



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, among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."
United State Declaration of Independence

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A new baby is like the
beginning of all things -
wonder, hope,
a dream of possibilities.

Eda J. Le Shan

New President to Lead Board

Jean Schmidt has been elected President of the Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati Board of Directors. She replaces Pat Conroy who served in this position from 1998-2005.

Jean is a well-known public servant, most recently completing two terms as Ohio State Representative. As State Representative, she served on the Finance & Appropriations Committee, was Vice-Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee, and also served on the committees for Human Services & Aging, Banking & Pensions & Securities, and Public Utilities.

Before serving as State Representative, Jean was a Township Trustee for eleven years for Miami Township in Clermont County, where she built a 300 acre professionally-staffed park system, brought 5,000 new jobs to the township, and more. Jean also has a long list of additional community involvement, including work and fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society team in Training Program and the Jim Sauls Foundation 5K Run/Walk, member of the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce, and board member for Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati.

Jean will be lending her legislative experience to help further Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's efforts and goals for the coming years. But most importantly, she has a tenacious devotion to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death—already demonstrated in her political and private life.



Also re-elected as officers March 9th were Jack Hart, Vice President; Mary Clark, Secretary; and Jim Schuermann, Treasurer. Board members include Rosemary Beckman, John Berning, Jennifer Black, Dr. Robert Burger, Pat Conroy, Chuck Donabedian, Rev. Charles Hickey, Ed Lohman, Brad Mattes, Robert Meyers, Mike Patton, Joe Platt, Tina Rieder, and Mary Ann Stevenson.

Save the Date for Banquet 2005

Plan now to attend Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati's annual Evening for Life Thursday, October 6, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Cincinnati; reception 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m. Abortion survivor, Gianna Jessen, will be the guest speaker, and Jackie Carney, Executive Director of Pregnancy Center West, will receive this year's Life Award.

Add Your Name to Signature Ad

Thousands of Greater Cincinnati pro-life supporters will have their names listed in an ad promoting the preciousness of Life in the Cincinnati Enquirer on Mother's Day, May 8, 2005. **Sign up friends and families and use the signature ad form on Page 2 to send in your name(s) today! Deadline April 25.**

Mother's Day Signature Ad

On Sunday, May 8, 2005 we will be running an ad in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* to show the community our support for the unborn and their families. To support this project we are requesting a suggested donation of \$10 per individual (i.e. John Smith), \$25 per family name (i.e. The John Smith Family), or \$35 per business or organization. All names will be listed alphabetically by last name or business name.

Please make checks payable to Right to Life and send in your donation with the form below to Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc., 1802 W. Galbraith Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45239 by Monday, April 25, 2005. **Thank you for your support of Life!**



I join with Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. to express my support for legal protection of unborn children.

Please Print
NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

SIGNATURE

(form not valid without signature)

Yes, Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati, Inc. may use my name in their Mother's Day Signature ad.

No, I prefer not to have my name used in the advertisement, but would like to support it financially.

Amount of donation for ad \$ _____ (\$10/individual, \$25/family, \$35/business or organization)

Oratory Contest Winners

Participants and winners in this year's Oratory Contest for high school juniors and seniors were Regina Federspiel, Theresa King, Monica Boylson, and Claire Boylson from Immaculate Conception Academy, and Daniel Schulte from St. Xavier High School. Judges included Pat Conroy, President Emeritus, Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati; Sandy Osterhues, Treasurer, Cincinnati Right to Life Political Action Committee; and Rachel Westwood, Doctoral Teaching Associate for Interdisciplinary Arts.

The winners were Theresa King, 1st; Claire Boylson, 2nd; and Regina Federspiel, 3rd. Theresa's winning speech presented abortion as a civil rights issues comparable to slavery. Theresa will participate in Ohio Right to Life's state contest in April. The ORTL winner will compete at the National Right to Life Convention in June.

Mother's Day Flower Sale

Participate in the Right to Life flower sale and have beautiful potted blooms delivered to your church in time for Mother's Day. Call Rosemary at 513/598-4809 to choose your plants and schedule your delivery.

More Artists Welcome

There's still time to enter our 3rd Annual Poster Contest for students in K-8th grade, or our High School Logo Design Contest for grades 9-12. For rules, prize information, and an entry form go to www.cincinnati.rightrighttolife.org or call the RTL office. *Deadline April 18.*

Popular Bracelets Available

Right to Life of Greater Cincinnati now has a pro-life version of popular silicone bracelets available. The bracelets are royal blue, de-embossed with the word "PROLIFE" for \$2.00 each. They can be picked up from our office or mailed for a shipping charge (\$1-\$20, \$5 shipping charge).



National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day

Tuesday, April 26, is American Life League's National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day, when pro-life supporters across the nation are asked to display their convictions by wearing a pro-life t-shirt. See www.nationalprolifetshirtday.com for more information.

Take Note: Pro-Life News in Brief

Secretary of State **Condoleezza Rice** told *Washington Times* reporters in March that she is "mildly pro-choice." She opposes late-term and taxpayer-funded abortions, but says government shouldn't force "its views on one side or the other."

The United Nations voted in February for a total **ban on human cloning**. This defeats the French and German efforts for human experimental cloning.

President Bush has appointed **Lester Crawford** head of the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA has since announced plans for a new panel to oversee safety issues with approved drugs, which may affect RU 486 availability plus over-the-counter-sales of the Morning After Pill.

To uncover possible crimes of **sexual exploitation of minors and abortions** for any resulting pregnancies, Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline and Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter have requested documents from abortion facilities to investigate records of young girls who have had late-term abortions. The abortion businesses are refusing to comply, stating patient privacy reasons.

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DR. WILLKE WRITES

WHAT IS "VEGETATIVE STATE"?

The American Academy of Neurology defines persistent vegetative state as follows: "Patients in PVS have sleep, wake cycles but remain completely unaware of themselves or their environments and are incapable of

any kind of voluntary movement. They do not have the capacity to experience pain or suffering. Pain and suffering are attributes of consciousness requiring cerebral cortical functioning and patients who are permanently and completely unconscious cannot experience these symptoms." The academy recommends carefully observing a patient for one to three months and conduct laboratory studies before declaring a persistent vegetative state. Obviously Terry Schiavo is not in a PVS.

KENTUCKY AUTHORIZES EUTHANASIA: The Kentucky Supreme Court has handed down a decision that families of "permanently unconscious" patients may have their lives ended by removing their life support. This is true even if a person had not declared a desire for this to happen. According to this decision, life support may be ended when a patient is in a "persistent vegetative state" (which is open to wide and liberal interpretation) or when "inevitable death is expected by reasonable medical judgment within a few days." Life support, which we presume includes food and water, may be ended without a court order unless there is family disagreement (whatever this means). Edward White, an attorney with the Thomas More legal center told the *Lexington Herald Leader* that this put "Kentucky on the slippery slope of euthanasia."

NUTRITION AND HYDRATION? In the public press, we continually read the phrase "artificial nutrition and hydration." This is simply incorrect. Correctly spoken it is "artificially administered nutrition and hydration." Better yet, "assisted feeding." What's the difference? The euthanasia phraseology sounds very medical and more like treatment. *Treatment* can be withdrawn in certain instances. Actually, if you drink a milkshake through a straw, you are artificially administering to yourself food and fluids. Since treatment of an incompetent patient through a gastric tube is no different than drinking fluids through a straw, we really ought to use the same language rather than their pro-euthanasia words.

BILL BANNING RU 486 REINTRODUCED: While a congressional agency continues to review its safety, and the Food and Drug Administration has temporized in any further action against it, Senator Jim Demint, (R-SC) and Representative Roscoe Bartlett, (R-MD) have reintroduced an act dubbed "Holly's Law" that would ban the drug from the market.

BANKRUPTCY VICTORY IN CONGRESS: For several years now a Bankruptcy Reform Bill had been stalled. This was because strongly pro-abortion Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) had attached a proposed amendment that would have excluded any judgment against pro-life activists from being able to file bankruptcy. With the newly elected senators, this finally passed with that pro-abortion amendment being defeated 53 to 46.

HILLARY ON ABORTIONS: Hillary Clinton recently received much publicity by stating that abortion, while necessary, was a tragic decision. This showed no change in her complete approval of this violent procedure. Now she has condemned President Bush for not using taxpayer dollars to fund groups that perform and promote abortions in other countries. Well, she is consistent.

POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE? Mitt Romney is the Republican governor of the important state of Massachusetts. In a recent talk in Spartanburg, SC he made it quite plain that he holds a pro-life position.

NO FUNDS FOR CHINESE PROGRAM: President Bush has blocked the use of 34 million taxpayer dollars to the United Nations Population Fund because of its support for the genocidal Chinese population control program involving forced abortions and sterilizations. This will divert 34 million dollars to a USAID program that provides health care for poor women and children in other countries. This is the fourth year that President Bush has done this.

NEW UNICEF DIRECTOR: After serving two five-year terms Carol Bellamy will not be re-nominated as director of UNICEF. Pro-lifers can issue a sigh of relief. This pro-abortion radical feminist vigorously pursued "comprehensive reproductive health programs," not previously on UNICEF's agenda. U.N. Secretary Kofi Annan has nominated U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman to replace her. Secretary Veneman has stated that in her opinion "reproductive health and education issues are not relevant to the agencies' mission ... I come with an agenda of helping children, particularly in the areas of education and health and to address the issues of hunger and malnutrition." Sounds like a breath of fresh air. Maybe now we can quit boycotting this major branch of the United Nations.

CALENDAR

April 4, 11, 18, 25, & May 2, 9, 7:30 p.m., Birthright Childbirth Preparation Classes, Bethesda Oak, free (513/241-5433)

April 4, 11, 18, 25, & May 2, 9, 16, & 23 6:30 p.m., New Hope Center Volunteer Training, Crestview Hills or Latonia, KY (859/341-0766)

April 5, 5:30 p.m., Life Issues Institute Birthday Recognition for Dr. Jack Willke, (513/729-3600)

April 9 & 23, 8:00 a.m., Mass, Rosary Walk & Prayer Vigil for Life, Holy Name Church, Cincinnati (513/984-6742)

April 14, 6:30 p.m., PregnancyCare of Cincinnati Banquet (513/961-7777)

April 21, 6:30 p.m., Pregnancy Center East Banquet (513/321-3100)

April 26, National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day (www.nationalprolifetshirtday.com)

May 8, Mother's Day Pro-Life Signature Ad in Cincinnati Enquirer (see p. 2)

May 8, 1:30 p.m., Mother Daughter Tea, Milford Spiritual Center, \$15/person (513/518-6646)

May 14 & 28, 8:00 a.m., Mass, Rosary Walk & Prayer Vigil for Life, Holy Name Church, Cincinnati (513/984-6742)

May 21, Right to Life Run/Walk (see below)



23rd ANNUAL RIGHT TO LIFE RUN

Saturday, May 21, 2005 at 10 a.m. Mt. Airy Forest, Cincinnati, Ohio

New This Year: ❖ 5k Run ❖ 5k Competitive Walk ❖ 1.0 Mile Family Fun Walk

Race Director: Don Connolly

For more information go to www.cincinnati.rightrighttolife.org or call 513/728-7870

PRE-REGISTRATION deadline-Tuesday, May 10, 2005

\$18-Individual, includes all cotton shirt

\$12-Individual, no shirt

\$18-Family of 3 or more*, no shirts

RACE DAY REGISTRATION 8:00-9:30 a.m. Stone Steps Ridge

shelter area, Mt. Airy Forest

\$14-Individual, no shirt

\$20-Family of 3 or more*, no shirts

*Family Member pre-registration - each family member must fill out a separate forms and mail together in one envelope. \$10 per shirt purchased separately.

To register send check or money order along with registration form(s) below to: Right to Life, 1802 W. Galbraith Rd., Cinti, Oh 45239.

LIFE RUN 2005 REGISTRATION FORM

Please register me for the: 5k Run 5k Walk 1 Mile Family Fun Run

NAME _____

TEAM _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAYTIME PHONE _____

Category
Age _____ Male Female

Shirt size
 Adult or Child
 Small Medium Large XLarge
(no XL in child's size)

In consideration of the foregoing, I for myself, my executors, administrators and assignees, do hereby release and discharge all sponsors for all claims of damages, demands and actions whatsoever in any manner arising or growing out of my participation in said run.

Signature _____ Parent's Signature (If under 18) _____

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