

Massachusetts Citizens For Life MCFL NEWS

A Strong Voice for the Most Fundamental Human Right

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HEALTH FRAMEWORKS RETURNS AS EDUCATION BILL!



What Every Parent
Should Know
about The MASS.
Health Curriculum
Frameworks

Currently the Mass. Health Curriculum Frameworks are simply the recommendations of the state regarding what should be taught in public school health classes. In the next legislative session, there will be an attempt to mandate that the Frameworks be adopted in every public school in Mass. and taught as part of the core curriculum. While much in the Curriculum Frameworks is needed and well thought out, the portions regarding Reproduction, Sexuality and Family are deeply troubling.

If adopted as a requirement, in effect, they would:

- Usurp the role of parents as primary moral educators of their children;
- Diminish or eliminate parents' rights to determine how and

when the sensitive issues of sexuality, contraception and abortion would be taught;

- Provide students with information on obtaining abortions, condoms, and contraception without informing parents;
- Contradict the religious, spiritual and traditional values that parents might wish to impart to their children (Christians, Orthodox Jews, Catholics, Muslims): traditional moral values would be replaced with "politically correct" values;
- Eliminate any choice for local communities in determining what would be taught to their children;
- Teach students to accept homosexual behavior

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100,000 Pro-Lifers March for Life in Washington

By Mary Fagan

January 22, 2007 marked the 34th anniversary of the infamous decision of the Supreme Court of the United States known as Roe v. Wade. January 22 also marked the 34th time that peaceful pro-life demonstrators have walked up Constitution Avenue in the District of Columbia to alert our highest court, our lawmakers in the Congress, and the people of America that this heinous law will never be accepted and that we must not allow the continued slaughter of unborn babies in America.

We were able to interview a South Boston resident who attended the 2007 March For Life in D.C. and will share his comments with you. Sean Coyle did not travel to our Capitol in one of the many hundreds of buses which headed there from all over America but drove down and back on his own.

Q: Sean, what inspired you to drive the long distance to Washington for this demonstration?

Sean: I went to represent Massachusetts as a citizen and be a witness against abortion.

Q: How many people do you estimate took part in this year's March?

Sean: I would say one hundred thousand, plus. The crowd was 16 blocks long, about a mile and a half of people.

Q: How would you describe the crowd?

Sean: It was cold but there were a tremendous number of small groups representing churches, schools, Bishops from many dioceses, colleges, religious orders, nuns in their habits. I believe the average age came to 36 years old. There were so many youngsters there this year carrying signs, banners and flags.

Q: Can you tell me how you feel about this demonstration now?

Sean: Somber that reality brings you there, but understanding the reality that abortion needs to be put to an end and I appreciate having the opportunity to express these views.

We appreciate the opportunity to hear from Sean, who took time from his work as a carpenter to see this tremendous outpouring at this annual pro-life demonstration which our major media television and newspapers hardly felt worth mentioning. We were able to watch complete coverage of the January 21/22, 2007 March for Life activities on EWTN, The Eternal Word Television Network, which is broadcast by satellite across the world. EWTN showed the Mass held at the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception attended by 7000 people, including hundreds of Bishops of the Catholic Church.

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Come join us for MCFL's Annual Dinner on April 13th!

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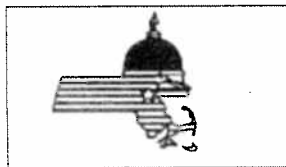
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Lobbying the Legislature

by Marie Sturgis

January 10th was the deadline for filing bills for this legislative session. MCFL has filed the Woman's Right to Know bill. Bill # H1687 - An Act Relative to a Woman's Right to Know has been assigned to the Judiciary Committee. Representative Elizabeth Poirier (R- North Attleboro) is the Chief Sponsor of the bill. This legislation does not interfere with a woman's choice. The bill provides a 24 hour waiting period, along with information concerning fetal development and the risks of abortion as well as the risks of carrying the child through to term. Also, the bill would provide women with alternatives to abortion and give information concerning agencies (adoption, crisis pregnancy centers, etc.) that could be of help.

"An Act Relative to Public Health" is of grave concern because if passed it would repeal a number of statutes relating to abortion. NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts will seek to repeal various statutes of the Massachusetts General Laws pertaining to penalties (prison for five to 20 years) for doctors who perform illegal abortions that result in serious injuries or the death of a patient, penalties for persons who sell or distribute any drug or instrument that could cause an abortion and the removal of the hospitalization requirement for an abortion if a woman is beyond her thirteenth week of pregnancy.

The Health Curriculum Frameworks has been reintroduced. The bill that will ensconce the Frameworks into law is known simply as the "Health Education" bill. The chief sponsors are Sen. Edward Augustus (D-Worcester) and Rep. Alice Wolf (D-Cambridge). We are told that the bill will take aim at primary and secondary schools. Please see further information regarding the Health Education bill on the front page of this paper or download the critique from the MCFL home page at www.masscitizensforlife.org

Legislation has been introduced to expand the Buffer Zone. Massachusetts law established an 18 foot radius from any entrance door or driveway of a "reproductive health care facility" (abortion clinic). There is a 6 foot rectangle within this parameter that is a straight line that extends from the door or driveway to the street. It is unlawful to approach any person for any reason in this area without their consent. A proposal is on the table initiated by Senator Jarrett Barrios (D-Cambridge) that would substantially

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*MCFL is Proud to Announce
 the 2007 Recipients of the Following State Awards
 to be presented at the Annual Dinner*

Dr. James Sherley of MIT

Ignatius O'Connor Award for outstanding contributions to the pro-life movement in Massachusetts.

The MCFL Greater Newton Chapter

William H. Casey Award for outstanding contribution to the pro-life movement in Massachusetts.

Jack and Linda Kinsey

of the MCFL North Adams Chapter

Francis A. Schaeffer Award for outspoken courage in defense of the unborn.

**Father David Mullen, June Newman and
 Helen Cross**

Peggy McCormick Award for outstanding contributions to the deliberation, decision-making, and effective performance of the MCFL Board.

The *Chapter Service Award* is given to the unsung hero of local chapter work who has demonstrated to their chapter the ability to go the extra mile in service.

Mr. William F. O'Neil, Jr. from Greater Fall River Chapter

Mrs. Marie Kelliher from the Waltham-Watertown-Belmont Chapter

Mrs. Evelyn Coffman from the Peggy McCormick Chapter of Weymouth

The *Community Service Award* is given to a citizen in a chapter's local area who has demonstrated outstanding support of a chapter's local activities.

Mrs. Susan Lopes from the Chicopee Chapter

Mr. Mark Conrad from the Greater Fall River Chapter

Rep. Paul J. Donato from the North Suburban Chapter

Mrs. Audrey Allen from the Father Sullivan Chapter of Danvers

Mr. Raymond Wilfret from the West Roxbury/Roslindale Chapter

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Dr. James Sherley to Receive Ignatious O'Connor Award



He's tenacious, outspoken and brilliant. With 15 patents pending for his technique for multiplying adult stem cells Dr. James Sherley knows stem cells. He is the leading U.S. Researcher in adult stem cell research, and was handpicked from 465 nationwide applicants to receive the 2006 NIH Pioneer

Award and a \$2.5 million grant. Dr. Elias A. Zerhouni, director of the NIH, spoke of the 13 scientists who received the award as a "diverse group of forward-thinking scientists whose work could transform medical research".

He could transform medical research yet still vehemently rejects the thought of embryonic stem cell research. The only issue, Dr. Sherley said, is, "When does a human life begin? Whether or not the embryo has yet developed spinal nerves or self-awareness is an irrelevant point made to distract and confuse. I challenge the promoters of human embryonic stem cell research to justify why another human embryonic life is less worthy than their own was."

Furthermore, he questions the scientist's motives. "In the minds of many scientists," he said, "being first to clone human embryos guarantees a Nobel Prize and bronze statues in their likeness. When such motivation for fame and fortune is combined with the fragmentary, variable, and overall uncertain regulatory environment surrounding human embryo research, the risk for ethical misconduct is high and pervasive."

Dr. Sherley's physical discovery of the "immortal DNA strand" proves the important use of adult stem cell research for possible cures. His studies demonstrate that adult stem cells, unlike embryonic, are less likely to mutate into tumors or form cancerous growths, that are problematic for scientists as they proceed in their quest to find cures to help mankind. Harvard University and Wake Forest University researches agree. This major discovery provides a vital tool for science and the pro-life movement in this often heated discussion. Dr. Sherley travels internationally defending life and revealing ESCR's corruption.

Dr. James Sherley received his B.A. degree in Biology from Harvard University in 1980, and his M.D. and Ph.D. (Molecular Biology) from Johns Hopkins in 1988. He served in positions at Princeton University and the Fox Chase Cancer Center. He joined the MIT staff in 1998 and is the first and only black faculty member of MIT's Division of Biological Engineering.

After tenure denial at MIT, he and his colleagues believed it was partly due to his opinions on embryonic stem cell research. He didn't back down and started a hunger strike in front of the provost's office which lasted from February 5th to February 15th 2007.

When informed of the vote by the MCFL Board of Directors to give him the Ignatious O'Connor pro-life award, Dr. Sherley stated: "I am deeply honored that you

want to recognize me in this manner and I am quite grateful to accept this award."

Through his courage, faith, and wisdom, Dr. Sherley is an inspiration to all those who strive to defend the dignity of those who are voiceless, the unborn.

Elegant Evening Planned for MCFL's Annual Dinner



*Special Guest:
Former First Lady
Mrs. Anne Romney*

*MCFL invites you to our
2007 Annual Fundraising*



Friday, April 13, 2007

Tickets \$45

At the Lantana, Randolph, MA

6:00pm Social Hour

7:00pm Dinner, Raffle, Awards

The Dinner Committee: June Newman, Cathleen Murphy, Bea Martins, Paulette Martinville, Ed Nazarro, Michael Schaffer, Peg Whitbread, Connie Murphy



Could YOU be the next \$1000 Winner?

Buy a RAFFLE TICKET and find out!

Raffle tickets will be drawn at *MCFL's Annual Dinner* for these cash prizes -
\$1000, \$500, \$250, two \$100 and one \$50!

Support the cause and encourage members of your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to purchase raffle tickets. Also, please consider being a benefit donor, or place your ad or memorial in the **Dinner Program Book!**

Contact the MCFL State Office for more information or to order raffle tickets.

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Keynote Speaker Eve Silver



Eve Silver's amazing journey began as a young woman who had two abortions that were performed so poorly that she later had seven miscarriages. Years went by, she developed breast cancer. She was treated. Then, it came back three years later resulting in the removal of both breasts. Ms. Silver felt so moved by the plight of women suffering from breast cancer. She was a Charter Member of the Susan G. Komen Foundation's National Hispanic Latina Advisory Council until she read that the Komen Foundation also funds Planned Parenthood.

"Why is the Komen Foundation giving Planned Parenthood its Race for the Cure money?" wonders Silver. "That money is earned by sneakered women struggling to raise money for research and grass-roots groups!" Silver says. She spoke directly to leaders within the Komen organization who, she says, were sympathetic but turned a deaf ear to her pleas.

"It makes me wonder what other abortion related agendas SGK may be supporting, like the black-out on the 16 statistically significant epidemiological studies linking abortion to breast cancer. Is one hand washing the other? Women deserve to know the fact that there is a breast cancer link, a physiological pathway between abortion and breast cancer that leads to an empty legacy for women with a history of breast cancer in their families."

Eve Silver understands the anguish of abortion, the devastation of breast cancer and betrayal from a foundation designed to help women. Her raw emotion is inspirational, informative and most of all genuine. You can't help but be touched by her moving story. Hear more at our Annual Dinner.

What Every Parent Should Know about The MASS. Health Curriculum Frameworks

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We urge all parents to review the following information carefully, inform other families and friends as to their content and become involved in preserving the rights of parents to impart their values to their children.

Objectives to be taught by the end of GRADE 5

pre-K through Grade 5
means children as young as 4

**Through the study of Development,
students will:**

**Identify the components, functions, and
processes of the reproductive system**

**Students label the functions and/or
systems of the reproductive system on a
blank diagram**

**Identify the physical changes as related
to the reproductive system during
puberty**

**Invite the school nurse or a health care
professional who specializes in children
to discuss the changes that take place in
boys and girls at puberty**

**Define sexual orientation using
the correct terminology (such as
heterosexual, and gay and lesbian).**

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Frameworks p. 38

- Who will determine at what age this information will be presented? Are children in the same grade all equally ready for this information? How can you tell?
- How much detail is appropriate for children as young as 5?
- Will boys and girls who may be self-conscious be taught together or in separate classes?
- Wouldn't it be more appropriate to distribute materials to parents and have this taught at home when parents determine the time is best?
- Who will the health care professional be? What organization might they represent? Planned Parenthood?
- What is the purpose of introducing the topic of homosexuality with very young children? Is it education or indoctrination?

Objectives to be taught by the end of GRADE 8

grades 6 through 8
means children as young as 11 will:

**Describe short- and long-term
consequences of sexually- related risk
behaviors and identify barriers and
supports for making health-enhancing
decisions**

**Discuss consequences around sexuality
decisions**

**Determine and role-play steps that
improve decision-making (such as whom
to consult, information overlooked)**

**Describe behaviors and methods for
pregnancy prevention, including
abstinence**

**Define the types of sexually transmitted
infection (STI's), including HIV/AIDS,
and how they are prevented**

**Students report on the policies of
various states and countries regarding
STI's prevention among youth**

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Frameworks p. 38

- Who will be included as appropriate to consult in making decisions regarding sex? Will it include organizations such as Planned Parenthood?
- What "behaviors" will be discussed with regard to pregnancy prevention? Why are refusal skills not emphasized or included?
- If pregnancy prevention includes discussions of the various methods of birth control, doesn't this amount to approval of sexual relations for young teens?
- How much time will be given to abstinence given that presentations on birth control could include the pill, condoms, diaphragms, injections, spermicides, cervical caps, the female condom, etc., etc., etc.? Will the high failure rates of condom use among young teens be presented?
- Will having students report on the states' policies regarding STI prevention among youth be a de facto way of teaching young teens how to obtain contraceptives without parental consent or involvement?

Objectives to be taught by the end of GRADE12

grades 9 through 12
means students as young as 14 will:

**Describe the effectiveness and
consequences of various pregnancy, HIV,
and STI prevention methods, including
abstinence**

**Students identify ways to prevent
pregnancy and sexually transmitted
infections**

**Identify possible determinants of sexual
orientation and analyze the weight of
available research**

**Identify resources available for treatment
of reproductive health problems**

**Interdisciplinary Objectives:
Reproduction/Sexuality, and Disease
Prevention and Control. Law and Policy.
Connects with History & Social Science:
Civics and Government**

**Identify and explain laws about
reproductive services**

**Explain the laws about consensual sexual
relationships and reproduction (e.g. Roe
v. Wade, Bowers v. Hardwick)**

**Explain confidentiality laws and
individuals rights to seek medical
treatment**

Mass. Comprehensive Health Curriculum
Frameworks p. 39, p. 56

- What "behaviors" will be discussed with regard to pregnancy prevention? Why are refusal skills not emphasized or included?
- Why is there no presentation of the facts of fetal development?
- If pregnancy prevention includes discussions of the various methods of birth control, doesn't this amount to approval of sexual relations for teens?
- How much time will be given to abstinence, given that presentations on birth control could include the pill, condoms, diaphragms, injections, spermicides, cervical caps, the female condom, etc., etc., etc.?
- Will the high failure rates and risks of birth control use among teens be presented?

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- Will explaining laws about reproductive services and confidentiality be a de facto way of explaining to teens how to obtain an abortion or contraceptives and bypass parental notification and involvement?
- Which resources will be identified for treatment of reproductive health problems?
- Will discussion of court rulings regarding consensual sexual relationships *Bowers v. Hardwick*, for example provide de facto approval for teens of the practices of oral sex and sodomy?
- Will discussions of causes of homosexual orientation include materials provided by GLSEN or the Family Research Council?

**Family Life
Objectives to be taught
by the end of GRADE 5:**

pre-K 5 means children as young as 4 or 5

Describe different types of families, addressing membership and social influences and the function of family members

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- Will this include discussions of households with "2 mommies" and "2 daddies" for kindergarten?
- Will this be education or indoctrination?
- (pre-K- 12) Why is any discussion of traditional marriage omitted from the curriculum frameworks?

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Visit our homepage and discover the latest breaking news making headlines in the pro-life movement.

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Current Legal Status of Parent's Rights

Massachusetts Parental Notification Law, Ch. 71 / Section 32A affirms parent's rights to oversee and govern their child's education in human sexuality. The law provides that:

- The school committee must formally adopt a human sexuality education policy;
- The schools must make all instructional materials for human sexuality curricula accessible to parents, guardians, and others for inspection and review;
- The school must have a written policy ensuring that school officials notify parents or guardians of any curriculum primarily involving sexuality education or issues (i.e. assemblies, guest presentations and workshops);
- Parents or guardians may exempt their children from any portion of a school's sexuality program through written notification to the school principal; the school shall take care to guarantee as little embarrassment to the children as possible.

Parents **must take care** to talk to school personnel and their children and to ask specific questions regarding the content of the school's sexuality curricula -

What will be taught about marriage?

What will be taught about abortion?

What will be taught about contraception?

What will be taught about homosexual behavior?

Please keep me informed regarding the implementation of the Mass. Health Curriculum Frameworks and Parents' Rights with respect to education in human sexuality.

Name: _____

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What Every Parent Should Know about The MASS. Health Curriculum Frameworks

Notes:

1. How to obtain an abortion without informing your parents

The Frameworks would require us to "Identify and explain laws about reproductive services" (p. 39). Since this would include the Parental Notification laws with respect to a minor's abortion, and the exceptions by way of judicial bypass, they will in effect be teaching students as young as 14 how to obtain an abortion without their parents knowledge.

The Frameworks also require schools to identify resources available for treatment of "reproductive health problems" to students as young as 14 (p. 39). This would include abortion providers, or referrals to such agencies who could explain how to avoid Parental Notification in Mass; these are agencies that may have a vested financial interest in the outcome of a teenager's decision.

2. How to obtain condoms and contraceptives without informing your parents

The Frameworks would require schools to present methods for pregnancy prevention and STD (STI) prevention to kids as young as 11; students would report on the policies of various states regarding STD prevention among youth (p. 38). This may be the equivalent of a "how to" with respect to obtaining condoms; since schools must also identify "whom to consult" for students at this age, it could include agencies which provide birth control for kids.

3. Discuss alternative sexual "behaviors" for pregnancy prevention.

This could include discussions of oral sex, sodomy and mutual masturbation; these topics would be discussed with students as young as 11 (p. 38).

4. Acceptance of homosexual behavior. Beginning as young as 4 or 5, (pre-K 5), the curriculum will introduce the terms "sexual orientation", "gay" and "lesbian" (p. 38). In later grades, schools would identify possible determinants of sexual orientation since the Frameworks only lists The Gay and Lesbian High School Curriculum and SEICUS as resources, we doubt that there will be any balance.) Schools would also identify resources available for treatment of "reproductive health problems"; this presumably includes agencies which accept/promote same sex experimentation. The Interdisciplinary Objectives would also have schools discuss with students the recent Supreme Court ruling which invalidated laws regarding sodomy (p. 39).

Among the sources and selected resources listed

- in the Health Curriculum Frameworks:

National Guidelines Task Force, Guidelines for Comprehensive Sexuality Education: Kindergarten, 12th Grade. New York: **Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States**. 1991

Kane, W.M., Step by Step to Comprehensive School Health: The Program Planning Guide, Santa Cruz, Ca. **ETR Associates**, 1993

Gay and Lesbian High School Curriculum and Staff Development Project. A Staff Development Manual for Anti-Homophobia Education in the Secondary School. Cambridge, Ma: Harvard graduate School of Education, 1993

Both SIECUS and ETR Associates are leading advocates for contraceptive education in the schools; SIECUS is also a leading advocate for "abortion rights".

Conspicuously **absent** from the curriculum are:

- discussions of the high failure rates of contraceptive use among teens;
- findings of the federal government that condoms have not proven effective in stopping the transmission of certain STD's, to the extent that the FDA plans to require a warning label on packaging;
- visual presentations of fetal development to ensure balance in any discussion of abortion;
- skills to resist peer pressure in the context of sexuality;
- discussions of traditional marriage as essential to the stability of family life and society, and the well-being of children.

Memorials

January 2007

Paul O'Brien

by Thomas O'Brien,

22 Jan. 1973 Anniversary Memorial

by Rev. John J. Fallon,

Mary L. Terry

by Marianne McCue

February 2007

Barbara M. Lydon

by Richard & Elizabeth Lapointe and

Stephen A. Lydon,

Gertrude McGrath

by Ted McGrath and Michael Barnum,

Dr. Martin B. Murray

by Sandra Hynes

ATTENTION TO ALL AT-LARGE CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

All at-large candidates for the Board of Directors election to be held at the MCFL Annual Meeting on June 8, 2007 should be cognizant of an amendment to the bylaws enacted by the MCFL membership at the 1998 Annual Meeting. This bylaw, Section 2.7.1., states as follows:

"Voting for at-large candidates for the Board of Directors, Proxies to be exercised by the clerk shall be received at the principal office of the corporation no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting. No member whose proxy has been received by the clerk shall be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. Properly submitted biographical profiles of the candidates shall be distributed to the voting membership by the corporation."

Accordingly, any person interested in becoming an at-large candidate for the Board of Directors should send a biographical profile to the MCFL office for publication in the next MCFL News. The profile should not exceed one hundred (100) words. The

candidate may also send a photograph. In addition, if the candidate is aware of members that will be unable to attend the Annual Meeting but who would vote for the candidate if they could attend, the candidate should urge them to forward their proxies to the MCFL office so they are received no later than fifteen days prior (Thursday, May 24, 2007) to the Annual Meeting. Also all candidates are reminded that in order to be eligible for the election, one must be a dues paying member of MCFL 30 days prior (Wednesday, May 9, 2007) to the Annual Meeting to be held on Friday, June 8, 2007.

Candidates should send their biographical profiles and photos to be received at the MCFL office by Friday, April 6, 2007, so that they can be published in the next issue of the MCFL News. The profiles and photos should be sent to:

**MCFL Attn: Profile/Bio,
Schrafft Center,
529 Main Street,
Boston, MA 02129-1100.**

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increase the size of the area to a 35-foot "buffer zone". Pro-life people peacefully pray and attempt to give women contemplating an abortion vital information before they go into the clinic. This effort is the final bastion of hope to save the helpless child, who is slated for death inside his mother's body. Please ask your legislators to oppose an increase in the size of the buffer zone. This legislation places additional severe restrictions on the ability of people to provide important information to women on the right to life issue. Because it is literally a matter of life and death, it is urgent that we defeat this bill.

A number of bills have been introduced for this session and many still do not have assigned numbers at this time. Some of the legislation involves removing certain definitions or protections from human embryos, encouraging the Commonwealth to initiate programs and incentives to promote research and development in the Bio-tech industry, expanding the definition of the Baby Safe Haven law, further access to birth information, a bill to address end of life care.



Mark your Calendars!
April 20, 2007

Pro Life Legal Defense Fund Century Dinner

Newton Marriott

Cocktails at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm

choice of Salmon or Prime Rib

Ticket Cost \$125

Speaker TBA

For more information:

Contact Colbe Mazzarella 617-569-4570

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Ms. Nelly Gray, Director and Founder of the March for Life, stated the theme of this year's March as: "Thou shall protect each fertilized human no exception." She stated that forty-eight million pre-born have been killed. One in every three babies conceived, approximately two killed every minute. "Our life is a gift, recognize it. Tell all three branches of government that no one owns the life of someone else, no matter how small an unborn human."

The opening prayer was led by Rev. James Nesbitt. Ms. Gray then introduced Sean Cardinal O'Malley of Boston as the first to speak to the vast crowd; then Cardinal Rigali and many other Catholic Bishops, including Bishop Martilas of Lithuania. Orthodox Metropolitan Herman introduced many Orthodox pro-life Bishops. Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Carl Anderson led the pledge of allegiance. The voice of President George W. Bush was carried on the loud speakers encouraging those defending life on the Mall saying: "...The sanctity of life is written in the hearts of all men and women." Fr. Paul O'Donald, head of the Terry Schindler Foundation pleaded for a stop to euthanasia.

Sixteen members of Congress addressed the crowd briefly. Congressman Chris Smith of New Jersey state, "Speaker Nancy Pelosi said this month, 'Remember the children,' and yet she stands for the brutal killing of forty plus million for "choice" with no compassion

for those who die. To Speaker Pelosi I say, unborn children need protection. They are children too. Tell congressmen that women deserve better than abortion. Pray, fast, work end America's child slaughter." Congressman Jeff Thornberry of Nebraska added, "Sixty percent of abortions involve coercion. Eighty-three percent of women did not want to abort."

Twenty women from SILENT NO MORE, lined the stage holding signs stating, 'Silent No More. I regret my abortion.' They represented this organization of 2100 men and women who regret their abortion and courageously speak out about how they found help, healing and God's mercy after the pain and sorrow abortion has caused in their lives.

Despite little or no media coverage in our newspapers and on television, Americans are becoming more pro-life year after year because they see the pain and suffering abortion causes and feel the loss by abortion of more Americans that have been killed in all of the wars in our nation's history. As the 34th March for Life in Washington, D.C. entered the streets to peacefully bed the nation to stop the death tolls from Roe v. Wade, the determination of this representative throng of Americans could be felt. The sonorous harmonies from the "Sounds of Liberty" singers touched hearts and the walkers disregarded the cold as their banners waved as signs of hope.

**Won't you please remember MCFL
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You are remembering
our future generations!**



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For Life...Forever

Pro-Life Events Calendar

3rd Saturday of every month,

Meet at 8am at St. Stephen's Church for the monthly prayer vigil to end abortion at Framingham Union Hospital.

Sunday, March 25th,

"Romance without Regret" A presentation for teens and their parents with Jason Evert. From 9:00am to 10:30Am at the Immaculate Conception parish Hall, 53 Summer Street, Everett, MA. A Boston teen's reaction to Jason Evert - "Your presentation made me look at my life in a way I never knew I could. Thank you." For more information call Richard Randazzo 617-387-7009 or 617-389-5660. Find out more about Jason Evert at www.pureloveclub.com

Good Friday April 6,

Come Relive Christ's Passion! Cardinal Sean O'Malley and Father David Mullen in the 20th Annual Way of the Cross for Life. Start at 9am at Government Center T. Then proceed to the Paulist Center, St. Thomas More Chapel, St. Anthony's Shrine, St. James and Holy

Trinity. We will end at noon at the Cathedral. Contact Colbe Mazzarella for more information 617-569-4570 or ccmazz@aol.com

Friday, April 13th,

2007 MCFL's Annual Fundraising Dinner with Keynote Speaker Eve Silver and Special Guest First Lady Mrs. Anne Romney. Tickets are \$45 per person. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00pm at the Lantana Restaurant in Randolph.

Friday, April 20th,

Pro-Life Legal Defense Fund Century Dinner held at the Newton Marriott. Cocktails served at 6:00pm, a choice of Prime Rib or Salmon. Ticket cost \$125. Contact Colbe Mazzarella for more information 617-569-4570 or ccmazz@aol.com

Thursday, May 10th,

The 33rd Annual Mothers Day Pioneer Valley Dinner will be held at Chez Josef Restaurant in Agawam, MA. 5:30pm-6:30pm Social Hour, 6:45pm Dinner, Tickets: \$39.95 prime Rib, \$38.00 Chicken and Veggie Menu, \$25.00 Student Tickets

Sunday, May 13th,

Mother's Day Rose Drives! Please check with your local Chapter for more information or to start a drive.

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