

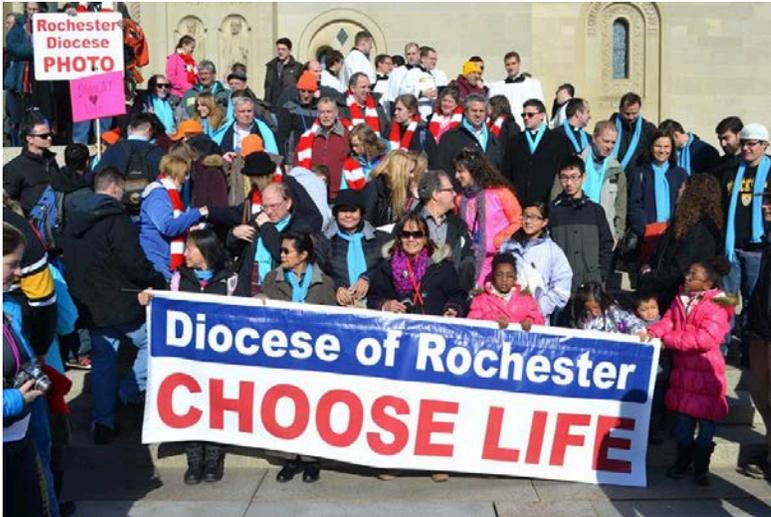
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March for Life, Washington 2015 “Every life is a gift”



Enthusiastic marchers piled onto buses and cars at churches around Rochester to go to Washington for the March for Life, meeting Bishop Salvatore Matano. The weather cooperated this year and none of the Rochester buses had to be cancelled. Organizers estimated at least 300,000 marchers. Breitbart's guess was “up to 500,000.” [Picture: thanks to Fr. Edison Tayag]

Walk for Life West Coast

Organizers were happy with the event. The opening Mass celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and 11 brother bishops attracted nearly 5,000 people, over-packing the Cathedral. The invocation at the pre-Walk Rally was given by Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

He brought greetings and thanks from Pope Francis to those who came for the Walk. An estimated 50,000 walkers produced multiple traffic jams. One of the organizers called it “one of the five biggest annual events in San Francisco.” (See page 2 for pro-life marches overseas.)

Pain Capable bill postponed

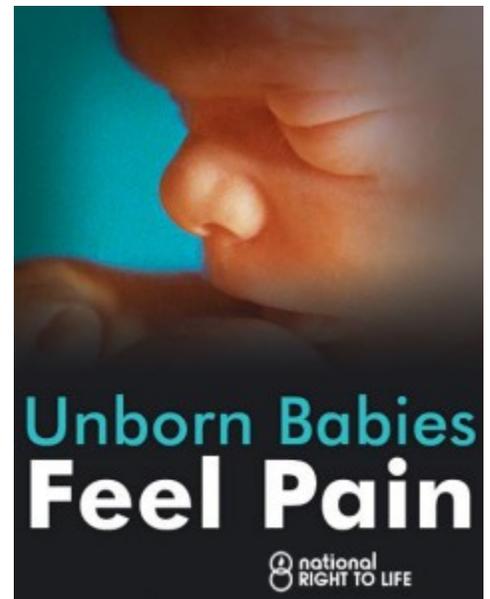
Pro-lifers in Washington for the March for life expected to celebrate the news that the House of Representatives had passed the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act to commemorate the event. This act would protect unborn children beginning at 20 weeks, the age when, according to medical research, they are capable of feeling pain. Marchers were puzzled when the vote did not take place.

The House voted instead on the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (HR 7). It passed by a vote of 242 - 179.

National Right to Life President Carol Tobias said, “The House of Representatives did not pass the Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act this week because certain lawmakers who voted for the same language in 2013, and who had promised their pro-life constituents that they would do so again, instead worked to weaken the bill or to prevent it from coming to the floor.”

Reps. Renee Ellmers (R-NC) and Jackie Walorski (R-Ind) had been co-sponsors of the bill. They both withdrew their co-sponsorship, but were quoted as saying that they would still vote to pass the bill. Rep. Diane Black, one of the authors of the bill, did not have a public comment.

www.nationalreview.com/corner/396976/gop-lawmakers-feeling-pressure-pro-life-activists-joel-gehrke
www.nrlc.org/communications/releases/2015/release012215/



Marches for Life Overseas

A European commented some years ago that when abortion became “settled law” in Europe, the citizens shrugged and accepted it, not seeing any other alternative. However, the annual March for Life in Washington has demonstrated an alternative attitude. Furthermore, legislative progress both federally and in individual states has shown that even law deemed to be “settled” by the media can be changed. Our example has spread.

For instance, in Paris, some 25,000 – 45,000 people marched in a demonstration that took 40 minutes to pass by an observer. The first event was in 2005, marking the 30th anniversary of the legalization of abortion in France. The event has grown every year and is beginning to receive more public support from Catholic bishops. This year, euthanasia is a concern, as the government is proposing a right to “deep and continuous sedation” intended to produce death.

In Austria, “More than 500 Austrian pro-lifers solemnly marched in opposition to the country’s 40-year-old abortion decriminalization laws on January 23, in remembrance of those lost to the ravages of abortion.” Pro-lifers are acting in spite of the fact that there is almost no criticism of the law, even inside the Catholic Church, and the media ridicule any such discussions.

www.lifesitenews.com/news/tens-of-thousands-march-for-life-in-paris
www.hli.org/2015/02/austrian-pro-life-march-marks-40-years-cultural-devastation/



The states are rocking!

The Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act just passed the Oklahoma House, 84-2. It now goes to the Senate. A similar bill has passed the Senate in Kansas. It has also been introduced in Missouri.

www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/03/breakthrough-pro-life-laws-approaching-critical-stage/#.VPVcReFFOvo

The Oklahoma House and Senate have approved the Medical Treatment Laws Information Act to protect patients from denial of life-preserving care.

The Indiana Senate Health and Provider Services Committee passed a bill requiring standards for disposal of fetal remains in abortion facilities.

www.townhall.com/tipsheet/cortneyobrien/2015/02/19/indiana-prolife-bill-exposes-how-aborted-babies-are-flushed-down-sewers-n1959429?utm_source=thdailymp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nl_pm&newsletterad=

The Idaho House has voted to curb web-cam abortions. The bill now goes to the Senate. This language would require the abortionist to be in the same room as the pregnant woman rather than at a remote center.

Congratulations West Virginia!

On March 6, West Virginia became the 11th state to pass a law to protect pain capable unborn children from death by abortion. This protects children from 20 weeks fetal age, the age at which evidence says they are capable of feeling pain

The bill had passed the House and Senate by large margins. Governor Tomlinson, who has been pro-life in the past, vetoed the bill because, he said, of concerns about the constitutionality. The House and Senate passed it again, with enough margin to override the veto. The bill takes effect in 90 days.

Congratulations to the dedicated pro-lifers in West Virginia.

www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/03/west-virginia-becomes-the-eleventh-state-to-protect-pain-capable-children-as-legislature-overrides-governor-tomblins-veto/#.VPwPU-FFOvo

The Cordileone Contract

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone in San Francisco recently changed the handbook guidelines for faculty members in his Diocesan schools. With the changes, the 318 faculty members are informed they are not allowed to challenge Catholic teaching in public. His document listed specific doctrines, including many that are counter-cultural today, particularly in liberal San Francisco. Among the specific pro-life areas covered were abortion, embryonic stem cell research, and human cloning.

He said he was introducing new language because “young people are under intense pressure today to conform to certain standards that are contrary to what we believe.”

There have been vigorous objections from many teachers, parents, and students, especially with regards to homosexuality. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution of disapproval. Eight lawmakers sent him a letter describing his actions as sending “an alarming message of intolerance” and some are considering requesting an investigation. Other residents are supporting the changes, but are doing it more quietly, more privately.

www.nytimes.com/2015/02/27/us/archbishop-cordileone-of-san-francisco-defends-changes.html?ref=us&_r=1

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Media bias in Ireland

The Pro Life Campaign staged a rally in Dublin outside the Dail on March 11. They called it “33-1: Challenging media bias” because, in the space of two weeks in December, they counted 33 forcefully pro-abortion articles in national publications, but only one pro-life article. They want honest debate and fear that media bias is hampering the ability of the public to be fully informed.

www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/03/thousands-rally-in-dublin-to-protest-media-bias
www.prolifecampaign.ie

Abortion changes in Russia

“The number of abortions in Russia decreased five-fold over the past 25 years: from four million a year to less than 700 thousand today. However, there is still much work to be done.”

“...for every second child the State grants the equivalent of 10 thousand dollars to the family. Every publicity on abortion is forbidden.”

Quotes of Alexey Komov (Family Commission of the Orthodox Church)

www.agensir.it/sir/documenti/2015/02/00306403_our_commitment_for_the_family.html

World Health Organization: cheaper vs. safer

In her article “WHO Researchers Urge Cheaper Abortion above Safety,” Rebecca Oas, Ph.D reported on a Lancet study done in collaboration with WHO, to prove that clinical follow-up after a chemical abortion is unnecessary, thus simplifying the abortion process and “saving resources,” especially in “resource poor settings.”

The Lancet study concluded a home self- pregnancy test after a chemical abortion was “non-inferior” to a clinical follow-up. The researchers did not seem concerned that the home tests failed to identify three continuing pregnancies that were later aborted in the second trimester. Nor did they offer insights on how to treat high risk women in poor resource settings, especially if they are discouraged from having post abortion follow-up appointments.

As more abortions are performed by pills, pro-abortion groups urge that abortion be further “de-medicalized,” thus removing more barriers to abortion, even those meant to protect women’s health.

www.c-fam.org/Friday_fax/researchers-urge-cheaper-abortion-safety/

Palliative care concerns in Canada

Since the Supreme Court of Canada overturned the prohibition against doctor assisted suicide, it is interesting to note the concerns expressed in the article “Canada Failing on Palliative Care” by Harvey Max Chochinov, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba and holder of the Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care.

Chochinov maintains that Canadian physicians are not well educated in care of the dying. They are not adequately trained in end-of-life discussions or even pain management. Consequently, without “substantive investments in hospice and palliative care,” the choices for some dying Canadians may boil down to substandard care, care far away from friends and family, or accepting a lethal injection to end their suffering.

He said, “We are about to become a country that extends patients the right to a hastened death, but offers no legislative guarantees or assurances that they will be well looked after until they die.”

www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2015/02/18/canada-failing-on-palliative-care.html

Umbert the Unborn



Albany: New York State Legislation

Denial of Treatment

Suppose you had a new baby, one who had been born with significant health problems. As you worked with medical professionals over the next few months to make the very best decisions you could to help your baby, you relied on the doctors to give you the advice that would improve the baby's condition. How would you feel if you found out that the doctors were giving medical orders "for comfort only" and that, without your input, they had put a "Do Not Resuscitate" order on your precious child's chart?

There are several bills in the New York legislature modifying current health laws, opening the door to opportunities for this and other denials of treatment. As they come up, the dangerous changes need to be opposed. So far we do not have bill numbers.

If RARTL has your e-mail address, we can let you know if it seems that action is beginning on one of them. E-mail us at rartl@righttoliferoch.org.

Assisted suicide

Assisted suicide bills have come to both the NYS Assembly and Senate. The most urgent need for intervention is in the Senate, for bill S. 3685. Please call your NYS Senator, either in Albany or in the home district and ask what his position is on assisted suicide. Listen carefully, and then ask that he vote against S. 3685 when it comes up.

One of the hallmarks of this bill is a lack of honesty. The bill specifically states that on the certificate that is filled out after a death the cause of death that is listed will not be the drugs that the patient took, nor anything else associated with assisted suicide. The attending physician must lie and say that the cause of death was the underlying disease.

The state will not be able to track physician-assisted suicides the same way they track fatalities in traffic collisions or drownings because of the legally mandated falsification of legal documents.

It is also not honest to refuse to call the action suicide. It is as much suicide as jumping off a tall building; it just has the prettier trappings of medical "help."

Sheryl Crosier lived through exactly this denial of treatment, losing their baby Simon when he was three months old. It was disheartening that the doctors found her son's life not worth saving. www.lifesitenews.com/news/trisomy-angel-the-boy-with-a-divine-purpose-who-taught-people-the-meaning-o

Sheryl will be speaking at NYSRTL's Lobby for Life Day on April 29. It is 9 AM – noon in "The Well" at the Legislative Office Building in Albany. Questions/reservations: Jessica Rodgers at jessicar@nysrighttolife.org or (518) 434-1293

Washington: Federal Legislation and Regulation

New rules: abortion and refugees

The Obama administration has published new rules for (pro-life) faith-based groups that handle refugee children entering the US without their parents. If a girl is or becomes pregnant, the group is required to "make referrals for emergency contraception, partner with groups which provide abortion, or notify the federal government which would make arrangements for the abortion." If the groups do not comply, they will lose federal aid.

The rules were publicly posted for comment on Christmas Eve. These rules were fast tracked because the administration considers this too urgent to allow time for a full public comment. Organizations must comply by June 24, 2015.

www.c-fam.org/friday_fax/obama-tells-faith-based-groups-must-refer-refugee-children-abortions/

Conscience protection

House Reps. Diane Black, Jeff Fortenberry, and John Fleming submitted the Health Care Conscience Rights Act to protect those with moral objections to the Obamacare abortion requirements. According to Black's website, it provides "full exemption from the Obama Administration's Health and Human Services (HHS) mandate and conscience protection for individuals and health care entities that refuse to provide, pay for, or refer patients to abortion providers because of their deeply-held, reasoned beliefs."

Abortion outweighs human trafficking

Good idea: Use fines of convicted human sex traffickers to finance a "Domestic Trafficking Victims' Fund." Who could object?

Unfortunately, the Senate Democrats object because of the Hyde-Amendment-like provision that these funds cannot be used to pay for abortion. They say they will oppose the bill.

www.nationalreview.com/human-exceptionalism/415406/dems-kill-trafficking-bill-over-abortion-wesley-j-smith

Egg donation and Brittany Maynard

Jennifer Lahl, of *Eggsploitation* fame, has been concerned for many years about the cancer risks in the drugs used during egg donation and the fact that egg donation is generally not part of a woman's health history. Because there has been no health follow-up of women who have donated eggs, there is no data regarding health problems that might have arisen after the egg donation.

Lahl points out that glioblastoma is linked to hormonal influences and that Lupron, one of the drugs used in egg donation, disrupts hormonal influences that could be protective against glioblastoma. (See her article for much more data.)

When Brittany Maynard found out that she had glioblastoma, she needed to move from California to Oregon in order to commit physician-assisted suicide. Her husband has promised to advocate for legalization of assisted suicide in California.

According to a friend of Brittany's, Brittany was an egg donor. The friend asked Lahl if the egg donation was a factor in Brittany's glioblastoma. Maybe. Maybe not. The data doesn't exist.

Lahl finds herself wondering if Brittany Maynard's husband is fighting the wrong battle. Perhaps he should be fighting, like Lahl, to protect egg donors like his wife.

www.cbc-network.org/2015/01/is-brittany-maynards-husband-fighting-the-wrong-battle/

Glioblastoma – 9 years and going strong

Sandra Hilburn was told she had two or three months to live. Diagnosed with glioblastoma, she was accepted into an experimental program at Duke University. That was 9 years ago. She goes to Duke once a month for additional injections. Other participants have survived up to six years.

www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2990255/Study-Tetanus-shot-aid-treatment-deadly-brain-cancer.html

She changed her mind

Yes, Margaret Bentley, an Alzheimer patient in British Columbia, apparently did change her mind. The relatives contend that when competent she said that she did not want to be fed if she became incompetent. However, she is currently happy with her meals, particularly dessert, and she eats and drinks willingly.

As a result, her relatives are trying to force the nursing home to stop feeding her with a spoon and cup. The family began the quest with a lawsuit in 2013 to require the nursing home to deprive her of food and water.

In February of 2014 the court decided that food and water are not medicines and that Mrs. Bentley should continue to be fed by spoon and cup. The court said that, unlike tube feeding, food and water by spoon and cup constituted personal care and a nursing home would be negligent in not providing it.

The family appealed the decision to the BC Court of Appeal, which in early March dismissed the appeal. They said that Margaret Bentley was "exercising her consent when she opens her mouth to accept food and water..."

Lawyer and expert Wesley J. Smith cautioned "...this only marks the beginning of the debate about forced starvation in nursing homes, not the end."

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition blog December 17, 2014 <http://alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/>

www.nationalreview.com/human-exceptionalism/414843/forced-starvation-attempt-appeal-dismissed-wesley-j-smith

Canada court: yes to assisted suicide

Instead of taking one small step (backwards), Canada has taken a giant leap. By a Supreme Court decision, Canada has allowed assisted suicide for any Canadian who "has a grievous and irremediable medical condition (including an illness, disease or disability) that causes enduring suffering that is intolerable to the individual in the circumstances of his or her condition." So if you are disabled and find your life not worth living, you can qualify.

Not surprisingly, most palliative care doctors are not willing to participate. A recent survey said that only 25% would actually help patients end their lives.

www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2015/02/canadas-supreme-court-mandates-assisting-suicide-for-people-with-disabilities

www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics_article/11358

VSED means
"voluntarily stop
eating and drinking"
and it is a method
currently being
recommended by
euthanasia advocates
for hastening death.
Competent patients
have the legal right to
stop eating and
drinking if they so
choose.

"VSED by
proxy" would comply
with advance
directives for
withholding food and
water. So if someone
becomes incompetent
today, he could be
deprived of food and
water because of his
prior decision. He
would not be allowed
to change his mind.
This requires food and
water to be considered
part of medical
treatment.



Rest in peace, Gerry

On February 14, 2015, the pro-life movement lost one of its long time leaders. Gerry Oftedahl died unexpectedly and, of course, too soon.

She will be remembered locally for her long leadership of Rochester Area Right to Life and state-wide for her leadership of New York State Right to Life. Even

after she stepped down as President of RARTL, she continued to write RARTL's newsletter until her husband became seriously ill.

Over the years, she participated in Feminists Choosing Life, now known as Feminists For Nonviolent Choices, and she founded the Leo Holmsten Human Life Award program and the Adult Stem Cell Initiative.

She will also be remembered for her personality: energetic, dedicated, and enthusiastic, always overflowing with new ideas. She was very kind and helpful wherever she saw a need. We pro-lifers are grateful for what she did and what she was.

Dr. Jack Wilke

Jack was half of the Jack and Barbara Wilke team that pursued education almost ferociously during the early days of the pro-life movement. The "Wilke Slides" were available to pro-lifers; it is not possible to count all the presentations in which they were so effectively used. The book the Wilkes compiled, "Handbook on Abortion," helped legions of pro-lifers become more confident of their ability to explain details of the cause they espoused.

Jack died February 20, 2015, having been widowed since 2013.

Thank you, Jack, for the legacy of resources you left behind.

Help!

Does anyone have a color laser printer on which they would be willing to do some printing for us? We have some brochures for which inkjet printing doesn't work well. The member who was printing for us no longer has a color laser printer. Please call Pat at the office if you can help. Thank you!

Reminder:

Pro-Life Oratorical Contest for High School Juniors and Seniors.

Create a short pro-life speech (5 – 7 minutes) on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem cells and present it Saturday, April 11, 2015 10 AM to 12 Noon at the Greece Assembly of God (750 Long Pond Road, Rochester). **There is no charge, but you must register in advance.**

In addition, the winner has the right to go to the state-level contest in Albany on May 9, competing to be the one to represent New York at the National Right to Life Convention July 9 – 11 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Freshman? Sophomore? Or younger? We have special opportunities to allow younger students to participate in a non-competitive way for practice. No age limits.

Applications are due. For application forms or more information, call Rochester Area Right to Life (621-4690) or e-mail RARTL@righttoliferoch.org or check our website www.righttoliferoch.org.

"When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God -- and a terror will rip your soul like nothing you can imagine. But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world -- and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare him, because he loved us!'"

Quote from Congressman Henry Hyde

New York State Right to Life Convention

Rochester, NY

RIT Inn and Conference Center

5257 West Henrietta Road, Henrietta, NY 14467

October 17, 2015

Mark your calendars!

It will be a full day of enlightening speakers and great company. Meet other pro-lifers, stay for the night, or just come in for the day. You'll be glad you did.

Miss. Julianne Warren will be speaking. If you missed her at RARTL's Annual Meeting, you have another chance.

August is GARAGE SALE month for RARTL!

Do you have items you'd like to remove from your house? If we can lift them, we would love to have them for the garage sale. We have storage space, so you can call now to make arrangements. Call Pat at the RARTL office 621-4690.

Suggested prayers

Please become a **prayer partner**. Spend 5-10 minutes daily in prayer about life issues to provide a 24-hour prayer shield over our area. Join in the following monthly prayer themes:

March: That pro-life volunteers will not lose heart and will continue to fight tirelessly for the voiceless unborn.

April: That God's peace, love, and mercy will surround the chronically and terminally ill, along with their caregivers.

May: That the obedience of the Virgin Mother Mary to God's call on her life serves as an example to young mothers-to-be.

June: That the Holy Spirit will open the eyes of our nation to what a horror abortion really is.

July: That God's sons and daughters, who have had abortions, know that the Father is calling them to return home to his love.

In Memory

Gerry Oftedahl

by Dennis Erbeta and Joanne Albert

by George and Cathy Wiedemer

by Carol Leary by Maria Miles

by Marylee Wilk by Wilda Liana

by Delores Militello by Pat Dawes

by Anne LeBlanc



Dorothy Salamone

mother of Joanne Albert

by Dennis Erbeta and Joanne Albert

Ann M. Tuttle

by Paul D. Tuttle

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You are welcome to remember an event/achievement or a deceased loved one with a memorial/honor/tribute, tax-deductible donation to the **RARTL Education Fund**. A card in your name will be sent to the family/person you designate; contribution amount is confidential.

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Events of interest to pro-lifers

Saturday, March 28, 2015 Catholic Women's Conference "Body, Mind, and Soul" at Aquinas Institute <http://rochesterwcw.org/>

Friday, April 3 Good Friday Stations of the Cross in Reparation for Abortion Starts with 9 AM prayer service at McQuaid Jesuit, followed by peaceful prayerful procession led by priests, deacons, and religious. Bob and Amy Dorscheid (585) 732-8994

Saturday, April 11 RARTL Oratorical Pro-Life Contest. For details see page 6.

Saturday, April 18 10 AM the Cultura Vitae Oratorical Contest for students in grades 6-10. Scholarship awards to Chesterton Academy of Rochester and St. John Bosco Schools will be given at each grade level. Contact Colleen Richards, Headmaster, at crichards@johnboscoschools.org, or call (585) 348-9401

Saturday, April 18 Break for Life at McQuaid Jesuit

Wednesday, April 29 NYSRTL Lobby for Life Day 9 AM – noon in "The Well" at the Legislative Office

Building in Albany. Jessica Rodgers at jessicar@nysrighttolife.org or (518) 434-1293.

Saturday, May 9 NYSRTL Oratorical Contest in Albany for local RARTL winner.

Thursday through Saturday, July 9 – 11 National Right to Life Convention (and NRLC Oratorical Contest) in New Orleans

July 31 – August 2 – Camp Esther – pro-life boot camp for teens in Utica. Details at www.nysrighttolife.org/youth

August date to be determined. RARTL's Humongous GARAGE SALE! Please think of us during spring cleaning!

July 9 – August 14 National Right to Life Academy - Five-week summer training course in Washington, DC, for pro-life college students. www.nrlc.org/academy

Saturday, October 17 NYS Right to Life Convention, this year in Rochester.

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Personalized 3D fetal models

According to a *National* article by Sarah Zagorski, the abortion industry has long been opposed to pregnant women viewing their babies' fetal ultrasounds because 78% of pregnant women who see them reject abortion. Now using a woman's 3D/4D ultrasound images and 3D printing, technology can create a model of her baby's face, one that a mother can hold. That face can also be made part of a generalized whole-body model. The flexibility of current technology allows just one more way of showcasing the wonder of life before birth.

Zagorski quoted Thomas Liftson, a writer for *The American Thinker*, "At a minimum, (the model) puts the lie to the gross euphemisms employed by the pro-abortion movement to disguise the nature of the act they support as a 'right.'"

While the expense of such a "souvenir" of one's pregnancy is beyond most pregnant women's budgets, the availability of this technology, which validates the truth of the humanity of the fetus, threatens the lies of the abortion industry.

Zagorski quoted pro-life advocate Susan Michelle, "No matter how hard they try, abortion advocates cannot hide from the technology that will continue to make their arguments moot."

http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2014/01/technology_deals_another_blow_to_abortion_supporters.html

Snippets from other countries

A new study conducted in Mexico found that states with more protective abortion laws had "23 percent lower overall maternal mortality, and up to 47 percent lower mortality from complications of abortion."

www.mercatornet.com/articles/view/maternal_health_is_better_where_abortion_is_restricted

"If we don't get the front end of development right, we won't get the back end right either" according to Ambassador Macharia Kamau of Kenya. This involves programs and policies to help "children before they are born, children at birth, first five years of life, the youth," he said.

www.c-fam.org/friday_fax/kenyan-ambassador-says-new-un-goals-must-help-children-birth