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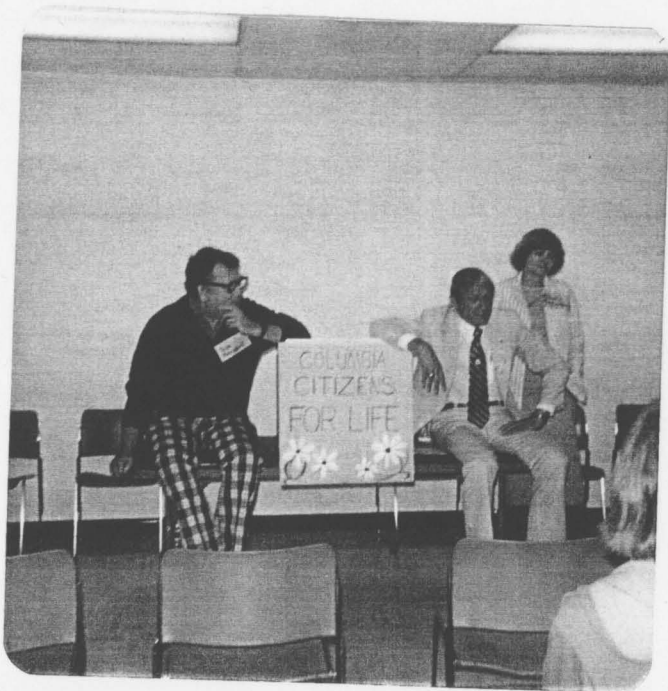
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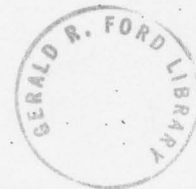
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OBSESSION

ENOUGH ABOUT ME. WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ME?

SHE'S WHITE, ATTRACTIVE, 45. She sits in an office that smells of clove oil and novocain—a dentist's office is next door. Her careful lipstick wears off as she talks steadily, fluidly, about the ultimate pipe dream, about working to create a society in which "even unborn babies are accorded dignity and respect and legal protection." Marge Mecklenburg has, in one organization or another, led the pro-life movement in Minnesota for 13 years, and, as she sees it, her work is just beginning. Her obsession is a rarity—rational, moderate and enduring.

It started when she was invited to a meeting at a neighbor's house to talk about the legality of abortion. By the meeting's end the women had formed Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, and Mecklenburg's husband, a St. Louis Park obstetrician, was president. Because Fred Mecklenburg was too busy, Marge became president de facto. "Fred said to me years later, 'I haven't had the time to devote to the abortion thing I'd like to, but I've given them you!' And in a sense, he had."

"I had no particular religious compunction about abortion, and even though I had a science minor in college, I simply couldn't identify with the unborn fetus, at least not in the early stages. My husband was the one who felt strongly about it. Finally he dragged out the medical textbooks and showed me the pictures of aborted fetuses." She's almost embarrassed to say it. "They were human, too." For Mecklenburg, the humanity of the fetus was something so obvious, it warrants little debate.

Early on, she was more strident than she is now, more single issue. She saw a shorter term goal. There wasn't one story, or person that prompted her change in objectives, from the clear goal of achieving a constitutional amendment "guaranteeing a legal right to life for unborn humans" to something broader, more subtle and a lot more visionary.

"It would be dramatic if I had some sort of revelation, but there were myriad stories, all of them moving, all of them valid. What I remember is being in Detroit once, in an auditorium full of people. I had just given my usual speech about the

possibilities of educating people so young women are allowed to carry their pregnancies with dignity and children are brought into a world where they will be wanted and loved and cared for. A black woman got up from the audience and said, "That's all very nice, but if you lived where I do, and if you had seen the things I've seen, you wouldn't be so idealistic about the possibilities. I've lived here in the inner city of Detroit all my life. And I'd like to believe you, but I can't."

"I just hadn't been exposed to the kinds of problems that people had trying to keep and raise their children," Mecklenburg says. She had founded and worked for a slew of anti-abortion organizations—Birthright, the National Right to Life Committee, Americans United for Life—but clearly it was time for a more complex approach to the question of abortion. Resigning all her other affiliations, five years ago she founded American Citizens Concerned for Life, a national lobbying group that presses for things like aid to adolescent mothers and pregnancy benefits. "We don't make being against or for abortion the litmus test of whether you're pro-life." Now she's thinking of changing the name, because she's afraid it still reflects the narrow approach of the single issue MCCL.

Implicit here is the suggestion that she was gently purged from the MCCL for being too reasonable, too willing to compromise. "When there are people committed to an issue," she says, "there is always a fragmentation of forces. It depends on what your goals are. If they are to pledge congressmen to a certain kind of amendment, you have to work through the political process. You have to have a disciplined set of troops that will get out and vote every time on abortion alone, that are willing to vote a politician in or out of office depending on his position. But it's also effective to have some people who don't take the strident approach. Stridency and militance paralyze some of the very people who would otherwise agree with you. But both tactics are very effective and necessary parts of social change. If you didn't have the shock troops, who would be interested in talking to anybody reasonable?"

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It's this moderation, coupled with a still intense belief in the rights of the unborn fetus that earns Mecklenburg reluctant admiration from the director of Planned Parenthood in Minnesota. Tom Webber calls her "the most sophisticated political strategist in the anti-abortion movement." Mecklenburg claims her rational approach is temperamental rather than political calculation. If so, her temperament is not that of the truly obsessed.

She listens. With long training in debate at school (she and her husband were state champions) listening to the merits of the opposition's arguments is ingrained in her. So is a well-balanced involvement in other things. "Especially if you have some success, it's tempting to think, 'Oh, what I could do if I only devoted full time to this,'" she says. "Every movement needs people who are willing to forego any other involvement, but I'm not willing to ignore my family. And if I'm a haggard wreck strung out like a violin, or a bore on the subject, I'm going to lose effectiveness anyway. You don't persuade people unless you have some understanding of what their concerns are, and you acknowledge them. And I don't really look at those textbook pictures of fetuses any more. I find they're an impediment to a rational approach."

—Patricia Ohmans



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Mrs. Mecklenburg has actively worked to develop supportive services for women facing problem pregnancies and for children, born and unborn. As an advocate for both women and children, she has spoken, testified and written frequently about the needs of these individuals. Presidential and Congressional candidates have called on her to be a special-issues consultant.

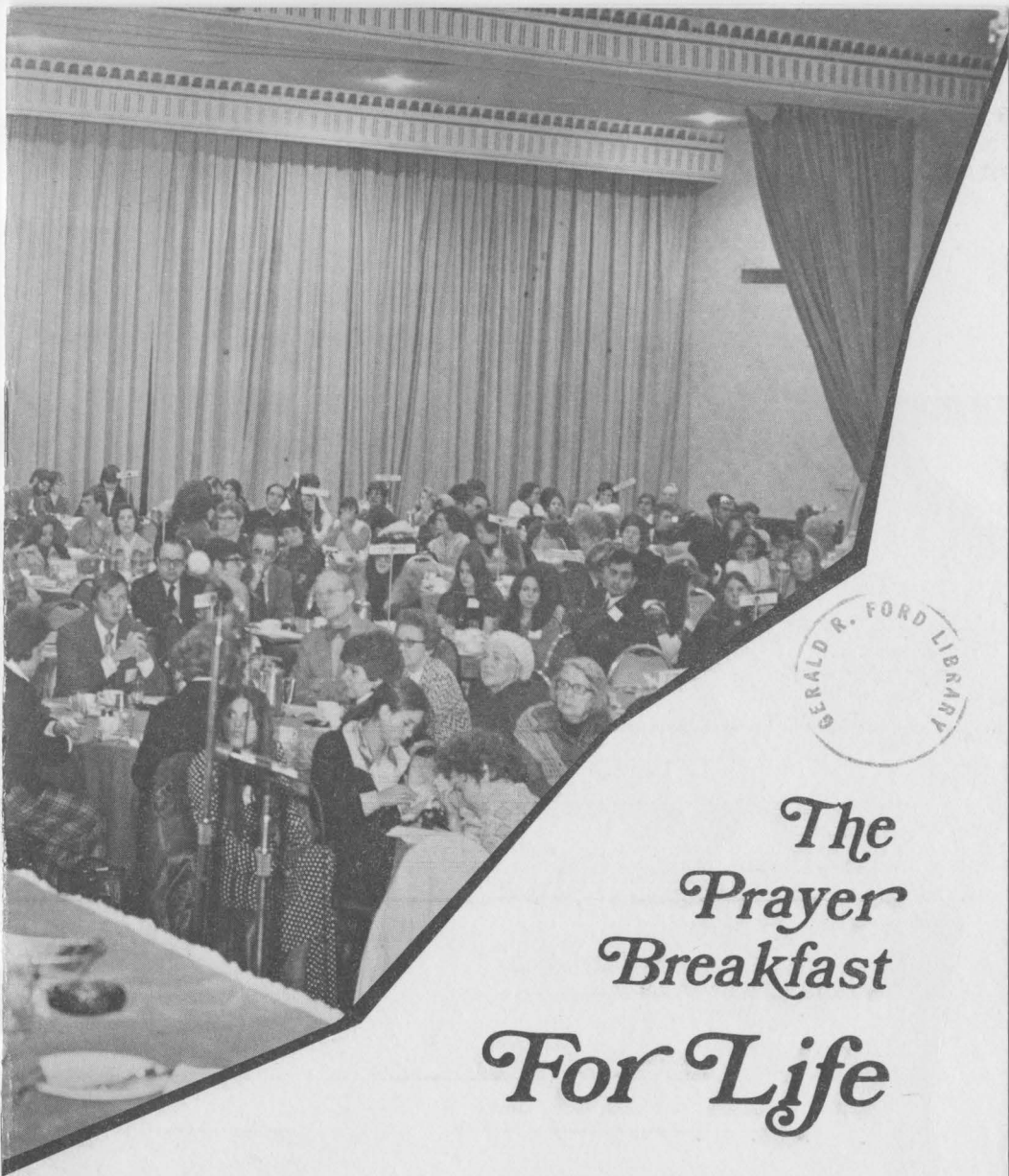
She appears in the film "Bertha," produced by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, which examines the reproductive rights of the retarded, and is co-author of chapters on alternatives to abortion in several books, among them Abortion and Social Justice, and Facing the Future - the Church and Family Together.

She has appeared frequently on national and local television programs. She was one of four critic-panelists who participated in the Public Broadcasting System's television special, "Population and the American Future," and has appeared on the "Lou Gordon" and "Today" shows. She has been a speaker on various "value of life" issues at public events in more than twenty states.

Mrs. Mecklenburg graduated from the University of Minnesota with membership in a number of scholarship and leadership honorary societies. Her degree was in Home Economics Education and she taught home economics, including family life and child development, for five years.

She is married to Dr. Fred Mecklenburg, an obstetrician-gynecologist, and is the mother of four children.





*The
Prayer
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For Life*

January 22, 1975
Washington, D.C.

Preface

HEREIN WE INVITE YOU TO READ AND TO STUDY THE THOUGHTS AND WORDS OF CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH LEADERSHIP AS THEY REFLECT ON THE TRADITIONAL JUDEO-CHRISTIAN CONCERN FOR GOD-GIVEN LIFE'S VALUE, BASED ON SCRIPTURE SACRED TO BOTH TRADITIONS.

THROUGH THESE WORDS, BECOME A PART OF THE MAGNIFICENT WITNESS TO LIFE SHARED BY PEOPLE WHO CAME FROM THEIR PRIVATE, RELIGIOUS AND PUBLIC WALKS OF LIFE TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON THIS ISSUE IN THIS WORSHIP.

MAY GOD BE SERVED BY WHAT WE HAVE DONE!



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WELCOME

Marjory Mecklenburg

Welcome to Washington, D.C. and the first Prayer Breakfast For Life. It is good to be together! The warm bond of friendship unites us. We truly are from all walks of life and all parts of the country, and have varying religious backgrounds but our hearts are filled with the same gladness -- the gladness we have for the opportunity to serve, and for each other.

May this worship service today renew our hope, restore our vision, and help us to see how we can use our lives effectively to help all of God's children who need us.



THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Albert Kovacks

"The Lord is the everlasting God,
The Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary.
His understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint
And to him who has no might He increases his strength.

Even youth shall faint and be weary
And young men shall fall exhausted.

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint."



THE INVOCATION

David Kucharsky

O Lord, we are gathered here as part of an effort to right a great wrong. We ask You to bless our brief time together to the end that in our society and in our time there might be a greater respect for human life. Instill in us and help us to sensitize others with a deeper regard for the physical, mental, and spiritual welfare of human beings everywhere. Especially do we pray that consciences will be awakened to the inherent dignity and profound worth of the unborn. We pray for the young, and for the old as well; for the suffering and the oppressed; for the neglected and unwanted. We think of how the disciples of Jesus Christ rebuked those who brought their children but that Jesus said, "*Let the children come to Me and do not hinder them for to such belongs the Kingdom of Heaven*".

Help us to further our cause in love and in mercy, and in appreciation for a nation that allows such opportunity. Let us be mindful that righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.

Amen.



INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield

I'm delighted to announce on behalf of Senator Buckley and myself that we will again be introducing this morning into the Senate our pro-life amendment in order to bring focus at the legislative level to the responsibilities we all have to counteract the impact of the Supreme Court ruling.

The respect for the sacredness of human life compels us to place restrictions on abortion. But I feel that the same concern and commitment to human life compels us to reach

out in compassion to meet the needs of the hungry. We have a continuing responsibility from the moment that life begins to the moment that life ends to be concerned about the needs and the rights of life.

I am pleased to know that many of you here today have demonstrated your continuing compassion and respect for human life by raising contributions for tons of rice and other staples for the hungry people of the world. We are told that about 40% of the world's children will never live beyond the age of five, dying from disease and hunger. We are gathered here today, not only to mobilize our common concern and effort for the amendment, but also to demonstrate our commitment to the needs of human life as it lives beyond the mother's womb.

I want to commend you all, and say that we stand, Senator Buckley and myself and the other members of Congress who have joined us, not only to do battle on the legislative front but we assure you that we will continue to do battle to meet the needs of human life throughout the entire span of life.



SCRIPTURE -- PSALM 139

Jean Garton

"For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise Thee, for Thou art fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are Thy works! Thou knowest me right well. My

frame was not hidden from Thee when I was being made in secret, intricately wrought in the depths of the earth. Thy eyes beheld my unformed substance. In Thy book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me when as yet there was none of them.... O God! That men of blood would depart from me, men who maliciously defy Thee, who lift themselves up against Thee for evil!"



"FOR GOD'S UNBORN CHILDREN"

Rev. Harold O. J. Brown

When Mary was carrying the unborn Jesus, she visited her cousin Elizabeth, who was also pregnant. Elizabeth's son is known to us as John the Baptist. And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the baby leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She cried out with a loud voice and said, "*Blessed among women are you, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how has it happened to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me, for behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears the baby leapt in my womb for joy.*"

The Psalmist wrote, "*Thine eyes did see my substance, it as yet being unperfected, and in Thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned when as yet there were none of them. How precious, also, are Thy thoughts unto me, O God. How great is the sum of them.*"

In Genesis 9:6, after the deluge, in what is sometimes called the Noahic Covenant, we read "*Who so sheddeth man's blood by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God made He man*".

The unborn child may not be real or human to many Americans, including seven Supreme Court justices. But if, as Noah was reminded after the flood, human beings are made in God's image, does not the becoming-human being, the unborn child, also have something to do with God's image? Or was the Psalmist mistaken when he wrote that "*all his members were written in God's book when as yet there was none of them*"?

Speaking in the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth called Mary the mother of the Lord although He was yet unborn, and said that the unborn John leapt in her womb for joy. Was the Holy Spirit mistaken in inspiring Elizabeth to designate the unborn John and the unborn Jesus as persons capable of joy or of being referred to as Lord? It is evident that God knows even the unborn. In His call to the prophet Jeremiah He said "*Before I formed Thee in the belly I knew*

thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

The same scriptures that tell us that we are made in the image of God, that we have a responsibility different from the animal and the machine, tell us plainly that our unborn children are already known to Him and are already in His image. Can we destroy, as we are now doing across our country not merely by ones and twos, but by hundreds, thousands, and hundreds of thousands, the image of God in the unborn, and not also destroy our right to call ourselves His children? Can we deny humanness in them while preserving it in ourselves? Or do we thereby debase ourselves beneath the animal and beneath the machine?

"Who so sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God made He man."



PRAYER

The Honorable Albert Quie

O Lord God, Who created all things, Who created us human beings in Your image, Who gave His Son that we might live, Who sent His Spirit to dwell in us, we ask You this day to be with us and to bless

the mothers and fathers of this nation, and the children for whom You expressed a tremendous love in the scriptures. We pray for the judges who are making decisions on matters concerning life, and for those who have already made decisions.

We pray for legislators who must make decisions concerning life, for attorneys, for ministers of Your Word, for the medical profession.

O Lord, You commanded us not to kill, and we heard the words of Your Son Who said we should not hate even our brother. Those of us gathered in this room ask for wisdom that what we do may be pleasing in Your sight. We ask the courage to carry forth for what we believe. We ask for

the love, lived so perfectly in Your Son, that we might love each other as we move ahead. We ask that we may love those who disagree with us and that the fullness of what You have planned for the nation might continue.

O Lord, we ask forgiveness for our wrongdoings and for the evils that we have committed, as well as for our sins of omission. Help us, O Lord, that we may grow more and more like You, that our lives may come closer and closer to that lived perfectly by Your Son Jesus Christ, in Whose Name we pray.

Amen.



SCRIPTURE -- ECCLESIASTES 11:1-10

The Honorable James Buckley

6... In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand, for you do not know which will prosper, this or that, or whether both alike will be good.

5... As you do not know how the spirit comes to the bones in the womb of a woman with child, so you do not know the work of God Who makes everything.



"FOR GOD'S HANDICAPPED CHILDREN"

Most Reverend James Rausch

Those who share the Judaeo-Christian tradition are united in the belief that human life is the gift of God. It is a precious gift that cannot be measured or given a material value. Each individual's

life begins in an act of God's creative love. Each man and woman is made in the image of God. Thus, human life is sacred, and it is one of the sources of human dignity.

Yet, human life is not simply a personal possession that a person enjoys in solitude and isolation. We hold human

life in common. It binds us together as members of the same human family. We are united in our belief that the life of each person is important to God. We also believe that God has not abandoned mankind, but has given to each person a special role in the order of creation, and has reserved for each of us a place of great happiness when we are united with Him in eternity.

God's love for each man and woman is unconditional and independent of prestige and worldly accomplishment. God loves the powerful and the weak, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick, the famous and the unknown. The call to union with God confirms the unselfishness of the divine love.

Yet, we know that there are some among us who live human life under serious limitations and disadvantages, lacking the physical capability or possessing intellectual potentiality where human achievement may be limited. There is a temptation to treat those who are thus disadvantaged with condescending pity, and there is also a growing tendency to deny full humanity to the disadvantaged because of their limitations.

The presence of the disadvantaged among us is both an opportunity and a source of responsibility. It is an opportunity for us to realize that each of us is important not for what we do or achieve, but because God has called us into existence, nurtured us with His divine love and call us into a life of eternal happiness with Him.

In the very same way, God expects us to love and care for one another, to serve one another, and to live together in charity and unity. Those who are disadvantaged, the sick, the elderly, the physically and mentally handicapped, have a unique opportunity to understand human relationships, to move beyond the temptation to dominate and exploit others. They offer us a special opportunity to love one another as God loves us.

The presence of the disadvantaged among us also generates certain responsibilities. We must reaffirm the value of each human being and provide opportunities for each individual to share in the benefits of our society. Our generosity as a people should not be limited by cost-benefit

considerations if we believe in the true dignity of each person.

As a Christian I am reminded that Jesus Christ felt at home among the weak and disadvantaged. He cured the sick and the lame and the deaf. He entered the world of children and took part in their play. He expressed sorrow and compassion when death touched His own circle of friends.

It is my fervent prayer that the presence of God's disadvantaged children in our midst will motivate us to respect one another more fully, to serve one another more unselfishly, and to realize thereby that this is the way we love one another, as our Father has loved us.



PRAYER

Rev. William Hunt, S.T.D.

A pause for silent prayer precedes each prayer recited together.

Let us pray for all God's children who are handicapped physically, emotionally, mentally or spiritually.

GOD, AUTHOR OF LIFE, WE THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF HEALTH. FORGIVE OUR LACK OF GRATITUDE. HELP US TO REALIZE THAT WE ARE UNITED WITH HANDICAPPED PEOPLE AND THAT WE, TOO, HAVE NOT REALIZED OUR FULL POTENTIAL AS HUMAN BEINGS AND AS YOUR CHILDREN. HELP US TO REJOICE IN THE INFINITE POSSIBILITIES FOR GROWTH WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN US. HELP US TO LEARN FROM THE HANDICAPPED THAT LIFE, EVEN WITH LIMITATIONS, IS YOUR MARVELOUS GIFT.

Amen.

Let us pray for all God's aged children.

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR OUR ELDER SISTERS AND BROTHERS, FOR ALL THAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR US WHEN WE WERE YOUNG AND WEAK; FOR THE CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS HERITAGE WHICH THEY HAVE HANDED ON TO US. HEAL US OF OUR FEAR OF AGING AND DEATH. FORGIVE US FOR CONSIGNING THE ELDERLY TO LONLINESS AND NEGLECT. HELP US TO LIVE WITH THEM IN SUCH A WAY THAT WE CAN LEARN HOW PRECIOUS THE LAST DAYS OF LIFE CAN BE.

Amen.

Let us pray for all God's children who are handicapped because of discrimination.

LORD OF ALL NATIONS AND PEOPLE, WE THANK YOU FOR THE DIVERSITY OF THE HUMAN RACE. FORGIVE US FOR THE MANY TIMES WE HAVE INSULTED YOU BY LIMITING THE POTENTIAL OF YOUR CHILDREN BECAUSE OF THEIR SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC STATUS, THEIR ETHNIC IDENTITY, THEIR SEX, OR THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. HELP US TO SEE IN THE VARIETY OF HUMANITY A REFLECTION OF YOUR GLORY, AND TO LIVE TOGETHER AS YOUR CHILDREN IN JUSTICE AND PEACE. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE -- ISAIAH 58:1-12

Judith Fink



9... If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness...

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted...

then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom shall be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your desire with good things...

... You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; You shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in.



"FOR GOD'S HUNGRY CHILDREN"

Rabbi David Novak

Let me share with you an ancient rabbinic story:

When Rabbi Yeshua Ben Levi visited Rome for the first time, he saw an unusual

sight. There stood pillars of marble which were covered with the most elaborate tapestries, so that they would not break open in the heat nor would they contract in the cold.

Near the pillars that were covered with the tapestries he saw one poor man lying on a mat of reeds with only a mat of reeds to cover him.

The Rabbi was shocked to see a culture and a civilization which was more concerned with the protection of things than the protection of human persons created in the image of God. It was his judgement upon Roman civilization that not only were they unconcerned with the fact of life -- abortion and infanticide being rampant -- but they were also unconcerned with the quality of life as well for those who were still alive. And his indignation against this is expressed by this story.

We are often told by those who have thought otherwise than we that they are concerned with the quality of life, and our answer to them is "*There is no quality of life without respect for the fact of life!*"

But we must say to ourselves that our respect for the fact of life, even unborn life, is to a large extent meaningless unless we make an equal contribution to the improvement of the quality of life.

I would close this meditation with two verses from the 37th Psalm:

*"I was young and I was old
And I never saw a righteous person abandoned
Nor the seed seeking bread,
For all day long He is gracious and lends,
For His seed is for a blessing."*

Many times it has been asked how the Psalmist could say that he never saw a righteous person abandoned, and that he's never seen the children of the righteous begging for bread. The question is impossible to answer if we look in terms of our experience, but the last verse gives us the clue to what the Psalmist really means.

It is not that the righteous at times are not abandoned by the world. And it is not that the children of many righteous people seek bread. This happens. But the mark of those who are righteous is not their seeking of bread, but their graciousness in lending and their giving of bread to those who are hungry. Then their seed shall be for a blessing.

We who are concerned with the seed, concerned with the protection of unborn life, must make our contribution to be gracious and lend so that none of the children of God, whether born or unborn, die in a world of hunger, misery, and privation so that the judgement of the ancient Rabbi upon the civilization of Rome will not be the judgement of a contemporary sage upon our own civilization.



BENEDICTION

Rev. Arnold Heumann

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator and Sustainer of every living thing, You have loved us with an everlasting love. We ask You to bless us now and make our lives a holy thing dedicated

to You and to all Your children. Help us to love, cherish and protect all the children that You give us to care for.

Bless us with Your presence today, and give us Your peace. Give us strength for the task You lay before us. *Amen.*

SOLOIST



Barbara Breuer-Sipple

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"For All God's Children"

JANUARY 22, 1975

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HYMN "Praise Ye The Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation" *(all join)*

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139..... Jean Garton
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MEDITATION: "For God's Unborn Children" Rev. Harold O. J. Brown, PhD.

PRAYER: The Honorable Albert Quie
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SCRIPTURE: Ecclesiastes 11: 1-10 The Honorable James Buckley
United States Senate

MEDITATION: "For God's Handicapped Children"
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Rabbi David Novak
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313 Stamford Brg Rd
Columbia, SC 29210
May 18, 1980



Dear Marjory,

Finally I'm sending you a picture of our Legislative Workshop in April. Again, we in Columbia were delighted that you were able to give us so much time & information. Believe me it was invaluable!

Sincerely yours,
Florence A. Kieffer

THE GALLATIN RIVER spends at least half of its hundred-mile run to Three Forks, Montana from Yellowstone National Park twisting its way northward through steep-walled canyon country. Then it widens and slows, and helps irrigate the land near Bozeman before joining the Madison and Jefferson to form the Missouri.

Sunday

Dear Friends,

The weather, food & fishing
hiking scenery are magnificent. We
have been camping on the
Gallatin since we got here.
Tonight we are in a motel
at the north east corner of
Yellowstone after a quick tour
of the Park today. It is raining
& cold. After more of the same
activity we will wind our way
home through the Bad Lands.
I am next for a real hot shower.
What bliss! What a change of pace this is.

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Editor's Note: I'm sorry to announce that *Machete* will suspend publication temporarily. It's necessary to reorganize our business dealings—our current size allows only enough ad space and revenue to cover the barest expenses. To continue requires expansion, and expansion requires capital. Our goal is to secure investments that will finance additions to the paper that we can no longer afford to make ourselves.

We want to publish a newspaper that is something more than a compendium of press releases or a catalogue of the ten best of this and that. That was what we had in mind when we took the money we had at hand—\$350—and published our first issue.

With this much time separating us from that first sheet, it's still clear that Minneapolis needs print alternatives. Independent newspapers are important when executives of the dailies feel free to entangle themselves in interlocking boards of directors, when these interlocks lead them to attempt to influence news coverage, and when the owners of these papers become major actors in the activities their reporters cover. These are embarrassing conditions of the daily press in Minneapolis.

I hope we will be able to return soon.

—Anthony Schmitz





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TO: Pro-Life Contacts

FROM: Marjory Mecklenburg

CONGRESSIONAL ALERT

We request that you review the enclosed material and recommend it for action by your organization.

ACCL is actively involved in promoting alternatives to abortion legislation at the federal level. This approach has proven to be persuasive and effective with legislatures and the Congress. Because ACCL demonstrates a consistent concern for children, we have numerous opportunities to participate in public policy deliberations that affect them.

The enclosed statement was prepared at the request of the Senate Subcommittee on Child and Human Development. We have been invited to give oral testimony this summer.

We would welcome your assistance in advocating the programs discussed in the statement as well as with other pieces of legislation. A joint effort would strengthen our impact at the federal level and also improve your effectiveness. Members of Congress listen closely to their constituents. The strongest possible lobbying approach to Congress combines local action with national coordination.

If it is appropriate, let your congressional delegation know that you favor the legislation discussed in the enclosed statement and that as a general policy you are interested in positive programs of prevention and support. Many members of Congress and your state legislature will be more receptive to abortion limitations when they find that its advocates favor programs offering constructive solutions to the problems that cause pressure for abortion.

Please inform us of your interest in our legislative program and any action that you decide to take as a result of this letter. Also, we would like to have you notify us if there are additional groups in your state that should receive this mailing.

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The challenge of improving attitudes and policies that affect the value of life is formidable given the present climate. Substantial change will require a realistic, persuasive strategy and disciplined, informed efforts at local, state and national levels. We look forward to hearing from you. Together we can be a strong force for life.

'Redefining pro-life movement narrows appeal'

Pro-life activists give their time and energy so that abortion will be reduced and eventually eliminated as a way of dealing with human problems and so that every human being is accorded protection and respect.

The life movement has broad appeal and under its umbrella is the widest representation. Differences in approach and interpretation of events occur regularly within such a varied constituency. Despite these differences, a wise course for participants to follow is to continue to make room under the pro-life umbrella for all who see the inhumanity of abortion and the value of life.

Efforts to redefine the movement in exclusively conservative or liberal terms or to square with any one religious or organizational view would only result in narrowing our appeal.

It is a plus when there are both liberal and conservative pro-life Congressmen and legislation from time to time.

It is a plus to have the movement, although they may not always see every issue that arises in an identical way.

As we work to maintain a vigorous and attractive movement we illustrate our "Respect Life" message by actions and at-

titudes that gather, not divide, curbing actions which impune the motives of other pro-life people.

Together let us emphasize the basic positive values and attitudes about life and people that unite and energize and which will result in a more compassionate, caring world.



Mrs.

Mecklenburg

Marjory Mecklenburg
President
American Citizens Concerned
for Life
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Marjory Mecklenburg
6700 Cheyenne Trail
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Dear Marge,

This is to inform you that the Board of Directors of Americans United for Life, at its January 12 meeting, officially accepted your resignation from the Board and from the position of Vice-Chairman.

Your selfless dedication to the prolife movement from its earliest years should serve as an enduring model for us all. I know you will continue your efforts in defense of life through American Citizens Concerned for Life, and I hope we will be able to continue working together to achieve our common goals.

"Thank you" is never enough, but I hope you know your years of service to life and to AUL are indeed appreciated. Best of luck in all your endeavors, and give my best to Fred.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Horan

DJH:m1b



Mecklenburgs
6700 Cheyenne Trail
Edina

West on Crosstown (169-212)
to Gleason Road.

South on Gleason Road to
Cherokee Trail (4 way stop)

Right on Cherokee Trail, then
two immediate left turns. ~~on to~~
~~to~~ Blackfoot Pass ^{which} leads in
to Mecklenburgs driveway.

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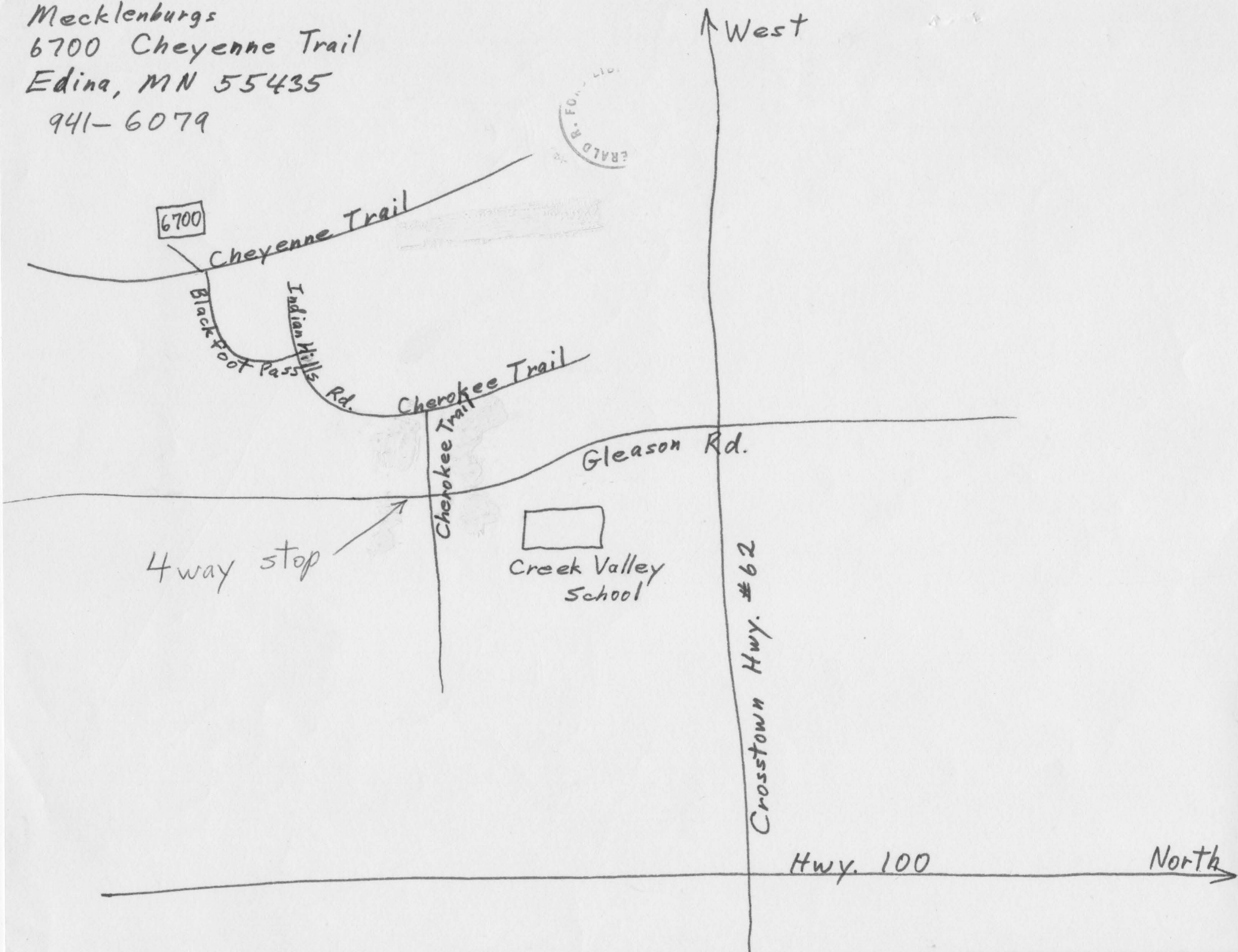
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REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST

Name Marjory Mecklenburg Purpose of Travel Work on Adolescent Pregnancy Services

Address 6700 Cheyenne Trail Minneapolis, MN 55435

Check should be made payable to: Marjory Mecklenburg

Date	Transportation	Amt.	Hotel	Amt.	Meals	Amt.	Miscellaneous	Amt.
Jan. 2 to Jan. 4 1979	Airfare	212.00		-		-	taxis	17.00

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Sub-totals \$ 212.00 \$ - \$ - \$ 17.00

Approved: [Signature]

Date: January 22, 1979

REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTED \$ 229.00

See reverse for travel reimbursement policy



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Joe

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Name Marjory Mecklenburg Invoice No. 4 Date Jan. 23, 1981
SSN or Tax Ident.# SSN-472-36-7796 Contract No. 033-02701 *Cost Code 832
Period covered by invoice Jan. 11-15, 1981 Dates of days worked 2
Description of services performed: Population Advisory Board meeting

Number of days worked 2 @ Daily rate 192.00

Total Daily Compensation Claimed \$ 384.00

Total Other Expenses (only if provided for in contract) \$ 352.20

Travel airlines \$ 288.00

(travel documentation form and required receipts must be attached to this invoice)

Other direct costs (itemize below and attach receipts) \$ 64.20

meals \$ 37.85

cab \$ 22.75

Travel-auto \$ 3.60

Total Amount Claimed on This Invoice \$ 736.20

NOTE: OTA does not withhold any taxes from contract payments, nor does it provide contractors with any year-end statement of earnings.

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Travel _____

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Make check payable to Marjory Mecklenburg

If your address has changed from that stated in the contract, please indicate new address. Checks sent to the incorrect address will not be forwarded but will be returned to the U.S. Department of Treasury.

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Marjory Mecklenburg
Signature

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Name Marjory Mecklenburg	Reference contract # 033.02701	Contractor invoice # and date 4 Jan. 12,13,1981
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DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

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(2) Transportation to airport or terminal .12 miles @ .15¢/mile	1.80

ARRIVAL AND DAILY INFORMATION:

(3) Transportation to lodging or meeting.	\$ 6.50
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Subsistence Expenses

Dates	Jan. 12	Jan. 13			
Breakfast	\$ 4.25	\$ 5.10	\$	\$	\$
Lunch	3.00	3.00			
Dinner	13.50	15.00			
Lodging					
Subtotal	20.75	23.10			
Maximum	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
(4) Actual or maximum	\$ 20.75	\$ 23.10	\$	\$	\$

\$ 43.85

Expenses Other Than Subsistence

Taxis	5.00	5.25			
Telephone					
Other:					
(5) Total	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.25	\$	\$	\$

\$ 10.25

RETURN INFORMATION:

(6) Transportation to airport or terminal	\$ 6.00
(7) Transportation to residence or office	1.80
(8) Parking fees	
(9) TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 358.20
(10) LESS: Subsistence received at OTA Meetings (attach OTA Form 14)	less (6.00)
(11) TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED *	\$ 352.20 *

* Show this amount on invoice.



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(2)	<u>Philadelphia</u>	<u>Jan. 16</u>	<u>8:10AM</u>	<u>US Air 19</u>	<u>Minneapolis</u>	<u>Jan. 16</u>	<u>10:40AM</u>
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- (1) Attendance OTA Population Advisory Meeting
- (2) Return from Population Advisory Meeting
- (3) _____
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Office of Technology Assessment

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Subsistence has been provided for the Population Advisory Panel
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STATEMENT BY MARJORY MECKLENBURG

President, American Citizens Concerned for Life

A noted spokesman for life, Prof. Noonan writes eloquently about the history of abortion in America -- how the new "liberty" was created, how it is being widened and how those who are concerned might appropriately respond.

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A DIALOGUE ON ABORTION

February 23, 1978, Thursday 2:15 - 3:45

15 Owre Hall

Moderator: Robert ten Bensel

Robert McCoy, Administrator
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Marjorie Mecklenburg, President
American Citizens Concerned for Life

Format: 20-25 minute presentations, rebuttal and discussion. Questions from the audience are encouraged.

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to Marjorie Mecklenburg

from Robert ten Bensel

Enclosed is the announcement we have sent out on the "Dialogue on Abortion" which will inform you of the format of the presentation.

Also enclosed is a parking ticket and a map of the parking areas. Please use parking ramp B. The presentation itself is in Owre 15.

Thank you for agreeing to participate in what promises to be a most interesting discussion.

Sincerely,

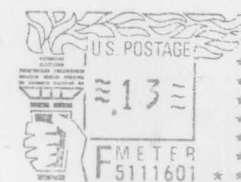
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December, 1972

Marjory Mecklenburg

1. Active in the pro-life movement 5 years.
2. Originally favored relaxed abortion laws.
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4. Travel widely speaking in other states as well as own state. Have spoken in Pennsylvania, California, New York, New Mexico, Michigan, Illinois, North Dakota, Alabama, Washington State. Scheduled to go to Wisconsin, Connecticut, Washington, D.C., Hawaii.
5. Have participated in local TV shows: Perspectives for the 70's; Jim Klobuchar Show; Charlie McCarty Show; Town Meeting.
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7. Have co-authored chapter on alternatives to abortion in the forthcoming book Abortion and Social Justice to be published by Sheed and Ward in 1973.
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8. Was elected chairman of the board of the National Right to Life Committee in June, 1973.
9. Will appear in forthcoming film "Bertha" on the rights of the retarded, being produced by Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation.
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PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT

IMPORTANT

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE FILLING OUT YOUR STATEMENT

All requested information must be furnished. The information you give will be used to determine your qualifications for employment.

It is **IMPORTANT** that you answer all questions on your Statement *fully* and *accurately*; failure to do so may delay its consideration and could mean loss of employment opportunities.

If an item does not apply to you, or if there is no information to be given, please write in the letters "N.A." for Not Applicable.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Use typewriter if available. Otherwise, write legibly or print clearly in dark ink.
- If you are applying for a specific civil service examination, follow exactly the directions in the examination announcement as well as the instructions for filling out this form.
- For a written examination, the admission card tells you what to do with this Statement.
- If the examination involves no written test, mail this Statement to the office named in the examination announcement. Be sure to mail to the same office any other forms required in the announcement.
- Notify the office with which you file this Statement of any change in your name or address.

INSTRUCTION RELATING TO SPECIFIC ITEMS

ITEM 13. LOWEST GRADE OR SALARY

- Enter the lowest grade **OR** the lowest salary you will accept. You

will not be considered for any lower grade or salary; you *will* be considered for higher grades or salary. If you enter grade, do not enter salary.

ITEM 19. ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE AND VETERAN PREFERENCE

- Five-point preference is granted to veterans if they are honorably separated from the armed forces; (a) after active duty during the periods April 6, 1917, to July 2, 1921, or December 7, 1941, to July 1, 1955; (b) after more than 180 consecutive days of active duty after January 31, 1955 (not counting service under an initial period of active duty for training under the "6-month" Reserve or National Guard programs); or (c) after service in a campaign for which a campaign badge has been authorized.
- If you claim five-point preference, you are not required to furnish records to support your claim until the time of appointment.
- Ten-point preference is granted in some cases to disabled veterans, including veterans awarded the Purple Heart, to widows of veterans, to wives of disabled veterans, and to mothers of deceased or disabled veterans. See Standard Form 15, Claim for 10-Point Veteran Preference.
- If you claim ten-point preference, complete Standard Form 15 and attach it, together with the proof called for in that form, to this Statement.

ITEM 20. EXPERIENCE

- Take time to fill in these experience blocks carefully and completely. Your qualifications rating depends in a large part on your experience and employment history. *Failure to give complete details may delay consideration of your Statement.* Answers given in this item may be verified with former employers.
- When the block contains experience in more than one type of work (examples: carpentry and painting, or personnel and budget) estimate and indicate the approximate percentage of time spent in each type of work. Place these percentages in parentheses at the end of the description of the duties.

ITEM 20. EXPERIENCE—(Continued)

- *Block 1*—Describe your present position in this block. Indicate in this block if you are now unemployed or if you have never been employed.
- *Blocks 2 and 3*—Describe in Block 2 the position you held just before your present position, and continue to work backwards using Block 3.
- *Need for additional blocks*—If you need more experience blocks, use Standard Form 171-A, Continuation Sheet, or a plain piece of paper. If you use plain paper, each experience block must contain all of the information requested in Item 20 of the printed Statement. If there is not enough space in any of the experience blocks to describe the positions held, continue the description on a plain piece of paper. Identify each plain sheet at the top by showing your name, birth date, examination or position title, and the block under Item 20 from which the description is continued. Attach these supplemental sheets to the top of page 3 at place marked, "Attach Supplemental Sheets or Forms Here."
- *Description of duties, responsibilities, and accomplishments*—Describe each job briefly, including required skills and abilities. Include description of any specialties and special assignments; your authority and responsibility; your relationships to others; accomplishments; and any other factors which help describe the job.
- *General Information*—If supervision over other employees was one of your duties, be sure to indicate the number and kind (and grades, if Federal Government) of employees supervised by you, and explain your duties as a supervisor under description of duties.
- Indicate in each block of Item 20 the name under which you were employed if it was different from the name in Item 4 of this Statement. Show former name in parentheses after "Description of duties and accomplishments in your work."
- Use separate blocks if your duties, responsibilities, or salary level changed materially while working for the same employer. Treat each such change as a separate position.
- Include your military or merchant marine service in separate blocks in its proper order and describe major duty assignments.
- Experience acquired more than 15 years ago may be summarized in one block if it is not applicable to the type of position applied for.
- Account for periods of unemployment in separate blocks in order.
- Indicate estimated number of hours worked per week in the space provided if you were on part-time work.

- Section 3311 of title 5, United States Code, provides that in examinations in which experience is a factor, credit will be granted for any pertinent religious, civic, welfare, service, and organizational activity which you have performed either with or without compensation. You *may*, if you wish, report such experience at the end of your employment history if you feel that it represents qualifying experience for the position(s) for which you are applying. Show actual time spent in such activity.

ITEMS 27 AND 28. MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATIONS

- Answer these questions carefully. Admitted past membership and participation in an organization of the type to which this question refers does not by itself disqualify you for Government employment. Consideration will be given to the nature of the organization, the extent of your participation, and any other relevant facts and circumstances.

ITEMS 34 AND 35. RELATIVES EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

- A Federal official (civilian or military) may not appoint any of his relatives or recommend them for appointment in his agency, and a relative who is appointed in violation of this restriction can not be paid. Thus it is necessary to have information about your relatives who are working for the Government. In listing relative(s) in answer to question 34 include: father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece, husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half brother, and half sister.
- Question 35 is needed because of restrictions in making a career or career-conditional appointment in the competitive service when a person is not entitled to veteran preference and two or more members of his family are already serving in the competitive service under a career or career-conditional appointment.

CERTIFICATION

- Be careful that you have answered all questions on your Statement correctly and considered all statements fully so that your eligibility can be decided on all the facts. Read the certification carefully before you sign and date your Statement.
- Sign your name in ink.
- Use one given name, initial or initials, and surname.

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committee March 1973 to
Aug. 1974

Chmn. of board June 1973 to
Aug. 1974

ALL: member of board
1971 to present

Vice Chmn. of board
1972 to present

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Last First Initial or Middle

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Obstetrician-gynecologist - mother of 4 children - Methodist

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past Chairman - Problem Pregnancy Advisory Committee

author - chapter on Alternatives to Abortion "Abortion and
Social Justice

paper back Sheel and Ward

Educational Background

Home economics, family life, child development teacher

Volunteer Activities

For Purposes of publicity, please list the names and addresses of appropriate newspapers in your area.

Catholic ~~Bulletin~~ Bulletin

244 Dayton Ave
St. Paul Minnesota

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Mpls., Minn.

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Pioneer Press

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"BEAUTIFUL ACTIVIST" NOMINATION BLANK

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DO YOU KNOW A "BEAUTIFUL ACTIVIST"? Ten metropolitan Twin Cities women will be selected as "Beautiful Activists" in an event sponsored by the American Association of University Women of Minneapolis, in conjunction with Germaine Monteil and Dayton's. Purpose of the event is to honor women for their contribution to the community. Finalists will be honored at the AAUW's annual fashion show brunch September 18.

QUALIFICATIONS: A "Beautiful Activist" may come from any sociological or ethnic group. She may be well-known, or never before in the public eye. She may be of any age, but should be young in spirit, since youth is reflected by attitude rather than by years. She should be a woman who is beautiful from the inside, and who actively affects the outside world around her through participation and involvement in the community.

(Please mail to Beautiful Activist, AAUW office - 2115 Stevens Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55404, or Dayton's Special Events Department, 700 on the Mall, Minneapolis, Minn. 55402)

DEADLINE IS AUGUST 6th



MY NOMINATION FOR "BEAUTIFUL ACTIVIST" IS:

NAME: Marjory Mecklenburg
STREET ADDRESS: 1219 West 51st Street
CITY: Minneapolis, Minnesota 55419

QUALIFICATIONS: *Marj was active in many groups through high school and at the University of Minnesota; in fact she was state high school original oratory champion. She was 4-H style review queen and state health queen. At the university, she was named to the following scholarship and leadership honorary societies: Sigma Epsilon Sigma, Chimes, Mortar Board, Omicron Nu and Phi Upsilon Omicron.*

She taught home economics for five years. She is the mother of four children and the wife of an obstetrician-gynecologist.

She is a Methodist and an active churchwoman. She has been a Girl Scout Leader and a Camp Fire Girl

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SUBMITTED BY: Jandra Simmons

ADDRESS: 2035 Charlton Road
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assistant leader. She is immediate past president of the U. of M. alumnae chapter of the Mortar Board.

She is President of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life and 2nd Vice Chairman of Americans United for Life. She is chairman of the board of directors and a member of the executive committee of the National Right to Life Committee.

She has served as a lobbyist for MCL at two legislative sessions. She was a founding member of Birthright in Minnesota and is currently the chairman of the Problem Pregnancy Committee and advisory committee.

She is a PTA board member and a member of the Minneapolis Committee for Education of the Gifted. Mary is also an active Republican who has served on the Health and Welfare Task Force of the State Platform Committee for two years.

As an activist, she has truly shown her concern for people and the community.

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Former chairman of the board of the National Right to Life Committee, past president of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, former chairman of the Minnesota Problem Pregnancy Research and Advisory Committee, and a founding member of the Minneapolis Birthright.



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Marjory Mecklenburg is the President and co-founder of American Citizens Concerned for Life, Inc. and is Vice-Chairman of Americans United for Life. She was formerly President of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Inc. was a founding member of Minneapolis Birthright, was Chairman of the Minnesota Problem Pregnancy Research and Advisory Committee and was formerly Chairman of the Board of the National Right to Life Committee.

She has actively worked to develop supportive services for women facing problem pregnancies, has spoken, testified and written frequently about the need for such services, and has co-authored a chapter on alternatives to abortion in two books Abortion and Social Justice and Facing the Future, Church and Family Together.

Mrs. Mecklenburg graduated from the University of Minnesota with membership in a number of scholarship and leadership honorary societies. Her degree was in Home Economics Education and she taught home economics, including family life and child development, for five years.

She is married to Dr. Fred Mecklenburg, an obstetrician-gynecologist, and is the mother of four children. She and her husband have been active protestants. ACCL has worked closely with a wide range of church leaders on the life issues and outstanding church leaders serve on ACCL's board of directors. Senator Mark Hatfield and Congressman Albert Quie are members of the ACCL legislative advisory board. The organization has organized two national Prayer Breakfasts for Life held in Washington, D.C. and its leaders, including Mrs. Mecklenburg, participated as program leaders in the Continental Congress on The Family.

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August, 1976

MARJORY MECKLENBURG (brief synopsis)

1. President and member of the executive board of American Citizens Concerned for Life, Inc. Past Chairman of the Board of National Right to Life Committee. Vice-Chairman of Americans United for Life. Former President of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Inc. Active in pro-life work since 1967.
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6. Has participated in many national and local television shows: The Today show; the Lou Gordon show on a panel with Betty Friedan, Congressman John Schmitz, and Lawrence Lader; and on the Public Broadcasting System, which carried a reactor panel following the film "Population and the American Future", with other reactors Rev. Jesse Jackson and Ben Wattenberg; and many others.
7. Has co-authored chapter on alternatives to abortion in the book Abortion and Social Justice, published by Sheed and Ward in June, 1973.
8. Appears in film "Bertha", concerning the rights of the retarded, produced by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation.
9. The entire Mecklenburg family is committed to the cause of protecting human life. Her husband, Dr. Fred Mecklenburg, an obstetrician-gynecologist, has spoken extensively on the abortion topic, was president of MCCL for three years, and was chairman of the board of the National Right to Life Committee. He holds down the fort when she travels. The four children all help, too, particularly her 19 year old daughter. The Mecklenburgs are members of the Methodist Church.





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April 4, 1978

Mrs. Marjorie Mecklerburg:
American Citizens
Concerned for Life, Inc.
6127 Excelsion Blvd.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55416

Dear Mrs. Mecklerburg:

As I have mentioned to you on the telephone, we hope that you will be able to speak at the Friday Morning General Session of our Annual Regional Family Planning Conference. The conference, which is co-sponsored by the DHEW Region V Title X Family Planning Program and the Great Lakes Coalition for Family Planning, will be held at the Abbey on Lake Geneva in Fontana, Wisconsin on May 24-26, 1978. Approximately 200 participants from family planning provider agencies in Region V will attend.

I will provide you with additional details regarding lodging, transportation and payment of expenses. At this time, however, I wanted to confirm our invitation to you to speak on the subject of the Adolescent Pregnancy Initiative at our General Session Friday May 26, 1978 from 9.00 a.m. - 11.15 a.m.

Sincerely,

Nora Reynolds

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Conference Coordinator
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Eunice Shriver: "Life Centers" Could Curb Abortion Count

"We will not get a majority vote for life as long as we are preoccupied with death," Eunice Kennedy Shriver told the 350 pro-lifers who attended the "Love of Life Ball" February 13. "We will not pass legislation for child-saving programs as long as abortion can be viewed as more cost effective than child rearing," Mrs. Shriver said, recommending that pro-lifers work for alternatives to abortion.

The benefit ball, held at the Radisson South in Minneapolis, raised \$7,500 for its sponsoring organizations—MCCL and American Citizens Concerned for Life (ACCL).

An abortion alternative suggested by Mrs. Shriver was the "Life Support Center," which she described as a facility "to offer comprehensive services to those who want to save life, to encourage motherhood, to support the family and the keeping of promises."

"I believe," Mrs. Shriver said, "that for every abortion clinic supported by public funds, an equivalent Life Support Center must be established." She said such centers would offer medical testing, psychological counseling,

small loan programs, prenatal and postnatal care and full access to community facilities and services such as schools, job placement, vocational training, adoption, housing and day care agencies.

Because one out of three pregnant single women is under 17, Mrs. Shriver recommended that the Life Support Center provide an "anchor person" for each young mother—someone who could communicate with her on her own level and help her solve her problems.

"The anchor person," Mrs. Shriver said, "could well create an important new profession in our society . . . she can help the adolescent learn the art of mothering so that the new generation does not repeat the cycle of the old." Mrs. Shriver, well-known for her support of pro-life groups and her work with the retarded and handicapped, praised pro-lifers for their efforts on behalf of the unborn. "I think that you have drawn the line of battle in the right place," she said. "The infant and the

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver, guest of honor and keynote speaker at the "Love of Life Ball" February 13, chats with MCCL President Marjory Mecklenburg and 8th Dist. Rep. James Oberstar. Oberstar also spoke at the ball, outlining the Human Life Amendment proposal he recently introduced in Congress and commending MCCL members for their organization and dedication.

Karth is 6th Minnesotan to Back HLA

Minnesota's 4th District Rep. Joseph Karth introduced in the House of Representatives February 5 a Human Life Amendment proposal, thereby becoming the sixth Minnesota congressman to sponsor amendment legislation.

Rep. Karth's amendment would permit abortions only to prevent the mother's death or in cases of rape. Introduced as H. J. Res. 197, the proposal reads as follows:

Joint resolution: proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to the right to life of unborn human beings.

Section I

With respect to the right to life, the word "person" as used in this article and in the 5th and 14th articles of amendment to the Constitution of the United States applies to all human beings irrespective of age, health, function, or condition of dependency including their unborn offspring at every stage of their biological development.

Section II

No person shall deprive any unborn person of life, except in a case where it is necessary to prevent the death of the mother of such person or to terminate a pregnancy of no more than 10 days duration resulting from rape.

Section III

The Congress and the several states shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

Reps. Robert Bergland, Thomas Hagedorn, Richard Nolan, James Oberstar and Al Quie have also sponsored amendment proposals. (See February Newsletter for wording.)

Pro-lifers, especially those in Rep. Karth's district, should thank him for his support of a Human Life Amendment (See Action Box, Page 8.)

Minnesotans are indeed fortunate that six of our eight representatives value human life enough to support amendment legislation. They all deserve our thanks, and the two representatives and two senators who are not

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FAA Rules Would Hurt Handicapped

By Georgine Alt
Region I Coordinator

You have called one of the major airlines for a reservation. When you go to the airport to pick up your ticket, you are told—"Sorry, we cannot carry people like you on our airline." "People like you" refers to the handicapped—those twelve million U.S. citizens who are, because of a physical disability, confined to a wheelchair. Some airlines will fly you only if you are accompanied by another person—double fare.

The Federal Aviation Administration is attempting to restrict air travel even further due to alleged "safety factors." Only one handicapped person per ground exit on each flight. A "handicapped person" is being defined as "anyone who would need assistance to the exit in case of an emergency." This could include small children, pregnant women, someone walking with a cane, a blind person etc. The list is endless.

When a handicapped person boards a plane, he doesn't expect preferential treatment. Most would even be willing to sign a statement that in case of an emergency they would be the last persons to be helped.

People from outside Minnesota who come for health advice and treatment at our medical centers primarily use airplanes. These persons would indeed be hampered by the proposed F.A.A. regulations.

Some members of Congress have been vocal in their opposition to this "safety measure." You are urged to write your representative and senators requesting that they voice their opposition to the F.A.A.'s air travel restrictions so these handicapped persons can also be mobile. (See Action Box, Page 8.)

If you have any further questions or wish additional information on this problem, please feel free to write or call me.

MCCL Newsletter

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MCCL was incorporated in June, 1968 under the Minnesota Non-Profit Corporation Act for the purpose of engaging in educational, charitable, scientific and literary activities and projects. These include, but are not limited to the following:

1. To improve and further personal and social responsibility for human life.
2. To foster and increase protection of the right of life of mother and child.
3. To inform the public on abortion and related subjects.
4. To foster high standards of medical care in the state of Minnesota.
5. To promote and encourage assistance in the care and rearing of children with birth defects.
6. To promote enlightened care and assistance to mother and child in difficult, unwanted and illegitimate pregnancies.
7. To cause to be published and to distribute treatises, articles, addresses, reports and other publications on any or all subjects related to those above.

From MCCL Articles of Incorporation

A Message from the President



MCCL President Marjory Mecklenburg, seated next to one of the many floral arrangements she received, writes thank you notes to well-wishers after her recent surgery.

Dear Friends,

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who, finding out about my surgery for breast cancer on March 7, sent me your warm get-well wishes and pledged your prayers for my speedy recovery. At this time of crisis your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

I am home now and full of gratitude for a very early detection, excellent medical treatment, an optimistic prognosis by the doctors and the love and support of family and friends.

The Mecklenburgs will all be in Florida camping for two weeks as we had previously planned, and we will be back so Fred and I can attend the annual MCCL board meeting April 6. Following that, I plan to return to my usual active schedule with an increased emphasis on national involvement.

There is so much work we all need to do in this cause that I am grateful for the continuing hope, strength and faith with which I have been so richly blessed.

With love,
Marjory

Courts in Missouri, Colorado Rule on Abortion Regulations

Most of Missouri's abortion regulatory law was upheld recently by a three-judge federal district court panel in St. Louis. The law, which went into effect last June and was challenged immediately by Planned Parenthood and other plaintiffs, includes these provisions:

- Abortions are to be performed only by licensed physicians and, after three months of pregnancy, they are to be done only in licensed hospitals.

- No saline abortions are permitted.
- Experimentation on live aborted children is prohibited.

- A signed statement of consent, freely given, is required from the woman undergoing an abortion.

- Husband's consent and parental consent for minors is required.

- Abortion records must be kept.

- Live aborted children become wards of the state.

- Physicians must make every effort to save the life of the aborted child or be liable for manslaughter charges.

This last provision was the only one struck down by the court, on the grounds that it is "unconstitutionally overbroad."

Attorneys for the plaintiffs said the decision will be appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

Also in Missouri, a federal court judge has ruled that St. Louis City Hospitals are not required to provide physicians to perform abortions on demand. A class action suit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union sought to force a city hospital to admit a woman for an

abortion, though no medical indications for it were present as required by hospital by-laws.

No hospital staff doctor desired to admit the woman for an abortion and the judge ruled that the hospital was not obligated to provide a doctor to accommodate her.

(In the case involving the Virginia, Minn., Municipal Hospital, several staff doctors sought to use hospital facilities for performing elective abortions. The court ruled in *Nyberg v. The City of Virginia* that the hospital must allow its facilities to be used for abortions but noted that it was not requiring the hospital to provide new or different facilities or staff to accommodate the performance of abortions.)

In Colorado a portion of a statute which required parental consent for minors undergoing abortions was overturned by a federal district court judge who said the provision was too broad and that the State had failed to demonstrate that minors should be treated differently than adults as to their "fundamental right of privacy."

The case involved a 16-year-old whose mother refused permission for an abortion last spring. The girl, who was living in a foster home, sued her mother and state officials. She was represented by the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver.

Under a restraining order granted by the district court, the girl was aborted in May.

In his February ruling, the judge noted that the decision does not affect another section of Colorado law which requires a husband's consent for abortions.

Report on MCCL Goals, Structure, Philosophy Adopted

The MCCL Board of Directors met at the University of Minnesota Newman Center March 2 to consider adoption of a report by the Organizational Development (O.D.) Committee, outlining recommendations for updating the goals and structure of MCCL. The committee, chaired by Vice-President Eileen Angell, had been given the restructuring task at a special board meeting held last November and had been developing its proposals since that time, with input from all MCCL members with ideas on how the organization should function.

Other O.D. committee members are co-chairman Georgine Alt, Region I coordinator; Dave O'Steen, a vice-president and Region 10 coordinator; Judy Makowske, LifeMobile Committee chairman; Mary Ann Frank, former Intergroup Liaison committee chairman; Doreen Thull, Region 14 coordinator; Marg Wolters, Dakota County coordinator; Doug Dahl, staff member; and Mary Schmit, Corporate Vice-President.

Mrs. Makowske and Mrs. Frank submitted a minority report for the Board's consideration, and amendments to their report and to the O. D. Committee report were received from the floor. The final restructuring plan, passed by the Executive Committee which went into session after the Board meeting adjourned for lack of a quorum, was a hybrid of the O. D. Committee document, the minority report and amendments submitted by attending directors.

Goals Defined

In its re-definition of the goals of MCCL, the report says that since the Supreme Court abortion decision is being interpreted to prevent states from protecting any unborn child, regardless of age or circumstance, and since the decision poses a threat to others who may be deemed inconvenient or unwanted, the primary goal of the organization should be passage of a constitutional Human Life Amendment.

MCCL, the report says, must shift from a "defensive" to a more aggressive posture aimed at attaining that goal and must help lead the pro-life movement by assisting other states in becoming viable forces for life.

The report then discusses the goals, policy and philosophy of MCCL in relation to six areas of organizational activity: education, legislation and politics, finances, national activities, pro-life alliances and legitimate areas of involvement.

In discussing MCCL's structure, the report notes that in the early days, when the organization was concerned mainly with preventing the liberalization of the pre-Roe v. Wade law, structure was determined by what worked best. As the organization grew and took on a more urgent sense of mission due to the Supreme Court decision, it began to turn inward, according to the report, and started to

question its structure in relation to its membership.

The report says MCCL must consider what its structure is meant to accomplish, and recommends a "goal oriented" structure that facilitates the pro-life movement in Minnesota and other states and leads to the attainment of a Human Life Amendment, as opposed to an organizational plan geared primarily toward personal fulfillment of members.

The report says the O.D. Committee attempted to retain elements of the organization that have proven successful while allowing for change in areas that have "stunted the organization's growth or hindered its effectiveness." The committee's work, it says, "should not be viewed as a panacea to cure all our organizational ills," but rather as an attempt to provide "better channels of communication and accountability—keeping in mind the necessity for our organization to remain goal-oriented, flexible and capable of immediate action or reaction."

Besides setting forth for the first time clear-cut job descriptions for various positions in the organization, the O. D. Committee report outlined changes in several areas, including:

- Election of regional coordinators.

In the past, coordinators were appointed. They will now be elected by chapter chairmen in their regions.

- Installation of "field aides". It is suggested that field aides could serve as a sort of "volunteer staff" for the president to facilitate better communications with regional coordinators.

- Establishment of a Communications Council. A provision adopted from the minority report, the council will be called twice yearly by the president and will bring together regional coordinators, committee chairmen and Executive Committee members for exchanging ideas and solving problems.

Election Announcement

Also at the Board of Directors meeting, President Marjory Mecklenburg announced that she will not run for re-election this year. Mrs. Mecklenburg said she plans to continue working in the pro-life movement, with most of her activities centered on the national level through American Citizens Concerned for Life, a group which she helped found last year.

Mrs. Mecklenburg has been a guiding light in MCCL since its beginning and has served as president for the past three years. She is considered by state pro-lifers as the "first lady" of MCCL, and on their behalf the Newsletter thanks her for her dedication and unflinching service to the pro-life cause in Minnesota and as a national leader.

A new Board of Directors will be elected April 6 and they in turn will elect a new president, corporate officers and Executive Committee.

Bartlett Amendment In Hopper Again

Sen. Dewey Bartlett (R., Okla.) introduced January 23 in the Senate a bill that would ban the use of funds by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) for the performance of elective abortions. Sen. Bartlett had introduced similar legislation during the last session of Congress in the form of an amendment to an HEW appropriations bill. After being approved by the Senate, the amendment was dropped by a conference committee, ostensibly on the grounds that an appropriations bill was an improper vehicle for such controversial and far-reaching legislation.

Sen. Bartlett disagreed that the appropriations bill was an improper vehicle for his amendment but agreed to re-introduce his proposal in the 94th Congress in the form of a bill. The legislation (S. 318) has been referred to the Senate Finance Committee, of which Minnesota's Sen. Walter Mondale is a member. (See Action Box, Page 8).

Sen. Bartlett's proposal has been criticized by pro-abortionists who say it discriminates against poor women. Sen. Bartlett said he feels the present funding of abortions by HEW discriminates against the poor by "discriminating against the unborn of the poor."

Chapter Offers Cards For New Parents

The Olmsted County chapter has been sending congratulations cards to parents of new babies and is offering the cards to other chapters. The cards contain a space for writing in the names of new parents, which are gathered from local newspaper reports, and there is also space for the chapter name.

Designed by Rochester MCCL'er Paul Tobin, the cards feature a drawing of a mother, father and baby on the front, along with the slogan "Babies are for Love." One inside page reads "A baby is a sweet new blossom of humanity, fresh fallen from God's own home to flower on earth," and the opposite page contains a poem entitled "God Created Love."

Cards may be ordered from Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, 3564 - 6th Pl. N.W., Rochester 55901, at the following rates:

		Add postage and handling
50 cards/envelopes . . .	\$ 6.00	\$.55
100 cards/envelopes . . .	11.50	1.25
500 cards/envelopes . . .	50.00	6.50

New Coordinator Named

Ramona Clairmont has been appointed Hennepin County (Region 13) coordinator to replace Judy Makowske who recently resigned from the position. Mrs. Clairmont has been serving as Richfield chapter chairman.

The Edelin Case

By Ellen McCormack
Women for the Unborn

On February 15, 1975, a Boston jury of nine men and three women unanimously convicted Dr. Kenneth Edelin of manslaughter in the death of an aborted baby. The decision shocked pro-abortionists across the country.

In charging the jury, Judge James McGuire had told them they could find Dr. Edelin guilty only if they considered the fetus a person. He pointed out that, in accordance with the Supreme Court's 1973 abortion decision, the use of the word "person" only applies after birth and not before birth.

"You must be satisfied beyond reasonable doubt," said Judge McGuire, "that the defendant caused the death of a person alive outside the body of the mother."

During the trial, the prosecutor, Newman Flanagan, argued that the "fetus" (a Latin word for "young one") became a "baby" when Edelin separated the placenta from the wall of the uterus. The defense attorney, William Homans, countered that a "fetus" was not a "person" and vigorously objected to medical witnesses for the prosecution who referred to the "fetus" as a "baby".

In reaching their decision, several jurors reported that they were convinced by a photograph of the fetus introduced as evidence over defense objections. In the words of Paul Holland, one of the jurors, "The picture helped people draw their own conclusions. Everybody in the room made up their minds that the fetus was a person."

In addition to the photograph, the pro-life doctors testifying for the prosecution apparently made a better impression on the jury than the pro-abortion doctors testifying for the defense. One juror, Francis McLaughlin, reported that the jury generally felt that the defense witnesses were "too cocky" in their answers and that the pro-abortion doctors were too callous in their concern about the possibility that the fetus might be alive.

Although pro-abortionists immediately began to discredit the jury as "racist" and "Catholic", the truth is that the defense had deliberately chosen to have a trial by a jury rather than a trial by a judge alone. The defense decision was made on the basis of a \$10,000 poll commissioned by Edelin which showed that 85% of the prospective jurors in the county favored abortion in some circumstances. Nevertheless, not one of the twelve jurors voted to find Edelin innocent.

In deploring the Edelin decision, the New York Times suddenly discovered that trial by jury might not be such a good thing. "One fundamental error, as we have previously noted," editorialized the Times on February 19, "was in asking a jury of twelve laymen in a criminal case to decide when human life begins, a judgment that taxes the competence among professional physicians, bioethicists and theologians. The jurors, or at least some of them, apparently made the decision on the basis of a photograph. As one of the jurors put it, the picture of the fetus 'looked like a baby' and that was that."

In other words, the layman, being "medically unsophisticated", might see things for what they really are when confronted by the evidence—like the unsophisticated child in the fable of "The Emperor's Clothes" who saw what his sophisticated elders did not and blurted out the truth.

A Picture May Be Worth a Baby's Life

As Ellen McCormack points out, a picture of the child killed by Dr. Edelin helped convince 12 jurors that the baby was indeed a "person"—a human being entitled to the right to life. Pictures are convincing, and most people, when confronted with such graphic evidence, must finally admit that abortion kills a human being.

Pro-abortionists know this. That's why defense attorneys in the Edelin case did everything possible to suppress the pictures of the aborted child. That's why NARAL and other peddlers of death are continually trying to keep photos of pre-born and aborted children under wraps—they know these pictures are the most potent weapons in the pro-life arsenal and are afraid that if allowed to hit their target—the American people—they will deal a death-blow to the pro-death movement. The lesson, then, is clear: we must get the visual evidence in front of the public at every opportunity.

Unfortunately, it seems that abortionist doctors are among the few who cannot be moved by photographs, or even by the reality of a tiny human being fighting for his life. It is difficult to comprehend how these physicians, who we assume feel compassion and empathy for those patients they elect to save, can live with the horror of what they are doing when they perform abortions, especially in the late stages of pregnancy.

Doctors have traditionally been esteemed and admired by the lay public, and rightly so. We have looked up to them as men of great learning and wisdom and have tried to learn from them. But perhaps the time has come for laymen to begin educating the doctors. As the ordinary man and woman view the truth with minds unclouded by medical terminology and technicalities, maybe they can help heal the jaundiced eyes and hardened hearts of the abortionist.

Without physicians to perform them, there would be no legal abortions. Maybe it's time for every person to insist that the doctors to whom he entrusts his life have respect for life at all stages—and to remove himself from the care of those who don't.

—N.K.

Bill Would Ban Saline Abortions

In the wake of Dr. Edelin's manslaughter conviction in Boston, a committee of the Massachusetts Legislature is considering a bill that would ban the performance of abortions by saline infusion. According to Rep. William Delahunt, the bill's co-sponsor, his proposed legislation would require doctors to minimize as much as possible the suffering of the child during an abortion.

In a saline procedure, used extensively after 16 weeks of pregnancy, salt water is injected into the amniotic sac surrounding the baby, who is literally pickled alive. The saline method also presents dangers to the health of the mother, and its use has been discontinued in several countries, notably Japan.

Doug Dahl Resigns To Pursue Degree

Doug Dahl, a member of the state office staff since September of 1973, has resigned to become a full-time student at the University of Minnesota, working for a bachelor of science degree in technical communications.

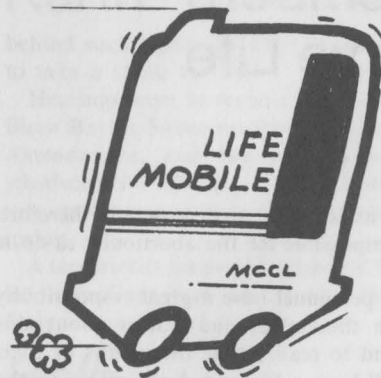
Doug is well known to pro-lifers from the various capacities in which he has served the pro-life cause. After leaving the Navy in December of 1971, he enrolled in the U. of M. Liberal Arts College. Becoming deeply involved in the youth pro-life scene there, Doug dropped out of school in March of 1973 to work with SOUL (Save Our Unwanted Life). He served as SOUL state coordinator until he joined the MCCL staff.

Doug and his wife (the former Maureen Clements, known also to pro-lifers as a SOUL leader and former part-time MCCL staffer) are expecting their second child in August. Doug plans to attend school year round and hopes to get his degree in December of 1976.

MCCL wishes him well in this new endeavor and extends thanks and appreciation for his service to the organization and to the pro-life cause.



Doug Dahl



A PRO-LIFE EDUCATION CENTER

Fund Reaches \$4,500

By Judy Makowske
LifeMobile Committee Chairman

The LifeMobile Fund is continuing to grow, with the help of a recent donation of \$1,000 and also a number of \$5 and \$10 donations. It awaits the generosity of concerned pro-life people who recognize that the most effective means of preventing abortion and euthanasia and promoting the pro-life philosophy is to educate the masses.

Within our society large numbers of people still do not understand the basic life issues. LifeMobile can reach these people and can make them aware of the life issues, change their attitudes, provide an awareness of alternatives and help build a caring society that will live the pro-life philosophy.

Dare we dream to have the LifeMobile ready by centennial celebrations and county fairs in Minnesota this summer? You hold the key to that possibility.

Two immediate needs for making the LifeMobile functional are funds and people. Funds are needed to buy and equip a self-contained mobile unit. (Spent an evening at the camping show, trooping with husband and four children into and out of campers and trailers that held possibilities of being adapted for purposes of the LifeMobile. They do not come cheap! Would be interested to learn of any used—good shape of course—mobile unit that might be for sale—25 ft. to 32 ft. length preferred.) Funds will also be used for literature on the LifeMobile.

Necessary also are people willing to become a part of the LifeMobile Project Committee to help with everything from coordinating the LifeMobile schedule of stops to technical advice on constructing a creative and workable interior.

LifeMobile is a project of the MCCL Education Fund, Inc., and therefore donations to it are tax deductible. Please look in your hearts and your wallets to find the time and money needed. Can we afford to put off the date when LifeMobile will be presented to Minnesota?

Checks should be made out to LifeMobile

1975 State Legislative Program Is Outlined

By Darla St. Martin
Co-Chairman,
Legislative Information Committee

MCCL's Executive Committee has approved a state legislative program for the 1975 Legislature which will include activity in the following areas:

- Promotion of a Human Life Amendment: This session MCCL lobbyists and pro-life people will continue to contact and communicate with legislators to answer their questions, supply information and urge their active support of a Human Life Amendment so Minnesota will have a pro-life Legislature when the amendment is passed by Congress and returned to the states for ratification.
- Support for the handicapped:

1. A subsidy program for families who would be able to care for a handicapped child within the family unit if additional funds were available.
2. Funding of community based care for the handicapped.
3. Funds to upgrade state staffing, equipment and buildings which serve the most profoundly handicapped children and adults.

Dr. Ratner to Speak At La Leche Forum

Dr. Herbert Ratner, editor of *Child and Family* quarterly and a prominent pro-life leader, will be a featured speaker at the Third Annual Breastfeeding Seminar for Physicians sponsored by La Leche League International. The seminar is scheduled for April 9 at Children's Health Center and Hospital in Minneapolis.

One of the aims of the seminar is to help physicians in their support of the breastfeeding mother and her child. Pro-life health professionals may be especially interested because breastmilk can be important to the viability of premature infants.

Fees for the seminar are \$35 for physicians and \$10 for medical students, house physicians, registered nurses and paramedical personnel. Registrations can be sent to La Leche League International, Inc., 9619 Minneapolis Ave., Franklin Park, Ill., or to Mrs. Carolyn Thompson, 3528 Florida Ave., N., Crystal 55427. Registrations can be accepted at the Crystal address up to April 8.

Project, MCCL Education Fund, Inc., c/o Don Machowicz, treasurer, 2743 McKinley St. N.E., Minneapolis 55418. (Chapters are urged to hold special fund raisers for the fund, rather than taking money from their treasuries, so that contributors can take advantage of a tax deduction on their personal income tax returns.)

•Support of adequate maternal and child nutrition:

A program supporting a nutritional supplement for needy, low-income pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children. (S.F. 50, Lewis, Kirchner, Coleman). An adequate early diet can promote lifelong good health and prevent mental retardation.

•Support of legislation designed to prevent child abuse:

(Specific support for S.F. 313, Hughes, Knutson, Keefe; and H.F. 3061, Swanson, Hokanson, Dahl, Forsythe, Novak).

The bill provides:

- a) a clearer definition of responsibilities of agencies and departments responsible for dealing with this problem.
- b) a more precise definition of neglect, abuse and sexual abuse. The proposed definitions are desirable to have on the record because of their implications for the pro-life cause.
- c) an enlargement of the categories of officials and individuals mandated to report known or suspected abuse.



Pat Cruikshank, Bloomington East chapter co-chairman, presents a gift of hand-crafted jewelry to Mrs. Shriver on behalf of her chapter and the Richfield chapter. Looking on is Sandy Simmons, staff coordinator for the ball.

Farmers Reject Abortion In Magazine Poll

An overwhelming 72.9 percent of those answering a recent poll by *Successful Farming* magazine are opposed to elective abortion. The February issue reports that 12,000 farmers responded to a questionnaire entitled "What's Happening to Life in Rural America" printed in the November-December 1974 issue. One of the questions was "Do you think family planning should include legal abortion as an alternative?" and only 27.1 percent answered yes.

Isanti Board Votes To Stop Funding Welfare Abortions

The Isanti County Welfare Board voted 4-3 February 21 to discontinue funding elective abortions for women on welfare after defeating unanimously a "compromise" resolution calling for continued payment while a clarification of regulations was sought.

A delegation of pro-lifers, which included MCCL members, had presented the board at its January 17 meeting with a petition signed by 558 county residents who requested that their tax money not be used to pay for abortions.

At the February meeting board members heard from Cisela Wildes, executive director of the Abortion Counseling Service of Minnesota, founded by abortion tycoon Robert McCoy who now serves as administrator of the Meadowbrook abortion mill.

Board members who voted to discontinue abortion payments were Ralph Bloomgren, Doris Dahlberg, Edgar Haas and Bill Soderberg. Those voting to continue paying for elective abortions were Beverly Carlson, Roderick Ericson and Robert Hupfer.

State Welfare Commissioner Vera Likins has directed all 87 counties to pay for abortion on demand, although federal guidelines allow states to exclude abortion coverage from their welfare medical plans. Many counties have refused to fund elective abortions despite threats that all state and federal money will be cut off, and two counties have been sued by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union for their refusal to pay.

The Newsletter can give you only limited coverage of pro-life events. To keep up-to-date on the national pro-life scene, subscribe to the "National Right to Life News." Send \$6 to: National Right to Life Committee, 1200 15th St. NW., Suite 500, Washington, D. C. 20005.



At a February 8 meeting, Sleepy Eye chapter chairman Marge Simon presents two donation checks—one to Ruth Powers, left, for the state organization, and one to Judy Makowske for the LifeMobile Fund.

Health Group Members Pledge to Preserve Life

By Sue Kujawa
HPCL Co-Chairman

Health Personnel Concerned for Life (HPCL) is an organization of individuals either educated or trained in the health field. We are committed to the integrity and continuity of each human life and to the protection of those who are the patient's advocates.

HPCL is also concerned about the woman facing an unplanned or difficult pregnancy, about her developing child, about people with physical handicaps or mental and emotional crises, about the aged and about the mentally retarded. We recognize that health personnel face critical issues almost daily and we are committed to providing support and help when necessary. We are fully in support of a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution.

HPCL was formed a few weeks after the Supreme Court decision on abortion in 1973, and is open to anyone in the health field, and that includes, but is not limited to, RNs, LPNs, aides, orderlies, custodial service persons, dietary workers, secretaries, medical technologists, x-ray technologists, medical social workers, administrative personnel, pharmacists, medical record librarians, surgical technicians, occupational therapists, physical therapists, etc. Some of our members are currently employed, some are not. It makes no difference in membership.

It is strongly recommended that all medical personnel who object to abortion because of conscience sign and give to administration a personal statement to guarantee your legal rights. This should be done in duplicate with a copy retained for your files. The 1974 Minnesota Statute 145.42 reads:

"Subdivision 1. No physician, nurse, or other person who refuses to perform or assist in the performance of an abortion, and no hospital that refuses to permit the performance of an abortion upon its premises, shall be liable to any person for damages allegedly arising from the refusal.

Subdivision 2. No physician, nurse, or other person who refuses to perform or assist in the performance of an abortion shall, because of that refusal, be dismissed, suspended, demoted, or otherwise prejudiced or damaged by a hospital with which he is affiliated or by which he is employed."

If you feel that you or your job has been compromised by refusal to participate in an abortion, contact our group and we will help initiate necessary action. This knowledge is especially important because of recent demands by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union that hospitals must indeed perform abortions. If, however, hospital personnel refuse to perform or assist in those abortions and sign such a statement, there may not be

anyone to assist at the procedure, and therefore make it impossible for the abortionist to do it himself.

Health personnel have a great responsibility to inform themselves and others about this matter and to realize that the results of their choice will have a life and death effect on the American people.

HPCL offers you a chance to make a contribution to the pro-life movement, the support of those who share your "life values", and legal counsel to those who desire it. HPCL offers interested groups programs with trained speakers, information relating to current trends and issues in the health care field, and audio-visual aids and booth set-ups for conventions.

We welcome new members and you can join our group with a \$3 membership fee. Write or call for more information to Health Personnel Concerned for Life, 4803 Nicollet Ave. So., Mpls., Mn. 55409 (1-612-825-6831). Please do so. We need each other.

Corporate Secretary Has Demanding Job

One of the hardest working and least visible of MCCL's officers is Marge Telschow, who has been serving for the past four months as corporate secretary. The secretary, who is the official recorder and custodian of the records of MCCL, is responsible for keeping minutes of Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings and must maintain files of minutes and other corporate records.

But besides these duties, Marge has been called upon to perform a variety of other functions, including such things as taking opinion polls of chapter chairmen and doing extensive typing jobs for MCCL committees. Her five years experience as a private secretary have helped Marge to handle this demanding job with accuracy and efficiency.

Marge, who lives with her husband Steve and their two children in Northeast Minneapolis, also has experience in other areas of pro-life activity. She is education chairman and a member of the steering committee for the Northeast Minneapolis chapter and has done extensive speaking, primarily in high schools. She also served as coordinator of several "Sacrifice Dinner" benefits held last fall and is an active member of Feminists for Life.

Marge is an example of the many MCCL'ers who perform vital functions for the organization without much recognition. Their efforts are deeply appreciated.

Roger Abrahamson, Cloquet, suggests that pro-lifers adopt for the coming year this motto: "Born Alive in '75!"

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behind such legislation need to be encouraged to take a stand for life.

Hearings were to resume March 10 in Sen. Birch Bayh's Subcommittee on Constitutional Amendments, and two more sessions were scheduled for March 21 and April 8, with subcommittee action to be completed by late spring.

A top priority for pro-lifers should be to press for immediate hearings in the House (See Action Box, Page 8.)

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fetus represent the most vulnerable, the weakest, the most powerless of all, and each of us, at some time, in some place, feels the same powerlessness and vulnerability . . . It is worthy of our devotion to life to make the unborn child an object of our compassion and caring. Only then can we find once again the meaning of faith, the reason for hope, and the great and abiding gift of love."

Mrs. Shriver also thanked MCCL and ACCL in a letter to Marjory Mecklenburg, writing: "I enjoyed very much the dinner and reception that you and your committee planned. . . . I was so impressed with the dedication, spirit and conviction of so many of your friends. I have not seen that kind of emotion since the Civil Rights Movement . . . Congratulations and thanks again for a wonderful evening."

Serving as master of ceremonies at the ball was Dr. Alex Barno, Minneapolis obstetrician and gynecologist. The Rev. Dr. Arthur Rouner, Preaching Minister at the Colonial Church of Edina, gave the invocation, and the benediction was given by the Rev. William Hunt, University of Minnesota Newman Center chaplain.

Special thanks are due to the benefit committee who did an admirable job with ball



Betty Dunn, chairman, welcomes Eunice Kennedy Shriver to the "Love of Life Ball."

Region 4-A Elects Officers

J. Buford Johnson was re-elected Region 4-A coordinator at a meeting of central Minnesota pro-life leaders in St. Cloud February 17. Other regional officers elected were Jill Schleper, assistant coordinator; Jim Tembrock, secretary-treasurer; Michael and LoAnn Wilhelmson, education coordinators; Irene Karls and Audrey Schaefer, training organizers for new chapters; and Mary Joyce, national activities chairman.

Humphrey Urged To Back Hearings

The Executive Board of Region 4-A passed the following resolution March 4 concerning Sen. Hubert Humphrey:

WHEREAS we fully recognize your long-standing achievements in serving the particular needs of handicapped-citizens, disabled-citizens, and those disadvantaged because of racial minority,

WE COMMEND you for this stand which celebrates the importance of the individual, no matter what the circumstances, i.e. the sacredness of human life, and,

FURTHER ASK that you support efforts to extend recognition and protection for the real and unique human beings not yet born by continuing to support the present hearings towards a Human Life Amendment.

arrangements: Betty Dunn, chairman; Roz Nichols, co-chairman; Peter Spokes, treasurer; Kathy Shomion, reservations; Regina Knowles, invitations; Claire Ready, arrangements; Marie Vorlicky, decorations; Julie Kocourek, publicity; Pat Moriarty, tickets; and Sandra Simmons, staff coordinator.



Dr. Fred Mecklenburg and the Rev. William Hunt seat Mrs. Shriver at the head table.

Close-out Sale

All Circle of Life lapel pins, charms and medallions in stock at the state MCCL office are being offered to chapters and individuals at drastically reduced prices. Pins (also usable as tie tacks) and charms, which usually sell for \$4.25, are going for only \$2.50. Medallions, usually \$6.00, will be sold for \$4.00.

This jewelry would make great Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. The supply is limited, so order now through MCCL, 4803 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis 55409, phone 612-825-6831.

Commentator to be "Spring Thing" Guest

Melvin Munn of Dallas, Texas, who has a syndicated radio program entitled "Lifelines", will be guest speaker at the Region I annual "Spring Thing" to be held in April. Exact time and place for this event have not yet been confirmed.

All MCCL'ers are cordially invited. For more information write Region I MCCL, Box 452, Owatonna, MN 55060.

K.C.s Donate Books

The Knights of Columbus Assumption Council of Cold Spring has purchased two sets of seven hard-covered books on the life issues to be given to Ricori High School and the Richmond Public Library.

The Newsletter apologizes to Rosemarie Johnson for referring to her in the February issue as a "former vice-president." Rosemarie is very much a current MCCL vice-president and continues to represent the organization effectively and tirelessly at speaking engagements across the state, even though she now holds down a demanding full-time job. We regret any misunderstandings this error may have caused.

Action Box

●Thank 4th Dist. Rep. Joseph Karth for authoring a Human Life Amendment proposal. (See story, Page 1.) Send to The Honorable Joseph Karth, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20515.

●Ask Sen. Walter Mondale to support in the Senate Finance Committee the Bartlett bill, which would stop Department of Health, Education and Welfare funding of elective abortions. Address envelope to The Honorable Walter F. Mondale, Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D. C. 20501. (See story, Page 3)

●Ask your representative and senators to oppose the Federal Aviation Agency's proposed air travel restrictions that would discriminate against the handicapped and others needing assistance on airplane flights. (See story, Page 2.) You may also write to the FAA at 800 Independence Ave., S. W., Washington, D. C. 20590.

●Hearings on the Human Life Amendment are still not scheduled in the House. Ask your representative to work actively for immediate hearings.

MCCL Reaffirms ERA Neutrality

At its March 5 meeting, the MCCL Executive Committee passed the following resolution:

Whereas MCCL carefully considered the issue of the Equal Rights Amendment before Minnesota's ratification two years ago, and,

Whereas the MCCL Newsletter carried opposing and supporting articles on the ERA, and,

Whereas MCCL members testified both in favor of and in opposition to the ERA in the Legislature, and,

Whereas MCCL members hold a wide spectrum of views on the ERA,

Therefore, be it resolved that MCCL reaffirm its previously adopted policy of taking a neutral position on the ERA.

Pro-Life Profile

Leo LaLonde: Versatile Knight from the North

One of the most active pro-life leaders in northern Minnesota is Leo LaLonde—8th Congressional District coordinator for MCCL's Legislative Information Committee and Aurora-Biwabik-Hoyt Lakes chapter chairman.

In addition to carrying out his responsibilities in these positions, Leo has provided northern Minnesota hospitals with information on laws and recent court cases to help them resist coercive attempts aimed at forcing them to permit abortions in their facilities. He has also kept area residents informed on the hospital situation through letters to the editor and radio news.

Leo served as one of his area's representatives at the January 22 rallies in Washington in 1974 and 1975, and he was a legislative workshop leader at the 1974 MCCL state convention.

He has also made his voice heard in the political arena. For the past four years he has worked in the DFL party as a delegate to a number of conventions, a committee member and campaign worker. He served as the Aurora chairman in James Oberstar's successful 1974 campaign for the 8th District seat in the House of Representatives.

Perhaps Leo's most significant achievement is the pro-life program he has been carrying out, along with other leaders of the Knights of Columbus. As state pro-life chairman for that group, he has been one of the catalysts to activate hundreds of Knights across Minnesota in the fight for life.

MCCL salutes Leo LaLonde and all other pro-lifers around the state who are working—not only in MCCL, but also in their communities, political parties churches and other organizations—to create a more just society.

Send information, artwork and photos for the Newsletter to Nancy Koster, 4225 West 44th St., Edina 55424.

Chapter Notes

New officers were elected recently by the Jordan chapter: Marilyn Erickson and Debbie Pauly, co-chairmen; Kathy Voss, secretary; Marie Busch, treasurer; Pat Lucius, publicity; Betty Malecha, membership; Elroy Riesgraf, political; Kathy O'Malley and Ruth Schmidt, fund raising; Ellie Pekarna, Margaret Hedstrom and Betty Sunder, education; and Cheryl Langsweirdt and Ann Beckman, telephone.

The Jordan chapter, together with the Shakopee chapter and the Shakopee Knights of Columbus, hosted a pancake breakfast for 2,000 in January.

The Tri-County chapter recently donated \$300 to the state organization. The money was raised through a rummage and bake sale and a "Candy Cane Tour" of Forest Lake area homes during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. John Falls, obstetrician and gynecologist at the Interstate Medical Center, Red Wing, was guest speaker at an organizational meeting for the Rural Southern Dakota County chapter. Dr. Falls, who was one of MCCL's founding members, spoke to about 175 people on "Abortion 1975—The Legal and Political Aspects."

Chapter officers are Carol Dunn, Ann Brochman and Donna Wagner, co-chairmen; Mary Brochman, secretary; Ann Brochman, treasurer; Shirley Kieffer, membership; Jan Niederkorn, telephone; Lorraine Scully, political; and Lorraine Kimmes, education.

NRLC Mail Fund

Darla St. Martin, National Right to Life Committee (NRLC) director from Minnesota, attended an NRLC board meeting in Milwaukee the weekend of March 1-2. Mrs. St. Martin reports that a main item of business concerned efforts to raise funds for launching a national direct mail campaign.

Minnesota pro-lifers can help by sending contributions to the state office marked for Mrs. St. Martin's attention. Checks should be made payable to "National Right to Life Funding Committee."

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Developing Alternatives to Abortion

*Judith Fink
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Over one million women aborted their unborn children during 1975 in the United States. Most were neither physically or mentally ill. More than one-third were under twenty years of age. None were required by law to consult the baby's father, even if he was her husband. Those who could not afford to pay for the abortion were subsidized by federal and state governments. Minors were not required to notify their parents or to seek their consent.

Abortion is legal in this country and has become the second most common operation, following tonsillectomy. The United States Supreme Court, in a 7-2 decision on January 22, 1973, ruled that a woman's "fundamental right to privacy" gave her the option of ending a pregnancy until the moment of live birth occurs. She need only find a willing physician.

Those who advocated the legalization of abortion and those who oppose it are engaged in a fierce dispute over the right to life of the unborn child versus the right to privacy of women. Reestablishment of the protection of the law previously en-

joyed by unborn children is highlighted by the "right-to-lifers." Those speaking against any encroachment on the Court's decision have rallied behind the "right-to-choose."

For the sake of semantics and image, one pole of argument calls itself "pro-life" and the other prefers to be designated "pro-choice." The distinction becomes clear by an evaluation of these labels in the light of what the Scriptures say regarding the unborn and life-oriented choice.

The acknowledgment of the pregnant Mary by Elizabeth as the mother of the Lord and the unborn John's leap for joy in the presence of the unborn Jesus are known to all Christians. The psalmist wrote of his awareness that God's love begins with the first days of unborn life: "Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them" (Ps. 139:16-17).

Christians are enthusiastic about life and its mystery and deeply aware that God has firmly admonished us regarding our choice in the matter. He has set before us life and death, and tapped the guidepost firmly in place: "Choose life, that you and your descendants may live" (Deut. 30:19, RSV).

To choose an abortion is to make a choice for death.

Our belief in and obedience to the Bible, then, will cause us to reject abortion as a solution to human problems. Yet, the number of women who do choose the operation is increasing sharply. Is it correct to assume that none of them are Christians? Most of us would disagree.

The argument for the right to life versus the right to privacy has resulted in a climate of increasing bitterness between the adversaries. An additional, subtler, negative effect has taken place in the midst of the furor. The pregnant woman who chooses to give birth to her baby despite distressed circumstances has been almost overlooked, her needs largely ignored, and her choice made more difficult. Many are simply unable, due to economic deprivation brought about as a result of

pregnancy, to see their way clear to continue pregnancy. Maternity home care services have shriveled while discriminatory practices in medical insurance coverage make it difficult or impossible for single women and even some who are married to receive maternity benefits (although abortion is usually covered). Both public and church-related schools often segregate pregnant students, and some still deny them continued education. Only thirteen states provide an additional payment for a welfare mother during pregnancy, thus encouraging her malnourishment and that of the baby. Adoption practices may require public disclosure of motherhood. The sole factor determining whether pregnancy assistance will be adequate may be where the woman lives when she seeks help, raising the question of whether discrimination is produced by geographical location.

The legal climate resulting from the Supreme Court abortion decision has permitted the creation of an implied national policy against life. Abortion advocates argue that to prevent discrimination against poor women the "fundamental right" to an abortion mandates that it be paid for by public funds. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (DHEW) in early 1974 issued an impact statement setting out, on a cost/benefit ratio, the price to taxpayers of publicly funded abortion versus the cost of prenatal care, childbirth, and postpartum follow-up. The statement suggested to the United States Congress that it was in the best financial interest of Americans to structure services to the poor in a manner that abortion receives priority.

This approach to improving the quality of life caused a furor among many legislators and their constituents and set in motion shock waves of reaction. Examination began of the policy practices of governmental agencies, public and private groups, and advisory committees which most intimately deal with the abortion versus life questions. One chilling fact emerged—it is much cheaper, easier, and more private to abort than to give birth.

As Christians trying to obey the Word of God in an increas-

ingly secularized society, must we numbly accept abortion-on-demand-until-birth? Can we, in conscience, abandon desperately frightened women and hope that they will—somehow—make the choice for life which God demands? Is abortion the best we have to offer?

Many Americans are working to blunt or overturn the 1973 Supreme Court decision. Development of innovative alternatives to abortion has only recently begun to be recognized as a necessary adjunct to measures designed to alter the legal climate. Newly proposed federal legislation was introduced into the Senate Health Subcommittee, chaired by Sen. Edward Kennedy, on October 18, 1975, designed specifically to increase services to troubled pregnant women and to erase discriminatory practices. Pro-life support is important to the passage of these measures. Even some abortion advocates have begun to notice the plight of the woman who chooses life and have spoken in favor of alternatives legislation.

Christians cannot remain inert but must examine their posture toward the problems of less-fortunate mothers. Even if others walk by and refuse to notice, dare we fail to offer our concern and care? To help effectively, it is necessary to know what we are attempting to accomplish and where the trouble spots are.

What are the conditions of life which confront women who refuse to abort their babies? What are their rights? What is society's duty to them and to the children they will bear? What is the church's duty? Are we meeting that duty? If these women have been largely ignored by the public sector (and much of the private sector), pushed into the background or eliminated totally from the abortion debate, what must be done to correct this? An overview of current practices and problems encountered in the provision of life-supporting pregnancy services can help determine an action course.

Providing Christian Counseling

Some pro-life activists have attempted to provide abortion alternatives with crisis intervention "hot-line" telephones and

referral services. In most areas of the country, individuals working in these specialized organizations are unsalaried, raise their own funds, staff telephones, conduct training sessions, and do a generally excellent job with very limited resources. Despite their zeal and dedication, clients must look for back-up services to inadequate preexisting support systems. A limited funding base has required these alternatives groups to seek tax-deductible IRS status, which negates their ability to affect legislation that would strengthen the inadequate service-delivery systems upon which they rely.

During the early months of pregnancy it is not uncommon for any woman, regardless of marital or socioeconomic status, to react with fear, resentment, and depression. Positive feelings of acceptance develop as the pregnancy advances and fetal movements are detected. Pressure to abort due to the psychic strains of the early months can be reduced by sympathetic and patient supportive counseling. A woman should be able to rely on the interest of a continuing caseworker or clergyman who can follow her through the pregnancy, visit her after delivery, and assist in the postpartum adjustments. Money should be made available by both governmental agencies and churches to existing and future "life-supporting" organizations to insure that this kind of comprehensive counseling and follow-up is available to all who need and request it.

However, the present slim resources of these dedicated "hot-line" groups cannot match the millions of dollars in private foundation funds and federal grants for abortion programs that clinics, hospitals, and abortion counseling services enjoy. In today's climate, often the first contact a troubled pregnant woman has is with a minister associated with the Clergy Consultation Service, which is organized nationwide and was founded to provide abortion information.¹ The CCS, associated with Planned Parenthood, Inc., is widely advertised and available. Although CCS claims to open all options, it has been in the forefront of opening not a few abortion clinics and admits that a very high percentage of its clients accept an abortion referral. CCS spokesmen have been known to paint

abortion as the only "moral" choice when the dilemma is complex or socioeconomic factors are severe.

Training for specialized counseling in problem pregnancy situations is very difficult to obtain for today's busy clergy. Some may be relieved to have at their disposal the telephone number of an abortion clinic, particularly when their denomination has indicated its sanction by an enabling resolution. The abortion counselor may feel a tangible sense of accomplishment, unlike the despair which often accompanies attempts to help the alcoholic or the potential suicide. Having been a party to an arranged abortion, most feel a need to defend their position. Often cited is the unavailability of any other resource.

Concerned Christians can encourage the creation of a new program that will allow involved CCS clergy to withdraw from abortion counseling services. Establishment of a church-supported and clergy-sponsored nationwide life counseling service should be a mandate. To assume that pregnant women seeking crisis intervention automatically are looking for an abortion referral is a gross error. The Christian counselor is aware that "informed consent" applies not only to an understanding of the medical aspects of abortion but to the spiritual as well. Often bereft and suffering, the unhappily pregnant woman looks for redemptive meaning to her anguish and assurances that she will not be forced from the community. Most will choose life if offered hope.

Jesus said "temptations to sin are sure to come; but woe to him by whom they come" (Luke 17:1, rsv). Clergy who counsel and refer women for abortion must ultimately answer to the Lord, but churches can help to see that the mechanism through which he or she implements the counseling is rejected.

Postabortal Counseling

Some abortion proponents maintain that the psychological aftereffects of an abortion are minimal or nonexistent. They make these claims despite the fact that no definitive long-

term studies demonstrating this hypothesis have been undertaken in the United States. Caseworkers, clergy, and others who have handled postabortive psychological sequelae know that complications do occur. Frank Ayd, M.D., a psychiatrist, recently told the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania:

I think the important thing is, to put it this way, we can scrape the baby out of the womb of the mother, but we can't scrape it out of her mind and since it's in her mind, there are going to be various things which will remind her of the fact that she was pregnant, once was in fact a mother, and that she has terminated this. Depending on her religious upbringing, her particular sense of values, her maternal instinct, how much support she has from her parents, then the recollection of having had an abortion can serve as a trigger for all sorts of emotional problems.²

Mrs. Sherri Finkbine Burrows, who went to Sweden for an abortion in 1962 after learning that she had inadvertently taken the teratogenic drug thalidomide, has publicly stated that she suffers from lingering guilt feelings and that she attempts to help other women cope with postabortion mental and emotional problems.³

Postabortal guilt, manifested by psychological indicators and spiritual anguish, has not been studied in enough depth to publish extensive and unbiased conclusions. The federal government should be urged to register its concern over the conflicting data brought forth to date regarding these aftereffects, by undertaking a long-term research project to study the ultimate impact of the present policies.

Church-related maternity care centers and Christian social service workers can contribute to the compilation and evaluation of information. Equity and fairness demand that research programs involving abortion data include professional personnel of the pro-life persuasion as well as proponents of legalized abortion.

There is presently very uneven and incomplete reporting of

data on the demographic and statistical aspects of abortion. The chief of statistical services, Center for Disease Control (CDC) of the DHEW, Jack C. Smith, stated in January, 1975, that "abortion may have a substantial impact on the health of this country's citizens but without complete, accurate and detailed reporting the true impact of abortion on health will remain unknown."⁴

It is generally agreed by both proponents⁵ and opponents of abortion that more work needs to be done in the demographic field before any solid conclusions regarding the safety of abortion are drawn.

Special Help for Unwed Mothers

Services to unwed mothers, many of whom are students, should help to eliminate the social stigma which much of our society still places on single parenthood. Many school systems, both public and private, insist that single pregnant girls leave regular classes and take special segregated courses—segregated in the sense that only pregnant girls can attend. This, in effect, is a labeling experience if the girl does not wish to enter such a class and can be interpreted by her as "punishment" for her pregnancy. The baby's father, often also a student, is never subjected to such segregation or notice.

A strong emphasis should be placed on encouraging pregnant students to continue their studies. They should be able to choose whether they prefer to remain in regular classes, to attend a special school, or even to receive home-bound education. Recent federal DHEW regulations require publicly funded schools to establish classes for pregnant students but widespread implementation of the regulations will proceed only if citizens insist at the local level.

During pregnancy, motivation is high for acceptance of practical courses in parenting and homemaking skills. The majority of unwed mothers keep their children. Comprehensive training in not only the basic skills of mothering such as "how to bathe the baby" but also the myriad details which constitute the art of parenthood can do much to help young

women fully understand and cope with stresses of everyday living with children.

It seems clear that we are not able at this time to prevent pregnancy from occurring among young teenagers in this country. Very young mothers are often thrust into an adult world with the responsibility of raising a child while minimally equipped to handle the pressures with which they are surrounded.

The problem of pregnancy in the young teenage girl is compounded by the complexities of her subliminal motivations. Out-of-wedlock pregnancies may not be unintended. Refusal to use restraint or contraception is an all too common practice among teenagers. The very young mother is quite likely to have little or no idea about the nature of responsible parenthood and even less insight into the reasons for her actions which led to the pregnancy. The single young mother often struggles to survive on meager funds, isolated from her peers, alienated from her family, and stunted in her emotional and social development. Children of these mothers may suffer even worse deprivations.

By working together, the public and voluntary sectors can do much to help these young single heads of families. Further unintended pregnancies can also be reduced by involvement after the baby is delivered to assist the young mother's development into a maturing woman able to make responsible decisions about both her own and her child's future.

Childcare Services

There is a compelling need for the provision of childcare services when mothers must leave their homes to work or to further their educations. The well-run daycare facility can be viewed as a positive alternative to abortion. For many pregnant women, the knowledge that they will be the sole support of themselves and their baby but must remain at home to care for the child and be compelled by circumstances to seek welfare support instead of a job is sufficient motivation to seek abortion.

Care for children under the age of three years presents special problems as the child-adult ratio must be very low to achieve the individualized program necessary for healthy mental and emotional development.⁶ At present, this kind of service is lacking in most childcare programs, and yet it is the most needed for the new mother if she is not to become a candidate for continuing assistance.

Childcare centers should be sensitive to, and respond to, the needs and desires of the members of the community in which they are situated. Church and denominational social concerns committees can work with others in their locale to establish facilities which will begin to meet the demonstrated need.

Better Nutrition

It is a simple fact that the presence of the unborn child's dependent intrauterine existence alters its mother's own needs. However, as a result of a 1975 Supreme Court decision in *Burns v. Alcala*,⁷ mothers dependent on public assistance in thirty-eight states receive no funds for the benefit of the child until it is born. The small additional payments, where provided, are barely enough to improve the protein content of the mother's diet. Ignoring the changing nutritional needs of a pregnant mother courts disaster—socially, humanly, and economically—in the form of possible lowered mental ability of her child. The infant's brain and nervous system develop most rapidly during the last trimester of pregnancy. It is then that malnutrition will work its ravages on both baby and mother, ravages we can never fully repair regardless of subsequent investments in services and treatment.

Although abortion advocates have claimed that infant mortality has been reduced since the advent of legalization, the *National Foundation-March of Dimes Annual Report* for 1974⁸ points out that infant death rates are still appallingly high among those women most at medical and social risk. The ratio rises sharply; only 11.9 per thousand live births in the no-risk group, 24.4 per thousand for those at social risk, 27.3 for women at medical risk, and 41.6 per thousand for those at both medical and social risk.

Something is happening—or is not happening—to perpetuate patterns of discrimination toward poor pregnant women that make them a uniquely disadvantaged class. Malnourishment during pregnancy is a major contributing factor to premature birth, and low birthweight is the underlying or contributing cause of half the deaths of United States infants.⁹

As churches support programs to feed the world's hungry, it is important that we not overlook those who live among us. Nutritional supplements during pregnancy not only can offer hope and prevent abortion but can help to save lives of infants after birth as well.

Adoption Policies

It is evident from recent United States Senate hearings on "black-market" adoptions that the rights of infants are being violated. Adoption exists to meet the needs of the child, but practices flourish which negate that basic premise and which are destructive to the mother.

An example of the problems a single pregnant woman may face is illustrated by the *Stanley* decision, which has been interpreted by some lower courts to mean that efforts to find and consult the baby's father must be made prior to replacement of a child for adoption. The attendant publicity and legal action resulting from this alone discourages many women from continuing a pregnancy or from relinquishing a child for placement in a waiting qualified family.

Further identification of weaknesses in adoption policies have highlighted the practice of pregnant women being intercepted by "counseling services" which are often associated with abortion clinics. These "finders" either steer the woman toward abortion or, if she rejects it, then make arrangements with second or third parties to provide her with maintenance during pregnancy and subsequently with money received from the adoptive parents. In effect, the baby is purchased by the highest bidder. These practices are frequently set up to be marginally legal. Those involved in the "finder" network defend their action by pointing to the dearth of providers of life-support services.

Genetic Counseling

Genetic counseling should be available to anyone of child-bearing age who has a legitimate concern about his or her ability to produce normal children. Advising couples of genetic risk *before* they begin a child's life can help them decide whether they wish to assume the statistical risk of their offspring inheriting a metabolic or structural defect.

Procedures designed to diagnose intrauterine illness in the unborn child are laudable, as long as the intention is to treat and not kill the child if it is found to be imperfect. Making it acceptable to kill the imperfect baby in the womb lays the foundation for the direct killing of the defective newborn infant. Emphasis should be placed, instead, on preconception counseling and on providing helping measures for families raising children with problems.

Christian counselors can play a vital role in helping couples resolve their conflicts concerning genetic inheritance.

Rape Treatment to Prevent Abortion

There is a growing interest in the problems of the rape victim. Abortion for rape need not be written into law since women given prompt adequate medical care will not conceive. What is most important is ready access to rapid, compassionate, nonjudgmental handling by police officials and involved medical personnel.

Aggressive and comprehensive rape prevention and treatment programs can be considered a definite alternative to abortion.

Family Planning

Research into safe and effective ways to prevent unintended pregnancies can help to reduce the incidence of induced abortion. A wide variety of methods are presently available to enable people with varying personal beliefs to select one which is consistent with their own system of values.

Respect for the beliefs that motivate Americans to determine the size of their families should be encouraged, and the right to determine their contraceptive method protected.

Mere knowledge of the facts of usage and access to contraception is not enough to prevent unintended pregnancy. Education for both young people and others that emphasizes an understanding of the awesome responsibility of parenthood coupled with sex education reflecting the moral and religious mores of the community in which it is taught can do much to reduce undesirable behavior and prevent promiscuity-related abortions.

Educating Our Young People

"I didn't know what I was doing—didn't know there was a *baby* already growing" is an often-heard cry as counselors listen to women working through postabortal psychological problems. Pregnancy is seen as an abstract by most women until the baby has grown large enough for its kicks and wiggles to be felt. This occurs somewhere between the fourth and fifth month. Abortion clinics do not describe the stages of intrauterine development and, if asked, refer to the unborn as merely a mass of cells or employ euphemisms such as "product of conception."

Several tasteful and accurate films depicting the development of unborn life, relating it to the creation of a family with joy and wonder, are available and suitable for use in teen and college-age groups. Teaching our children to value human life, developing courses that reach even into the primary years, has been seen by Christian educators as essential if they are to grow up knowing that as children of God they are called to be gentle with those who are weak, helpful to those who are in need, and protective of those who are endangered.

Our Heavy Burden

The abortion question centers around human rights—their interpretation and their denial. The unborn child lays claim to certain human rights before both God and man by the fact

of his existence, judicial fiat notwithstanding. Regardless of the social or legal climate in which life begins and moves toward birth, the mother is a child's first line of defense against prebirth aggression. It is literally with her that his or her life rests. Christians must examine the pregnant woman's life situation, assess what is required to preserve her personal dignity, her mental and physical health, and her spiritual integrity before God, and then help to provide for those needs. We can use our power as citizens to win positive federal and state programs and exercise our responsibility as members of the body to motivate and direct those in our churches who are involved with social concerns to initiate life-support services. If we neglect to do so, then we must seriously ask ourselves if we are not ultimately the ones to blame, through our apathy and neglect, for the loss of many unborn infant lives and ravages upon women and families.

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