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ProLife Action for Heartbeat Bill

October 12th a new statewide pro-life organization was announced at the Columbus Statehouse—Ohio ProLife Action. This new organization is to work with and support the many other pro-life and pro-family individuals and organizations in the state, with focus now on passing Ohio's Heartbeat Bill (H.B.125), which bans abortion of unborn babies once their heartbeat is detected, as early as six weeks gestation.

Ohio ProLife Action board members include Vice President Dr. Jack Willke, founder of both National and Ohio Right to Life, and President Linda Theis, a former president of Ohio Right to Life. Other officers include Vice President Phil Burress, president of Citizens for Community Values Action, Secretary Barry Sheets, founder of the Institute for Principled Policy, Treasurer Ed Kasputis, who chaired the Ohio House Committee which heard the nation's first ban on Partial Birth Abortion, plus Executive Committee Members Paula Westwood, Executive Director of Cincinnati Right to Life, and Linda Reidelbach, a former state representative.

Sharonville Abortionists Protected

In 2010, the state granted a variance [exception] allowing late term abortionist, Martin Haskell, to open the Women's Med Center at 11250 Lebanon Rd., Sharonville, Ohio. Haskell could not comply with a regulation requiring an Ambulatory Surgical Facility (ASF) to have a transfer agreement with an area hospital to handle complications. Thus the state accepted his and his partner's, Roslyn Kade's, privileges at area hospitals instead. Now Haskell's variance has been modified, and as of this printing, the Women's Med Center remains open through privileges Kade, David Schwartz and Walter Bowers have at The Christ Hospital.

Documents obtained by Operation Rescue reveal that Walter Bowers has been disciplined in Kentucky and banned from practicing obstetrics for five years. In a hearing October 12th before the State Medical Board of Ohio, Bowers made excuses for the Kentucky disciplinary order, and the Board granted Bowers a simple reprimand and two years probation without other restrictions to his Ohio medical license. Governor Kasich, Attorney General Mike DeWine, and ODH Director Dr. Ted Wymyslo have all been alerted and are aware of this serious breach of true healthcare.

January March for Life Buses

The annual March for Life in Washington, DC commemorating the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision, which legalized abortion on demand, will be Monday, January 23, 2012. Student buses to the March for Life are sent through the Diocese of Covington and Archdiocese of Cincinnati. **Reservations are being taken for the following adult/family buses.**

Warren County Right to Life: leaving Lebanon, OH Sun. morning, Jan. 22, returning late Tues. night, Jan. 24; \$145-\$210 for bus & two-night hotel stay, 1 to 4 people per hotel room. Contact Debbie Smith, 513/932-5434, warrencorighttolife@go-concepts.com.

The Diocese of Covington: leaving Erlanger, KY Sun. morning, Jan. 22, returning early Tues. morning, Jan. 24; \$155-\$200 for bus & one-night hotel stay, 1 to 4 people per hotel room. Contact Faye Roch, 859/392-1545, froch@covingtondiocese.org

Our Lady of Lourdes: leaving church Sun. Jan. 21, 7 a.m., returning Jan. 24 at 2 or 3 a.m.; \$164-\$330, 1 to 4 people per hotel room; two nights at hotel, Mass at the Basilica and bag lunch on day of March. Contact Janet Tuchfarber 513/251-0331, mad8031pag@yahoo.com.

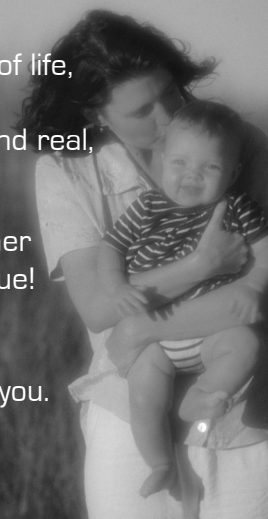
November is National Adoption Month

The Gift of Life

I didn't give you the gift of life,
But in my heart I know,
The love I feel is deep and real,
As if it had been so.

For us to have each other
Is like a dream come true!
No, I didn't give you
The gift of life,
Life gave me the gift of you.

— Unknown



He came as a baby

9 Months
• Baby triggers birth

Christmas starts with Christ

Conceived: March 25
Birthday: December 25

AffirmingLife.org

He Came As a Baby billboard series Clifton Avenue & Spring Grove; Harrison Ave. & Queen City Ave., Wooster Pike & Hutton St., and now Beekman & Fairmount – final in series to be posted through Christmas!

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

United States Declaration of Independence



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Sweepstakes Winners

Congratulations to all of our winners and thank you to everyone who participated! The winners are: Marlene Flick, Edna Kraft, Tom Mahaney, Joseph Menke, Debra Wieland, Paul Mahar, M.D., Marjorie Glaser, Anna Hammelrath, David Tensing, Raymond Deidesheimer, & Bertha Schroeder.

Elementary Poster Contest – Mark Your Calendar!

The deadline for Cincinnati Right to Life's 9th Annual Pro-Life Poster Contest for students grades K-8 is March 31. This year's theme is "Liberty & Justice for All, Born & Unborn." A 1st place \$25 prize plus 2nd and 3rd place ribbons are awarded for the winners in categories K-2, 3-5, 6-8. For registration or entry forms plus contest rules see CincinnatiRighttoLife.org or call the Right to Life office.

2010 Abortion Statistics

The Ohio Department of Health has released its Induced Abortions in Ohio report--the latest abortion statistics available, from 2010. Note that statistics are a year behind the current year. According to the report, abortion numbers statewide are the lowest in 14 years at 28,123 (28,721 for 2009). However, local counties show both increases and decreases:

Hamilton County still has the third highest abortion total after Cuyahoga (6598) and Franklin (3448) Counties, with an increase to 2785 abortions in 2010 (2728 in 2009). Butler County numbers decreased to 690 (707 in 2009), and Clermont County decreased to 258 (293 in 2009). Warren County saw an increase to 265 abortions (244 in 2009).

Thank you to all who participated in 40 Days for Life fall campaign. Next spring the campaign will run during Lent from Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 through Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012.



A Legacy for Life

Gifts made to the Cincinnati Right to Life Educational Foundation at the end of the tax year, or through a provision in a member's will, spreads the message of Life.

Please consider a year-end gift to the Cincinnati Right to Life Educational Foundation, such as stocks, bonds and mutual funds*, IRA donations, personal property and objects of value. Please also consider leaving a legacy for life through bequests, trusts, annuities, and other income agreements.

Before giving, consult with a professional tax and legal advisor for the best way to maximize the benefit of your gift while also providing for your loved ones. If you do not have an advisor, you may contact: Robert Meyers, Esq., Buechner, Haffer, Meyers & Koenig Co., LPA. 513/977-4631.

** For gifts of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, contact Paula Westwood, Executive Director, for how-to instructions.*

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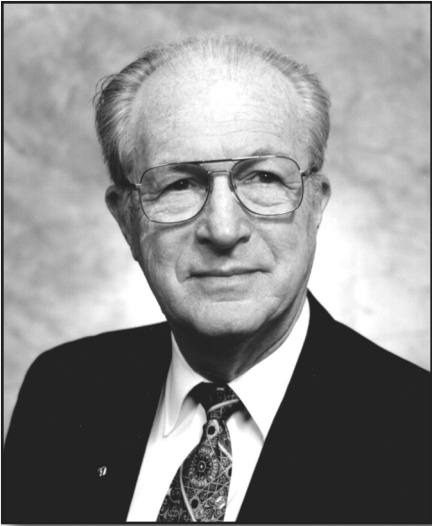
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Dr. Willke Writes

PLANNED PARENTHOOD EXPOSED

In July, Americans United for Life released a detailed report documenting the Planned Parenthood Federation of America's known and alleged systemic financial fraud and abuses, including:

- Misuse of federal healthcare & family planning funds by PP affiliates
- Failure to report suspected criminal child sexual abuse as required by law, while instead advising children and their abusers on how to circumvent such laws
- Failure to comply with parental consent/involvement laws
- Willingness to assist those involved in prostitution and/or sex trafficking to exploit young women, instead of protecting their health and safety
- Dangerous misuse of the abortion drug RU-486, and disseminating misleading information about so-called "emergency contraception" including the new abortion-inducing drug, Ella
- Giving women deceptive and false information on fetal development and abortion's inherent health risks
- Putting the lives and safety of women and girls at risk by referring them to abortion providers with inferior facilities and shockingly substandard healthcare practices

INVESTIGATING PLANNED PARENTHOOD: U.S. Rep. Cliff Stearns, chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Investigations, has sent a letter to Cecile Richards, President of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), to begin a

thorough audit of Planned Parenthood. Rep. Stearns' letter requests that Planned Parenthood send the committee official documentation that "ensures federal money received by PPFA and its affiliates is not being used to impermissibly subsidize abortion." Besides checking whether Planned Parenthood is complying with federal regulations for use of taxpayer funding, the Committee will also check for other financial irregularities, and will examine whether Planned Parenthood is reporting all cases of suspected sexual abuse of minors and suspected sex-trafficking cases.

PREGNANCY A DISEASE? The US Department of Health Human Services has redefined woman's healthcare. By January 1, 2013, insurance providers are to give women a range of new "preventive services" with no co-pay. These will include sterilizations and contraceptives, including abortifacient drugs such as Ella and Plan B.

RU-486 UPDATE: Eleven years ago, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted approval for distribution of the RU-486 medical abortion drug. RU-486 is used to induce an early abortion at 6-11 weeks of pregnancy. According to an FDA report released in July, 14 U.S. women are known to have died after taking this drug, and a total of 2,207 adverse effects have been reported. Similar effects have been reported worldwide.

STRENGTHENED INFORMED CONSENT: Congresswoman Michelle Bachmann has introduced the Heartbeat Informed Consent Act to strengthen information given to women before they have an abortion. This bill requires that a mother be offered an ultrasound of her unborn baby, that the baby's heart be highlighted on the ultrasound image, the child's heart's activity described, and the

heartbeat made audible for her to hear. However, under the bill, the mother is not prevented from "closing or averting her eyes from the ultrasound images required to be displayed or not listening to the description of the images required to be given."

PROTECT LIFE ACT: The U.S. House of Representatives has approved the Protect Life Act (HR 358). This bill is sponsored by Congressman Joe Pitts (R-PA) and similar to the unsuccessful 2009 Stupak Pitts Amendment to restrict abortion funding in the federal healthcare legislation. The Protect Life Act states that no funds authorized or distributed under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act may be used to pay for abortion or abortion coverage. Individuals and state or local governments wanting abortion coverage in their healthcare plans must purchase a separate elective abortion rider paid for with private funds. Insurance companies that offer abortion coverage must also offer clients identical health insurance plans without this rider. The Protect Life Act insures that state laws protecting conscience rights are respected for healthcare workers and institutions, and also for insurance companies, that don't want to participate in or cover abortion.

OHIO PARENTAL CONSENT STRENGTHENED: The Ohio Senate has passed House Bill 63, 23 to 9. This pro-life legislation will protect minors and their unborn children by closing loopholes and raising the bar to protect parents' ability to care for their children. Current Ohio law states that parental consent is required before a minor can obtain an abortion, but a loophole exists which allows judges to bypass parental involvement and allow a minor to obtain an abortion. H.B. 63 puts an end to this "rubber-stamp" judicial approval.

Thank you to all who have donated in Memory or Honor of loved ones.

In Memory

Charles Abbott
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 Ada Asbrook
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 Marilyn Bushelman
 James Coehne
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 Dorothy & John Gillen
 The Ryans

55th

Jack & Ana Mae Scheid

60th

Esther & Bill Davis
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In Honor

Edgar Willig

Upcoming Area Pro-Life Events

Son Rise Morning Show 740AM, every Tuesday, 7:20 a.m., pro-life radio news spot with host Brian Patrick and CRTL Executive Director Paula Westwood (sonrisemorningshow.blogspot.com)

Helpers of God's Precious Infants Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood, November 5, 19, 26 & December 3, 17, 24; 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati; November 12 & December 10, 8:30 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church, Western Hills (513/984-6742)

First Saturday Pro-Life Rosary & Mass, November 5 & December 3, 9 a.m., at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH; followed by coffee and speaker (513/522-7247)

Saturday Morning Prayer Vigils at Women's Med Center, Sharonville, OH - for Mass times and specific church locations for each Saturday see CincinnatiRightToLife.org/site.cfm/Area-Events.cfm

Mary's Mantle 2nd Saturday Pro-Life Mass & Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood, November 12 & December 10, 8 a.m. at Holy Name Church, Auburn Ave., Cincinnati (513/258-7620)

Third Friday Right to Life Mass, November 18 & December 16, noon; Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

Cenacle for Life, every Sunday, 3-4 p.m., Church of the Resurrection, 1st Avenue, Price Hill; includes Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary and other prayers (513/471-2700, CenaclesofLife.org)

If your church or pro-life group has an event coming up, let us know! Please notify the Right to Life office at least six weeks prior to the issue you wish to have your listing appear.

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