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News Notes

Editors' Note: We thought our readers might find the following document interesting. This is for your information.

St. Louis Archdiocese Position Statement on Susan G. Komen for the Cure

The Respect Life Apostolate of the Archdiocese of St. Louis acknowledges the beneficial work of Susan G. Komen for the Cure, formerly known as the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, in the area of breast cancer detection, prevention, research and treatment. Due to its policy allowing affiliates to offer financial support to abortion-providing facilities and its endorsement of embryonic stem cell research, the Respect Life Apostolate neither supports nor encourages participation in activities that benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure. This position is based on the following facts:

Public records indicate that Susan G. Komen for the Cure ("Komen") affiliates in at least 22 states (Missouri is not among them) have provided sizable grants to local Planned Parenthood chapters for breast health care services.¹

- Despite Komen donations for breast health care services, Planned Parenthood (the largest single abortion provider in the country) stated in its 2004-2005 annual report that 9,900 more abortions were performed and 26,000 fewer breast exams were provided in 2004 than in 2003.²
- Donors cannot control how an organization designates its funds. Therefore, money donated for a specific service, i.e. breast health care, directly frees up funds to support other areas of an organization's agenda, i.e. contraception services, "safe" sex education and abortion services.

The Komen website dismisses the link between procured abortion and increased risk of breast cancer.³ However, the research of Joel Brind, Ph.D., a professor of Endocrinology and founder of the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, and the work of Dr. Janet Daling,⁴ a leading cancer epidemiologist and pro-choice advocate, invalidate a dismissal of the link. Daling said, "I would have loved to have found no association between breast cancer and abortion, but our research is rock solid, and our data is accurate. It's not a matter of believing, it's a matter of what is."⁵

Komen endorses embryonic stem cell research that requires the destruction of embryonic human life, stating that "embryonic stem cells... have the most potential" for cancer stem cell research.⁶ The destruction of human life at any stage of development is never morally acceptable. Embryonic stem cell research is also unnecessary since adult stem cell research has a proven record of cures and treatments.

Based on these documented facts, the Respect Life Apostolate (RLA) does not endorse Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The RLA encourages you to contact Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250, Dallas, TX 75244, and call for an end to all associations between Komen affiliates and Planned Parenthood, recognition

of the link between breast cancer and abortion, and a refusal to support research that leads to the destruction of any human life. Our hope is that the Komen Foundation will focus all funds on research to find causes and cures for breast cancer and refuse to give financial or other support to any abortion provider or organization that promotes the destruction of human life.

Karen Malec, president of the Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer, suggested that people also could donate to three other organizations concerned with the issue, including her own, which is online at abortion-breastcancer.com. The other two are the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, bcpinstitute.org, and the Polycarp Research Institute, polycarp.org.

¹ Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation & Planned Parenthood: *The Visible Link, Right to Life of Indianapolis*, August 2005.

² Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc. (2007), *2004-2005 Annual Report*, Retrieved March 27, 2007 from <http://www.plannedparenthood.org/files/PPFA/report-05.pdf>

³ see "Factors That Do Not Increase Risk of Breast Cancer," Susan G. Komen for the Cure, 27 March 2007, <http://cms.komen.org/Komen/AboutBreastCancer/AbcFactors-NotRelatedtoRisk>.

⁴ see Daling JR, Malone KE, Voigt LF, White E, Weiss NS, *Risk of breast cancer among young women: relationship to induced abortion*, *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* 86: 21, 1584-92, Nov 2, 1994.

⁵ "The Cover Up," *Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer*, 27 March 2007, <http://www.abortionbreastcancer.com/coverup3.htm>.

⁶ "Cancer Stem Cell Research Shows Promise," *Frontline: The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's Newsletter*, (Fall 2006), 29 March 2007 http://cms.komen.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/komen_document/006137.pdf.

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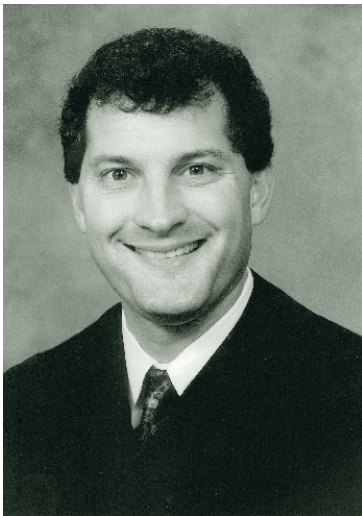
Right to Life - LIFESPAN

Pro-Life Breakfast and Legislative Update

GUEST SPEAKER: Judge Brian Keith Zahra
TOPIC: Judicial Activism

Saturday, November 10, 2007
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Burton Manor
27777 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, Michigan
(south side of I-96 service drive, between Inkster and Middlebelt)



Judge Brian Keith Zahra

Judge Brian Keith Zahra resides in Northville Township with his spouse, Suzanne, and their two children. He was born in Detroit and attended Divine Child High School in Dearborn, holds a Bachelor of General Studies degree from Wayne State University and a J.D., cum laude, from the University of Detroit School of Law.

Governor John Engler appointed Judge Zahra to the Third Circuit Court and later to the Court of Appeals on January 1, 1999. He was elected to the Court of Appeals in 2000 and 2006. In 2006, Judge Zahra was nominated by the Michigan Supreme Court and appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm to serve on the Michigan Board of Law Examiners. He has served on the Circuit Court Appellate Rule Revision Committee which redrafted the Michigan Court Rules governing appeals to the circuit court.

Judge Zahra serves on the Court's committees on Delay Reduction, Personnel, Court Rules and Budget, and chairs the Court's Long-Range Planning Committee. Judge Zahra is a member of the Kiwanis Club International, the Federalist Society, the Catholic Lawyers Society, Leadership Detroit, the Knights of Columbus, the Boys & Girls Club / Alumni Association, the Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers, the Maltese American Benevolent Society, and the Maltese American Community Club.

Additional speakers to be announced.
For more information, call 248-478-8878 or 734-422-6230

Reservations are required by Friday, November 2
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Make check payable to Right to Life - LIFESPAN and mail with
registration form below to: 29200 Vassar St., Suite 545, Livonia, MI 48152
(Tickets will be held at the door)

Yes! I will attend Lifespan's Breakfast and Legislative Update on Saturday, November 10!

Reserve _____ seats @ \$18.00 each; _____ seats @ \$7.50 each (students 21 or younger); \$_____ total enclosed

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State Fair

LIFESPAN will again be at the Michigan State Fair and will need volunteers to work our booth. Your admission is free, and if you are a new volunteer, you will be placed with an experienced one. We need two volunteers for each four-hour shift. Why not sign up with a friend? Besides having a great time exploring the Fair before and/or after your shift, you will feel wonderful knowing you helped spread the pro-life message to the thousands who walk by our booth.

Detroit needs volunteers for one day only, August 28. First shift is from 9:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., second shift is 1:45 - 6:00 p.m. and third shift is 5:45 - 10:00 p.m. Call today to get the shift you desire, 313 640-8534.

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Supreme Court sides with pro-life group

In a victory for citizens groups like Wisconsin Right to Life, the Supreme Court ruled on June 25 that the harsh restrictions placed on political ads just before elections are unconstitutional. The organization says the ban on the ads is an unconstitutional limit on free speech.

The central question in the case is whether organizations like Wisconsin Right to Life can air legitimate grassroots lobbying ads within the blackout periods created by the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law.

Under the federal law, groups can't air ads mentioning the names of candidates running for federal office within 30 days of a primary and 60 days of a general election. Prohibited ads could include something asking people to contact members of Congress on pro-life issues.

"Today, the U.S. Supreme Court restored the right of citizens and citizen organiza-

Memorials

Help Detroit in its efforts to spread the pro-life message and keep its office open by sending your donations in memory of loved ones who have died or in honor of someone special for a birthday or anniversary or other occasion. Your remembrance will be published in the next newsletter and a card will be sent to the person or family who is being honored or remembered.

Independence Day thought

In the month of July we celebrate our country's freedom and independence. Pause to consider the perversion of the whole concept of freedom by "pro-choice" advocates. Freedom of choice has become a woman's freedom, under the law, to choose death for an unborn human being. Promises of "women's liberation" have clouded the human heart and mind, both of which know that for this kind of independence to be achieved, a dependent baby must be killed.

As we lift up our voices in the patriotic song of *America the Beautiful*, let us remember the last few stanzas, *America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm they soul in self-control, they liberty in law.* This should be a daily prayer of all of us in the pro-life movement. God Bless America!

tions to engage in grassroots lobbying through the use of broadcast communications," Barbara Lyons, the director of WRTL, told LifeNews.com about the ruling.

James Bopp a prominent pro-life attorney who is also known for his leadership on campaign finance issues, told LifeNews.com, "Grassroots lobbying is important to citizens involvement in their own government and it has nothing to do with elections."

"The Court has now restored to the people the most effective means, broadcast ads, for efforts to influence incumbent politicians when they pass laws to tax and regulate us," he added. "Incumbent politicians have no constitutional authority to quash criticism of their conduct in office."

Justice Antonin Scalia appeared to be most sympathetic to the pro-life group's arguments during the hearing.

"This is the First Amendment. We don't make people guess whether their speech is going to be allowed by Big Brother or not," Scalia said.

"If you are going to cut off the speech, there ought to be a clear line," Scalia told Solicitor General Paul Clement, who defended the law for Congress. "And you're not giving us any."

Justices Stephen Breyer and David Souter were the most supportive during the hearing.

Numerous organizations joined Wisconsin Right to Life in seeking the First Amendment right to petition the government via grassroots lobbying ads without being subject to jail sentences.

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Membership

We are working very hard to increase the membership of our LIFESPAN chapters. Please look on the address label of this newsletter and see what date appears near your name. If the year is 2006 or earlier, you need to renew your membership in LIFESPAN. We continue to send our newsletter to those of you whose membership is past due because we know how important it is to get good pro-life information into your hands, but need your membership dues to do it. There is no need to tell anyone living in Michigan that the cost of postage, gas, paper and just about everything else increases everyone's expenses, ours included. Please renew—today!

Nurse's Conference

Michigan Nurses for Life, along with the Educational Center for Life, is holding their annual conference on

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Educating young people

As an assignment for a government class from Plymouth - Salem High School, eleven students, four groups of tenth graders, selected our office to visit. They could have picked MADD, Planned Parenthood, Animal Rights, Gay and Lesbian Rights, etc., but they chose LIFESPAN! Admittedly, we were not the first choice for some, but their attitudes changed after their first visit. Each student had to spend a minimum of five hours with us. Upon completion, each group had fifty-five minutes (a full class period) to talk with their peers about abortion. On their first visit, they asked administrative questions and became comfortable (or uncomfortable) with their surroundings. On their next two visits, they helped with various jobs—tagging Mother's Day roses, stamping literature, folding, collating, stuffing and labeling envelopes for mailings. While they were doing these tasks, Laurie, Melanie and I, showed videos and encouraged them to ask questions, and they had plenty. They viewed *Silent Scream*, *Eclipse of Reason*, *Pro-life Doctors Speak Out*, *The Hard Truth* and, of course,

September 8th at the Franco Center of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk will be speaking on stem cell research. There is still so much confusion about this issue. Often when we read about "stem cells," no mention is made about how those stem cells are obtained. One type of research kills a newly created human embryo, the other does not. One type of research has resulted in treatments or cures for over 70 diseases and conditions, the other has resulted in nothing. One promotes life, one takes life. Come to the conference and understand the difference! See the back page for more information.

Sweet thanks

A big "Thank You" goes out to all of you who helped with Father's Day Candy Bars. Each year we try to find a new idea to recognize fathers, and each year we come back to what the dads seem to like best—candy. It is pretty clear from this year's response that there are an awful lot of dads out there with some pretty big sweet teeth! The day was warm and wonderful and we hope it was enjoyed by everyone.

What are grandmas?

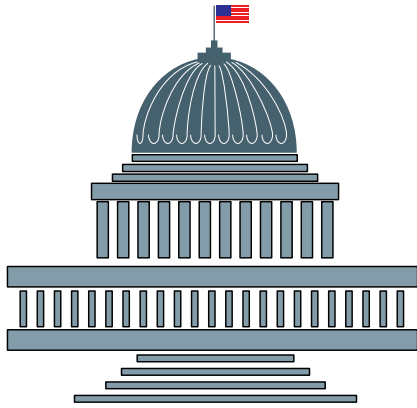
"Grandmas are nice old ladies who live at the airport. When you want to see them you go get them from there and when you are finished with them you take them back," so says a very bright 5-year-old!

the twelve-minute *Window to the Womb* (ultrasound of a baby in the womb). To their own amazement, they really didn't know what an abortion procedure was, but after watching these videos, they learned quickly and had great compassion for both the mother and the unborn baby.

Alvin Weathersby, a moderator for the seminar, *Making Abortion Unthinkable*, spoke twice with one group and introduced them to that seminar. They showed an interest in it and thought they might attend the full-day seminar in the future. He talked about unplanned pregnancies, and the couple's responsibility to that unborn child whom they had co-created.

Another group invited Rebecca Kiessling, whose mother was a rape victim. Rebecca is a lawyer, wife and mother of four young children. She impressed on the class that although she was conceived in rape, she was worthy to be born and deserved to live! Her life should not have been snuffed out because her father was guilty of a crime. She answered questions and dispelled the idea that rape victims should abort their babies because somehow, they weren't fit to live.

The third and fourth groups, some of whom dressed in pro-life T-shirts and wearing blue pro-life wrist bands and feet pins, relied on videos, literature and Lifespan's 2007 *Resource Book*. Their premise was: Killing is wrong. Abortion is killing an unborn baby. Therefore abortion is wrong. They informed their classmates that 180 babies died during that hour as they sat in class. They gave a quiz before and after their presentation and were pleased with the results. All the groups would like to help LIFESPAN again, and we would gladly welcome them.



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HPV Vaccine

Although denying pressure from constituents, Michigan legislators have decided that rather than requiring young girls be given the controversial HPV vaccine before entering 6th grade, they will now require the schools to provide information about the vaccine to the parents of these children. The decision would then be left up to the parents as to obtaining the vaccine for their daughters.

There are differing claims on just how safe and effective the vaccine is. The manufacturer, Merck, claims it is safe and effective, but reports of unpleasant side effects continue. Of interest is that while suggesting the vaccine be given to 9-12-year-olds, only a few hundred 11-12-year-old girls received the vaccine during its testing phase. A larger study on 11-12-year-olds won't be completed until 2009. There is also some question about the length of time the vaccine would be effective, with most agreeing that 5 years is the expected length. If the vaccine were given to 9-year-old children, the 5-year efficacy would expire when they were 14 and the majority of 14 year olds are not sexually active.

Embryonic Stem Cell Research

On June 7, 2007, the U.S. Congress again passed legislation that would require taxpayers to fund life-taking embryonic stem cell research. President Bush has stated that he will veto any legislation presented to him that seeks funds to promote research that uses human life as its subject material.

There is still so much confusion, some of it deliberate, surrounding stem cell research. Embryonic stem cells can only be obtained by destroying newly created human embryos. To date, research using such stem cells has created no treatments or cures for human disease. Adult stem cells are found everywhere in the body of born human beings. Collecting them does not cause the death of any person, born or unborn. To date,

treatments and cures for over 70 human diseases have come from using adult stem cells. When people speak to you of stem cells, be sure to ask if they mean life-giving, life-affirming adult stem cells or stem cells obtained at the cost of a human life. See back page for information on attending an upcoming conference focusing on this issue.

Questions on Efficacy Cloud a Cancer Vaccine

By John Carreyrou

When Merck & Co. introduced its new vaccine against cervical cancer last June, it gave it one of the biggest pushes any new medicine has received. The company lobbied dozens of states to make the vaccine mandatory for 11- and 12-year-old girls. It aired TV ads featuring young girls skipping rope while reciting the slogan, "I want to be one less" woman to battle the disease.

The campaign scored some big victories. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared all women age 11 to 26 should get the vaccine, called Gardasil. Texas and Virginia passed mandatory-vaccination laws for girls entering the sixth grade. Even after Merck halted its lobbying in February amid criticism, an organization backed by the company continues to push for similar laws, and about 20 states are considering them. The vaccine costs \$360 for a three-shot regimen.

But behind the scenes, Gardasil has been dogged by uncertainty about how effective it really is. Merck won approval for the vaccine based on research that showed it protected against two strains of the human papillomavirus, known as HPV 16 and 18, that are thought to cause 70% of cervical-cancer cases. The Food and Drug Administration didn't ask its panel of experts advising on Gardasil to rule on whether the vaccine specifically prevented the cancer itself.

In clinical trials, 361 of 8,817 women who received at least one shot of Gardasil went on to develop precancerous lesions on their cervixes within three years of vaccination, just 14% fewer than in a placebo control group.

Scott Emerson, a professor of biostatistics at the University of Washington who sat on the FDA advisory committee, says he's not persuaded the vaccine is worth the billions of dollars likely to be spent on it in coming years. "I do believe that Gardasil protects against HPV 16 and 18, but the effect it will have on cervical-cancer rates in this country is another question entirely," says Dr. Emerson. "There is a leap of faith involved."

Merck says the 14% figure is misleading because more than a quarter of the women in the study were already infected with HPV before receiving the vaccine, blunting its effect. Gardasil isn't designed to treat those with pre-existing infection. The company prefers to point to a subset of 4,616 trial participants who were mostly free of HPV when they were vaccinated. Only 52 of these women went on to develop precancerous lesions on their cervixes over the next three years, 46% fewer than among the placebo group. Merck says this smaller group of women is the one most representative of the 11- and 12-year-old girls for whom Texas and Virginia have required vaccination. Safety is another issue. Merck tested the vaccine in only a few hundred 11- and 12-year-old girls. Some doctors consider that number too small to declare the vaccine safe for preteen girls, given the big changes their bodies undergo.

In its approval letter, the FDA ordered Merck to follow "a sufficient number of children 11-12 years of age" in a large postmarketing study to further establish the vaccine's safety. That study won't be completed until 2009. Norman Baylor, the director of the Office of Vaccines Research and Review at the FDA, says it's common for the agency to recommend postmarketing studies for vaccines, and the FDA considers Gardasil safe.

The company says it complied with the FDA's request that the clinical trials include more than 3,000 9- to 17-year-

olds. It adds that it didn't test Gardasil more widely on girls because it wanted to focus on sexually active women to demonstrate the vaccine's efficacy. So far, Merck has distributed more than four million doses of the vaccine in the U.S., and the CDC says adverse events have been mostly minor and within the normal range.

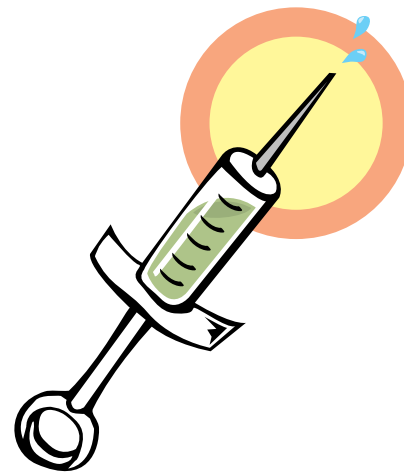
Eliav Barr, the head of Merck's HPV vaccine program, says Gardasil is a "lifesaving" vaccine and its widespread adoption will result in "a substantial decline in the rate of cervical cancer." Dr. Barr says Merck provided "an extremely strong dossier" on Gardasil that both the FDA and the CDC have deemed satisfactory.

Merck has a lot riding on Gardasil. It faces patent expirations on other best sellers and legal costs related to Vioxx, the withdrawn painkiller linked to heart attacks and strokes. Some analysts believe Gardasil's annual sales could reach \$2 billion or more by 2010.

Work on a cervical-cancer vaccine goes back nearly two decades, after scientists discovered that HPV infection can trigger lesions of the cervix that eventually turn into cancer. In the early-to-mid-1990s, Merck licensed patents held by the National Cancer Institute and CSL Ltd. of Australia, and began work on commercializing the vaccine.

From the start, Merck faced a challenge in winning acceptance of the vaccine as a universal necessity for American women. Though common in developing nations, cervical cancer is a relatively rare disease in the U.S., accounting for about 0.7% of cancer diagnoses and deaths each year. Women already have a highly effective method of prevention: visiting a gynecologist for regular Pap tests. The low-tech exam has contributed to an 80% reduction in cervical-cancer deaths in the U.S. over the past 50 years.

Human studies of the present version of the vaccine, which also targets two HPV strains that cause genital warts, began in 2000. The vaccine was administered to more than 20,000 women. It is delivered in three injections over six months. Merck submitted Gardasil to the FDA for approval in 2005.



Hints of Trouble

A meeting of the FDA advisory panel that reviewed Gardasil in May 2006 gave the first hint of Merck's troubles in persuading doctors of Gardasil's real-world efficacy. In its presentation, Merck stressed the vaccine's nearly 100% effectiveness in blocking infection by HPV 16 and 18 and in preventing precancerous lesions caused by those two strains. But a document prepared for the committee by an FDA reviewer noted the vaccine's limited overall efficacy against precancerous lesions in the broader group of nearly 9,000 trial participants.

Dr. Emerson, the University of Washington professor, expressed concern that Merck wasn't putting enough emphasis on the question of whether the vaccine prevented cervical cancer. "It's almost the treating the symptom but not the disease sort of idea," he said, according to a transcript of the meeting.

Merck pointed to the confounding factors behind the lower efficacy rates, including the problem of women who came into the trial already infected. In an interview, Merck's Dr. Barr says Gardasil's true efficacy will become more apparent with time, particularly in the group that includes women with a pre-existing infection.

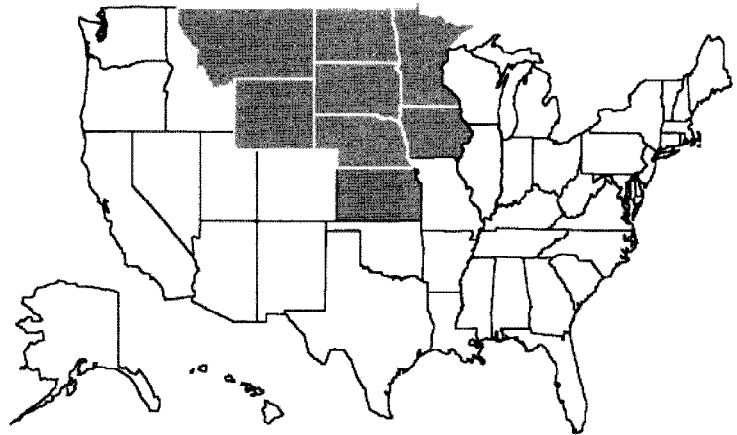
While Merck often states that Gardasil prevents infection with viruses that account for 70% of cervical-cancer cases, Dr. Barr concedes that the vaccine is less than 70% effective against precancerous lesions. Merck says this is because the HPV strains not covered by Gardasil cause disproportionately

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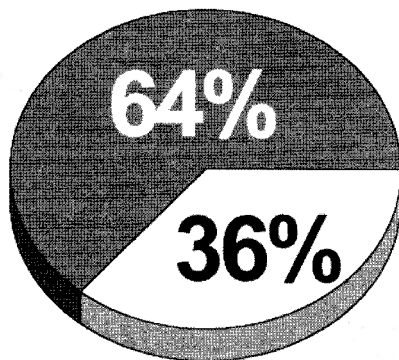
Black Americans for Life

The genocide threat to African-Americans continues to be one of the most significant problems facing Black Americans. Tragically, Black women have an abortion rate **three** times higher than white women and many abortion clinics are located in predominantly Black areas. Since 1973, over 14 million Black babies have been aborted, which is equal to the combined populations of eight Midwestern states. (See shaded states in map.)

The number of abortions in the African-American community is even more frightening when it is compared to the total number of deaths from all other causes combined. Since 1973, about 8 million African-Americans have died from heart disease, diabetes, auto accidents, cancer, aids, etc.



Abortion: The #1 Killer Of African-Americans



◀ **Deaths from Abortion**

◀ **Deaths from All Other Causes Combined**

Yet an astonishing fourteen million African-Americans have died from abortion in that same time span. Abortion is the number-one killer of African-Americans. The truth is that beautiful, perfectly formed babies have been scraped out of their mother's womb in pieces, or had scissors jammed in the back of their heads to suck their brains out.

Minority women have 59 percent of the abortions even though they are only 30 percent of the population. Clearly, we must work harder to find ways to reach more and more Black Americans.

Our path is well defined. The focus of Black Americans for Life is to ensure the civil rights of all our people, no matter how small their bodies may be.

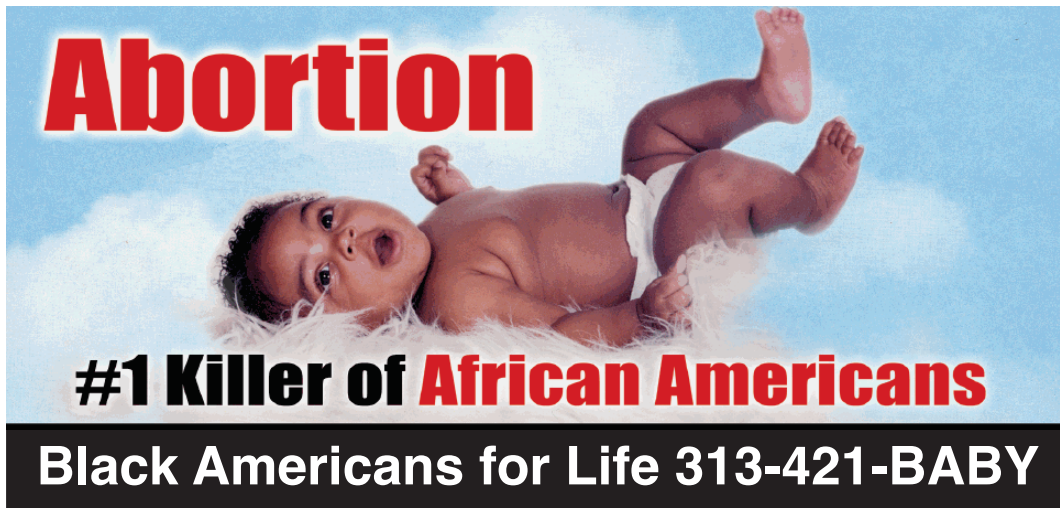
We must get involved. Through education, we can learn the facts about abortion and its devastating impact on the African-American community. Hence, we must encourage our leaders, pastors, educators, people in our neighborhoods and the professional community at-large to speak out on the issue of abortion.

Invite a pro-life speaker to your business, church, clubs and civic organizations.

We must stand together, united, to end the killing of our unborn (black) babies.

—Excerpted from National Right to Life Committee, 2007 Yearbook

Lifespan Billboard Campaign



We have a goal to see a pro-life message against abortion reach millions of people in the Detroit metro area. The above-pictured billboard will be placed at various locations during the year, in close proximity to abortion clinics, if possible. The billboards will be displayed for four-eight weeks at each location and then move to a new location. The cost of one billboard is approximately \$600. The cost for the entire project is approximately \$8,000.

As in past billboard campaigns, the objective is to powerfully educate, impact and change the hearts of countless women against aborting their unborn children.

The first two billboards, displayed June through August, are at these locations:

W. Seven Mile, east of Evergreen, south side, east facing
W. McNichols, east of Snowden, north side, west facing

We need your prayers and support. If you can help, please make your check payable and mail to: **Right to Life - LIFESPAN Educational Fund, 29200 Vassar St., Ste. 545, Livonia, MI 48152.** We invite you to join us in this effort and gratefully appreciate your personal donation in any amount. As Right to Life - Lifespan's Educational Fund is now a 501 (c) (3) entity, your donation for this project is tax-deductible. Your donation however, cannot be considered in lieu of membership dues which are not tax-deductible. If you have any questions, please call us at **248-478-8878.**

Yes, I want to help Lifespan's Billboard Campaign!

My (Our) gift is: one billboard (\$600) \$300 100 \$50 \$ _____

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4th Annual Pro-Life Teen Game Show

(Students — 12-18 years old)

Date: Saturday, July 28, 2007

Location: Auburn Hills Christian Center

Time: Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$6.00 per person (includes pizza,
beverages, munchies, and dessert)

Questions? Call Lynn Gura, Teen Game
Show Coordinator at 248-816-1546 or
e-mail at oakmac@rtl-lifespan.org

COME CHEER THE
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FOR FUN AND EDUCATION, HERE ARE
SAMPLES OF PRO-LIFE STATEMENTS:

Fetal Development – Category 1

Statement: This child was born at 19 weeks, weighed 18 ounces, was 10 1/2" long, dropped to 13 ounces, had heart surgery, survived and went home with her mother. At five years old, she was known to be a healthy little girl.

Planned Parenthood, the Abortion Industry and Abstinence – Category 2

Statement: This abortion-causing drug blocks a vital nutrient hormone, Progesterone, from reaching the newly created baby.

Statement: The objective of this organization is to instill in each girl a clear understanding of feminine dignity, true beauty and a deep love for purity. As a result, each girl will grow to become a genuine woman and leader.

Affects of Abortion – Category 3

Statement: This outreach was founded in 1997 by Kevin and Theresa Burke. It is described as a spiritual ministry for healing after abortion.

Laws and Cases – Category 4

Statement: On January 22, 1974, this national event took place for the first time to peacefully protest the Roe v. Wade decision. It has continued since then and draws a larger crowd each year, especially of young people.

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia – Category 5

Statement: Under the Oregonian Death with Dignity Act, the prescribing physician must inform the patient of feasible alternatives to assisted suicide—name three of them.

Stem Cell Research/Human Cloning – Category 6

Statement: This code, formulated in the years after World War II, is particularly instructive with regard to the current debate on human cloning. It outlines those kinds of things you would not simply do for the sake of knowledge that involve human subjects.

Bible Quotes and Famous Voices – Category 7

Statement: In March 2006, he stated, "Even when the problems of disabled people touch their minds or their sensorial and intellectual capacities, they remain fully human, with the sacred and inalienable rights that belong to humans."

Entertainment, Books, and Websites – Category 8

Statement: This is an informative and entertaining pro-life program presented in Readers Theatre format combining personal testimonies, dramatic readings and songs. This is a Stage of Faith production presented by Patty Ward and Mary Dudley.

(To see the answers, go to page 14.)

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LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 7, 2007

2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Across the U.S. and Canada, on National LIFE CHAIN Sunday, hundreds of thousands of participants will silently stand* in peaceful, prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. In addition to select designated Lifespan locations, this year we are offering the possibility of facilitating Life Chain locations at all churches and organizations. If you are interested in hosting a Life Chain at your church or organization on Sunday, October 7, please call us. We will list Life Chain locations as we become aware of them. Currently, we know of these locations:

- ☆ **Downtown Belleville, Main St. at Five Points to Belleville Lake Bridge—Belleville**
- ☆ **Telegraph Rd. at Ford Rd., north to Hass St.—Dearborn Heights**
- ☆ **Gratiot at Six Mile Rd., in Detroit**
- ☆ **M-24 (Main St.) & M-21—Lapeer**
- ☆ **Middlebelt, Jamison (2 blks. south of 5 Mile Rd.) to 6 Mile Rd.—Livonia**
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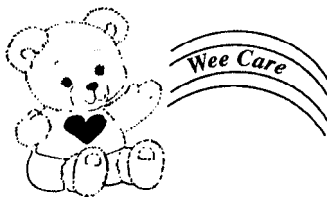
Will YOU stand with us?

Call to register your church or group 248-478-8878

Gather family, friends and neighbors to join LIFE CHAIN!

Signs will be provided

** Elderly and handicapped participants may sit in lawn chairs which they provide.*



Summer has officially arrived and with it—the carefree days—well almost! There is a little anxiety at Wee Care. This Spring, we provided for more babies than ever before. Being able to help them is the good news—dwindling supplies is the bad! In just a few weeks, some of our shelves will be empty. And, although I believe in putting it in God’s hands, I also believe that He helps those who help themselves! One of the things that I can do is ask (beg!) you—our Wee Care angels—for help!

Our critical needs are:

- sleepers, size 3-6 mos.
- onesies, size 0-3 and 3-6 mos.
- diapers, size 1
- bottles
- pacifiers
- wipes

toiletries—baby lotion, shampoo and baby wash

(The bottles, pacifiers, wipes and toiletries can be purchased at dollar stores.) ANYTHING would be so appreciated! It is a long 6 months until Christmas when we receive 90% of our supplies! Please help us if you can, and always keep “our babies” in your prayers. Ok—I’ve asked—now I can put it in God’s hands! Love, Karen

*Karen Patrosso, Director 248-478-8884
Wee Care, A Program of Right to Life - LIFESPAN*



CIDER

Walk!



Join Right to Life – LIFESPAN for its 1st **CIDER Walk** on Sunday, **October 21, 2007** at 1:30 p.m. for a fun time walking the beautiful **Paint Creek Trail** in Rochester.

Collect pledges for the 4.2 mile walk and enjoy a complimentary picnic (with cider and donuts!) and award ceremony afterwards. Collect the minimum in pledges (\$150 – an average of 12 sponsors) and receive a free **CIDER Walk t-shirt!**

An informational flier and volunteer flier will soon be posted online. Pledge sponsor forms (“brochures”) will also be posted. Keep checking www.rtl-lifespan.org under “events.” Send in registration forms by Monday, October 1.

Don’t want to walk? Consider these volunteer opportunities: set-up, clean-up, registration table, t-shirt table, making signs, crossing guards, rest-stop volunteers, parking, picking up food from store, serving food. Or, lend your grill or crockpot, walkie-talkies, bullhorn, orange cones (for START) or donate garbage bags and posterboard (for signs).

Call Gayle at **248-816-1546** for more information.



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Every time you change the cartridge on your printer, fax machine or copier and throw it away, you could be throwing away **CASH** for **LIFESPAN!** HELP US EARN \$\$\$\$ by recycling these items:

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 - ◆ Video Games
- ◆ Video Game Systems

(does not include copier cartridges)

As announced in the June issue of *Lifespan News*, Right-to-Life-LIFESPAN is partnering with the Cartridges for Kids (CFK) program in order to raise funds for Lifespan. Instead of polluting our landfills, we can collect these items from around the house, ask our family and friends to do likewise and check with our local businesses to make this effort a success!

A Lifespan newsletter, in the near future, will contain a plastic envelope, for your use in mailing cartridges to CFK. The envelopes will be pre-addressed and credited to Lifespan. In order to keep costs down, CFK would appreciate it if four or more items are included in a single bag. Larger items, such as video game systems or laptops, can be dropped off at any Lifespan chapter for collection.

If you, or someone you know, are employed at a business that would like to help, please call Lifespan at **248-478-8878**. We really need your support to make this fundraiser a **SUCCESS** for Lifespan! Thank you!

Supreme Court sides with pro-life group

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The American Center for Law and Justice is one group supporting Wisconsin Right to Life and says the high court has an important opportunity to protect free speech by removing the blackout periods prior to primary and general elections that prohibit issue advertising.

The high court upheld the McCain-Feingold campaign finance law in 2003 but has allowed challenges to specific parts of it like the ad ban. Chief Justice John Roberts said several times during the hearing on the case that the court could rule the ad ban unconstitutional and still keep most of the law in place.

The District Court for the District of Columbia ruled in favor of Wisconsin Right to Life in December of 2006, stating that it is unconstitutional to prohibit the airing of such ads.

The Federal Election Commission and Senator McCain and other members of Congress appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. The cases are *FEC v. Wisconsin Right to Life* (No. 06-969) and *McCain v. Wisconsin Right to Life* (No. 06-970).

—LifeNews.com, June 25, 2007

Schedule a Seminar

When planning your fall and winter calendars for your church, school and organizations, consider including Lifespan’s ***Making Abortion Unthinkable*** Seminar in your scheduling. Denny Kass and Alvin Weathersby present a powerful presentation on the ***Art of Pro-Life Persuasion***. Call us to schedule your seminar, **248-478-8878**.

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more precancerous lesions that don't end up turning into cancer.

Efficacy against lesions is a significant issue because after a Pap test, doctors generally remove any lesions that reach a certain grade of seriousness, even though some might not turn into cancer. The surgery involves cutting out part of the cervix and can cost several hundred to several thousand dollars. Dr. Barr predicts Gardasil will eventually be shown to prevent nearly 60% of precancerous lesions that doctors would want to remove among women who were free of HPV infection when they were vaccinated.

Ultimately Gardasil received the panel's unanimous approval, and the FDA approved the vaccine in June 2006. The agency reasoned that waiting for more data would prevent some women who needed the vaccine from getting it.

With the FDA's approval, Merck faced a new challenge: persuading the public to take its vaccine. It got a quick boost from the CDC, which issued guidance in late June recommending that all girls receive the vaccine at age 11 or 12. The CDC said women age 13 to 26 should also get the vaccine. Gardasil was also endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Merck crafted its advertising and public relations to avoid some of the less-favorable numbers surrounding Gardasil. The TV commercial says the vaccine "may help protect you" from HPV strains "that may cause 70% of cervical cancer." The company doesn't often discuss the lower efficacy against precancerous lesions or in populations where some women are already infected. The "one less" slogan avoids the question of how many lives will be saved.

Some Gardasil supporters funded by Merck are less careful about qualifying their claims. At the FDA advisory committee hearing, Martha Nolan, vice president of a women's health group that receives funds from Merck, said that by approving Gardasil, the agency had "the opportunity to eradicate this terrible disease."

After the FDA approval, a group of female state legislators called Women in Government started a campaign to get states to mandate vaccinations. The group receives money from Merck but won't say how much. Many of the pending bills would allow parents to keep their children out of the vaccination program, but only after submitting proof that they have received information about cervical cancer and the vaccine.

In early January, Women in Government held a conference for some 60 state legislators in Marco Island, Fla., paying for their airfare and hotel rooms. One of the speakers was Christine Baze, a pop singer and cervical-cancer survivor. As she performed songs on the piano, Ms. Baze told the story of her battle with the disease and said she wished a vaccine had been available to her. Ms. Baze says Women in Government paid her a \$2,500 fee and covered her travel and lodging. She says she didn't receive any

money from Merck for the appearance, but the company has paid her \$7,500 to speak at three other events.

Marilyn Canavan, a representative in the Maine assembly who attended the conference, says she was bothered by the large number of drug-industry lobbyists she saw. A list of conference participants shows that 30 pharmaceutical-industry representatives were present—one for every two state legislators. Merck had two representatives there. Ms. Canavan has since resigned her post as Women in Government's director in Maine over concerns that the group's agenda is being dictated by drug companies. Susan Crosby, Women in Government's president, says those concerns are unfounded.

Other state lawmakers came away from the conference inspired. Upon returning home, Jessica Sibley Upshaw, a representative in the Mississippi assembly, drafted a bill that would make vaccination a school requirement. "For me, it's a common-sense thing to do if we can eradicate a disease," she says. Ms. Upshaw's bill has since died, but she plans to reintroduce it.

Sparking an Uproar

In February, Texas Gov. Rick Perry bypassed the state legislature and issued an executive order mandating that all girls entering the sixth grade be vaccinated as of September 2008. One of Merck's lobbyists in Texas is Mike Toomey, Gov. Perry's former chief of staff, and Merck contributed \$6,000 to the governor's re-election campaign. Mr. Toomey didn't return calls and emails seeking comment. A spokeswoman for the governor says he acted to protect the public's health, not because of the contribution or the lobbying of his former aide.

Gov. Perry's order sparked an uproar. Among the opponents are religious conservatives who say receiving the vaccine conflicts with their message of abstinence. Other opponents say Gardasil isn't worth the cost, which includes \$360 for the vaccine and up to several hundred dollars more for three doctors' appointments to get the shots. The money would be better spent, these people say, in pushing Pap tests for women who aren't getting them now.

John Schiller, one of the National Cancer Institute scientists whose vaccine work was licensed by Merck, believes Gardasil is an important advance that should receive wide use, but he has mixed feelings about the way the company has promoted it. He hopes it won't divert public-health dollars away from regular Pap screening, which he says remains the most important weapon against cervical cancer. Merck "is a heavy-handed company," Dr. Schiller says. "When they do something, they spare no energy. It's the Merck way or the highway."

Merck says cost-effectiveness studies suggest the vaccine could deliver its life-saving benefits at a reasonable cost, in part by reducing the need for frequent Pap tests. Most of these studies have been funded by Merck and GlaxoSmithKline PLC, maker of another HPV vaccine, Cervarix. Glaxo applied for FDA approval of Cervarix last month [March].

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Teen Game Show

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Answers

Fetal Development – Category 1

Answer with a Question: Who is “Kenya King”?

Planned Parenthood, the Abortion Industry, and Abstinence – Category 2

Answer with a Question: What is “RU-486 or Mifepristone”?

Answer with a Question: What is “Pure Fashion”?

Affects of Abortion – Category 3

Answer with a Question: What is “Rachel’s Vineyard”?

Laws and Cases – Category 4

Answer with a Question: What is “March for Life”?

Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia – Category 5

Answer with a Question: What are “Comfort Care, Hospice Care and Pain Control”?

Stem Cell Research/Human Cloning – Category 6

Answer with a Question: What is “the Nuremberg Code”?

Bible Quotes and Famous Voices – Category 7

Answer with a Question: Who is “Pope Benedict XVI”?

Entertainment, Books, Websites – Category 8

Answer with a Question: What is “Life Stories”?

If you were able to answer 8-9 statements,
AWESOME!

If you were able to answer 6-7 statements,
GOOD!

If you were able to answer 4-5 statements,
FAIR.

If you answered 3 or less, we would be happy to help you “get up to speed” on the various pro-life issues that face our society—call me at 248-816-1546 and let me know what topic(s) you want to learn more about!
Lynn Gura, Youth Projects Coordinator

Calendar of Events

July 10-15 4H Fair
July 27 Bowling for LIFE
July 28 Pro-Life Teen Game Show, p. 10
August 20 Deadline for Bowling for Life pledges
August 22 - Sept. 3 Michigan State Fair
September 8 Nurses for Life/ECL Conference, back page
September 14-16 Troy Daze Fair
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One skeptic is Diane Harper, a longtime HPV researcher and professor at Dartmouth Medical School, who was involved in Gardasil’s clinical trials and has received speaker and consulting fees from Merck and Glaxo. She says as many as 10% of 11- and 12-year-old girls may already have HPV, either from sexual activity, sexual abuse or transmission through nonsexual skin-to-skin contact. That could reduce the vaccine’s efficacy, she says.

Dr. Harper also suspects the vaccine may require booster shots after 10 years. Merck says it’s not sure how long the vaccine’s protection will last and is monitoring women over the long term to find out.

The American Cancer Society, while agreeing with the CDC that girls should be vaccinated, said in January there is “insufficient evidence” that women age 19 to 26 will benefit from the vaccine because many have already been exposed to HPV.

Worried about the backlash that emerged in February in Texas and other states, Merck shifted into damage control. Richard Haupt, Merck’s executive director of medical affairs, placed calls to respected figures in the vaccine field, including Jon Abramson, the chairman of the CDC’s advisory committee on immunization practices, and Joseph Bocchini, chairman of the committee on infectious diseases at the American Academy of Pediatrics. Both men and others told Dr. Haupt they supported the vaccine, but it was too early and counterproductive to push for school requirements.

On Feb. 20, Merck announced that it was suspending its lobbying push, but Women in Government continues to lobby for school requirements. Virginia’s mandate became law two weeks ago [in early April].

Write to John Carreyrou at john.carreyrou@wsj.com

—Wall Street Journal, April 16, 2007

Looking for Book Lovers!



Lifespan is planning another used book sale, and we are looking for HELP! If you are interested in working with us on collecting, sorting, setting up for a used book sale, please call us at 248-478-8878!

If your church or organization would be willing to offer space to hold the Book Sale, let us know.

We will plan on having the sale next spring. In the meantime, **SAVE YOUR USED BOOKS.** Thank you!

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Crisis hotline numbers

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, help is available. Call your Lifespan office, pp. 4-5. Bethany Christian Services also has a 24-hour hotline number **800-BETHANY**. Sheltering homes are available to women in crisis pregnancies, call Abigayle Ministries **586-326-0459** or *Casa Vitae*. For post-abortion counseling, call Project Rachel **888-722-4355**. For those with life-limiting illnesses, call Angela Hospice **734-464-7810**; Cranbrook Hospice **248-334-6700**, or Hospice of Michigan **888-HOM-5656**. Project Life, Archdiocese of Detroit, offers pastoral guidance to persons considering abortion or assisted suicide; for this counseling assistance, call **800-281-2102**.

From the President's Desk

Dear Friends,

I pray that this reading finds you all enjoying the summer, getting the R&R needed to maintain your health of mind and body. We all need a break from the depressing and serious problems we encounter in today's society. We need to be always on guard that the serious issues we deal with don't make us so cynical and despondent that we become paralyzed in our action. Even so, no matter what time of year it is, we should stay focused. We must focus like a razor beam on our goal, "promoting respect for human life from conception until natural death."

Summertime at our Lifespan offices finds fewer projects for our volunteers, but the administrative activities remain the same. We are busy planning for the future, and there is much to do.

Presently, Lifespan is involved in a billboard campaign to educate Black Americans as to the genocide effect abortion has had on their community. We are also busy preparing continuing education for our state and local fair booths, Bowling for Life and Teen Game Show. Fall will find us with another Seminar, our first Cider Walk, a Pro-Life Breakfast, Life Chain and Christmas Card sale. We never take a vacation when it comes to promoting the pro-life message.

There are plenty of things to do in the pro-life movement. Lifespan is open to everyone who is willing to help promote respect for life. There is something for everyone to contribute. Think of the gifts God has given you, and share them with us. Call your local chapter; volunteer; sign up a new family for membership; make a phone call to a legislator or write a letter to the editor of a newspaper.

Enjoy your summer, but remember the abortion facilities never go on vacation—the killing goes on 365 days a year, 24 hours a day—approximately one and a quarter million abortions take place every year. We must never cease working and praying to stop it.

Right to Life - LIFESPAN Membership Form

Right to Life - LIFESPAN believes that human life has value in all stages of development from conception until natural death, and is committed to speaking on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves — the unborn, the aged, the incapacitated. Won't you please help in our struggle to preserve respect for human life? A contribution brings you the monthly newsletter as well as educational materials and special mailings.

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Name _____ Phone _____

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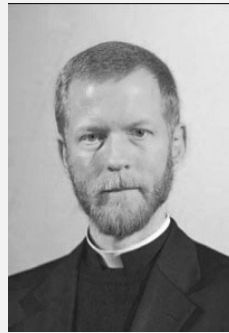
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Stem Cells Save Lives: What's the Debate?

Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 8:00 AM – 1:15 PM

Rev. Dr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk

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