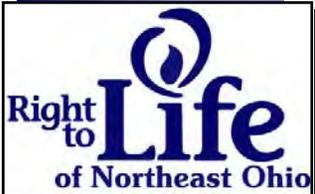


...protecting innocent human life from conception through natural death

LifeLINES



Winter 2013



We're helping to save lives NOW!

In 2010, Right to Life of Northeast Ohio, in conjunction with several other pro-life organizations, started a billboard campaign in the Akron, Ohio area. Instead of advertising pro-life messages or trying to gather up support for the Right to Life organization and causes, we instead decided to use media dollars where it would be most effective....trying to change the hearts and minds of abortion-minded individuals. We continue to promote anti-abortion legislation, but we need to be able to save the innocent lives that can't wait for the legislation to take place.

After much research, a billboard was designed to get the attention of pregnant, abortion-minded women. The billboards were placed in strategic locations indicated by research. Right to Life of Northeast Ohio coordinated this campaign with all the area crisis pregnancy centers to work in conjunction with trained counselors. Women who saw the billboards often thought that calling the number on the billboard would give them access to abortion services. Instead, they were connected to a highly trained counselor who could get them an appointment for a

"Women who have an ultrasound....are 90% less likely to go through the abortion procedure."

pregnancy test and an ultrasound at a local crisis pregnancy center. Women who have an ultrasound screening prior to abortion and see the baby's heartbeat are 90% less likely to go through the abortion procedure. Access to ultrasounds greatly increases the number of lives saved.

This type of advertising goes directly to the source....attempting to save lives by changing the hearts and minds of the those in crisis pregnancies. It is highly effective, and can directly impact abortion rates while protecting the physical and psychological health of the women involved.



Since the inception of this campaign, the media coverage has expanded to include the internet (*the number 1 choice for most pregnant women seeking an abortion*), advertisements on public transportation, television and radio, and mobile phone applications. Media messages are aimed directly at those in crisis pregnancies, and it directs them to trained counselors and an ultrasound. The campaign has also spread across the whole state of Ohio.

January 22 marked the tragic anniversary of Roe vs. Wade and the legalization of abortion. Traditionally, many churches, schools or other organizations conduct a Signature and Media Campaign during the first few months of the year. All signatures collected are sent to legislators in opposition to abortion, and all donations collected will be used in the media campaign. This year, we have received a challenge grant from a donor: for every dollar donated to the Signature Media Campaign, \$3 will be spent! That means that donated dollars are tripled!

The media campaign has played a huge role in saving lives since it began. The areas where our campaign is most active have shown the largest decrease in abortions. If your church, school or organization is not participating in the Signature Media campaign, you can participate individually by following the instructions on our website. You can be a significant part of saving lives NOW! ■



The number “40” has great significance throughout the Bible:

- Noah endured 40 days and nights of rain and floods;
- The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years;
- Jesus fasted for 40 days and 40 nights.

These are only a few of the hundreds of occurrences of the number 40, and in each one, there is a significance to what occurred and why it occurred. In many cases, it was about making it through trials, temptations or judgments. The writers of the Bible were using God’s inspiration to symbolically convey that ungodly actions must be dealt with, and the time used to do this brings spiritual healing.

The number 40 is also significant in many world cultures, including Arabic, Hindu and Judaic. You can find significant references to the number 40 in science, mathematics, numerology, and more. There are also common sayings and clichés, such as: “Life begins at 40!”

So here we are in the year 2013, and on January 22, it was 40 years since the United States Supreme Court made it legal for a mother to end the life of her unborn child through abortion. While I can research the importance of the number 40 in the Bible, in world cultures and more, I know that 40 years of legalized abortion means over 56 million instances of ungodly actions that still have not ended, and brings no spiritual healing. It is incomprehensible to me that this period in history has even occurred, and that the highest court in our nation let it happen! Those of you that know me personally have often

heard me say that it feels like we’re in an episode of the “Twilight Zone”.

So what do we do? Do we crawl in a hole and retreat because we didn’t get the results we wanted in the 2012 elections? Do we ignore it all and leave it up to someone else? ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!

2012 was a year in which we saw:

- the second-highest number of abortion restrictions ever enacted across the country;
- the staunchest anti-abortion ticket ever of Romney and Ryan make a HUGE impact even though they lost;



- Ohio experience a 12% decrease in the numbers of abortions;
- our media campaign make a huge impact in saving lives NOW;
- the number of Americans who declare themselves pro-life rise to over 63%; and
- the pro-life youth generation increased at a dramatic rate. They will be our leaders of tomorrow!

The January 3, 2013 issue of *Time Magazine* had a cover story declaring that abortion rights activists are losing their hold on keeping abortion legal. To see this is incredibly awesome....most national news media seem to put pro-abortion individuals and groups on a pedestal as reasonable and intelligent individuals, and don’t publish any negative information about them. While the magazine story doesn’t take a position on the abortion issue, it does show that *we are making a difference, and now is not the time to stop.*

When Moses brought the Ten Commandments down from the mountain after convening with God for 40 days, one commandment said “Thou shalt not kill.” It didn’t say “except for the unborn child!” It would be wonderful if we could change things now, but if it takes 40 more days, months, years or more, we must stand together in unity to get the job done. I want to see a Time Magazine cover that says “ABORTION: NEVER AGAIN!”

It took over 89 years and a bad Supreme Court decision before slavery became illegal in the U.S. It took another 99 years to end the legality of civil discrimination. We condemned the horrors of the holocaust in Germany, and the genocides in Africa, Yugoslavia and other places. You’d have thought we’d learned our lesson about the sanctity of life. Our work goes on.....

For Life,

Denise Leipold
Executive Director



On November 6, 2012, a coalition of pro-life groups, churches, several disability rights groups, nurses and the Massachusetts Medical Society helped defeat a bill to legalize assisted suicide. The measure, which would have allowed doctors to prescribe lethal drugs to persons wishing to end their lives, was defeated by a vote of 51-49 %. Oregon has permitted assisted suicide since October 27, 1997, and as of the end of 2011, 596 persons have died as a result. Washington state has permitted the practice since March 2009, and 157 have died under its provisions.

The recent experience of countries which legalize assisted suicide or euthanasia show the practice to be a slippery slope accounting for more and more deaths. Belgium legalized euthanasia in 2002. The “safeguards” in the law are increasingly ignored, and assisted suicide, which was not authorized, is also practiced. A 2010 study found that a fifth of the nurses surveyed admitted being involved in the assisted suicide of a patient, and some admitted to terminating patients without their consent. A study after 10 years under the law found that in spite of safeguards, not one case in some 5,500 has ever been referred to the police. In practice, the reasons advanced to justify euthanasia are constantly expanded.

A series of court decisions starting in 1984 regarding euthanasia in the Netherlands led to its widening application. From 2009 through 2011, euthanasia deaths increased by an average of 16.7% per year. In 2010, 23% of euthanasia deaths were not reported, as required by law. Starting with more restrictive guidelines, the courts now allow euthanasia for chronically depressed people and children born with disabilities. It was reported that in 1990 1,040 people died at their doctors’ hand without their knowledge or consent. In Switzerland, assisted suicides have increased by 750% since 1998.

In the United Kingdom (UK), backdoor euthanasia appears to be practiced. The UK’s National Health Service (NHS) adopted the Liverpool Care Pathway (LCP) protocol in the late 1990s. Under LCP, patients judged to be days or hours from death and/or suffering from severe pain can be heavily sedated, denied water and nutrition, and are not to be given unnecessary tests or treatments. A national study examined a representative sample of 7,058 deaths occurring between April and June of 2011 at 178 NHS hospitals. It found that in 44% of the cases conscious patients placed on the pathway were not informed of the decision, and one-third of the families of the dying never received a leaflet explaining the pathway process. The pathway protocol is also applied to disabled infants. Writing in the British Medical Journal (Nov. 2012), an anonymous doctor reveals that infants he denies food and water to under the protocol take a median of 10 days to die.

Just as disturbing as these practices are is the revelation that about two thirds of the hospitals employing the protocol are paid by the government for doing so. Indeed, in some cases specific quotas are set to insure that a particular number of people who die are on LCP. Ostensibly the money is awarded for giving “excellent care,” but it also constitutes a monetary saving for the government. Bioethicist Wesley J. Smith has stated, “There is a warning here for us under Obamacare, in which bureaucrats also plan to create similar incentives to induce particular approaches of providing ‘excellence.’” One example of this is Obamacare’s Independent Payment Advisory Board, whose mission is to control the government’s cost for medical care. *Sources: LifeNews, London Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph.* ■

Roe V. Wade Based On Lies

by Dr. Ray Adamek

January 22, 2013 marked the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s infamous Roe v. Wade decision and its companion case, Doe v. Bolton. Together, these two decisions gave us abortion on demand throughout the nine months of pregnancy and have accounted for over 56 million abortion deaths.

Three short analyses of the decisions have underscored the fact that the decisions were based on lies. Interested readers may go to the following sources on the internet, or contact our office for hard copies:



- www.nationalrighttolifenews.org, Susan E. Wills, “Abortion History Myths: The Sequel” (12/26/12);
- www.nationalreview.com, Justin Dyer, “Fictional Abortion History,” (12/24/12);
- on our website, click on “Issues” then on “Roe v. Wade: A Bad Decision Yields Terrible Consequences,” and

“The U.S. Supreme Court on Abortion.” ■

Professor Shinya Yamanaka of Kyoto University won the 2012 Nobel Prize in medicine for his pioneering work in producing induced pluripotent stem cells (iPS). These early cells can turn into virtually any kind of body cells, and are an ethical alternative to using embryonic stem cells, which can only be obtained by killing human embryos. The iPS cells are taken from adult stem cells and changed back to their elemental state. The cells can be used to treat various conditions such as diabetes, Parkinson's disease, spinal

injuries and heart disease.

In a new breakthrough, a team from the University of Cambridge led by Dr. Amer Rana used adult stem cells from a patient's own blood to make "personalized" stem cells which can grow blood vessels. To date, some 73 maladies have been successfully treated using adult stem cells, while embryonic stem cells have not yielded any therapies.

(For a list of the adult stem cell successes, see stemcellresearch.org).

Suing to Defend Religious Freedom

by Dr. Ray Adamek

On February 15, 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published regulations requiring organizations with 50 or more employees to pay for their health insurance to include coverage for sterilization and contraception.

The "contraceptives" include abortifacient drugs such as *Plan B* and *ella*, as well as IUDs which also cause early abortions by interfering with the developing embryo's ability to implant in the womb.

Recognizing that some religious groups would have spiritual and moral objections to the regulations, HHS said it would exempt some employers. Briefly, it exempted churches and associations of churches, but not church-related organizations such as hospitals, schools and social service agencies. Organizations that fail to comply with the HHS Contraception Mandate are subject to bankrupting fines.

These regulations not only violate the consciences of individuals who believe any or all of these practices and devices are immoral by coercing them to pay for them, but also prohibit the free exercise of religion by seeking to define how a religion's belief system is to be exercised in practice. In speaking of the two "greatest commandments" (Matthew 22:34-40), Christ made it clear that we are to love God (in worship) and our neighbors as ourselves (in service). The government is now telling us that we may worship God in our churches, but we may no longer serve our neighbor in our schools, hospitals or social service agencies, unless we are willing to violate our consciences in providing

the services.

To date, some forty-one organizations have taken the federal government to court over this unethical, unconstitutional and tyrannical mandate. The

organizations include Catholic diocese and schools, Christian universities, and individual Catholic and Christian business men and women who represent some nine private, for-profit businesses, as well as non-profit organizations. Tyndale House Publishers and Hobby Lobby are among the better known businesses. Thus far, favorable judgments granting stays of the implementation of the mandate have resulted in 6 of the cases,

while unfavorable judgments have been rendered in eight cases, although four of the latter were only on procedural grounds, as opposed to substantive grounds. Given the mixed outcomes, we can expect the issue to eventually go to the Supreme Court.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops is calling for a time of prayer and fasting from December 30, 2012 to November 24, 2013 for the causes of Life, Marriage and Religious Liberty. Visit their website for more information, or our website for references regarding the moral choices individual employers should consider because of the mandate, or, if you wish to support them, the names of four legal organizations fighting the mandate in court. Hard copies are also available from our office. On our website, click "Issues" and then "HHS Mandate Violates Religious Freedom."





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Rebecca Kiessling

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Rebecca Kiessling was conceived out of a brutal rape at knife-point by a serial rapist. She lives with the reality of people thinking she should have been aborted. Without knowing her, people stand in judgment of her and any life conceived in rape and are quick to dismiss it just because of how they were conceived. Conceived in rape....targeted for abortion! Come and hear why the "rape exception" is as ludicrous as abortion itself!

Rebecca Kiessling is a family law attorney with 4 pro-bono cases of international attention all involving the protection of preborn human life. She is the author of the Heritage House pamphlet "Conceived in Rape: A Story of Hope", and is the Feminists for Life poster child for the rape exception poster "Did I deserve the death penalty?" She has appeared on CNN, CBS news, EWTN's Life on the Rock, The 700 Club, Good Morning America and more. She has also been the feature of many magazine articles. She serves on the advisory board of a crisis pregnancy center, and conducts workshops about "An Abortion-Minded Client's Life-Giving Legal Options" based on Michigan Law. Rebecca is a wife and the mother of 3 biological and 2 adopted children.

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Our Children Are Our Future!

Our battle to restore a culture of life to our country and the rest of the world is a harsh reality, and our youth are the future to achieving our goals. We are proud to announce the launching of **Youth for Life of Northeast Ohio** (YFLNEO) as a resource organization to support student led pro-life organizations in middle schools and high schools, youth groups, and youth organizations throughout northeast Ohio with resources to help develop responsible and active youth leaders who will carry on with the cause of life.

Over the years, many pro-life youth groups started in schools across northeast Ohio under the umbrella of our former *Pro Life Youth Congress*. In 2012, the group had grown to the point where maintaining the PLYC as a membership organization became very difficult. With the guidance of the Students for Life of America organization, Right to Life of Northeast Ohio chose to re-format the youth program and develop a resource organization called **Youth for Life of Northeast Ohio**. The new format has less structure than a membership organization, and

focuses instead on building up the individual pro-life groups at each school or church, while collaborating with their local Right to Life chapters and other pro-life youth groups through the programming and resources provided by YFLNEO. This unity of participation helps to show others the strengths and the intensity of their beliefs as we work to overcome the tragedies of abortion, and the indignities sometimes visited upon old age and chronic or terminal illnesses by our society.

Since the YFLNEO launched on January 1 in the middle of the current school year, the former national officers of the PLYC have been selected to form an advisory committee. Each committee member will be a liaison between YFLNEO and pro-life youth groups within a geographic area. Any pro

-life youth group in northeast Ohio can utilize the resources and assistance of YFLNEO.

The new **YFLNEO** website should be up and running by the time you receive this newsletter. If your pro-life youth group would like to draw upon the resources of YFLNEO, or if you'd like more information, visit their website at www.YouthForLifeofNortheastOhio.org, or call our office at 330-762-2785. ■



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 **February 23, 2013**
Raffle For Life!

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The Issues

*Abortion
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 Euthanasia & End of Life Decisions*

Our Goal

Building the Culture of Life

Our Strategies

Educate with the facts concerning life issues
Legislate by promoting laws protecting innocent
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Advocate as a voice for the voiceless
Unify those seeking to defend life
Multiply our voices to increase in strength



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