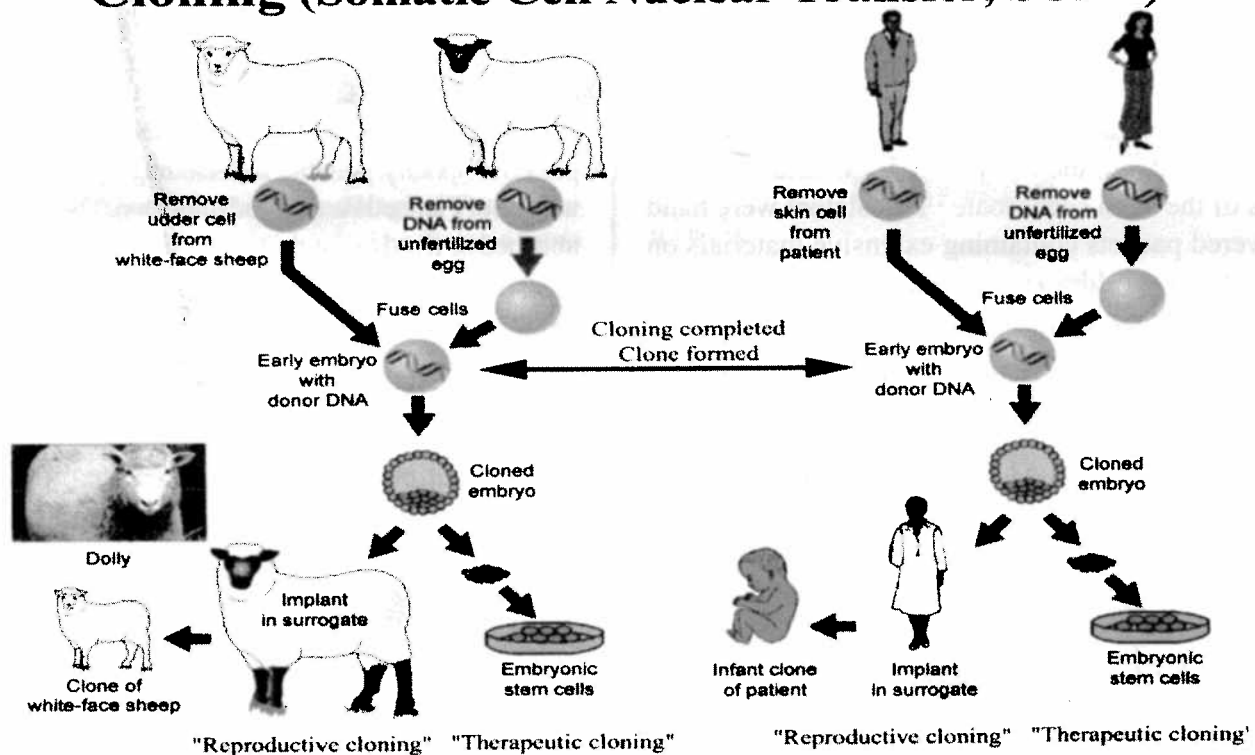


# MCFL NEWS UPDATE

MAY - JUNE 2005

## MCFL Wages Battle to Defeat Embryonic Stem Cell Research Bill in Massachusetts

### Cloning (Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer, SCNT)



From: Cloning and Stem Cell Research, David Prentice, Family Research Council and Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, D.C.

Senator Travaglini's bill S. 25, "An Act to Promote Stem Cell Research", was voted on in the Senate on Wednesday, March 30. The Massachusetts House voted on this at the end of the same week. Both chambers passed it. It has gone to the Governor's office where we anticipate a veto. We will continue to do all we can to stop this bill and halt embryonic stem cell research in its tracks.

There is a vast difference between embryonic stem cell research and other ethical forms of stem cell research such as stem cells taken from umbilical cords, placentas, or adult tissues. Please keep in mind

the facts below when you attempt to educate others about this very complex issue:

- It is a scientific fact that embryos are human beings. When egg and sperm come together (conception) that marks the beginning of a new human life.
- Embryonic stem cell research destroys human life. Embryonic stem cells are obtained by harvesting living human embryos which are usually 5 to 7 days old. The removal of embryonic stem cells results in the death of the human embryo.

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- There are no documented cures using embryonic stem cells.
- There are recorded cases of success with adult stem cells and other forms of ethical stem cell research treatment.
- The second section of this bill lifts the present prohibition against fetal experimentation!
- We cannot allow science or government to decide which human lives are valuable and which are not.

MCFL has been working diligently to ensure that legislators are fully informed about this very critical issue. Our organization brought in numerous experts to present testimony at the public hearing. Legislators received close to eight hours of testimony that day. A Legislative Symposium sponsored by MCFL was held in the middle of March. The event at the State House addressed the economic, legal, and scientific sides of the stem cell debate. Legislators were hand delivered packets containing extensive materials on the subject. Additionally, materials were sent via mail. We have sent out countless MCFL Action Alerts as well as a mailing to our members on this subject.



On Tuesday, March 29, a Legislative Briefing with Dr. David Prentice was given at the State House. Dr. Prentice is an internationally recognized expert on stem cell research and cloning. He has testified before the U.S. Congress and numerous state legislatures, the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, the President's Council on Bioethics, European Parliament, British Parliament,

Canadian Parliament, Australian Parliament, German Bundestag, French Senate, Swedish Parliament and the United Nations.

In spite of numerous obstacles such as limited time and money, we are exhausting all means at our disposal to defeat this issue and continue to count on your help and support.

## SPECIOUS CRIMINAL CHARGE AGAINST PRO-LIFER IS DISMISSED

A criminal charge against Operation Rescue Boston President William Cotter was dismissed at the Brighton District Court on March 8. Cotter had been charged with a violation of Boston City Ordinance 16-23.3, which prohibits, without the consent of the mayor, the posting up, affixing or writing a notice or advertisement on a sidewalk or street belonging to the city.



Cotter's defense attorney, MCFL Board Member Thomas Harvey, moved to dismiss the charge on the ground that Cotter's actions did not violate the ordinance and because the ordinance itself was unconstitutionally violative of the First Amendment's free speech guarantees. The evidence showed that Cotter had placed temporary, portable, freestanding signs on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in Boston. The signs were not attached or fixed to anything. The prosecution asserted that Cotter was in violation of the ordinance, arguing that he was required to hold the sign rather than place it on the sidewalk.

Judge Anderson of the Brighton District Court dismissed the case, ruling that the prosecution had failed to show that it could prove any violation of the ordinance. The judge did not reach the constitutional issues.

### DINNER COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Dinner Committee under the chairmanship of Bea Martins is making plans for the 2005 Fundraising Dinner. All options are being looked at including reformatting the "dinner" as a weekend brunch or luncheon.

Please keep an eye out for the "dinner" invitation letter that will be sent late in August or early in September. As always, raffle tickets and sponsor forms for the dinner program book will be included in the mailing.

There is still plenty of opportunity for interested parties to become committee members. Please call the MCFL main office in Charlestown 617-242-4199, ext. 221 and let Dana know if you can help.

## 2005 RESPECT LIFE WALK

The 2005 Massachusetts Citizens For Life Respect Life Walk To Aid Mothers & Children is scheduled to take place on Sunday, October 2, 2005. MCFL will set up the registration tent, stage, and tables on the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets. The Pre-Walk Celebration kicks off at 1:00 P.M. while the Walk itself begins at 2:00 P.M.

Last year walkers and sponsors joined together for this Walk that raises money to help women and children throughout Massachusetts. This year, as pro-lifers lobby issues such as Stem Cell Bill S. 25, the Walk promotional efforts are being stepped up so that a larger assembly can gather and express their support for the value of human life.

There are over 45 beneficiary organizations that the Walk raises money for each year. **The Respect Life Walk To Aid Mothers & Children is all about helping these organizations who offer counseling, shelter, medical, material, and financial resources that give women the genuine love and support they need when facing a crisis pregnancy.**

But, it is the babies who are the focal point of MCFL's Annual Respect Life Walk. No matter what the circumstance that led to her pregnancy, thanks to you, every woman reached with the pro-life message is given the truth about abortion and encouraged to choose life for the child growing within her.

The MCFL Walk Committee is meeting on a monthly basis at the MCFL office to review the Walk program and make improvements that will benefit both walkers and sponsors. This will help the many beneficiary organizations try to receive a higher amount of donations.

MCFL encourages you, your family, friends, and churches to join with other pro-lifers throughout the Commonwealth for this uplifting and satisfying experience. Acquiring sponsors and walking to raise donations for forty seven beneficiary organizations ensures that you are an advocate of human rights for all children, born and unborn, and a supporter for the organizations that provide services for them.

**For more information please call Massachusetts Citizens For Life at (617) 242-4199, Extension 2.**

## ENTER THE "2005 WALK BABY"

### CONTEST

## Respect Life Walk Sunday, October 2, 2005

The MCFL Walk 2005 Committee members and particular Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) Directors make up the photo selection judges. In essence, we want photos that capture the message of the beauty of innocent life! The rules are simple and 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 23, 2005.**
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.

## 2005 MCFL WALK BABY CONTEST 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 "2005 Walk Poster 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 2005 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 23, 2005 at MCFL. Please send to: MCFL, Attn: Walk Committee, The Schrafft Center, 529 Main Street, Boston, MA 02129-1100.

Parent (s)  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Terri Schiavo Starvation Could Pave the Way for Euthanasia



Terri Schiavo was not a vegetable and was not terminally ill. She was a 41-year-old severely brain-injured woman who had been the subject of a legal battle involving her right to live. She was clearly human. She was a threat to no one. Terri's family had been on the front lines for many years trying to prevent her husband and the legal system from ending her life. Like others who are disabled, Terri was unable to defend herself. She needed to be protected because she could not protect herself.

Our nation stood by waiting for the next move after seeing a dramatic chain of events unfold in the case of Terri Schiavo. This case wound its way from the Florida Legislature up to the U.S. Supreme Court, the Congress and the Executive branch. There is no telling what the overall implications will be.

What happened to Terri Schiavo is really something that is happening to all of us. She was allowed to die by means of starvation and the real question is who will be next? Our deepest sympathy goes to her family. May she rest in peace.

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## Growing Need for Massachusetts Residents to Have Health Care Proxy – Will To Live Form

In the fall of 2004, a Massachusetts woman was severely injured when she was hit by a bus while crossing a busy street in Jamaica Plain. In spite of the circumstances her family remained optimistic. Andrea Etheart, never regained consciousness and she ultimately was declared

brain dead by medical officials.

Because Andrea Etheart did not have a legally designated proxy which would authorize the type of treatment she desired, her family was unable to intervene in matters concerning her health care. Under the Commonwealth's laws, the hospital had the right to remove life support from Andrea irrespective of concerns voiced by family members that the hospital's action was premature.

There are countless situations like this happening all over the country. The need to sign a "Will to Live" today is paramount. This document allows an individual to designate a health care agent who will make health care decisions for you if you are considered incapacitated and cannot make decisions yourself.

**If you would like further information about this or would like a Massachusetts Health Care Proxy – Will To Live Form please contact the MCFL office at 617-242-4199. Additionally, while visiting the MCFL Homepage you can link to the National Right to Life Committee's website click on "Will To Live" to download the Health Care Proxy form.**

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## *The Faulty Promise of Living Wills*

U.S. News & World Report (7/24/89)

The above headline points out that we must take a serious look at whether living wills can truly protect patients' rights. The following quote from the U.S. News & World Report article clearly states a major flaw in living wills.

*"The problem is language. The vernacular of living wills - such phrases as 'terminally ill,' 'no reasonable expectation of recovery,' 'heroic measures,' and 'life-prolonging procedures' — is so fuzzy and open to interpretation that doctors are frequently left with no clear idea of which measures the patient wants started, stopped, or maintained." p. 63*

A June 1989 Associated Press story echoed this same concern. (continued on next page)

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*“Although living wills are widely endorsed as a way for the terminally ill to avoid futile treatment, they are rarely used because they are vague and hard to apply, doctors say.”*

Most living wills being used today are of this generic form, usually no more than a paragraph or two long. **Living wills fail in their intended purpose because they completely undermine the principle of informed consent** — that is, decisions being made based on the patient’s actual condition and the range of treatment options that are available. Decisions about life, death, and medical treatment sometimes fall into gray areas. Living wills serve only to further confuse and complicate the issue.

### ***Federal Law Does Not Mandate Living Wills***

In December 1991, a federal law took effect requiring all health facilities in America to inform patients about living wills. The Patient Self-Determination Act (PSDA) is intended to give all patients information about the advance directive laws in their own state.

The PSDA does not require that any patient actually fill out an advance directive. Patients simply must be informed that they are available.

A May 1993 American Medical News article indicated that the new law has not been particularly successful. Patients are still reluctant to sign a living will. A 1991 study in the New England Journal of Medicine also showed that the directives are frequently ignored by doctors. One improperly interpreted living will led to the death of a nursing home resident in Yakima, Washington.

## ***Questionable Origin of Living Wills***

While presented strictly as a means of preserving patients’ rights, living wills are, in fact, the creation of the American Euthanasia Movement. They were introduced in a 1968 Indiana Law Journal article titled, “Due Process of Euthanasia: The Living Will, a Proposal.” In the years since then, the Euthanasia Movement’s commitment has not changed, as evidenced by the USA Today headline (8/16/85): “*Living will 1st step, euthanasia group says.*”

Living will proponents, like the Hemlock Society and Choice in Dying (originally the Euthanasia Society of America), want to legalize euthanasia, and not just for the terminally ill.

Their goal is death-on-demand for anyone whose “quality of life” is deemed unacceptable.

### ***If Not Living Wills, Then What?***

The general ineffectiveness of living wills, however, is no reason for individuals to worry about their rights as patients. All of the following are true:

- \* No law, medical group, insurance company, church, etc., requires anyone to use extraordinary means to prolong life.
- \* Competent adults have the right to consent to or refuse medical treatment.
- \* Physicians and families make decisions every day to discontinue or withhold treatments.

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(con't from previous page) A presidential commission studying this issue concluded that the best way to ensure that one's wishes regarding medical treatment are carried out is to appoint a person who will make decisions on your behalf when needed. Informed decisions can best be made by persons with genuine concern for your well-being. A piece of paper cannot make a decision for you. Your best means of protecting your rights is to appoint a surrogate decision-maker through a medical durable power of attorney.

## *Communication is the Key*

In most medical situations, good decisions can be made, even without a durable power appointee, if some thoughtful discussion about the patient's desires has taken place previously. The closer the patient-doctor relationship, the less likely problems will arise. ***To protect your right to proper medical care, discuss your beliefs and desires with your family and doctor.***

*And remember...*

## **Living wills can do more harm than good!**

—from "Living Wills, Can they protect your rights?" Advocates for Better Care, Michigan Right to Life

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## **Food and Water: To Care or To Kill** *Keeping a clear perspective*

By putting the question of removing food and water from non-dying patients at the forefront of the "patient's rights" debate, the "death on demand" movement has successfully pushed its' agenda over the edge of the slippery slope. Through the use of deceptive terminology and emotional appeals, our society is being deceived into thinking that such actions are not only humane, but just and dignified. In the midst of this complex debate we must focus on the simple facts:

- Food and water are NOT medical treatment. They are not therapeutic, nor do they treat diseases.
- Food and water are basic necessities for life. Unlike removing medical treatments, removing food and water will guarantee death.

It is also important to realize that food and water may be appropriately withheld in certain circumstances. When a person is in the final hours or even days of life, providing food and fluids may become an additional strain on the patient's body. The withholding of nourishment in this instance, however, is intended to keep the patient as comfortable as possible.

The alarming trend we see happening today is the effort to bring about the deaths of non-dying patients by intentionally starving them. These individuals are not terminally ill. The cause of death for these people is starvation and dehydration.

The following case shows the so-called "right to die" oftentimes means the right of one person to end the life of another.

### *A humane and dignified death?*

In 1985, the family of Paul Brophy went to court seeking permission to withhold food and water from the 48-year-old unconscious man. After several appeals the courts finally agreed to denying Mr. Brophy food and water. A judge involved in the case documented the starvation and dehydration process.

"During this time, Brophy would be likely to experience the following effects from the lack of nutrition and hydration.

- \* His mouth would dry out and become caked with thick material.
- \* His lips would become parched and cracked or fissured.
- \* His tongue would become swollen and might crack.
- \* His eyes would sink back into their orbits.
- \* His cheeks would become hollow.
- \* The mucosa (lining) of his nose might crack and cause his nose to bleed;
- \* His skin would hang loose on his body and become dry and scaly.
- \* His urine would become highly concentrated causing burning of the bladder.

- \* The lining of the stomach would dry out causing dry heaves and vomiting.
- \* He would develop hyperthermia, a very high body temperature.
- \* His brain cells would begin drying out, causing convulsions.
- \* His respiratory tract would dry out, giving rise to very thick secretions, which would plug up his lungs and cause death.
- \* Eventually his major organs would fail, including his lungs, heart and brain."

(From *Brophy v. New England Sinai Hospital*, Oct. 31, 1985)

### *Experts speak out*

*"In order for patients to be passively starved and dehydrated to death, nurses will have to be acclimated into accepting the premise that duly selected patients are no longer human beings with a need for the comfort derived by sustenance. Subsequently, the newly defined nonhuman being becomes a burden for society which is then eliminated. Nurses will need to be convinced that starving patients is a positive societal service."*

Sandra S. Bardenilla, R.N., C.C.R.N.

*"Despite the 'underlying tone of reasonableness, compassion, and concern, 'the practice of withholding nutritional support raises 'inevitable psychological associations' with active euthanasia. History has shown how easily society may come to disregard the value of life, and we must guard against the individual's 'right to die' becoming an enforced duty to die.'"*

Mark Siegler, M.D., University of Chicago

--from "Living Wills, Can they protect your rights?", *Advocates for Better Care, Michigan Right to Life*

## JOHN PAUL II DIES

Pope John Paul II died Saturday, April 2, 2005. Always a champion of the dignity of every human being from conception (fertilization) until natural death, John Paul II never failed to condemn abortion, euthanasia and other forms of human degradation. Even in his final hours, he demonstrated how to die with true dignity. May he rest in peace and may we never forget the legacy he left for the pro-life movement.

## MEMORIALS

February/March 2005

### **Dan Cloutier**

Frederic & Donna Sibley

### **Robert L. Vetere**

Nell & Ed Demaso, Felix Caporizzo, Jr.,  
Janet M. O'Hanley, Mr. & Mrs. Larrabee  
Jim & Janice Hubbard, Marguerite R. Tucker  
Katherine and Beth Kontos  
William & Mary Maloney  
The Donovan Family, William J. Kordalski, Marie  
E. Colton, Phyllis Prizio  
co-workers at Northwest Boston P & DC. Patrick  
Shea, Samuel & Suzanne Pietropaolo Robert F.  
Smiddy

### **Benjamin M. Bruno**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bruno

### **Mary Gregg**

Joseph J. Gregg, Michael J. Moscuzza  
Joan Fusco, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Griffin  
Friends at Mass Highway Dept  
Julie Nardone

### **Tom Breen**

Regina E. Connolly, Marianne Kelly  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Fresia  
Mr. & Mrs. E. James Fresia  
Kenneth & Anne Fox, Robert Joyce  
Michael & Patricia Wison, Mary Bird

### **Joseph Falvey**

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### **Corinne Corliss**

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# MCFL Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of MCFL, including the election of new board members and officers, will be held on **Friday, June 10, 2005 at 7:00 pm at Boston College (room to be announced)**. *Please note: In order to be eligible to vote in the at-large election, an individual must be a dues-paying member of MCFL 30 days prior to the election (May 11, 2005). New membership forms and dues or membership renewals must be received by May 11<sup>th</sup>. This also applies to those who wish to be considered as candidates for the Board of Directors.*

## FOR PROXY TO BE EXERCISED BY THE CLERK

MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE, INC. ANNUAL MEETING  
*Please do not vote for more than 11 candidates.*

- ( ) *Bea Martin-I*
- ( ) *John O’Gorman-I*
- ( ) *Anne Fox-I*
- ( ) *Cornelius Murphy-I*
- ( ) *Thomas Harvey, Esq.-I*
- ( ) *Matthew Libertini-I*
- ( ) *Maryclare Flynn, Esq.-I*
- ( ) *Catherine Ryan*
- ( ) *Gertrude Murphy, M.D.*
- ( ) *Michael Schaeffer*
- ( ) *Donald Girard*

**BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Proxies to be exercised by the Clerk must be received at the MCFL State Office by Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*MAIL PROXIES TO ATTN: CLERK, MCFL, The Schrafft Ctr., 529 Main St., Boston 02129*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Pursuant to Bylaw 2.7.1, Voting For At-Large Candidates For the Board of Directors:

“Proxies to be exercised by the Clerk shall be received no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Proxies to be exercised by the clerk must be on a form which includes all declared at-large candidates that are deemed eligible by the Board Development Committee thirty days prior to the election. No member whose proxy has been exercised 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 of the corporation.” **ALL PROXIES MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED.**

## AUTHORIZED PROXY FORM MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE, INC. ANNUAL MEETING

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a voting member of Massachusetts Citizens For Life, Inc., hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_, a voting member of Massachusetts Citizens For Life, Inc., to exercise my vote regarding the election of Directors and any other matters that may be placed before the membership at the Annual Meeting of Massachusetts Citizens For Life, Inc., on Friday, June 10, 2005.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*MCFL uses two types of proxies at its Annual Meeting of the Board:*

1. **The Authorization proxy form** – this form allows MCFL members who are unable to attend the annual meeting, the ability to transfer their voting privileges to another dues paying member who will then cast two votes in the annual board election. In essence, the non-attending member gives the attending member authority to exercise his vote. **All authorized proxies must be signed, dated, and are to be presented on the night of the Annual Meeting.**

2. **The Proxy to be exercised by the Clerk** – This form is similar to an absentee ballot and allows members to cast their own vote by mail. This form is filled out by the non-attending member, **then MAILED back to the MCFL office no later than fifteen days prior (by May 26th to the Annual Meeting). The form must be signed and dated and include the names of all declared candidates deemed eligible to run by the Board Development Committee thirty days prior (May 11<sup>th</sup>) to the election.** No member whose proxy has been exercised by the Clerk shall be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting.



# BOARD ELECTIONS

## John O’Gorman, Dorchester (I)



John O’Gorman is active in Pro-Life work in Ireland and the United States. In 1982-83 he was involved in the campaign that resulted in Constitutional protection being given to the unborn in Ireland. John has wide experience in all aspects of campaigning, organizing meetings, public speaking, lobbying politicians, running letter-writing campaigns,

fundraising and supporting candidates for public office. He is regarded as a fresh and imaginative thinker and an inspiration to others. For several years John has been an ardent promoter of the Respect Life Walk and has won the Walker of the Year Award.

## Maryclare Flynn Esq. Sandwich (I)

Maryclare has been involved with MCFL for over fifteen years, joining the MCFL staff as Legislative Assistant and later, as Executive Director. Maryclare worked closely with our elected officials in Washington D.C.



and on Beacon Hill, keeping them informed on life issues. She was actively involved in legislation, maintained MCFL’s Action Alert Network, planned major events and served as editor of *MCFL News*. Maryclare was also MCFL’s media spokesperson making numerous TV and radio appearances and debating legal issues on both local

and national levels. As a member of MCFL’s State and Federal PACs, Maryclare volunteered in many pro-life campaigns. She has assisted in writing partial-birth abortion legal briefs as a Pro-life Legal Defense Fund member. She graduated from Marymount College, and Southern New England School of Law, where she received the *St. Thomas More Award* and currently works for the Plymouth County District Attorney’s Office.

## Matthew Libertini, Sudbury (I)

As the former Chairman of the Framingham Chapter, Matthew has been very active in the pro-life movement on the local level. He is now interested in getting involved at the state level. He has worked with young people for a number of years as a CCD teacher and as an assistant football coach at Marian High School. Being very concerned about the environment we are creating for our youth, Matthew would like to be on MCFL’s Board to help create a pro-life society for our young people. Matthew is in full agreement with President



Bush when he said, “We all share a common goal that life be welcomed in all its various stages and protected by our nation’s laws.” Matthew is a graduate of Boston College and hopes his education and work experience can be put to good use on the Board of Massachusetts Citizens For Life.

## Thomas M. Harvey, Arlington (I)

Thomas M. Harvey, a graduate of Belmont High School, Tufts University, and Suffolk University Law School, is an attorney specializing in civil litigation with an office in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. Harvey has been on the board of directors of MCFL since 1995, as well as serving as its Clerk and a member of its Executive



Committee since 1997. Mr. Harvey is also on the Board of Directors of A Woman’s Concern, an organization that assists women having crisis pregnancies, and on the Board of Directors of the Pro-Life Legal Defense Fund. Mr. Harvey has experience in defending pro-life advocates in court.

### **Beatrice Martins, Fall River (I)**

Bea is retired from her job as the Operations and Training Manager for AT&T's Customer Care Residential Office located in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Bea has been involved in the Pro-Life movement since 1994. She has served on the board since 2002 and is the Chair of the Dinner Committee. She is Chair of the Greater Fall River Chapter of MCFL. In 1994, they reformed the Greater Fall River Chapter. The Greater Fall River Chapter is the 1998 recipient of MCFL's Chapter of the Year Award. Bea is the Chairperson of Holy Trinity's Pro-Life Committee and is the Catholic Citizenship Public Policy Coordinator for the Diocese of Fall River. Bea holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. She is married to Joseph Martins. The couple has three children and nine grandchildren.



### **Cornelius M. (Connie) Murphy, Medford (I)**

A Pro-Life activist for years, Connie attends the March For Life, Walk For Life, and Interfaith Assembly For Life. Connie edits the North Suburban Chapter Newsletter. His photos of Pro-Life activities are often seen in the MCFL News. He has worked on TV productions for MCFL. He serves on several Pro-Life Committees, including Alhambra, Knights of Columbus, and St. Peter's Parish. Connie has exceptional public speaking and administrative skills. For Cornelius M. Murphy, "Pro-Life" is not just a slogan.



### **Anne Fox, Needham (I)**

Anne was founder and Co-Chair of the Needham Chapter. She has served as an MCFL Director, Chairman of the Board, and Chairman of the Federal Political Action Committee. She has been listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Politics* because of pro-life activities. "I hope to continue to work toward the mission of MCFL to restore the Culture of Life." She further states, "More than half the people in the country self-identify themselves as Pro-Life. MCFL must commit to identify every one of those people in Massachusetts and we must make it our job to educate every one of them so that they can act among their friends and neighbors to end the culture of death."

### **Catherine Ryan, Arlington**

After receiving her MBA from Boston College, Catherine Ryan spent 5 years directly involved with the management of several mutual funds. She has served as President of the Carroll School of Business Alumni Association and is also active in her community. She is currently a catechist for the 5th grade religious education program at St. Agnes Church in Arlington. Catherine lives in Arlington and is the mother of a 6 year old boy. Her personal experiences brought her to Dallas in 1999 and she became active in working on the frontlines within the Pro-Life Committee there. She felt called to work "further up stream" and address the problems that lead young people and their families to consider abortion an option. After moving back to Boston in 2003, she was soon confronted with the possibility of the state-permitted death penalty and legal recognition for "same sex marriage". In response to this, she ran against her State Representative in November 2004. Catherine is excited about the possibility of continuing to work for change and look for ways to educate the average voter with a language and an understanding of the long-term effects of ignoring the vital issues that confront us today.

### **Gertrude H. Murphy M.D., Weymouth**

Dr. Murphy is a recently retired pediatrician on the honorary staff of St Elizabeth's Medical Center in Brighton, MA. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Tufts U. School of Medicine. Dr. Murphy states, "My pro-life activities have included membership in Massachusetts Citizens For Life since 1975. I'm currently on the Board of Directors as a Chapter Director. I've been involved speaking on pro-life issues and to high school students on sexuality and abstinence. I currently volunteer at a shelter for pregnant and parenting single women called Friends of the Unborn in Quincy. I teach parenting, child care and safety at the shelter. For the past two years after training in the Creighton Model System of Fertility Care, I have been teaching Natural Family Planning."

### **Donald Girard, Sr., North Attleboro**

Don became involved in Pro-life in 1973 with the advent of the Roe v. Wade decision and did some picketing of Sturdy Memorial Hospital in Attleboro on Saturday until the hospital changed its policy on abortions. In 1992, after he had retired from teaching, Don became acquainted with Mass. Citizens For Life, which he promptly joined and was soon chosen to be the Chapter Director for the Greater



Attleboro Area. Don states, "In 1993 my friends and I got involved in saving the life of a pre-born baby whose mother was in a very bad situation. We took the mother in and cared for her until the baby was born and saw to her well being for about six months after. This was a very trying situation with many problems that involved the police and DSS - but after eleven years the baby girl has grown into a healthy happy young lady safely adopted by her paternal grandparents. Subsequently I know I have been directly involved in the saving of two more babies. All these years I have continued as the Director of the Greater Attleboro Chapter of MCFL. I have served on several of their committees and supported all their activities."

### **Michael Schaeffer, Cape Cod**

Michael is recently retired from his job as a high school Guidance Counsoler, and would like to become an activist in the pro-life movement, especially in Massachusetts Citizens For Life. He is active in the Cape Cod Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens For Life and has served as Chapter Director to that chapter. He faithfully attended Board meetings in that capacity. He is interested in furthering the education of our youth on pro-life issues and serves on the Education Committee. He is active in the Knights of Columbus and was recently elected as an officer of his local council. Michael is married and has three children and is the grandfather of two.

**Membership Deadline is  
MAY 11, 2005**

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# NEWS UPDATE

**MAY - JUNE 2005**

## **Pro-Life Events Calendar**

**Saturday- Sunday, May 7-8, 2005:**

**MCFL CHAPTERS**

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY ROSE DRIVE**

*Participating churches in MA.*

Proceeds to benefit MCFL.

**Wednesday, May 11, 2005**

**PIONEER VALLEY MCFL**

**31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER**

*6:00pm - 7:00pm: social hour, 7:00pm: dinner*

*Chez Josef, Agawam, MA*

The speaker for this night's event is Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD., Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, PA. He is an outspoken critic of embryonic stem cell research. For more information, please contact Monica Butler at (413) 746-0655.

**Friday, June 10, 2005:**

**MCFL ANNUAL MEETING**

**\*(TO BE HELD AT Boston College)\***

Call MCFL for more information.

**Thursday - Saturday, June 16 - 18, 2005**

**ANNUAL NRLC CONVENTION**

*Minneapolis, Minnesota*

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