsely on their efforts at the local level, emphatically defending the integrity of their troop members and local leadership, especially regarding the issue of abortion. Barbara Bonifas, Executive Director of this area's Great Rivers Council, sent the following quote from the *Girl Scouts of the USA Policy Guide*:

"The Girl Scout organization does not take a position on abortion. We believe these matters are best decided by girls and their families. Our membership is a cross-section of America's diversity with regard to religious opinions and practices."

Also, according to Bonifas, "Girl Scouts of the USA is one of the 144 member organizations of WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts). Girl Scouts of the USA had no role in or knowledge of the award WAGGGS gave to Dr. Nafis Sadik until it was presented and then did not support the decision."

However, the Just for Girls web site, sponsored by Girls Scouts of the USA, has a page devoted to the WAGGGS, entitled "Belonging to a Worldwide Movement."² On this page is the statement:

"Every Girl Scout is part of an international sisterhood. When Girl Guides and Girl Scouts meet, instead of seeing each other as 'different,' they feel the similarities of a common heritage in Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting. They share the same Promise and Law, the same symbols, the same belief in active citizenship, the same goal of helping themselves and oth-

ers grow into the fullest sense of womanhood."²

Addressing this shared promise and law, Girl Scouts of the USA maintains it is a "values-based organization, not a religious one," with the Girl Scout promise and law as its guiding principles.³ Yet despite this stated separation from religion, the organization has stimulated controversy with its position on the word 'God' in the promise, which all Girls Scouts recite:

"The word 'God' can be interpreted in any number of ways, depending on one's spiritual beliefs. When reciting the Girl Scout Promise, it is okay to replace the word 'God' with whatever word your spiritual beliefs dictate."³

Girl Scouts of the USA has also not been free from other criticism of some of its leadership and practices, perhaps most prominently in the *National Review* article, "The Cookie Crumbles," by Kathryn Jean Lopez.⁴ Such criticism identifies the Girl Scout organization as largely politically correct and its national leadership as promoting a liberal feminist agenda.

But even if a local troop should adhere to the traditional rendering of the scout promise and consider itself entirely removed from controversial issues in practice, it must be noted that the Girl Scouts organization is hierarchical, with funds at the lower levels contributed to the higher. Because of this interconnectedness, Right to Life recommends rigorous scrutiny of the organization by local Girl Scout leaders and parents.

—Paula Westwood, Executive Director

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(If you do not have Internet access and would like copies of the sources cited here, please call 513/728-7870.)

Sanctity of Life Resource Kit

Focus on the Family's Sanctity of Human Life Resource Kit 2003 is an excellent resource for anyone planning a pro-life service, commemoration, or even family night. The kit includes 100 bulletin inserts, a six-minute video, music CD, drama skit, family night planner, and ecumenical book of sermons. Order from <http://www.family.org> or call 800/A-FAMILY; cost \$30.

POP QUIZ:

You Want to Help Right to Life - What do you do?

- a - donate time
- b - donate money
- c - support pro-life legislation
- d - pray

e - give up your GULLIGAN'S ISLAND Fantasy and your old barnacle barge.

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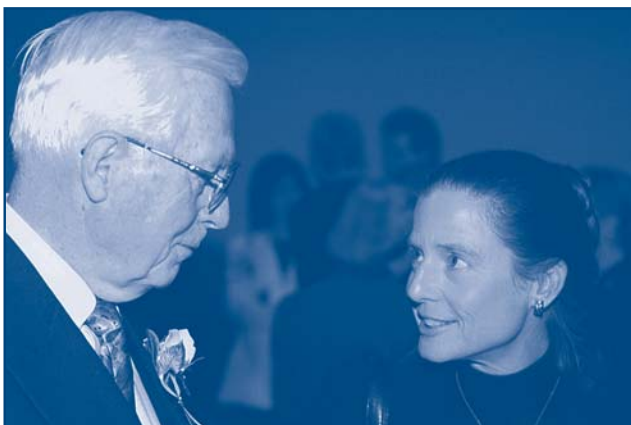
An Evening for Life Enjoyed by All



Right to Life Renews Energy and Commitment



Clockwise from top left: Dr. Willke with Janet Folger, the Hoffman family, Executive Director Paula Westwood in front of Right to Life's new display, Phil Heimlich with Barbara Willke, CRTL President Pat Conroy with Jennifer Black, Linda Crosswell with Janet Folger signing Janet's book, Janet with Jana and Mike Widmeyer.



Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's Evening for Life annual banquet was held Oct. 17, 2002 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati. Attendees enjoyed a gala affair in the Hyatt's lovely facilities.

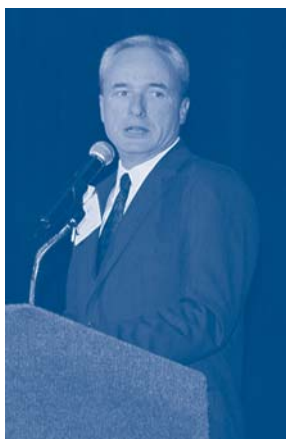
Emcee for the evening was WCPO news anchor, Brian Patrick. The keynote speaker was Janet Folger, former Legislative Director of Ohio Right to Life and National Director for the Center for Reclaiming America. An accomplished speaker, author, and leader, Janet mixed humor with passion as she spoke on "Winning in Our Lifetime."

Posthumous honorees for the banquet were August and Jeannette Hoffman, longtime supporters of the sanctity of life. They and their children—Representative Jean Schmidt, Jennifer Black, Richard Hoffman, and Tom Hoffman—were honored with the Life Award during a special ceremony.

Right to Life's annual banquet 2003 will be held October 2003 and will mark the 30th year of *Roe vs. Wade*. More information will be published closer to the event.



Clockwise from top: Janet addresses crowd at the Hyatt Regency (inset-Janet speaks), Jennifer Black accepts the Life Award on behalf of the Hoffman family, attendees listen to the benediction, emcee Brian Patrick, administrative assistant Melanie Wade sings during the giving appeal.



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COST: \$100/adult and \$95/student (includes Ohio Congressional Breakfast)

All reservations must be made and fees paid by Monday, January 13, 2003.

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