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## Cincinnatians March for Life

by Jana Morford Widmeyer

For many Cincinnatians mid January is the time to talk the talk and walk the walk for Life. This was evident with a gathering of several hundred people of all ages at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains, Monday evening, January 21st. All in attendance prayed and sang together. They listened attentively to scripture readings affirming life and comments made by others about the sanctity and value of human life as God's gift. This service ended with the lighting of candles held by each attendee. As people in attendance left to board busses for Washington, D.C., their flame was a reminder to take the light of Christ's Peace with them.

The March for Life events began for our ambassadors at the Ohio Congressional Breakfast. Over 1000 people, representing the Buckeye State, heard from Senator Mike DeWine and his wife Fran, Congressman Steve Chabot, and keynote speaker Peggy Noonan.

As marchers gathered near the Washington Monument the energetic crowd listened and cheered when President George W. Bush spoke to



The tens of thousands of Pro-Lifers attend the March for Life 2002.



Steve Chabot celebrating his birthday with a group of friends at the Ohio Congressional Breakfast .



J. Patrick Conroy, President of RTL of Greater Cincinnati, Inc., presented Rosemary Reyland with the Rev. Paul Huber Award at the Prayer Service for Human Life at the Cathedral on Jan. 21. Mrs. Reyland is former V.P. of Ohio RTL and long time board member and volunteer for Cinti. RTL.

Photo by Bill Liebschutz, Catholic Telegraph, 2002

them by phone. The number of marchers was enormous. Constitution Ave. was closed to make way for the tens of thousands of people who filed past the U.S. Capitol to the Supreme Court.

People of various races, ages, religious beliefs, plus economic and educational backgrounds all came

together in support of a common goal – to end abortion. People prayed and sang as they walked. A couple of children held signs that read, "Thank you, Mom. I was adopted, not aborted." The teens in attendance numbered in the thousands. Many wore tee shirts with the message: "You will stop killing my generation!" They chanted slogans like – "Roe v. Wade has got to go." and "We love babies, how about you?" Their enthusiastic participation and commitment provides much hope for the future.

Special thanks go to Peg Black and Mary Anne Boyd for planning the send-off program, to Rev. James Bramlage for hosting and presiding at this event, to Betsy Jacquez for coordinating the bus trip from Cincinnati, and to all school and church leaders who organized groups this year. Plan next year to be a part of the March for Life and experience the thrill of joining thousands of Americans committed to defending the unborn.

# JOIN THE RIGHT TO LIFE FAMILY

A united voice speaks loudly. Help us continue our work to inform and educate people about life issues. Your financial support will be used to produce and distribute a wide array of material to tens of thousands of people throughout 2002. Our outreach to schools, churches, community groups and businesses cannot continue unless you help. Become a Right to Life Member for 2002. Membership levels start at \$10/ individual, \$15/family, \$25/honorary, \$100/patron. Please remember that any assistance you can give is greatly appreciated.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### CHAPTER MEETINGS

**RTL of Butler County** has scheduled their next two meetings for Mon., March 25 & April 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Christian Center, 1940 Millville Ave. For more information call Linda, 513-896-6580.

**Warren County RTL** meets the 1st Thursday of every month, 7-9 p.m. at the Lebanon Christian School, 1436 Deerfield Rd. For information call Lori, 513-932-3554.

### LOCAL EVENTS

#### **Local Oratory Contests**

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati will hold its Oratory Contest on Thursday, March 14. For more information or to register, call the Right to Life office at 513-728-7870.

Butler County Right to Life is holding their Oratory Contest on Monday, March 25. For more information call Linda, 513-896-6580

**Pray to End Abortion** - Every second Sat. at 8 a.m., Holy Name Church, Mass for God's Precious Infants. Procession follows to local abortion mill

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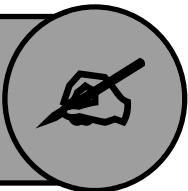
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# DR. WILLKE WRITES



**STEM CELL BREAKTHROUGH:** A new discovery has been reported from the University of Minnesota. Katherine Verfaillie reported that she has found an adult stem cell that can turn into every single tissue of the

body. Until this time, this was the main claim for the use of embryonic stem cells which can only be obtained by killing a living human at the four or five-day-old stage. If this finding is confirmed, it means that cells from your own body can be turned into perfectly matched replacement tissues, and possibly even organs. This would also obviate the claimed need for the “therapeutic” clone and kill procedure whose sole practical purpose is to provide living human embryos that can be killed for their embryonic stem cells. These cells, dubbed multipotent adult progenitor cells, or MAPCs, have been obtained by this researcher from the bone marrow of mice, rats and humans. These cells seem to grow indefinitely in culture, much like embryonic stem cells. Some of these cell lines have been growing for almost two years, have kept their characteristics and show no signs of aging. Another major advantage of these cells is that, unlike embryonic stem cells, they do not seem to form cancerous tumors when injected into adults. This is an astonishing breakthrough.

Dr. David Stevens of the Christian Medical Association commented, “Cells taken ethically from adults, with no loss of life, have already shown tremendous potential and proven benefits. This discovery should remove any last vestiges of doubt in the life-saving potential of adult stem cells. As many had predicted, it now appears that adult stem cells are the avenues of providing real cures for real people...if the remarkable results of this study prove consistent with early published reports, then no reasonable person could justly violate ethical barriers to clone and then kill in order to harvest embryonic stem cells from living human embryos”.



**UNFPA ON BUSH’S DESK:** The bill funding the United Nation’s Fund for Population Activity has cleared the U.S. Congress and awaits President Bush’s signature. A clause in the bill is crucial. The President is empowered to

make a decision as to whether to distribute authorized funds or to withhold them, and this on the basis of China’s savage, genocidal, one-child policy. The UNFPA has been aiding this awful policy. Let’s hope the President does not send our tax money overseas to help kill Chinese babies.

**STEM CELLS, CLONING AND ROE V. WADE:** It’s important to realize that the controversy over stem cells and cloning has absolutely no legal relationship to the Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion until 9 months, for social reasons, in all 50 states. That decision basically stated that a woman had the right to choose to get herself unpregnant. It related only to a living human growing inside of a mother’s womb. The cloning and stem cell debate has absolutely nothing to do with abortion and getting a mother unpregnant. It has everything to do with whether or not scientists can create and kill a living human outside the womb.



**OHIO COMPASSIONATE CARE BILL:** The Compassionate Care Bill has been introduced into the Ohio House of Representatives, by State Rep. Merle Kearns (R), Springfield.

The bill, HB474, would create a compassionate care task force to make recommendations on providing better pain control and better palliative care to persons with terminal illness or severe chronic pain. It would also deter assisted suicide through civil penalties. Co-sponsors of the bill include more than half of the 99 members in the House. This bill is top priority for the Right to Life movement in the State of Ohio.

**IRISH REFERENDUM:** The late February date previously set for the Irish referendum has been postponed because of a legal challenge. The *Irish Independent News* estimates that it will now be held on March 6. While the wording of the referendum clarifies a previous problem in that it clearly states that a claim of threatened suicide cannot be used to legalize and justify an abortion, it also states that human lives will only be protected after they are one week old, at implantation. There is considerable sentiment among pro-life groups, and this was also expressed by the Catholic bishops in Ireland, that this is the best the pro-life movement can get and should be accepted. There is a strong counter-movement, however, including this newsletter, convinced that permitting lethal embryonic stem cell research, cloning, embryo experimentation, the morning-after pill, etc., is not a good enough reason to justify obtaining the obvious benefit of solidifying the law forbidding surgical abortion.

**ALAN KEYES ON MSNBC:** The well-known pro-life spokesman, Alan Keyes, has been hired to host a nightly political talk show on MSNBC. It debuted at 10 p.m. EST on January 21. It’s entitled “Alan Keyes Is Making Sense”. We wish him success.

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**KENTUCKY BANS HUMAN CLONING:**

On January 23 a bill that would make human cloning a felony was voted 91-0 through the House without debate. It has gone to the Senate where predictions are it will pass. Recall that last year a researcher, Dr. Panayiotis M. Zavos, working in Lexington, had announced that he would work with an Italian doctor to clone a human by 2003. He stated that if such a ban passes, he would leave the country and do his experiments elsewhere. This would be good riddance!

**DOLLY HAS ARTHRITIS:** The world's first cloned mammal, Dolly the sheep, has developed arthritis. As sheep go, she is not an old lady and arthritis at her age is quite unusual. This, however, does go along with some other cloned mammals who have shown rather definitive evidence of premature aging. What this may mean is that the cloned animal is not starting its growth from ground zero, but rather it is already as old as the cells it was cloned from. If this is true, it has profound implications for cloning in the future.



**ARE TWINS HUMAN LIFE?** In The cloning debate, we are hearing that if the human embryo can still split into identical twins, this stage of development is not human yet. They

would wait until a single primitive streak can be seen. This beginning of the spinal cord demonstrates conclusively that only one individual is developing. Accordingly, they would allow killing before this time in order to extract embryonic stem cells and do other experiments. As an argument, this is ridiculous. Let's look at nature. Identical twins originate from a single fertilized ovum. This single developing embryo splits into two embryos, which go on to grow as a totally unique individual but identical twins. This probably occurs in the first few days of life, exactly at the time or before the time when scientists would kill a human embryo to obtain embryonic stem cells. If, in the natural course of events it is obvious that identical twins (each fully human), begin their lives in those first few days, it's really quite illogical to say that a human does not exist in those first few days.

**SUCCESSFUL BREAST CANCER**

**LITIGATION:** This one may be a first. Strongly pro-life Australian Attorney Charles Frances has reached a settlement with an abortionist that may be the first of its kind. A woman

sued for not being told about research findings linking abortion with breast cancer. Mr. Frances said that the evidence was fairly strong, certainly strong enough that he thought he had a good chance of winning the case. The woman settled out of court, with the stipulation that her name would not be revealed and that the amount awarded would not be disclosed. This is a victory, and a significant precedent.

**RATTLES FOR "SHAKE THE NATION":** A nationwide campaign to mail baby rattles to members of the Senate has begun. A group of pro-life organizations launched this nationwide campaign at a Washington press conference on January 14. This includes TV commercials featuring "former heroes" of groups supporting abortion. Among these "heroes" are Dr. Bernard Nathanson, co-founder of the National Abortion Rights Action League, Norma McCorvey whose lawsuit became the *Roe v. Wade* case, and Sandra Cano whose child custody lawsuit became the *Doe v. Bolton* case, the legal companion of *Roe*. The commercials began airing late January on CNN, Fox News, and MSNBC. This campaign encourages people to send plastic baby rattles to members of the Senate. It is estimated that the number of rattles mailed will be in the hundreds of thousands. The Senators are asked not to destroy the rattles but are given several addresses of pregnancy help centers which will be pleased to receive them and distribute them.

**KENTUCKY INFANT MORTALITY**

**DROPS:** Over the past decade, Kentucky's infant mortality rate has dropped. In 1991, the state recorded 9.2 infant deaths per 1,000 births. In the year 2000, that number dropped to 6.9, which is very close to the national average. The reason for this must be much better medical care, as the rate of low birth weight infants, a major cause of infant mortality, has not changed appreciably.

**INFANT SAFE HAVENS:** Safe Haven laws, sometimes called Baby Moses laws, are now in effect in over 25 states. Just as Cincinnati City Council and the State of Ohio have done, these laws protect girls in crisis pregnancies who anonymously drop off their newborns at emergency care facilities, i.e., protect them from prosecution or exposure. Now let's have the other 25 states do the same.

**SURVIVAL OF CONCEPTIONS:** The latest information on this comes to us from an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, 11-8-01. It's entitled "Implantation and the Survival of Early Pregnancy." They state: "Fifty to sixty percent of all conceptions advanced beyond 20 weeks of gestation. Of the pregnancies that are lost, three-fourths represent a failure of implantation..." This is useful information, as some have claimed a much higher loss ratio.



**ANOTHER WOMAN DEAD:** 19-year-old Gracealynn Harris, 4 months pregnant, was aborted by Delaware abortionist Mohammad Imran. During the procedure, he apparently perforated her uterus causing massive internal bleeding; she died a few hours after the procedure.

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**FORBES ON STEM CELLS:** Of all places, *Forbes*, the most widely read financial magazine, editorialized on stem cell research. We quote: “President Bush rightly barred the destruction of new embryos for stem cell research. Science has long established that human life begins with the embryo, the first stage in the development of a human being. We go from embryo to fetus to infant to child to teenager to adult. That is scientific fact. Advocates of embryonic stem cell research go through verbal contortions to avoid acknowledging that to improve the quality of human life they favor destroying human life. Most Americans would react with horror at the idea of killing children or adults to get hold of their body parts. So why should a human at the very start of life be less protected by law than one at a later stage?”

“Incredibly, the media have paid scant attention to the extraordinary advances being made with stem cells gained from adults or other nonembryo sources. The biggest source of human stem cells is the umbilical cord, discarded after birth. Stem cells obtained from bone marrow have already saved thousands of lives. Breakthroughs in nonembryo stem cell research have the potential to alleviate stroke symptoms, block HIV growth, regenerate liver tissue, renew heart muscle cells, and more. Taiwanese surgeons, for instance, have restored vision to patients suffering severe eye damage using stem cells from the patients’ own eyes.

“By contrast, the ‘benefits’ of embryonic stem cells are sheer speculation. In fact, one recent experiment involving patients with Parkinson’s disease severely harmed many of those people. Private research money has gone overwhelmingly to nonembryo stem cell research, which is one reason embryo researchers want to get their hands on federal funds.”

*Forbes*



**CHINA FORMALIZES LAW ON ONE CHILD POLICY:**

After two decades of enforcement of this draconian policy, the Chinese legislature finally went through the motions of formally passing a law regulating the country’s family planning policy and its controversial population control by a one-child mandate. One good aspect of it is that it prohibits abortion due to gender preference and bans the use of ultrasound for prenatal diagnosis of the baby’s sex. It contains several positive educational provisions but clearly maintains their ugly one-child policy.

**ANOTHER BABY IN DUMPSTER:** In Savannah, Georgia, a garbage truck driver was about to dump a trash bin into his trash compactor when he saw tiny hands moving. He jumped from the truck, rummaged through the garbage and lifted out an 8-pound newborn girl with the cord still attached; she was wrapped in a bedspread. Rushed to the hospital, the baby was in good condition. She was named Grace. The hospital has since been flooded with requests to adopt the child.



**DECEASED PARENT SPERM EQUALS LEGAL HEIRS:**

In the state of Massachusetts, the Supreme Judicial Court handed down a unanimous ruling that will affect not just that state, not just America, but possibly the world. It ruled that children conceived after the death of a father, using his frozen sperm, have the same legal inheritance rights as children conceived before the death of the parent. The court stated, “Posthumously conceived children may not come into the world the way the majority of children do, but they are children nonetheless.” In order to be eligible for benefits, children conceived after the death of the parent must be 1) genetically related to the deceased parent; 2) the deceased parent must have agreed to the conception before his or her death; 3) the deceased parent must have agreed to support the children.

**WAAGNER ARRESTED:** Clayton Lee Waagner was one of the FBI’s ten most-wanted criminals since he escaped from jail in June. He was accused of illegal possession of a firearm, of bank robbery, of stealing automobiles, of having a pipe bomb in his car, and of sending 550 fake anthrax threats to abortion chambers. We echo the feelings of all pro-life leaders here and abroad. Good work, guys. The *Cincinnati Enquirer*, in an editorial on December 9, quoted Brad Mattes, Executive Director of Life Issues Institute: “We’re elated and relieved that he’s been caught. We condemn people like that in the strongest terms...the violence going on *inside* an abortion clinic is no excuse for using violence to stop abortion...the Bible teaches Christians to love their enemies and never repay evil with evil.” Well said – this guy, Waagner, is certainly no pro-lifer.

He was convicted on the charge of car stealing and illegal possession of a firearm and sentenced to 30 years in prison. Additional charges are pending.

**TEXAS ABORTIONS DECLINE:**



Carol Everett is the author of the book *Blood Money: Getting Rich off of a Woman’s Right to Choose*. She has recently been publicizing statistics from her home state of Texas: “In the last 3 years we’ve seen a 17% decline in abortions.

During this time, 34 abortion mills have closed; during the same time, 31 pregnancy help centers have been opened, making the total number of such helping centers in Texas now totaling 127. Texas has had the help of a pro-life governor and a pro-life Department of Health. In Ohio, abortions have not declined, as the pro-life effort here has had no help from the Department of Health or the Department of Education.

For current information on the life issues check out our website

[www.AffirmingLife.org](http://www.AffirmingLife.org)

# A Link between Abortion and Breast Cancer

by Jana Morford Widmeyer

Since 1957, twenty-eight out of thirty seven worldwide studies have linked abortion to breast cancer. Of the fifteen studies conducted in the United States, thirteen show a significant link. These studies suggest that induced abortion causes biological changes to occur in a woman's breasts which makes her more susceptible to breast cancer. For women who have had abortions, their risk of developing breast cancer increases at least 30%.

When a Cincinnati woman brought this information to the attention of State Representative Jean Schmidt, (R) Clermont County, she acted. In late January, Rep. Schmidt introduced a resolution in the Ohio General Assembly to establish a task force to study the link between breast cancer and abortion.

"We are better prepared to make appropriate decisions concerning our future when we know the risks. If abortion truly causes a greater risk of breast cancer, it is our right to know and our duty to raise awareness for other women," Rep. Schmidt said when introducing bill H.R. No. 196.

It is estimated that 8,900 new breast cancer cases were detected in Ohio in 2001, and of those, at least 1,900 women were expected to die from the disease. Just as alarming is the fact that Ohio's overall cancer death rate is higher than the national average. According to statistics from the Ohio Department of Health, there has been an average of 30,000 abortions each year in Ohio since 1976. If the reported link between abortion and breast cancer holds true, these statistics mean there may be thousands of women who are

unknowingly at a special risk of developing cancer.

The Abortion Breast Cancer Resolution would establish a task force to study whether abortion causes a greater risk for breast cancer. If the Ohio House of Representatives approves the resolution, the task force has until November 30, 2002 to issue its findings.

Of the 26 initial sponsors of this bill, 7, including Jean Schmidt, are from the Cincinnati area - Patricia Clancy, Michelle Schneider, Bill Seitz, Tom Brinkman, Tom Raga, and Shawn Webster.

It should come as no surprise that this kind of information is at odds with the abortion industry and the skeptical media. We will keep you posted on the progress of this resolution and the task force. Please drop Rep. Schmidt a note and thank her for addressing this issue. If your state representative is not a sponsor, contact him or her now and ask them to support H.R. No. 196.

According to the Coalition on Abortion Breast Cancer, "It cannot be said that all women who have breast cancer have had abortions. Similarly, not all women who have had abortions will get breast cancer. Nevertheless, abortion is the most preventable risk factor for breast cancer."

For more information, go to [www.abortionbreast-cancer.com](http://www.abortionbreast-cancer.com) or send a self addressed stamped envelope to our office to receive free information.

To contact Rep. Schmidt or other legislators, write them at 77 S. High Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Or by phone at 1-800-282-0253.

## TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE IS UNDER ATTACK TODAY

. . . in Ohio, across the U.S. and throughout the world. Please support Ohio's DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT (DOMA), Ohio HB 234. Its prime sponsor is Rep. William Seitz, Dist. 34. DOMA passed the Ohio House on October 31, 2001. It now rests in the Senate, where it waits to be referred to committee by Senator Richard Finan.

DOMA would prohibit same-sex unions from being recognized in Ohio, and would prevent the extension of statutory marital benefits to same-sex or opposite-sex couples who are not married. It also would prohibit the State of Ohio from providing marital specific benefits, such as health insurance, to unmarried partners (same or opposite sex) of state employees. State Rep. Bill Seitz explains, "It is true, Ohio has limited to a man and a woman those who may be married within this state. But there is nothing in Ohio statute that says this is a strong public policy of this state. Therefore, DOMA is vital to Ohio since a court is normally obligated to give full faith and credit to the acts and decrees of other states except when doing so would violate the strong public policy of our state". Rep. Seitz continues, "with Vermont recently passing their legalization of same-sex unions, and other foreign countries that are redefining marriage, it is crucial that Ohio have the legislative prudence to pass our Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA, HB 234) as 36 other states have done".

It is necessary to pass DOMA in order to preserve Ohio's legal definition that marriage is between a man and woman. Please do your part by:

- 1) praying that DOMA will be passed in the Senate and signed into law.
- 2) contacting both Rep. William Seitz, 614-466-8258, 77 South High Street, 11th floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and Sen. Richard Finan, 614-466-9737, SD07@mailr.sen.stat.oh.us to let them know of your support.
- 3) contacting your own State Senator to urge his or her support of HB 234.

BY BARBARA TAYLOR

# THE WHY REPORT

comments & info for generation next

It was a brief discussion about kids. My friend the pastor, a fellow writer and intriguing conversationalist, had paused, holding my attention. "...and then there's my middle one..." he said, and his voice trailed off. I smiled politely to receive another report of exemplified parental perfection. But he dropped his head slightly and seemed to bear down as he spoke, staring at the floor. "She's pregnant by her boyfriend. The guy's gone, she's in her last year of college, and we're not sure what her plans are."

Ignoring my immediate reaction to hug him, cry with him, or stand up in some kind of protest, I jumped to the obvious question. "She's keeping the baby though?"

"Yep. As far as we know. She thinks she wants to have an open adoption."

My thoughts tumbled into relief and then sorrow. We sat in silence a moment while I mustered up the best effort I had at offering some kind of help. "I'm going to pray for you and for her. I can't imagine what she's already been through to come to that conclusion." Fact was, I couldn't imagine what this pastor and his wife had been through as they processed the reality of their family's situation—and what state of quiet desperation may have already ensued as they confronted the truth that they would never know their first grandchild. "Thank you for telling me," I said quietly. "Please let me know if there is anything else I can do."

We parted company and I began to think. First, I wondered why this special and very private information was imparted to me. Ever so gently God turned the lens of my focus to the last year of my life in this church. I had wondered in as a broken, nearly burned-out missionary to the Midwestern teen community. I ministered so-called impos-

sible requests of God for sanctity of the body and purity of the mind through sexual abstinence to the young and sexually charged. I was an effective weapon for God, but six years of it had taken its toll. It was this pastor who saw me bleeding there in the pew, slightly shipwrecked at the stable door, yet not able to receive the truth of my retirement from ministry and in obvious need of rest. I insisted there was no room in the inn—but this pastor opened the door, found a room and firmly explained my predicament: BURNED OUT. I listened and found immediate blessings of peace and direction as I ended my work as he suggested.

Then I reminisced about the hours this man generously spent reading and editing my primitive testimony of life on the ministry fringe. I, in turn, absorbed his book about pastoring, an enlightened text on the woes, realities, and wonderment of the world's most difficult profession. To my surprise I found a kindred, eccentric spirit in my friend, nearly camouflaged by a pulpit in a plain-vanilla church.

It made sense now that I would be entrusted with this information and I felt urged by God to pray for those touched by this situation. My involvement was an extension of my ministry—resurrected once again to bless the loved ones in my spiritual family. Most of all, the spirit of my friend was broken by this. He needed God's strength and reached out for help. I was honored.

Last Sunday, the most joyful scene of all occurred. My friend stood timidly behind his pulpit. Gathering strength, he announced to the congregation that his unmarried daughter had delivered a child and bequeathed that precious life to a barren, adoptive couple. "We're proud of her," he said, "to make a wrong decision so *right*."

by Adrienne Greene

## **FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI FYI**

- ◆ There were 38,140 abortions performed in Ohio in 2000.
- ◆ In contrast to a national trend, the number of abortions in Ohio increased by 1099 from 1999 to 2000.
- ◆ 226 partial birth abortions were reported, 136 nonsurgical abortions were reported.
- ◆ 81% of women on whom abortions were performed were unmarried.
- ◆ 15,520 women (41%) on whom abortions were performed had prior abortions (366 had 5 or more abortions)
- ◆ 906 abortions were performed on unborn children at age 20 weeks or more.
- ◆ The abortion rate among African American women was 3 - 4 times higher than White women.
- ◆ Suction Curettage was the most common type of abortion procedure.
- ◆ One-fifth of abortions were performed on women less than 20 years of age; one-third on ages 20 - 24.
- ◆ There are nineteen abortion mills in Ohio; there are approximately 216 pregnancy help centers.



# 20TH ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2002 - 10 AM

MT. AIRY FOREST - 2.5 MILES

Mark your calendar now and plan to participate in the 20th Annual Life Run. This is a fun way to support Life while enjoying time with family & friends. Everyone has a chance to win great door prizes. To enter, clip the coupon below and send it in with the appropriate registration fee. Make checks payable to *Right to Life* and mail them to Mrs. D.M. Koehler, 818 Tivoli Ln., Cincinnati, Ohio 45246.

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY: \$9 (no shirt), \$15 (with shirt)      FAMILY\* (3 or more): \$15 (no shirts)

\*Family members must fill out separate entry forms and send them in the same envelope.

Shirts may be purchased for an additional \$10/shirt with pre-registration. Pre-registration entries must be postmarked by April 23, 2002. All participants pick up their packets at the Stone Steps Ridge reserved area in Mt. Airy Forest. Gather sponsor donations and be eligible for extra prizes.

INFORMATION & SPONSOR SHEETS: Mrs. Koehler, 671-3174 or Mrs. Gerrard, run coordinator, 232-2237.

RACE DAY REGISTRATION: 8 - 9:30 AM, Stone Steps Ridge reserved area.

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