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TRIBUTE TO The Honorable Henry J. Hyde

By Mildred F. Jefferson, M.D.

One score and twelve years ago we stood on this stage in this Great Hall to welcome early arrivals at the Bicentennial National Right To Life Convention to a Rally celebrating the passage in the U.S. House of Representatives of the Hyde-Conte Amendment cutting off government funding of abortion under the HEW (now called Health and Human Services) Appropriations Bill.



As President of National Right to Life Committee, I was flanked on my right by Congressman James Oberstar (D. Minn) and on my left, Congressman Henry J. Hyde (R. -Ill). As a tumultuous greeting grew even more joyful after the announcement, Representative Hyde admonished me that the crowd that cheers you today may turn against you tomorrow. I responded with absolute conviction that such would never be the case with him. That prediction held true throughout his life beyond his retirement from Congress.

Many have described him as a great orator and statesman. So he was. But he also had been blessed with dramatic

good looks, impressive physical stature, formidable intellect, incisive wit and a conscience informed by his understanding the teachings of an unyielding religious faith. He stood apart from so many others in public life because of the wholeness of his being – the total integration of mind, brain, heart, soul and spirit.

Henry Hyde would be the first to remind us that all who are in this Movement are precious to us and to God whether they are presidents of the United States or among the homeless and the

unemployed.

The only sincere tribute we can pay to Henry Hyde and our other life champions is to re-dedicate our Right To Life Movement efforts to restore legal protection to vulnerable human lives from their beginnings to natural ends, understanding that we are following a trumpet that shall never sound retreat. With God before and prayer in our hearts, we will press forward so that this nation, under God, will never become an exclusive reservation where only the perfect, the privileged and the planned have the right to live.

(Edited from 1/13/08 Assembly Speech)

“Bringing Massachusetts Back to Life, the Convention You have Been Waiting for”

features Phill Kline, Former District Attorney of Johnson County, Kansas, who has indicted Planned Parenthood on 107 counts.

According to Chairman, Anne Fox, *“Our pro life work has brought us to a point of new beginnings - recommitment and renewed effort! Join us to find out where the pro life movement - and you in particular - go from here”*. Details about the April 12, 2008 Convention in Sturbridge on page 4 and 5



President Bush hosts breakfast for nationwide pro-lifers including MCFL members! See article on page 3!

Reap the Benefits MCFL's Convention Has to Offer! Reenergize YOUR Pro-Life Know-How! Pgs 4 & 5

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

www.masscitizensforlife.org

Special Announcement!

MCFL's Annual Meeting takes place on Friday, June 13th, 2008. In order to vote or run in MCFL's election, you must be a dues paying member by Wednesday, May 14th, 2008!

The MCFL Annual Dinner...

will be held on **Wednesday, September 17, 2008** at the *Lantana Restaurant in Randolph.*

The committee, headed by Bea Martins, has invited Eduardo Verástegui, star of "Bella, the Movie", to speak at the dinner. Bea explains, "Even more than being an undisputed heart throb, Eduardo is a role model who is an inspiration to all who hear his story" and encourages everyone to plan to attend.

Congratulations!

John and Pat Day recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party hosted by their sons, Russell and Tom and his wife, Kate. Since 1973, Pat and John have given their lives to pro life work and to Mass Citizens. John served as president of MCFL from June, 1983 to June 1985. He and Pat have held every possible position in the Ludlow Chapter and the Pioneer Valley Region, both of which have been outstanding because of their work.

Lifelines from the President's Desk

Mildred F. Jefferson, M.D.

When thousands of pro-life people from all parts of the United States converged on Washington, D.C. for the 35th Annual March For Life, it probably was the largest march to take place there so far this year. (New Year's Eve crowds would have been last year's news). Reasonable observers wonder why the event was not considered "newsworthy".

General viewers in the Boston area saw nothing on any of the leading networks. Cable viewers who get Fox News saw brief news stories; only those who get Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) saw full coverage of the March. Apparently there was not even C-Span coverage although there has been in past years. Why the blackout now?

Everyone at the 2008 March For Life and everyone who has pictures proving the March took place, who has a Fax-machine, computer or is able to write, needs to bombard the national and local news outlets with objections to the selective exclusion of news about Washington's largest March in 2008.

Why does it matter if the March For Life is covered or not? The March For Life is the living and visible symbol of the largest general movement active in the country today. Lack of news coverage creates invisibility for the Right To Life Movement and allows the pro-abortion groups to misrepresent themselves as "pro-choice majority". Walking among thousands, every pro-lifer can understand that they are among others who are as committed to defending life as they are and that those in the streets are only a tiny fraction of our vast numbers throughout the land. That reality boosts morale as nothing else can.

The March For Life calls the Right To Life Movement and all of its allies in the pro-life, pro-family movement back to our passionate commitment to defend innocent and vulnerable lives from conception to natural death. We remind ourselves that Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton are still unacceptable after 35 years. We remain pledged to use every legal means available to reverse these 1973 U.S. Supreme Court's abortion decisions. In this, there will be **no compromise**. Never... Never... Never....

Won't you please remember MCFL when updating or preparing your will or estate planning?

You are remembering our future generations!



For Life...Forever

MCFL Charitable Trust: Schrafft Center, Boston, MA 02129

Lobbying the Legislature

By Marie Sturgis

Life Science legislation

The Governor's Life Science Bill H. 4234 appears to be having some problems. Some legislators are extremely concerned about funding, while others worry about the scope of the bill and its wording. Some committee members think Governor Patrick is biased in that he shows one industry favor over others. Some lawmakers are demanding more transparency from industry officials and recent appointees. There is no doubt; the Governor's vulnerability concerning the establishment of the Life Science Center is beginning to emerge.

There are numerous strategies up for consideration. One suggestion is to amend the Governor's bill to direct funding to ethical research. The bottom line is that we hope to be able to take advantage of the situation in an effort to bring about some good. MCFL has learned that action may be taken very soon on the Health Education Bill (S. 288) which is presently before the Joint Committee on Education. Proponents of the measure are attempting to put pressure on the Committee and force the bill out for a vote before the Massachusetts Legislature. Please help us to contact members of the Committee and ask them to vote against this bill!

MCFL opposes the bill because it would implement the Massachusetts Health Curriculum Frameworks - a program for health education in our public schools that would provide instruction for students on issues such as sexual activity, abortion and contraception without input or approval from parents. This would effectively usurp parents' rights to be the primary educators of their children. For a more detailed analysis of the Health Curriculum Frameworks, visit our website at www.masscitizensforlife.org.

Please contact your legislators (State House switchboard: 617-722-2000) and let them know that you do not support the Health Education Bill (S. 288). Urge them to contact the Joint Committee and inform the members of their opposition to the bill. Also, contact the members of the Joint Committee on Education:

Robert Antonioni (D-Worcester & Middlesex)
Edward Augustus (D-Worcester)
Pamela Resor (D-Middlesex & Worcester)
Karen Spilka (D-Middlesex & Norfolk)
Dianne Wilkerson (D-Suffolk)
Scott Brown (R-Norfolk, Bristol & Middlesex)
Patricia Haddad (D-Bristol)
Geraldine Creedon (D-Plymouth)
Stephen LeDuc (D-Middlesex)
Alice Wolf (D-Middlesex)

Alice Peisch (D-Norfolk)
Martha Walz (D-Suffolk)
Robert Rice (D-Worcester)
Rosemary Sandlin (D-Hampden)
Jeffrey Perry (R-Barnstable)
Richard Ross (R-Norfolk)

Planned Parenthood and the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women are on high alert and they have sent out special notices to their membership and pertinent contacts. They want to get this bill out with a favorable report from the Joint Committee on Education as soon as possible.

Fetal Homicide Bill

We are all familiar with the story of Laci Peterson, who disappeared one Christmas Eve 2002. Mrs. Peterson was eight months pregnant on the night she went missing. In spite of a delivery date in February, her unborn son Connor would never enter this world. Their bodies were washed onshore about four months later and her husband was charged with double homicide.

Closer to home, on the T Orange line at Massachusetts Avenue, an assailant using a semiautomatic handgun fired it and missed his intended target. Instead the bullet entered the stomach of 8-1/2 months pregnant Hawa Berry. Her unborn son died later in spite of an emergency cesarean section.

House Minority leader Representative Bradley Jones (R- North Reading) has sponsored legislation H.1517 "An Act relative to fetal homicide", which recognizes the unborn child as a second victim in a violent crime. This is a first step for positive pro-life legislation that protects the unborn child in the womb. Please let your legislator know that you support this vital bill.

MCFL has been putting out alerts to individuals in Barnstable County to contact the DA to ask him what he plans to do regarding an investigation into the abortion-related death of Laura. We need to continue to put pressure on District Attorney Michael O'Keefe of Barnstable County to obtain the second autopsy results. We are hopefully getting closer to achieving justice for Laura. If you know someone who lives in the district please ask them to write or call:

District Attorney Michael O'Keefe
Barnstable County Courthouse Complex,
Route 6A.
Barnstable, MA 02630
Ph: 508-362-8103.

Memorials

December 2007

Mary Kane
by John O'Connor
Carl Devasto
by Mary Devasto
Katherine MacIssac
by Ann M. Goggin

January 2008

Evelyn Ferreira
by Fred & Donna
Sibley
Nora Breen
by Barbara Breen

Mary Anne Goodson

by Marilyn Goodson, Charles Tatarian, Mark Goodson, Robert Strom, Donna White, Regina D. Langorin - All American Clip Print, Peter & Cheryl Vignone, Mr. & Mrs. Marraffino, Leo & Roberta Gauthier

It was with great sorrow that the President and Board of Directors of MCFL learned of the death of John W. Spillane, Esq. We, along with all people in the pro life movement in Massachusetts, especially crisis pregnancy centers, benefited from John's keen mind, his complete commitment to the cause of life, and his generosity. John was the first recipient of MCFL's Ignatius O'Connor Award in 1982 for his "outstanding contribution to the pro life movement in Massachusetts".

Help Us Double Our Circulation!

When you're done with your copy of *MCFL News*, why not give to a friend? Or maybe leave it at the back of your church or synagogue.

This is a great, free way to get the pro-life message out to many more people.



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When you redirect your spending on these products and services through Affinity4, you enable MCFL to carry out our mission to promote the respect for human life and to defend the right to life of all human beings born and unborn.

Call 1-877-932-LIFE
or click the "Support Life Everyday banner on <http://www.masscitizensforlife.org/>

BRINGING MASSACHUSETTS BACK TO LIFE:

Saturday, April 12, 2008, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Sturbridge Host Hotel



James Sherley, MD, PhD



Frances X. Hogan, Esq



David Franks



Edward Boylan

MCFL Convention Program

8:15 – 9:00: Registration and Coffee

9:00 – 9:10: Welcome, MILDRED F. JEFFERSON, MD, President MCFL

9:10 – 9:30: FRANCES X. HOGAN, ESQ., former MCFL president, MCFL: Thanks To You...

9:40 – 10:00: EILEEN SMITH lost her daughter, Laura Hope Smith, and grandchild in an abortion related death in Hyannis on September 13, 2007. She will discuss her efforts to find out exactly what happened and to protect other women. Eileen will be available during the day to meet with attendees.

10:15 – 11:30: Panel: Legislative Implications of the Carhart Decision

STEPHEN GILLES, ESQ, Professor, Quinnipiac School of Law and
DWIGHT DUNCAN, ESQ, Professor, Southern New England School of Law
MODERATOR MARK CARRON, former State Representative

11:30 – 12:00: Lunch

12:00 – 12:45: PHILL KLINE, District Attorney, Johnson County Kansas

What is happening in the Planned Parenthood case, which of the 107 indictments are applicable to all abortion facilities including those in Massachusetts. Introduction by Rod Murphy, Director of Problem Pregnancy of Worcester.

1:00 - 1:45 and 2:00 – 2:45 Workshops

Medicine Under Siege: JOHN DIGGS MD, HELEN JACKSON, MD, MILDRED JEFFERSON, MD, TRUDY MURPHY, MD

Chapter Basics: Recruiting and Organizing: LINDA KINSEY, RICHARD CAREY, PATRICK FLOOD

Yes, You Can Deal with the Media!

More Effective Pro-Life Communication: Using the Socratic Method in the Public Square: ED BOYLAN and MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH SHORE CHAPTER

Gen X, Gen Y and Beyond: Getting the Pro-Life Message to Post-Moderns: DAVID FRANKS, KELLY KROLL, HENRY LUTHIN

Current and Pending Pro-Life and Anti Life Legislation in Massachusetts: MARIE STURGIS, State Representative PAUL FROST

Danger! What You Must Know about the Health Curriculum Frameworks: LINDA THAYER

3:00 – 4:15: Panel: Stem Cells, the Absolute Latest

MICHELINE MATTHEWS ROTH, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School

JAMES SHERLEY, MD, PhD, Senior Scientist, Programs in Regenerative Biology and Cancer, Boston Research Institute

NATHANIEL JENSEN, PhD Candidate, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Science – research: regulation of adult blood stem cell function.

4:15 – 4:30: Closing Check your packet for a post-convention surprise from a local restaurant!

The invaluable 2008 MCFL Journal “Preview Issue” will be available to Convention attendees

MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE CONVENTION

Hotel and Convention Center*, Sturbridge, Massachusetts

Pro-lifers have worked tirelessly since January 22, 1973!

As a result:

- *There are fewer abortions!*
- *More people identify themselves as “pro life”!*
- *Supreme Court Partial Birth Abortion Decision has resulted in new, life-saving legislation!*
- *Science has proven us right on stem cells – ethical cures are happening!*
- *Abuses by Planned Parenthood “clinics” addressed in Kansas!*
- *Similar indictments against “clinics” will happen in all states!*

Keynote speaker **Phill Kline**

Phill Kline, who has indicted Planned Parenthood in Kansas on 107 counts of illegal activity.

Experts on legislation, stem cell developments, and pro life work at all levels will address Convention.

Our work has brought us to a point of new beginnings – recommitment and renewed effort! Join us to find out where the pro life movement – and you in particular – go from here.

**If you plan to stay overnight at hotel, request special Convention Rate. (1-508-347-7393)*



Eileen Smith



Nathaniel Thomas Jeanson, PhD Candidate



Dwight Duncan, Esq



Micheline Matthews Roth, MD

Registration Form: Bringing Massachusetts Back to Life

Early (by March 28) \$35.00 x number attending \$ _____

Late (after March 28), \$40.00 x number attending \$ _____

Senior/ Student, \$25.00 x number attending \$ _____

Enclose a contribution to help sponsor the Convention \$ _____ Thank you

Total enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PLEASE NOTE: FOOD AND MATERIALS COST US \$25.00 FOR EACH PARTICIPANT. We must pay for honoraria, mailing and advertising over and above that.

Please send payment to:

Massachusetts Citizens for Life
Schrafft Center, 529 Main Street,
Charlestown, MA, 02129

Or register on line at <http://www.masscitizensforlife.org/>

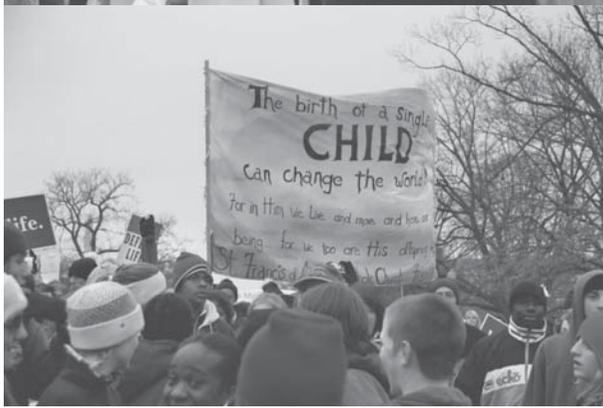
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One Chapter's journey to the biggest gathering of Pro-Lifers!

The 2008 March for Life welcomed an estimated 225,000 people this year. This included two dozen buses from across Massachusetts. As usual, the enthusiastic, diverse crowd was filled with teenagers and young adults. Speaking from the March, Anne Fox the MCFL Director to the National Right to Life Board of Directors stated, "Public opinion is moving quickly in the pro life direction and these young people are harbingers of the future."



MCFL Proudly Announces Our 22nd Annual Walk to Aid Mothers and Children



Helping Hands and Hearts

Real Women, Real Children

A celebration of our 47 beneficiary organizations who help mothers choose life.

MCFL announces the theme of this year's Annual Walk to Aid Mothers and Children: "Helping Hands and Hearts," featuring the 47 beneficiary organizations who help women choose life for their unborn children. Through services such as pregnancy assistance, counseling, adoption referrals, shelters, and educational programs, women are treated with the human dignity denied them by the abortion culture.

Whether it's providing a safe, comfortable bed to sleep in, hot food on the table shared in the company of friends, top-notch medical care from a family-friendly physician, or a caring voice on the telephone, these pro-life organizations are on the front lines daily.

This year's Walk will feature speakers from across the spectrum of pro-life assistance, talking about their lives on the front line of the abortion wars: who they are and what they do. A perspective on right to life that you won't get on the six o'clock news. Real women, real children.

Bush Hosts Pro-lifers at White House *and we were there!*

How exciting it was to be part of the 250,000 people who came from near and far to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C. It was particularly heart-warming to see the thousands upon thousands of young people who are committed to protecting life. They carried signs and banners which bore many pro-life messages. One of the banners had a message that really touched my heart. It said "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish."

I was overjoyed to have been invited to the White House breakfast the day of the March. Never having been in the White House before, I was excited as a little kid! But the most important moment of all was when President Bush joined us in the East Room and spoke of his commitment to all life. He has consistently stood for life throughout his Presidency. I was even able to shake his hand and tell him I was praying for him. He thanked me. What a privilege to have met him.

We must continue to pray for an end to abortion. We must make phone calls to our elected officials, write articles on protecting life from conception to natural death and speak on behalf of those unable to speak for themselves.



ENTER THE "2008 WALK BABY" CONTEST Respect Life Walk – Sunday, October 5, 2008

The MCFL 2008 Walk Committee continues the tradition of featuring a baby as a highlight of the Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children. The winning photograph will be printed on our posters and sponsor pledge forms. Now you can enter your baby, grandchild, niece, nephew, or a friend's baby.



2007 Walk Baby
Contest Winner

This year's MCFL "Walk Baby Contest" starts immediately! The MCFL 2008 Walk Committee members make up the photo selection judges.

Please submit photos that capture the message of the beauty of innocent human life.

The rules are simple, easy to follow, and require these criteria:

- 1) The baby must be between 6 months and 24 months of age and a current photo, **preferably shot by a professional studio.**
- 2) The photo must be at least 3"x 5" in size.
- 3) The photo must be submitted to the MCFL office and received no later than **May 13, 2008.**
- 4) You must complete the entry form in its entirety.
- 5) Your photo submission is non-returnable, becoming the property of MCFL, and gives permission to MCFL to use the photo in this contest.

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2008 WALK BABY ENTRY FORM

BABY'S NAME: _____

BABY'S GENDER: ___ M ___ F BABY'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

PARENT (S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PARENT (S) TELEPHONE NUMBER, INC. AREA CODE:

I give MCFL permission to use the enclosed photo for the "2008 Walk Baby Contest" and understand that it becomes the property of MCFL upon submission and is non-returnable. MCFL reserves the right to edit, adapt, trademark, copyright, publish, and/or transfer to third parties all photos/submissions. I also understand and agree that the photo of the baby selected can be used for any and all promotion of the 2008 Walk. I understand and hereby give MCFL permission to use my child's name in any publication MCFL deems appropriate. All entries must be submitted for receipt by May 13, 2008 at MCFL.

Please send to: MCFL, Attn: Walk Committee, The Schrafft Center, 529 Main Street, Boston, MA 02129-1100.

Parent (s) Signature: _____

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.

Saturday March 1

MCFL Dinner Awards nominations deadline.

Good Friday, March 21

Way of the Cross for Life.

Friday, March 28

Deadline for early registration for MCFL's Convention!

Saturday, April 12

MCFL Convention

Saturday, April 19

Regional Pro-Life Seminar with Father Tad Pacholczyk and Linda Thayer at St. Mary of the Sacred Heart, Hanover, MA

Sunday, May 11th

Mother's Day Rose Drive

Tuesday, May 13

Deadline for entries into the 2008 Baby Walk photo contest.

Wednesday May 14

Deadline for dues payment in order to vote or run for MCFL's Annual election.

Friday, June 13th

MCFL's Annual Election

Sunday, June 15th

Father's Day Rose drive

Sunday, October 5

This year's Walk kicks off from Boston Common's Parkman Bandstand, located at the corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets, on Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.



Phillip Kline, Former Attorney General of Kansas

Wednesday, September 12

Join us for MCFL's Annual Dinner! The dinner will be held at the Lantana Restaurant in Randolph

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