

# Worcester's House for Pregnant Women-in-need

## Visitation House: Saving babies, one by one, woman by woman

**A**s her brother-in-law was raping her, Heather wanted to be extra quiet so she didn't wake her young son nearby, she didn't want him to have to see this. There weren't many options, and living with a family involved with gang life had led to many other violent situations and confrontations. Later when she found out that the rape had gotten her pregnant, she wasn't sure what to do.

Without a college degree, without even a high school diploma, Heather wasn't sure what her options were. She felt as though she didn't have any choices. Not only did she fall into a life where she had little control, the rape now further limited those choices.

An abortion could seem like an escape, a way to get out, to start anew, to start fresh.

Without the child, she would be able to go anywhere, do anything and not be "tied down" to a baby. She wouldn't have to worry about daycare expenses or waking up in the middle of the night to feed the child, she'd be able to date more openly and freely, she'd have the lifestyle she'd always wanted and the one that she'd dreamed about.

She fled to Worcester, she needed to get away. She had heard about a house that catered to women-in-need.

With the help of the women who work at Visitation House, she was able to provide a different life. The women who

took her in and cared for her allowed her to change her life, keep her child and begin anew.

Visitation House was started in 2002, the dream of Ruth Pakulak who passed away before it opened. In addition to being a former Mass

the house opened in 2002. Each one has a distinct story, and even though they're all women-in-need, they come from a variety of backgrounds and with very different circumstances.

"The ladies come from all over," Lindquist said. "We get a lot of referrals from the other pregnancy centers in Worcester, namely Problem Pregnancy. Worcester Housing Authority has even sent girls to us, because they know that we'll take care of them and they'll be able to have



**This Visitation House mother** holds her newborn. Since its founding in 2002, 45 women have been able to make a life-affirming choice.

Citizens for Life Executive Director, Ruth was very active in many other pro-life activities. The house was designed to hold a dozen women at any given time, in fully-furnished rooms. The house, a former convent, has a large living room, dining room, kitchen and even a Catholic chapel where mass is held monthly.

Eve Lindquist, who is the executive director of Visitation House, explains that 45 women have been helped since

opportunities here they wouldn't have elsewhere. But we've never had a referral from Planned Parenthood."

The reasons why the women come to Visitation House differ, "lately the economy seems to be causing a lot of families to be unable to support an unexpected pregnancy. There are a few who are new immigrants and some who had jobs and the pregnancy caused them to be unable to perform the job as they could before the baby," Lindquist said.

"We've had one woman who was addicted to drugs and in and out of prison who needed a chance to turn her life around. We had an 18 year old girl who was scared and unsure and just needed the structure in her life that the house provides. Everyone needs something different."

These needs are often unmet in society, and so victims of violence often go without this kind of help. And too often the violence of rape is met with the violence of abortion.



**A Visitation House mother** holds her daughter as her brother gives her a kiss. Some of the women who come to the House have already had children and have lost a job or come out of a relationship and have been without the means to help themselves while also take care of their unborn child.

In June, Michigan lawyer Rebecca Kiessling is coming to speak to Massachusetts groups

about her experiences as the child of rape. Often people see VISITATION HOUSE Page 13

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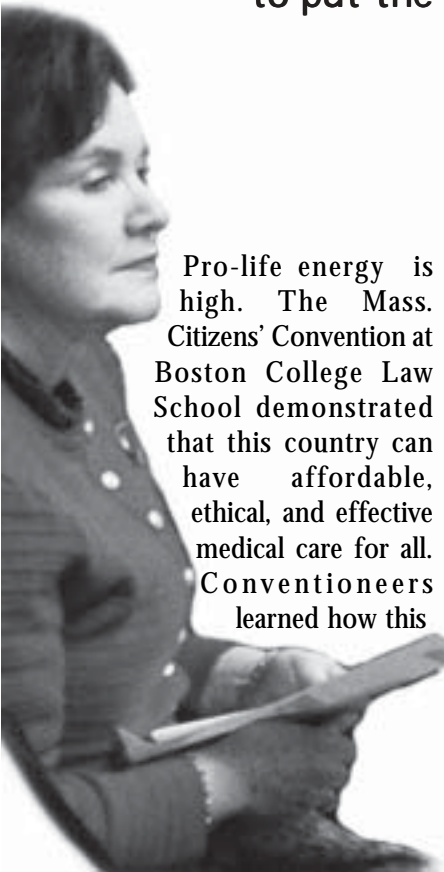
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to put the *MCFL News* into the hands of more elderly people who are at risk

## Life in Massachusetts

### The Status of Abortion and Euthanasia Issues in Legislation and Culture

by Anne Fox  
MCFL President



Pro-life energy is high. The Mass. Citizens' Convention at Boston College Law School demonstrated that this country can have affordable, ethical, and effective medical care for all. Conventioneers learned how this

creation of little human beings in order to kill them; and about Notre Dame having invited the most pro-abortion president ever to speak and be honored at graduation.

**All of these people are committed and are anxious to do something. This is the perfect time for you to get them involved in Mass. Citizens. Alone there is not much any of us can accomplish. Working together we can save lives!**

As I write, we have just learned that the National Institutes of Health has issued regulations for the embryonic

frequently cancerous. Even if they were effective, they involve the destruction of human beings. We know that pioneers in the field, like Dr. James Thompson, who first isolated ECS, and Dr. Ian Wilmut, who cloned Dolly the sheep, have stopped working with ESC for strictly pragmatic reasons. Since they can reprogram a patient's own cells to actually do all the things ESC supposedly can do without any rejection problems, these two leaders in the field have chosen the scientifically sensible route.

is a thing you own. What kind of society expects some people to own other people and to treat them as things?

We have been following for years the work being done at Harvard by Dr. Diane Faustman using adult stem cells to cure Juvenile Onset (Type 1), Diabetes. Her extremely promising work has been funded by the Iacocca Foundation, which does not fund ESC research. The work would have been much further along except that the Juvenile Diabetes Association and similar groups will fund only ESC research. Finally, Faustman's work has reached the point of human trials.

Contrast this with human embryos being killed by experiments – no chance of benefit, no guarantee of no harm, and certainly no informed consent. The Edelin case made it clear in the seventies that doctors at Boston City Hospital were giving drugs to women about to have abortions so they could test the dead babies to see which drugs had passed the placenta. The mothers involved were on welfare, therefore more dependent, and the rate of very late abortions among these women indicated that doctors were having them wait so their babies would be older and the tests better.

We were horrified by the whole thing. One of the concerns was how a person who has "signed off" on her baby could give informed consent for something to be done to that baby. Just as in all areas that touch on abortion, this abuse has not been clarified, just expanded.

Science is with us, right thinking and right actions are with us! It is up to us to keep working to save lives at their fragile beginnings and ends. I am so grateful to you, dear reader, for involving and informing as many people as you possibly can.

can be done from Burke Balch, Director of the Powell Center for Medical Ethics, who is the national expert on pro-life health care reform, and from many, many caring health professionals and ethicists. We have had calls since the Convention from families who need help for loved ones and we have been able to get that help, often from contacts we made through the Convention!

Our Citizen Lobby Day at the State House reminded the legislators that pro-life people are more concerned and active than ever. The Board of Directors met in Methuen in April. It is always such a wonderful experience for the Board to hold meetings across the state. The people in Methuen were so welcoming and so enthusiastic about pro-life action!

You have, I expect, had similar experiences. You have had people share their outrage with you about the partnership proposed by Caritas Christi; about the President's denial of conscience rights for health care workers; about his funding for the destruction of human embryos and

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stem cell (ESC) research which will be funded with federal tax dollars. It is a cunning move. The regulations say that only embryos that have been "donated" from *in vitro* fertilization will be used. The Obama administration recognizes the fact that cloning and embryo farms are not acceptable to the general public. They expect, however, that this wording will pass in the House, which appropriates funds.

Obviously, once experiments on "donated" embryos are being funded, researchers can use any of that money to create new little ones through *in vitro* solely to experiment on them. These same researchers will then be able to clone at will. The only way to police what goes on in these labs is through the funding.

We know that embryonic stem cells have never produced a cure. Rather, they cause bizarre tumors which are

It is interesting to note that, if President Bush had not limited federal funding of ESC research, scientists would have had no incentive to develop these other methods, which are ethical and efficient.

It is also important to remember, in this government of "doublespeak", that the Dickey-Wicker Amendment, which is the law of the land, prohibits federal funding for the creation of human embryos by any method, explicitly including human cloning. **It also prohibits any "research in which" human embryos are harmed in any way.** Yet NIH claims the Dickey-Wicker Amendment only prohibits federal funding of the "derivation" of stem cells (which, of course, kills the embryo).

There is something else involved here. These embryos will be "donated". What is something you can donate? It

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# Lobbying the Legislature

Marie Sturgis, MCFL Executive Director

The 2009-2010 legislative session is underway and bills have been introduced and given committee assignments. Massachusetts Citizens for Life is very concerned about the six bills listed below which will have important consequences for end of life issues as well as on abortion in our state.

	Description	Analysis
<p><b>1. Oppose H. 1468</b> "An Act Relative to Death with Dignity."</p>	<p>This legislation is similar to the bill that became law in the state of Oregon and is supported by the same group that backed the bill in that state. This is a bill we can defeat.</p>	<p>Most requests for suicide come from patients suffering untreated depression. The elderly, poor, disabled, and minorities will be disproportionately affected. Death by suicide is not dignified.</p>
<p><b>2. Oppose H. 1745</b> "An Act Relative to Public Health"</p> 	<p>In spite of the fact that abortion is legal in Massachusetts, there are currently good laws on the books that prohibit "unlawful" abortions, advertisement of abortion services and abortifacients, and the sale of abortifacients. This bill would impact regulations relating to second and third trimester abortions which require that they be performed in hospitals.</p>	<p>The legal prohibitions against the availability of dangerous drugs, "do it yourself" abortion kits, and quack abortionists are reasonable protections.</p> <p>If abortion needed to be legalized so that standard medical procedure would protect women's health, how does less regulation turn into more safety?</p>
<p><b>3. Oppose H. 1746</b> "An Act Relative to Consent and Counseling for Certain Minors"</p> 	<p>This legislation would relax current restrictions requiring a parent or legal guardian's consent before a minor can obtain an abortion. If passed, the legislation would open the floodgates for aunts, brothers, sisters, guidance counselors, i.e., just about anyone could provide consent to help young girls get abortions. Abortion proponents maintain that the current state statute narrowly defines who can give consent to minor girls who want to procure an abortion.</p>	<p>Parents and guardians have the legal and moral responsibility of caring for their children.</p> <p>Sexual predators and abusers can easily cover up their crimes.</p> <p>Anyone could take your child for a secret operation.</p> <p>Parental notification law provides for judicial bypass if an abusive parent is involved.</p>
<p><b>4. Oppose H. 3434</b> "An Act Providing Health Education in Schools"</p> 	<p>This bill would implement the "Health Frameworks Curriculum" and make health education (including sex education) part of the core curriculum in the Commonwealth. If adopted as a requirement it (among a host of other things) would override the role of parents as primary moral educators of their children, allow educators - not parents, to teach children about sensitive issues of sexuality, contraception and abortion. Students would learn how to get an abortion without parental involvement.</p>	<p>Parents can no longer expect that their morals and values will be respected when their child leaves the house.</p> <p>Will teachers and school systems be held liable or accountable for the moral climate they create?</p> <p>Allows abusers in schools to cover up their crimes</p> <p>Undermining rightful authority can only work to the detriment of society as a whole. Why should a child respect the rules of an anti-authority authority?</p>
<p><b>5. Support H. 1670</b> "An Act Relative to a Woman's Right to Know"/Laura's Law</p> 	<p>This legislation works to inform women of all the possible risks associated with both pregnancy and abortion, along with the alternatives. The bill provides for a website, ultrasound and materials to be made available, on a volunteer basis, to pregnant women considering an abortion. The data must be factual, non-judgmental, scientific, medically accurate information to be prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and distributed to women, either through an in-person consultation, or the mailing of materials to a patient. The materials must be made available at least 24 hours prior to the abortion, as the bill calls for a 24 hour reflection period before an abortion is performed.</p>	<p>A woman lives with her choice of abortion forever. Even with the purchase of a vacuum cleaner, the consumer is given a few days to change her mind.</p> <p>RJ Reynolds was not allowed to craft warning language on cigarette packages. Common sense says that businesses with a financial stake in abortion shouldn't be allowed to control what information is given to the consumer.</p> <p>Ultrasound image technology has the greatest influence in convincing women to choose life. It is no wonder why the abortion industry is fighting so hard against their availability.</p>
<p><b>6. Oppose H. 2174</b> "An Act to Promote Healthy Behaviors"</p> 	<p>This bill sets up clinics in local communities that would provide family planning (abortions) services using your taxpayer dollars. The clinics are supposedly designed to promote so-called "healthy behaviors" among adolescents, parents and /or guardians by providing science based health information and education.</p>	<p>Bill is deceptively titled to confuse reasonable opposition.</p> <p>"Healthy behaviors" are attempts to address the consequences of risky sexual behavior through abortion and contraception without changing the behavior itself.</p>

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**National Healthcare**

**Kathleen Sebelius**  
Pro-abortion Governor nominated to become Secretary of Health and Human Services.

**Tom Daschle**  
Pro-abortion senator was picked as Secretary of Health and Human Services and has a **long pro-abortion voting record** according to National Right to Life

**Dawn Johnson**  
Former NARAL legal director, appointed as member of Dept. of Justice Review Team and was later appointed Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Legal Counsel

**Jeanne Lambrew**  
Pro-abortion former Clinton administration official named deputy director of the White House Office of Health Reform. **Planned Parenthood is "excited" about her selection.**

**Mexico City Policy**

On Jan. 23, Pres. Obama overturns the Mexico City policy. Part of **\$457 million** sent to organizations that promote or perform abortions in other countries.

March 11, 2009, Obama administration **promoted an unlimited right to abortion** at a United Nations meeting. Administration officials **deny negative effects of abortion** at UN meeting

Announces **\$50 million for the UN Population Council**, the UN agency that cooperated with Chinese forced abortion and involuntary sterilization policies.

**Stem Cell Embryo Destruction**

On March 8, Pres. Obama signs an executive order **forcing taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research**

On March 9, **Reverses an executive order** pressing for ways to obtain embryonic stem cells without harming human life.

Even though private corporations were pouring in \$20 billion a year for embryo destruction, Obama gave it federal approval to put all **taxpayers on the hook for killing little ones**. Pro-abortion Al Gore announces he's investing \$20 million into adult stem cells as they hold the best promise.

**Repealing Hyde Amendment**

**+ 45,000 abortions/yr.**

**Ellen Moran**, former Director of Emily's List, appointed as White House communications director. Emily's list only supported candidates who **avored tax funded abortions and opposed a partial-birth abortion ban.**

James B. Steinberg, nominee for Deputy Secretary of State tells Senate that **taxpayers should be forced to fund abortions.**

By setting up a **mandatory system with abortion coverage**, Obama will ensure that federal money will always go to abortionists.

**Freedom of Choice Act**

**+125,000 abortions/yr.**

Starts process of **overturning pro-life conscience protections** put in place by pres. Bush to protect medical staff and centers from being **forced to perform abortions.**

**Hillary Clinton**, appointed as secretary of State. **0% pro-life voting record**, supports making **unlimited abortions an international right.**

**Judge David Hamilton**  
Pro-abortion federal judge named to serve on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals is Pres. Obama's first judicial appointment.

Announcing that FOCA isn't his "highest legislative agenda" despite telling Planned Parenthood it would be the first thing he did in office, it becomes clear that Obama will pass FOCA incrementally so as to avoid criticism.

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## College Pregnancy Choice: Too Few Options

Feminists for Life President Serrin Foster recently spoke at Tufts University in Boston. While there, she spoke about real choices, and about giving women the right environment and support network to choose life. For all the talk about rights, government and laws, most women face a stark reality: that abortion is a 'way out' or the way to correct a 'mistake' so they can lead the lives they'd been promised. The reality of abortion, of 'choice,' is something that we rarely consider. But it's not hard to imagine a young girl, 20 years old, let's call her Jill.

Jill is standing in the personal care aisle at CVS. She hasn't been feeling well lately. Jill thought her tired, nauseated feelings were from the flu, exams, the stomach bug that swept through the dorm, anxiety about finding a summer job, anything... anything except what she knew was the truth. She wanted her symptoms to be anything but that one thing. She thinks back to the Saturday night she spent with her boyfriend six weeks ago. There's a nagging thought, one that she's reluctant to acknowledge... she let things go a little too far, just a few times, and what's that going to cost her?

Jill remembers reading a quote from her freshman English college professor, "Women who get pregnant in college and don't have abortions waste the time, energy and money that has been poured into their expensive educations."

Jill thinks about this too. Tufts is expensive. She has a scholarship, and without it her dream of becoming a veterinarian is gone. At \$50,158 a year and rising, it'll be more than 200,000 just to get her undergraduate degree, not to mention the extra four years to become a vet. The average salary starting out is 71,990, but if she's saddled with 400,000 in loans, that's a \$3,300 loan payment every month. The math just doesn't work out, she'll never make enough money to pay the loans and pay her bills.

She's already racked up so much debt, \$50,000 so far, that there's no turning back or transferring. She's at a very good school, and what would be the point transferring to a lesser-known but cheaper school now that she's here?

No, transferring is out of the question, changing her situation is out of the question. She needs to find a way to change her situation, not her location.

Jill embarrassedly remembers things she and her friends said during the presidential election about Bristol Palin's teenage pregnancy. It's not just uneducated, rural hicks who are getting pregnant these days because they don't know any better... At first this seems ironic or funny, but as she realizes that this thing is inside her, growing, and the urgency of her situation comes back to her, she feels shame, her eyes sting and water a little, her throat burns slowly.

Rick is another biology major, and has been dating Jill since the second semester of sophomore year. His relaxed and easy manner was a release to Jill's pressures of college life. Rick didn't see a failed lab experiment as the end of his scientific career. Rick could squeeze out of tight situations, and his brain always carried the day. Jill had seen Rick ace tests he didn't study for, and control class discussions when she knew he hadn't done the readings. Her slight smile at this thought rapidly gives way to guilt. What right does she have to make Rick lose his dreams as she loses hers? Isn't this her burden to carry?

**"Without housing, daycare, and maternity coverage, it doesn't feel like much of a free choice. For the most part, it feels like an unspoken rule at my school that if you do get pregnant, your college experience here is over."**

**Feminists for Life**

What would our parents say? Jill has a quick reassuring thought that her parents would be supportive of whatever she decides to do, but a cursory examination of Rick's mother's reaction is enough to freeze her blood. Tell *that* woman her son is leaving Tufts to become a bag boy at Stop and Shop to support his wife and baby?

"When women took to the streets chanting 'It's My Body, It's Our Choice.' It became *Our* problem Foster said."

Jill thinks about Rick again, not with the same tenderness as before but with a certain resentment at the boyish enthusiasm she had admired earlier. Why is this suddenly all *my* burden to decide?

During questions a young man is polite, but insistent. He asks Serrin Foster to explain pro-life feminism

because he still doesn't see the connection. If feminism doesn't mean freedom from all unwanted choices and pregnancy is an unequal burden thrust upon women by nature, isn't freedom to choose a necessary part of women's self-determination that is feminism's essence?

She repeats a statement from earlier in her speech, "The philosophy of feminism embraces the rights of all human beings without exception: size, location, environment, or their degree of dependency on others. If all people are equal, then all choices are not equal."

Serrin Foster quotes another early feminist, Sarah Norton, "children are not property to be treated as we see fit." Alice Paul, the original writer of the Equal Rights Amendment in 1923 saw abortion as the ultimate exploitation of women.

The 1970's brought the connection of abortion and feminism together through the efforts of Lawrence Lader and Bernard Nathanson, two men who saw population control as a means to end suffering and starvation. They

campuses," said Kim. "The pro-choicers are usually hostile

Issue	Tufts	Georgetown
Flexible class times	A+	A+
Parental Housing	F	A+
Student Maternity Coverage	A+	A+
On-campus daycare	F	A+
Central resource office	F	A+

to anyone they perceive who would take away the women's right to choose."

Tufts offers flexible class times, "far and away the best-known resource for pregnant and parenting students," which include online, evening and weekend courses. The Tufts Healthcare policy has maternity coverage and there are additional insurance riders to cover children of students.

But Tufts does not offer on-campus housing for parents and children or on-campus day care, does not have loans or scholarships available specifically to parenting students, and does not have a central office responsible for helping pregnant and parenting students to get resources.

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started NARAL to repeal the laws that were originally enacted to protect women and children. They convinced the feminists of the 70's to accept abortion by arguing that it was a necessary step for entrance into the working world. If women were to be as fully employable as men then the employer shouldn't be burdened by maternity leave and children's problems.

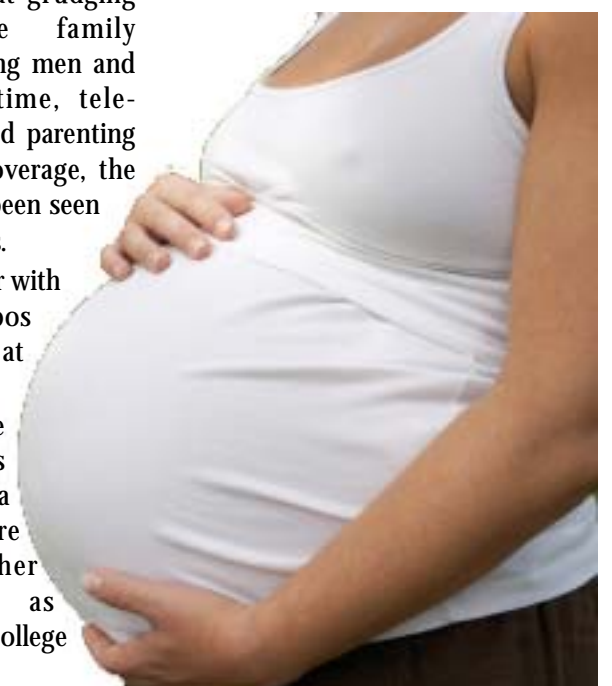
While the workplace has gradually evolved into a somewhat grudging acceptance of the family responsibilities of working men and women through flex-time, telecommuting, maternity and parenting leave, and health-care coverage, the same advances have not been seen on most college campuses.

Anna Kim, is co-founder with Jaclyn Thomas, of Jumbos for Life, a pro-life club at Tufts.

"I think in general, the prevailing attitude towards pregnancy in college is a negative one. Women are focused on other responsibilities, such as education and careers in college



College campuses have not mirrored the progress that pregnant and parenting women have gained in the workplace.



Abortion is a sign that society is still not meeting the needs of women.

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# CHAPTER CHALLENGES

How would you respond in this situation?

## #2 When current events provoke anti-life comments in the workplace

As you sit around the work lunchroom, you overhear your coworkers discussing current events. You've never been especially up front about your pro-life principles at work, but you know that in order to end abortion you and I have to approach people we know about the horrors that are going on each and every day. You hear a coworker talking about "Octomom" from California, the woman who had eight children through artificial insemination, and you hear one of your other coworkers say, 'I can't believe how irresponsible and stupid she is, those kids are just going to take up resources and be a menace. There should be a law against having that many kids.'

And you know that you want to say something, you need to say something. You remember the many times similar incidents with coworkers, family, friends have occurred and you were silent, and you want to say something but you don't want to be brash or say the wrong thing.

Step back and realize that the only wrong thing to say is to let the unborn be disgraced in your presence. Have a zero tolerance approach to people making pro-abortion comments around you.

Start by asking them to explain what they mean by their comment. Ask for clarification, it puts them on the spot,

### Focus your response on the one argument that's going to stick with them for the rest of the day

and most likely they'll retreat from their haughty soundbite. They'll clarify their comments by making them more moderate. No one wants to seem like a zealot in a crowd of friends. Use this time to think about and develop your response.

Don't make a speech. Don't list out the many pro-life activities you've done or the dozen facts and stories about abortion that you know about. No one cares about your personal anecdotes

either. Rather, focus your response on the one argument that's going to stick with them for the rest of the day. If you give a five minute speech, five days later no one will remember anything about it except that you're long-winded.

But if you give them one problem or one question to consider and mull over, you've given them a chance to reassess their values.

Respond to the statement about Octomom with reason, she's far from the ideal mother, but focus instead on

the humanity of each child. Say, "babies aren't responsible for the crimes or mistakes of their parents." Or "if we've got trillions to bailout financial companies I think we can spare some change for some more kids."

In both responses you're coming back to the humanity of the baby. You're not opening up a long debate, and you're giving them one sentence to consider. No one thinks that a baby should be guilty for their parent's crimes or that we should bailout bad companies and short-change kids. You're putting your pro-life principles in perspective and hopefully giving these people something to think about.

It's also important to let others know, in this setting, that you belong to a group that works to save babies. Show

them that your words lead you to action, mention your membership in Mass. Citizens for Life and encourage others to join. Even if they're not perfectly philosophically sound, tell them they should join simply to learn more. Truthfully, we are all becoming better educated on life issues all the time, so never rule someone out for MCFL membership, encourage anyone to join. A second effect of saying this is that people around who appear disinterested might be really interested they just are afraid to voice their pro-life principles. Telling them what to do about it, with the first step of membership, helps activate them and gets people involved with the pro-life movement one person at a time.

Be proud of your MCFL membership.

And it's tough to address these items on the spot, but practice makes perfect. Don't worry about "winning" every argument or besting everyone you talk to about life issues. Just worry about the times you don't say anything and let their comments go unanswered. Being a witness to abortion is a first step. Every conversation is an opportunity to reach people.

So in summary, when you hear someone around you say something against life, ask them first for clarification, don't prepare a speech, just focus on making one comment conveying one idea that will stick with them and the people around you for the rest of the day. You'll be surprised at how many people will come ask you for more information later.

## Laurette Loiselle Receives Mother Teresa Award at Mass for Life in Worcester

Former chairman and current member of the MCFL Fitchburg/Leominster Chapter, Laurette Loiselle received the Mother Teresa Award at the Diocese of Worcester's annual Mass for Life on March 26. The award is given annually to "individuals who have shown heroic witness to the intrinsic value of each human life."

For over 30 years Laurette has been the pro-life representative for St. Cecilia's parish in Leominster. She has coordinated Rose Drives and effective post card campaigns at St. Cecilia's along with help from her husband Norman and pro-life volunteers. Laurette has been a tireless fundraiser for MCFL's Respect Life Walk.

Two of Laurette's noteworthy accomplishments were her successful petition drive to stop the building of an abortion facility in the north county area in the 1970's and, as a volunteer with Catholic Charities, establishment of the first pregnancy testing and counseling center in Fitchburg.

Congratulations Laurette!



Laurette Loiselle receiving the Mother Teresa Award at St. Paul's Cathedral

## Chatter Box

Letters to  
the editor

### Col. Edward T. Connors:

"In Senator Kennedy's comments accepting his honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth for his peace contribution in Northern Ireland, he stated, 'I accept this honor in the spirit in which it is given, with a continuing commitment to be a voice for the voiceless, and the shared ideals of freedom and fairness, which are so fundamental to the character of our two countries.'

Where has the Senator's voice been for the voiceless of our own unborn babies who have been aborted to the extent of 49,000,000 lost lives, during his political career since 1973?

Where has his commitment for the freedom and fairness of our own babies to be born?

His self-serving statement rings hollow. During his period his brave voice was silent. Without life, there is no voice; without life, there is no freedom; without life, there is no fairness to commit to any moral virtue."

Col. Connors is a member from Plymouth.

### Lilia G.:

"I don't respect you or what your organization stands for.. I myself have had an abortion and people have a right to do what they want with their lives."

### Hobodeluxe:

"Just a hypothetical question but exactly what does a country do if it's too crowded? You can't just up and expand without war. Other than forced limits on kids, how would a government address that?

Because we need to be smart about it and address it globally sooner than later. In a perfect world, people would self-regulate, but we don't live in a perfect world. To not address it leads to far worse than forced limits."

### Spiderpaz:

"Human beings need to stop breeding in numbers that increase the population eventually."

Send submissions to Chatterbox to: [chapters@masscitizensforlife.org](mailto:chapters@masscitizensforlife.org)



The next time you have a bake sale or rose drive try adding custom-molded, hand-made chocolates to your sale. The availability of easy melting chocolate wafers and hundreds of custom molds make for a dizzying amount of possibilities for just about any fund-raising occasion.

Lorraine's Cake Supply in Hanover carries over 8,000 hard to find items in one shop. Need a candy mold in the shape of a tie for Father's Day? How about a baby's car seat mold for a baby shower? Or a stork? Someone into fishing and you need a chocolate trout?

Lorraine's carries molds for just about any hobby, holiday, Holy Day or school event you can imagine. Think service organizations such as Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Marines, Army, National Guard, etc. Not only can you create chocolate pieces with the official organizational logo, you can mold authentic gear such as flags, patches, and uniforms.

Take a few minutes to think of the holiday closest to the date of your fund-

## Inexpensive and Unique Chocolate Molds Add Custom Flair to Your Next Fundraiser

raiser. Besides Christmas, Easter, Valentine's Day or Mother's Day, you might consider crafting pieces for First Communions, Bar Mitzvahs, or

I highly recommend the Merckens Compound Coating wafers that Lorraine's sells. While only slightly more expensive than the coatings sold at craft stores, the flavor is far superior. Wafers are formulated for easy melting and don't require tempering (the heating and cooling process necessary for regular chocolate to remain stable at room temperature.)

The dark and milk chocolate flavors range from semi-sweet to rich cocoa, while the white and colored wafers taste like vanilla. A full color palette: pink, blue, yellow, light and dark green, lilac, red, peach and orange are just some of the possibilities to get the creative juices flowing.

Besides molds and chocolate, you may buy inexpensive plastic squeeze bottles, candy melting trays and decorator brush sets. Lorraine's also carries individual plastic wraps, lollipop sticks in a variety of sizes, accent ribbons in different widths and colors that can add an elegant finishing touch to your display.

Chocolates may also be flavored with intense oils such as mint or orange. Just be careful, a little goes along way!

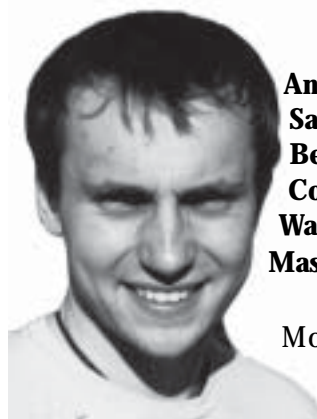
**Directions for melting chocolate**  
**Double boiler:** Heat, don't boil, water in the bottom of the pan. Place wafers in the top. Stir until melted.

**Microwave:** Put the wafers into a microwave safe dish. melt on medium or defrost setting for one minute. Stir. repeat until melted.  
Don't overheat chocolate or allow water or steam to get into it.



## NEW MEMBER

# SPOTLIGHT



**Anton Sadovnikov Bentley College, Waltham, Mass.**

Born in Moscow in 1989, Anton

grew up during the Yeltsin years as Communism fell. Both his grandfathers were in the Red Army, and his great uncle dug the Belmore canal as part of the gulags as a political prisoner. His entire family were Communist party members, a requirement for any sort of government service. As the economy declined in the 90s, and his family moved to Massachusetts around 9/11, he found Americans much more easygoing than the Russians he was used to, not just about our freedoms but also about politics.

"There's a great parallel to abortion and Communism," Anton said. "There are these profiteers, this industry exploiting vulnerable people and encouraging them to take behavior and then 'solving' that behavior all the while profiting an exclusive group of people. Planned Parenthood never promotes

parenthood, they just promote irresponsibility and create this evil regime, this evil system that creates a vicious cycle. It's one of the most tragic needless exploitations, just like Communism, responsible for the deaths of millions of people. We should all work to, and welcome the collapse and downfall, of the abortion regime."

Anton is taking his membership and using it to work on the college front, working with campus groups in eastern Massachusetts and other likeminded people to spread the pro-life movement to new college campuses and to other students. He wants to work to agitate and question the abortion regime's hold on college campuses.

"Colleges have become incubators for bad ideas, ones that couldn't be implemented in the real world. The people running college campuses are purposefully breeding problems in students, needlessly. We need to shine a little truth on these campuses and reach students with the truth, with our pro-life principles."

Contact Anton with ideas, suggestions and especially new student contacts at [anton@masscitizensforlife.org](mailto:anton@masscitizensforlife.org)

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## KID'S CORNER

...Easy ways to connect with the little ones around you

Young kids can be a challenge to relate to, and can be tough to have fun with. Every child looks up to an adult, and sometimes it just takes a few creative ideas on what you can do with them to better enjoy your time together. Here are three ideas on activities you can take with young children:

### 1. Naming rights

One of the toughest things about being a kid is that you feel powerless and always told what to do. Give a child a chance to make a difference by giving them the power to name something in your area: a tree in your yard, your car, a squirrel that comes by too often. Explain in a very serious tone that one of these things needs a name and you need them to come up with it.

### 2. Tell family stories utilizing old photographs

Kids love having the chance to tell their family stories to other kids, especially the tall tales or the outlandish ones. Do you have a distant family member who was in a gunfight in the old west? Is your family distantly related to some notorious figure or famous politician, or better yet a notorious famous politician? Kids love to hear these stories, so they can share at school and on the playground.

### 3. The cheapest tour bus

Take a kid on a public bus and just go around town, tell them little stories about the different places. Make up stories for buildings and places you don't know. For added fun you can make the child try and guess which stories are true and which ones are tall tales.

## Dinner Committee Announces Award Winners

### Chapter Service Award

**James Loughman**

North Adams Chapter

**Clare Donohoe**

Margaret O'Hare West Roxbury/Roslindale Chapter

**Madeline Lavoie**

Greater Fall River Chapter

**Don Golden**

Longmeadow Chapter

### Pro-Life Community Award

**Patricia Stebbins**, nominated by the Cape Cod Chapter

**Watertown Charitable Trust of Watertown Council of the Knights of Columbus**, nominated by the Margaret O'Hare West Roxbury/Roslindale Chapter

**Msgr. Francis McGann**, nominated by the Needham Chapter

**Eleanor McCullen**, nominated by the Needham Chapter

### Gold Circle Directors

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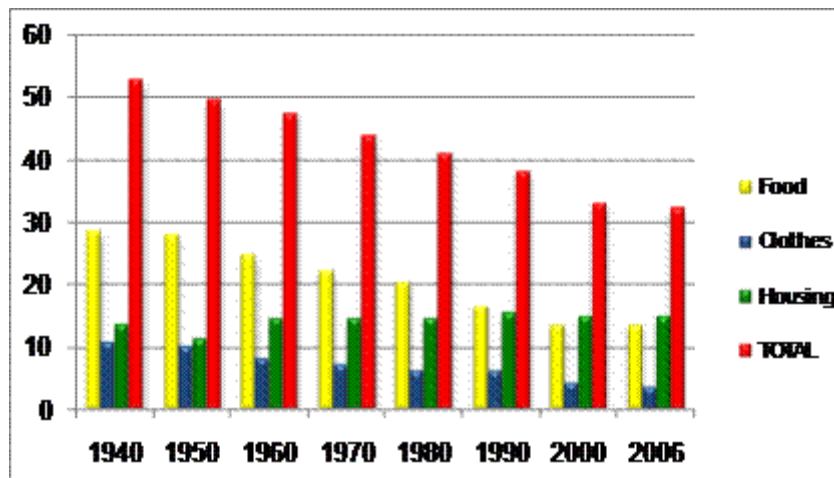
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## America can afford genuine health care reform

Denial of lifesaving medical treatment and care for the elderly, poor, and disabled under the guise of "cutting costs" is a looming concern under health care reform.

Any solution to the problem of the uninsured that involves government expenditures will eventually result in rationing over the long term. Tax revenues will not be able to keep pace with rising health care costs.

Economists and conventional wisdom is wrong on the proportion of resources devoted to health care. Food, clothing and housing now account for a significantly less portion of the total household budget.

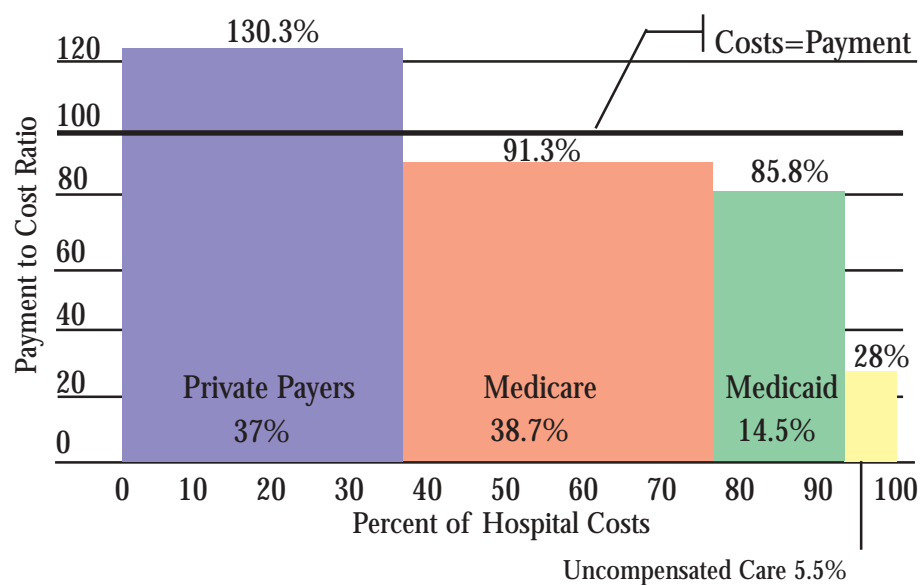


Rising productivity in other sectors of the economy frees up resources than can be used to improve health.

### Real cost problems:

- 1) The benefits of rising productivity in America is not distributed equally.
- 2) The American economy as a whole can continually afford better health care because of rising productivity, but this is not true of the government's share of health care costs.
- 3) The government's share of health care costs, Medicare (elderly) and Medicaid (poor) are paid for largely through payroll and income taxes. Rises in tax revenue will not be able to outpace the rise of health care costs.

## "Hidden tax" finances health care costs of the uninsured



### Hospital Cost Shifting - The Hidden Tax

#### Private sector cost-shifting

Hospitals pay for the cost of treating uninsured patients by charging more for those with private insurance

Emergency rooms in hospitals must treat people regardless of their ability to pay. Poor persons don't seek preventative care, using emergency rooms when the problem is greatly advanced or using emergency rooms for routine care.

How to pay of these subsidies without leaving a funding gap that would force government imposed rationing of life-saving medical treatment

Geographically uneven: most hospitals do not have equal amounts of insured vs. uninsured patients. Large, urban hospitals are disproportionately affected.

Establish a program to subsidize, on a sliding scale, premiums for low income people to try to achieve universal coverage.

### PROBLEMS

### SOLUTION

## The Plan for Health Care Reform *Without* Rationing

### Insurance For All

- 1) Basic liability insurance is required of everyone who registers a car, owns a home, etc.
- 2) Basic health coverage would be required for everyone

### Choice of Plans Through an Exchange

- 1) Private insurance companies would compete by offering health insurance plans through an exchange
- 2) Each company offering health insurance would have to offer at least one basic plan
- 3) Instead of contracting with specific health insurance companies to provide health insurance for their employees, as is now done, employers would have the option of allowing their employees to choose their insurance through the exchange
- 4) Employers would pay their contribution toward the cost of the premium through the exchange.
- 5) Employees who chose more expensive plans could have the extra charge deducted from their paychecks on a pre-tax basis.

### Insurance for those who cannot afford it

- 1) Those with incomes too high for Medicaid but too low to be able to pay the full premiums for basic health insurance would be certified by the government as entitled to discounted premiums on a sliding scale based on need.
- 2) Need would take into account income, family size, etc.
- 3) They could choose among basic insurance plans offered through the insurance exchange and charged on their particular sliding scale discount.

### Covering the Cost

- 1) The prices health care providers charge those covered by private insurance now have to help cover the cost to those providers of treating those who are now uninsured - effectively resulting in private-sector cost-shifting reflected in the premiums insurers charge their customers.
- 2) Under the new proposal, those now uninsured would now be covered by insurance, and cost-shifting at the level of the provider would no longer be necessary

- 3) Third party payers such as insurers would be authorized to "withhold" a percentage from the payments they make to providers who submit claims for reimbursement
- 4) The percentage payments would go to a fund to cover the costs of the sliding-scale subsidies for insurance payments
- 5) This percentage would be set in advance by a commission, calculated to adequate for covering projected costs
- 6) This would shift the existing private sector cost shifting from the level of the provider to the level of the insurer, the net cost would be about the same.

### Summary

**Cost-shifting occurs unevenly and inefficiently in hospitals**

**The level of health care would never exceed what the economy as a whole, could bear.**

**Health care would not be limited by varying levels of taxation.**



Panelists from a variety of fields provided a wealth of information and materials for study

**With cost-shifting through insurance, the level of healthcare would be set through citizens and employers deciding what premiums they are willing and able to pay.**



## Oratory Contest Participants Wow Judges, Convention



(L-R) Lauren Marcelonis: Honorable Mention, Anastasia Flaherty: Third Place Winner, Greg Wolf: Honorable Mention, Marissa Grennon: Second Place Winner, Tailor Bouyer: Honorable Mention, Joseph Giallombardo: Winner. (Missing from photo is Katherine Ciavarra; Honorable Mention) The 2009 Oratory Contest was held during the MCFL Convention. After announcement of the winners, Joseph Giallombardo delivered his speech and received a standing ovation.

**F**irst Place was awarded to Joseph Giallombardo from Trivium School in Lancaster. Joseph, a junior, spoke on embryonic stem cell research.

Also speaking on embryonic stem cell research and taking Second Place was Marissa Grennon, a junior from Cardinal Spellman High School in Brockton.

Third Place went to Anastasia

Flaherty, a senior at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham. Anastasia spoke about the value of the unborn child.

Honorable mention: Tailor Bouyer, a senior from Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, spoke on infanticide.

Lauren Marcelonis, a senior also from Bishop Feehan High School, spoke on abortion.

Greg Wolf, a junior from Bishop Feehan High School, also spoke on abortion.

Katie Ciavarra is from Holliston High School and St. Brendan's Parish in Bellingham. Katie is a senior and spoke about abortion.

All the students did a wonderful job at expressing the value of human life at every stage of development. MCFL is proud to have the pleasure of meeting and hearing such wonderful pro-life speakers. We hope that these fine young men and women will join us

on our Young Adult Speaker's Bureau.

If you would like to have someone from our speakers bureau speak to your student body, please contact us at:

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## Panel Addresses Complicated End of Life Issues

### Walking Through the Health Care Decision Process

**Questions to ask:** (The answers apply to Pat Stewart's mother as the patient)

**1. Who is the patient?**

95 year old woman

**Position and responsibilities in life:**

Nursing home resident

**Physical and financial condition:**

Confused and fearful

Said, "I don't want to die."

**2. What is the treatment?**

Insert pacemaker

**What are the risks?**

Minimal, simple 1.5 hour procedure

**How easy is it to do the procedure?**

Simple. Risks: infection, anesthesia, mild pain

**What is the cost?**

Normal range for this type of procedure

**How hard is it to obtain the procedure?**

Easy. In this case the patient was already in the hospital.

**3. What is the expected result?**

Reasonable hope of improvement.

(If the answer is no-don't do it

If the answer is yes- then do.)

**4. What or how does the treatment affect the patient and the community?**

Is the treatment excessively costly or dangerous? If yes: don't continue, if no: proceed.



Pat Stewart (left) presented a moving testimonial to the difficulties of health care decision making

**P**at Stewart found herself using her own book on medical decision making when her mother was hospitalized for an irregular heartbeat. Having a guide to faith based decision-making enabled Stewart to make good decisions at an emotionally charged time.

Stewart's book, *The Health Care Decision Guide for Catholics: How to make faith-based choices for medical care and life*, helped her to "walk through" the decision-making process with confidence. (See side bar).

Her mother had the pacemaker inserted and everything went well. Stewart said that people don't like making health care decisions because they fear being wrong. "Following these guidelines will help you know that you made the right decisions."

Psychiatrist David Stormberg continued on the topic of making health care decisions for loved ones. The process becomes difficult when families have to make decisions for someone who may be unable to communicate and make their wishes known.

Dr. Stormberg recommended a "Keep in Charge" approach. "Don't become deferential and let the medical staff call the shots," he said. "Make the decisions. Don't miss a diagnosis of depression. Ask for a psychiatric evaluation if necessary."

A "Do Not Resuscitate" order does not imply that medical treatment should be withdrawn. Hospitalized patients may reflect a passive attitude and need advocates for their best interests.

Madeline Nugent spoke on a having a positive response to poor prenatal diagnosis. While a wide range of conditions can be diagnosed prenatally, abortion is routinely offered as the only solution. Abortion may also be recommended for non-fatal disabilities.

Pastoral care works to support parents in carrying their babies to term. Health care professionals may reflect a negative attitude that regards a disabled unborn child as less than human.

Parents and pro-lifers should advocate for "people-first" language. Disabled babies aren't things or disposable products. Language that refers to the baby in the present tense and uses the baby's name or gender acknowledges the inherent dignity of that child's life.

Special workshops for chapters included presentations by Mike Barnett of the American Life League and Victor Pap of Catholic Citizenship. They both offered practical advice for recruiting and making the most out of new members.

Rep. Jeff Perry, a state representative from Barnstable is a sponsor of the Woman's Right to Know Bill, "Laura's Law." His workshop was an invaluable lesson on the best way to influence your legislator, how to make sure he listens to you, and how to get legislators to return phone calls.

# Candidates for MCFL Board of Directors

## Annual Meeting, Friday, June 12, 2009

## Boston College, Devlin Hall, 7:00 pm

### Helen Cross

works as MCFL's chapter field director and is chair of the MCFL South Shore Chapter. Helen is editor of the *MCFL News* and the *MCFL Resource Journal*. She is chair of the 2009 MCFL Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children.

Helen lives in Hull with her husband David and three children, Daniel, Elisabeth and Mitchell.

### Thomas Day

Tom is a 1993 graduate of Connecticut College and a 2002 graduate of Notre Dame Law School. He is a trial attorney with the Springfield law firm of Egan, Flanagan & Cohen, P.C.

Tom is currently the regional Coordinator of MCFL's Pioneer Valley Region. He lives in West Springfield with his wife Kate, and three sons, Jack, Timmy, and Mikey. Tom's parents are long-time MCFL activists, John and Patricia Day.

### Fr. Martin Hyatt

is a Religious Priest of the Eastern Rite of the Catholic Church for the past 25 years. He has been involved in pro-life work from his junior high days through his years in Boston College (1975 graduate).

Fr. Hyatt is Local Superior of the Basilian Salvatorian Community at St. Basil Seminary as well as the General Spiritual Director of Cursillo at St. Basil Salvatorian Center where he is Spiritual Director of nine Cursillo weekends in Methuen.

He has traveled the last 13 years to South America to give Spiritual Seminars to the Missionaries of Charity of Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

### Dr. Mildred Jefferson

is a founding member of both MCFL and the National Right to Life Committee. She has been the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and awards.

President of Right to Life Crusade and MCFL President from 2007-2008, Dr. Jefferson is member of the Board of Directors of the National Right to Life Committee and the American Life League. She has served on many MCFL Committees and both the State and Federal PACs.

### Priscilla Keough Jack Rowe

is Director of Student Outreach and is Chair of the MCFL Oratory Contest. Priscilla also developed and runs the South Shore Chapter's Essay Contest. Priscilla lives in Hingham with her husband, Dr. Paul Keough, and her five children, Paul, Krysta, William, Pierce and Katrina.

### Carole Moran

along with her husband Phil, is a founder of MCFL. She has been active over the years with pregnancy help groups. Carol, an artist, currently serves on the MCFL Board of Directors where she shares her artistic skills with many committees.

### Fr. David Mullen

of St. Brendan Parish in Bellingham, was ordained a priest in 1982. Fr. Mullen has participated in the March for Life in Washington numerous times. He has been involved in local pro-life groups, helping in the rebirth of Wellesley Right to Life. Fr. Mullen has been a speaker and Master of ceremonies at many pro-life events. He received the Francis A. Schaeffer Award in 1990. Fr. Mullen is a long-time member of the MCFL Board of Directors and currently serves on the Executive Committee and Chair of the Fr. Donald Sullivan Society.

### Elinor Rafferty

has been an active pro-lifer for over 30 years. She was MCFL President in 1997-1998 and Secretary of the Board of Directors for five years. Elinor has been Chairman of the Chapter development Committee and Chair of the Westwood Chapter. Elinor is responsible for the creation and distribution of MCFL's Spanish brochure. She has Chaired and is a current member of the Respect Life Walk Committee.

Elinor is coordinator of Outreach to conventions, fairs and seminars.

### Evelyn Reilly

began her activism in 1976 as Chair of the Waltham Chapter. She later became President of Morality in Media in Massachusetts. Evelyn is currently the Director of Public Policy for Massachusetts Family Institute. Evelyn is the mother of three children and grandmother to five.

has been an active pro-lifer since 1973, serving the Board continuously since 1976. Jack has served on the Executive, Legislative, Media and Board Development Committees in addition to both the State and Federal PACs. Selected as a regional coordinator, Jack is a founding member of the Fr. Donald Sullivan Chapter in Danvers.

He is a member of the St. James Parish Council in Salem, serves as the Archdiocesan pro-life representative for the parish and is President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Salem.

### Kate Ulibarri

is a wife and mother of three. She is a graduate of Trivium School and later attended Franciscan University of Steubenville. Kate is coordinator of the St. Paul's Cathedral Youth Group in Worcester. Kate began developing the Worcester Youth Coalition for Life. This Coalition has invited High Schools, Youth and Young Adult Groups, Pro-Life Youth Groups, and College Groups in the Worcester area to come together in prayer outside of Planned Parenthood. Members participate in adoration, rosary, pro-life guest speakers and social time in an event called Stand Up.

### Michael Wiseman

is Clerk of the Board of Directors. He organized and chaired the Arlington/Winchester Chapter for 12 years. Mike is a member of the Executive Committee, Chairman of the Board Development Committee, and treasurer of the MCFL Federal PAC.

Text of proposed amendment to the By laws:

Section 2.1 Members In the First Paragraph, **strike the second, third and fourth sentences and insert the following in place of same:**

"Except for the special voting membership categories contained in Section 2.1.1., each member who makes an initial contribution to the corporation in an amount not less than an amount to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, shall thereupon become a voting member of the corporation for the then-current fiscal year. A member's status as a voting member shall be renewable annually for the fiscal year by the payment of a renewal contribution in an amount not less than that determined by the Board of Directors. All members of the corporation who fail to make such minimum contribution shall be nonvoting members.

Section 2.1.1. shall be amended by **striking the first sentence and inserting the following in place thereof:**

"There may be established by the Board of Directors special voting membership categories for students, married couples and senior citizens and the Board may from time to time set certain minimum contributions for each of these categories."

### MCFL Board of Directors Election Proxy Form

(Vote for no more than 12)

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# The Psychology of

# 'SCARY'

## Why are certain images disturbing?

By Elisabeth Cross

Take horror movies. Now, some people don't like to watch horror movies. They become too easily repelled and frightened by the scenes of blood and gore contained in these movies and the idea that it's fake, it's just a movie, is not enough for them to keep their eye's on the screen. But, a lot of horror

these shows and their creators rely "shock value" to bring in a audience. Rick Katzen, Executive producer with MadhouseNYC postproduction video company say's the same applies to images for commercials. Shocking images are good because they create a "brand buzz" what Rick calls "attracting eyeballs", that creates



Americans witnessed Jack Ruby shooting Lee Harvey Oswald on television.

movie fans like watching them because they say they *like* to be "scared". Although when they say they like they like to be "scared" they more likely mean that they like the rush they get when something scary jumps out at them. Or they like being grossed out by all the disgusting things the prop, make-up, and computer people who worked on the movie we're able to come up with. And when it's all over, the audience gets to get up and go home secure in the knowledge that it was all just a movie.

There seems to be some debate about whether these people (those who have no problem watching violent movies and TV shows or playing violent video games) have become desensitized to violence in real life. A lot of them would probably counter that the violence in these movies and shows and games is "fake", *they know* it's "fake", so why would anyone think that if they were to encounter violence in real life, they would react to it in the same way. They've become desensitized to fake violence, not real violence.

However, not all the violence that we are exposed in the media is created by Hollywood, with stunt men and prop guns and artificial blood. Not all of it is "fake". Take NASCAR auto-racing crashes and reality shows such as Worlds Wildest Video's. Viewers of the like seem to get a kick out of watching the violent and over-the-top images in

excitement. People will be talking about the company (whether good or bad).

When it comes to shows like WWV, "attracting eyeballs" is easy because most of the videos are so unbelievable- "It's not something you see everyday". And part of the "fun" is that it's not happening to *them*. They get to watch violent, shocking, disturbing, crazy things while maintaining a safe distance. Of course, not everyone feels this way. There are many people who find these types of shows to be in bad taste. Who, for something "not happening to them" does not make it any easier to swallow. But, even they might not be immune to the disease known as "rubbernecking". You become so transfixed that you just **can't look away**. Where whatever your seeing is so shocking or interesting to you that you become "frozen in your tracks", or "like a deer caught in headlights". Rick Katzen thinks rubbernecking is appealing for the same reason that cyber-bullying is: Safety and anonymity. It allows you to

### Some people watch NASCAR

just for the car wrecks, the explosions and the high tension dramatic moments when life hangs in the balance. We can expose ourselves to this violence, knowing that people might die for our entertainment, but many of us recoil when considering graphic images portraying premeditated violence in society.

safely "experience" something out of your comfort zone and still be protected and able to think "Thank God it's not me".

Dr. David Rudd, Chairman of the Department of Psychology at Texas Tech University says that human beings are the only creatures that enjoy a scary experience because it takes advanced cognitive processing. "People enjoy the autonomic arousal and the associated

In the world of pro-life advocates one of the biggest divides is whether graphic images (pictures of aborted babies) help or hurt the cause. While those in favor say showing the pictures shows the truth about abortion, for many abortion-minded women the images can hit too close to home. "Women don't want to see what they actually did" says Edie McDaniel, a post-abortive woman and Regional



The Zapruder footage of President Kennedy's assassination is mild compared to most violent movies, but because of its reality and impact we recoil when watching his death and his wife's tragic reaction.

safety of a scary movie because it gives them the rush without the risk." While watching a scary movie and almost being hit by a car will both evoke a similar response of increased breathing and heart rate that accompanies the adrenaline rush, the mind makes a distinction between real danger and fake danger.

Freelance graphic designer Kathy Linnehan, found working on a project for a medical book with the pre-operative photographs of people with facial deformities very disturbing. Linnehan said that she had to turn the pictures upside-down and fuzz her eyes in order to work without recognizing that the pictures were of faces and to keep from focusing on them.

Linnehan, in her work, often has to deal with clients who do not want their products to be associated with certain images. Certain images can be offensive to some people (such as sexual images, degrading images that reduce people to objects, death, cultural taboos, and brutality) and are thus found to be unacceptable. Some of these are to be found though, in a movie called "The Faces of Death" which showed viewers actual footage of people on the verge of death which a popular movie rental at Blockbuster among teenagers. Maybe the reason people would seek out such a movie and other images of disturbing is that they have a fascination with mortality and feel the need to confront it, but want to do so in a way where they are not personally involved so they can maintain a safe distance.

Coordinator of Silent No More Awareness. Edie says that when women who have abortions, see aborted images they feel shock and then guilt. Women are not prepared to see these because young women who get abortions are told the facts of fetal development and seeing the images can actually damage the psyche of these women. Edie, herself had the reactions she describes, but say's that she has since made peace with herself and the images do not bother her anymore.

Teresa Larkin, Executive Director of A Woman's Concern says that her organization never springs graphic images on women of any age. Contrary to popular belief, they would not offer an abortion-minded woman the choice of seeing graphic images because they want to inspire the woman to keep her child through a positive image of life. Few clients choose to see the graphic images of aborted babies. Both Larkin and McDaniel share concerns that showing graphic images to an abortion minded woman can increase her resentment and sense of being pressured.

However, abortion pictures don't just *offend* people. According to Mariane Bowers, after a student who was 6 months pregnant and considering an abortion saw a picture of a fetus at 6 weeks at a GAP display at Kent Sate University she said "That's what my baby looks like?" and decided to keep her baby. Certain people seem to react differently to seeing certain images, depending on their point of view.



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# Are Fewer People Good for the Economy?

## Nancy Pelosi and the Politics of Fertility Costs

There's a pervasive idea that exists in daily life, one that you doubtlessly hear time and time again, that drives intellectuals and government policy and yet is absolutely, completely, proven time and time again wrong.

People, born breathing and wealthy, tell other people, typically the public, that the only path to more wealth is through less people. They say this even though the economy continues to expand with more people. They fear monger with thoughts that food will run out, or energy will go away, oil will be depleted from the earth, the water will all be contaminated and that the Earth has too many people.

Recently Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi said she wanted to promote contraceptives, many of which are actually baby-killing abortifacients, because states were in a fiscal crisis and these actions that would reduce the number of people, would help solve these budget problems. To simplify, Pelosi was saying that too many babies costs too much money so we ought to stop them before they start.

Yet of Pelosi's own five children, born in the span of six years, the American economy was not prosperous and was not growing. In fact, between 1964 and 1970, the cost of living was skyrocketing and Vietnam and unease in the Middle East was ensuring the inflation of the 1970s. But those five children, Nancy, Christine, Jacqueline, Paul and Alexandra grew up despite the economic obstacles. One worked in



services reduce cost. The states are in a terrible fiscal budget crisis now and part of what we do for children's health, education and some of those elements are to help the states meet their financial needs."

And even if the economy had become a reason to delay children, it would have been a bad reason. The recession of the 70's gave way to the economic expansion of the 80's. Each recession typically lasts less than two years and is followed by a decade of prosperity. The false concerns about an economy perpetually stuck in a rut have been proven wrong time and time again. Society is freed from any rut by embracing the technological progress that brought computers into many homes and brought food prices down far enough to be a minor expense for most families.

A Hershey's bar that costs 59 cents today, if you bought the same size a hundred years ago, it would have cost 5 cents. But if you factor in inflation, that chocolate ought to have risen to \$1.25 today. You're paying less than half of what

your great-grandparents did for a chocolate bar even with a global population increase of over 5 billion people. The earth quintupled in population and the price of chocolate went down. And in case you're curious, a McDonald's 15 cent hamburger from 1955 ought to cost you \$1.19 today, but is, instead, 89 cents. The world population more than doubles, and the price of your burger goes down. These are but two examples in a long list of food items that have become cheaper. In America, many farmers are actually paid to not produce certain

crops to avoid their prices becoming too low.

How then could people say that the price of food is going to skyrocket and we'll run out? Sometimes they claim that we'll run out of energy. That we'll consume too many "natural resources" and "deplete" the Earth. They usually fail to mention that the development of fusion power, with a potentially endless stream of energy, is predicted to be invented around 2050. Many articles have appeared talking about "peak oil" thanks to last year's high gas prices and similar scares discussing running out of oil. What you may not have read is that oil shock and oil scares have been appearing in the media since 1913. For almost a century, like clockwork about every 25 years, a series of articles talk about how the world is running out of oil. Often these 'reports' come from the oil companies themselves, who either benefit from a government grant to find 'new' oil or tax breaks.

such as China and India, have the largest birthrates.

There's more food, more resources and more wealth than ever before. Technology has given us the means to provide for all that we want, and yet these arguments against the individual, against the child and ultimately against the very idea of children exist and spread.

For the 2004 election, writer Steve Sailer pointed out that John Kerry won the 16 states with the lowest white fertility rate. There is an obvious political and cultural dynamic at work that puts children as either a low priority or as a drag upon resources both for the individual but also to the environment and society. Yet the opposite is true.

Some rationalize it as saying that fewer children in society allows for a greater disbursement of resources to each child. Variants of this argument are that children deserve private education or their college paid for with a trust fund. Yet again, this falls apart

**"Labor is the most important source of wealth."** Professor Zhang Yi, Institute for Population and Labour Economics

Americans are told they are running out of oil and yet most American oil is purposefully kept off limits to development. Alaskan oil exploration is curtailed, oil off the coast of Florida is made illegal to explore even though the Chinese are partnering with Cuba to drill those same reserves. We don't

with any scrutiny. Resources expand in growing economies with larger birthrates and most private education is tied to income in such a way that the poor and the rich pay the same percentages of their income. Educational institutions play with tuition prices in such a way that it

### Mass Transit:

large vehicles move groups more efficiently than smaller ones.



#### Honda Insight

Seats 2, 66mpg  
Gallons to move 12 people 1,000 miles = 91  
The Insight gets about 4x the gas mileage of the van



#### Chevy Express

Seats 12, 17mpg  
Gallons to move 12 people 1,000 miles = 59  
The van carries 6x the people as the Insight

the hotel industry, one is a lawyer, one a filmmaker, one is a Vice President at a business and one worked for a magazine before getting married. Each of these children was unique, special and important. Obviously Speaker Pelosi wouldn't claim that any of her children were expendable or should have been subject to the economic conditions they couldn't control.

Asked how giving millions of dollars to expand "family planning" services, i.e. abortions, could be considered an economic stimulus Pelosi responded by saying bluntly "family planning

### One DINK Family's Resource Use:

Does a Double-Income, No Kids family use more or less resources than a large family? If the normal person eats 2.5 times a day, for 7 days, 17.5 meals a week, it really depends on what those people are eating. One person eating well can consume the resources of many others.



#### Restaurant

\$20 per person  
= \$40



#### Fast Food

2 visits per person,  
4 visits at \$4.70  
= \$18.79

Weekly food = \$58.79/2 = \$29.39 per person to pay for just 3 meals. At \$9.80 per meal, the DINK's are spending almost 9 times more per meal than the large family. Kathleen feeds 18 people twice for what it costs the DINK family to eat once at a restaurant.

## One family of four can live 10 years off the bread produced by one acre of wheat.

becomes a price only the rich pay, with all those who aren't rich paying much less thanks to scholarships, aid or tuition remission. The best schools are not necessarily more expensive than the lower tiered ones, in fact most colleges except for state institutions have roughly the same costs. The great expansion of the university system came as a result of the baby boom and more people, and federal loans stepped in to fill any funding gaps.

America has become the land of the greatest social mobility possible, vastly rewarding ingenuity and creating millionaires and even billionaires not through old money inheritance but in one lifetime. And yet, as all this money circulates, as we are awash in this sea of opportunity, we find fewer and fewer children. And the rationalizations keep coming that these opportunities exist only because of the lack of children when in truth our only limitation is the children.

Thomas Malthus, an 18<sup>th</sup> century English scholar, influenced social thinking with his theory that unchecked population growth was "indefinitely greater than the power of the earth to provide subsistence for man." Before Malthus, population growth was considered an economic advantage because more workers were available to the economy. He feared that greater number of workers would produce somewhat more, but that each person have less to consume by themselves. He feared that starvation of the weakest would be the inevitable result.

Malthus died right before the agricultural successes of the industrial revolution. For over 9,000 years there was little mechanical advance in the production of wheat. Within a short time after 1840, three improvements changed the world forever, 1) soil chemists identified the essential

inorganic minerals necessary for plant growth: nitrogen, potassium, lime and phosphoric acid, 2) steam-driven steel roller mills, a combination of the steam-engine with an automated milling process and, 3) the invention of the mechanical sower, the McCormick reaper. And since those three things revolutionized agriculture, new varieties of wheat have been discovered and hybrid wheat varieties have been created to resist insects and diseases.

One family of four can live 10 years off the bread produced by one acre of wheat. This efficiency has been dramatically improving in recent decades.

World wheat production has increased from 8 bushels per acre to an average of 35-60 bushels per acre. The power of production is greater than the power of consumption. Even in America, more wheat is coming from less land. There is more wheat produced from Kansas than ever before even though it's being produced on 50% less land than 50 years ago.

Some would say that technology is replacing man, and putting people out of work. So it is ironic that China is now facing labor shortages. Professor Zhang Yi of the Institute for Population and Labour Economics noted the effect that China's one-child policy has had on the economy is that as fewer rural workers leave to take jobs in the cities, labor shortages are appearing. "**Labour is the most important source of wealth,**" he said.

Said Stephen Mosher, "Kids contribute to demand even before they are born, but don't compete in the work force for twenty years. That's why 50.5 million abortions represent a huge loss in consumer demand.

Our poverty did not come when we had too many children.

## Large families continue to thrive despite the economy

The latest hit television genre does not feature robotic cops, vampire lawyers or a hospital full of sexy, robotic, vampire doctors. The phenomenon of the reality show featuring super large families is continuing to grow.

"Jon and Kate Plus 8", "18 Children and Counting," and "Table for 12" are just some of the shows that dominate programming on The Learning Channel. American audiences just can't get enough of watching families food shopping on an industrial scale, loading armies of children in vehicles large enough to hold entire marching bands, or reacting to comments of stunned onlookers regarding these families with

the same curiosity usually reserved for two-headed snakes or some other biological oddity.

Kathleen and Paul Koenen of Hingham find that raising nine children on one salary means that they're "not wasting much." Having another baby is a challenge for the family to become more efficient with their available resources, but the Koenen's lesson is that it's people and not things that make for happiness. "Big families are naturally ordered to do the things that build up the person. Food nourishes the soul. The time and effort that you take to feed your family says something about you., Kathleen

## Saving babies, one by one, woman by woman

• VISITATION HOUSE  
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Women in need at Visitation House are given a comforting and reassuring place to have their child. Here one mother holds her little tiger during a Halloween party.

provides, almost always social and spiritual, but never thankfully abortion.

"I didn't want an abortion, but I didn't know what else to do," a woman at Visitation House said. "Where are you supposed to go, who are you supposed to turn to? There aren't places like it, it's a diamond in the rough. All the laws in the world wouldn't have saved my baby, all the brochures in the world weren't gonna save my baby. I saved my baby because I had this environment, because I was here with these women. Visitation House made the difference."

And even though there

forget that abortion doesn't solve the rape and the actual needs of women aren't to go through the trauma of abortion, but to get the support of places like Visitation House.

"Human Rights Watch" calls abortion after a rape "the only humane response" and obscure the horror and trauma of abortion by focusing on the horror and trauma of the rape.

Amanda Palmer, in the Huffington Post last February, not only described positively a music video mocking rape victims who abort their children, she relayed her own abortion experience after a rape and how making light and laughing at the situation "saves her."

The needs and unmet hurt of these women are ignored or treated as untouchable wounds. The needs are often material, which Visitation House

are 22 pregnancy centers across the state, and as of 2005 45 places in the state performing abortions, there is only one house like Visitation House providing shelter, training, resources and comfort to women-in-need.

"I think what really sets us apart is that we don't just cut these women loose," Lindquist said. "We help develop their job skills, we help them learn how to take care of their young child, we help them figure out how to lead a better life. Visitation House isn't just about getting the baby born healthy, it's about helping women get into a healthy lifestyle and take control of their destinies again."

To donate or volunteer at Visitation House call (508) 798-8002 or go online at : [www.visitationhouse.org](http://www.visitationhouse.org).



The Koenen kids pose at the family camp in upstate New York.

said. "It says to your children that mom is caring for me, my mom loves me."

Kathleen shops at Hannaford and BJ's for dry goods, Stop and Shop, the Fruit Center and Roxy's for meat and produce. She makes meals which are easily stretchable such as soups and stews. Kathleen bakes all her bread and cookies.

Having friends and relatives nearby who also have large families means that every birthday is a shared, joyful celebration.

### Feeding 18 people for \$20

#### Sample meal:

**Salad:** lettuce tomato, cucumber \$3  
**Bread:** flour, shortening, yeast \$1  
**Pasta:** 3 boxes of pasta, chicken, tomato, peppers \$12  
**Misc.:** Butter, milk, etc. \$4  
Feeds 18 people for around \$20  
Approximate cost per person: \$1.11

Kathleen's weekly food budget is approximately \$300  
Cost per person: \$25

## Chris Matthews, Janet Napolitano call pro-lifers "terrorists," government agrees

It's been a mean spring so far for pro-lifers in the United States.

In March, MSNBC *Hardball* host, Chris Matthews, remarked on pro-life objections to the nomination of pro-abortion governor Kathleen Sebelius as Secretary of Health and Human Services. He feared that she might become the target of "the terrorism of the anti-abortion people." Matthews quickly amended his statement, "I mean verbal terrorism."

Matthews was also concerned that pro-lifers would tie up Sebelius's nomination hearing with concerns about her connection with late-term abortionist, George Tiller.

Tiller has bankrolled the Sebelius political career and rise to the Governor's office of Kansas. In return, Gov. Sebelius has proven to be a loyal friend of Tiller and the abortion industry by giving both political cover.

She has twice vetoed regulations that would have established basic health standards for abortion centers and required the kind of periodic inspections at any medical facility or nursing home.

Sebelius has also vetoed legislation that would have outlawed forced abortions.

Secretary of Homeland Se-



**George Tiller**, right, performs abortions on viable babies more than once a day. Public funding of abortion will kill scores more if Kathleen Sebelius, left, becomes Secretary of Health.

curity Janet Napolitano continued the attack on pro-lifers in mid-April with a nine page document that went to law officers across the United States.

That document, "Rightwing Extremism: Current Economic and Political Climate Fueling Resurgence in Radicalization and Recruitment," wasn't supposed to be made public. Fox News reported, "An intelligence assessment released to law enforcement last week claims news of recession, the election of an African-American president, rumors of new gun restrictions and the inability of veterans to reintegrate create fertile ground for radicalizing and recruiting right-wing extremists." "It may include groups and

individuals that are dedicated to a single-issue, such as abortion or immigration," a footnote in the report stated.

Columnist Wes Vernon noted the irony in Napolitano's language concerning issues of Homeland Security. People who oppose abortion are likely to engage in terrorism and

right-wing extremism, but those who commit 9/11 style atrocities are guilty of committing a "man-made disaster."

Wrote Vernon, "This memo seeks to lump legitimate conservative activism with violent hate groups and racists. It's the same old smear."

During the presidential election, candidate Barack Obama tried to explain possible trouble with the campaign in Pennsylvania, people "get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them... as a way to explain their frustrations."

This report, then, puts those ideas from Matthews and Obama into official government policy targeting peaceful pro-lifers as potential terrorists.



**Terrorist Group?** Members of the South Shore Chapter in a photo taken several years ago. These are the people who are being labeled terrorists - you might be one of them.

## Marching orders?

1) In July 2006, Planned Parenthood's web site referred to these pro-life groups as: "**Terrorists and Extremists Organizations**" Christian Coalition, Concerned Women for America, Eagle Forum, Family Research Council,

Feminists of Life of America, and Focus on the Family.  
2) In April 2008, presidential candidate Barack Obama compared pro-life senator Tom Coburn to a domestic terrorist responsible for setting off bombs and never apologizing.

3) In December 2008, the Obama transition team published a memo from dozens of pro-abortion groups listing the actions they wanted the president to take.  
4) The President has responded in a big way. (See page four)

## Setting the Record Straight

**Teresa Larkin, Executive Director of A Woman's Concern Refutes Charges that CPC's are "Fake" Clinics**

**Charge:** Crisis pregnancy centers (CPC's) deceptively advertise under abortion services

**Larkin:** A Woman's Concern is listed under the appropriate heading of "Abortion Alternatives" in the Yellow Pages. (A Yellow Pages notice clearly states that listings under Abortion Alternatives are organizations that provided counseling and/or information on abortion alternatives, and do not provide information on the attainment of abortion services nor do they provide abortion services.)

**Charge:** CPC's have no professional medical staff

**Larkin:** A Woman's Concern's medical director is a Board certified, practicing OB/GYN, the person who performs ultrasounds is a certified radiologist.

**Charge:** Women are forced to view unwanted ultrasounds

**Larkin:** Women are asked if they would like to see an ultrasound. Women report having been told at abortion clinics that "if you're not keeping the baby why see it?" Women, especially young women who choose to see an optional ul-

**Larkin says, "Women viewing an ultrasound are routinely stunned and amazed at how developed their unborn child is, even at 8 weeks. They say, 'Oh my gosh, I didn't know.'"**

**Charge:** CPC's trick women into coming into their clinics under false advertising

**Larkin:** All advertising is true. Ad in Yellow Pages lists: free pregnancy tests, confidential care, professional medical consultations, information on the health risks and safety for pregnancy-related concerns.

**Charge:** Women think that they are getting "options counseling" which may or may not include abortion.

**Larkin:** Women are given a "Commitment of Care" form to read and sign before they are seen. This "Commitment of Care" form is posted in every office and clearly outlines all the services that A Woman's Concern does or does not provide.

trasound of their unborn child are routinely "stunned" and amazed at the amount of their child's development even at 8-10 weeks.

**Charge:** Women are forced to view graphic images of aborted fetuses

**Larkin:** Showing pictures of aborted babies does not deter abortion-minded women and is a counter-productive tactic, emphasizing a positive image of life is much more effective.

**Help us to set the record straight!**

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**Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children**

**Sunday, October 4  
Boston Common  
1:30 pm**

The MCFL 2009 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.

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Book Review

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# Dedication and Leadership

“The sort of cynicism that sneers at “starry-eyed idealism,” has driven many eager, earnest, intelligent and potentially good youngsters to believe that the West has nothing to offer the young idealist but cynicism.” Douglas Hyde

If you go to your web browser and type in “us marines official site” the first heading will be a pale yellow promotional banner with these words:

The few. The proud.  
The **Marines**.  
Semper fidelis; always faithful.  
Do the same with “us army official site” and you get:  
Learn more about the **Army**.  
Free info, No obligation.  
Which one of these slogans inspires potential recruits with the “promise of exceptional leadership, high expectations, and knowledge that they are joining an elite organization with the highest purpose, making a difference in other people’s lives?”

In 1948, Douglas Hyde, the editor of the London *Daily Worker*, shocked the world when he announced he was resigning from the Communist party and that he and his family were joining the Catholic Church. The creation of *Dedication and Leadership* followed

## Communist Countries



Communists nearly took over the world in less than a century by using tactics that were effective, and organizing methods that worked. Never before has a movement spread that fast and that far with principles as flawed.

as a series of lectures that attempted to answer the question: Why are Communists so dedicated and successful as leaders while others are not?

Hyde saw Communism thrive through its cultivation of dedication to a cause big enough to change the world. Though the goals of Communism were in conflict with human dignity and individual freedom, it was successful in drawing out the potentialities inherent in the human person and developing those qualities for leadership in the party itself.

It is from this dedication that leadership is born.

Throughout the book, Hyde makes it clear that he is not talking about the strength of Communism’s ideas as the source of its strength, Christianity has something infinitely better to offer.

Morton Blackwell, founder of the Leadership Institute, was introduced to this book by Eugene Methvin, a senior editor at *The Reader’s Digest*, in 1968.

Recommended as one of the 24 books on its “Read to Lead” program, Blackwell praises its “use of philosophically neutral techniques of communication, recruitment, training and organization.” and use as a guide to political skills for anti-Communists, particularly Christians.

### The Story of Jim

“He was very short, grotesquely fat, with a flabby white face, a cast in one eye, and to make matters worse, a most distressing stutter.”

Hyde made good on the Communist claim that the Party could take anyone who was willing to be trained, and turn him into a leader. He in-

and street corner agitation. Though Jim never completely lost his stutter, his disability gained him an advantage by making him a sympathetic character to his audiences

The final step of this training process was specialization. Jim was trained to be a leader in his workplace by using the same process of classes, teach-

## We did not send him into battle untrained, unprepared

spired Jim, giving him a clearly-defined goal of a new and better world that could be achieved with sufficient preparation.

Hyde gave Jim a sense of involvement in a battle, and the conviction that by going to classes he would gain the arms and ammunition required for the fight.

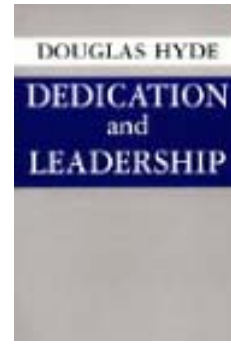
Through step by step training, Jim learned all the aspects of Communism while simultaneously learning how to impart this knowledge to others. Small classes led to teaching and mentoring other recruits in a classroom setting.

Jim’s confidence building, he was trained in public speaking

ing and public speaking. He needed to be able to use the same vocabulary so as not to be seen as an outsider. When someone can casually refer to the “Trades Dispute Act of 1927,” it is assumed that the person knows what he is talking about.

Jim became first, a local trade union leader and later, a national leader whose death warranted front-page coverage in the *Daily Worker*. “**The most unpromising-looking piece of human material that ever came my way had become a leader of men.**”

Hyde makes it clear that he is not promoting Communist ideas, only the methodology which met with profound success in a very short period of time.



### 1. Starting Point Single-minded devotion to the cause: Dedication

Appeal to idealism through sacrifice, mean little demands make for mean little responses. if you make big demands you will get a heroic response.

### 2. Taking the Plunge Transformational: To be so dedicated as to be prepared to lose everything

Draw out potential of every member, every one is trained to be qualified to come forward and lead because they believe they can change the world.

### 3. The Follow Through Personal involvement

Send new members immediately into action to commit the recruit publicly to the cause. Public witness develops the moral courage necessary for leadership.

### 4. Study Groups Personal instruction

Basic courses that relate the life and experience of the recruit into the task of changing the world. Emphasize unity, can be applied in all aspects of one’s life. Part of a great crusade fighting for good.

### 5. The Story of Jim

Practical application of the idea that anyone can be taught to be a leader.

### 6. Formation Process.

Readings, tutorials, use of question and answer instruction to introduce and reinforce core principles

### 7. “You Must be the Best”

You are most likely to be effective when you are respected. You will be able to transform your workplace.

### 8. Campaigns, Criticism and Cadres

Activity as a means to an end. Short-term immediate objectives to keep up morale, inquest: find mistakes made in the campaign and learn from them, directed self-improvement.

### 9. The Value of Techniques Talk must be paired with action for a group to be taken seriously.

Journalism, films, discs, public speaking, propaganda, organization.

### 10. Leaders for What? Responding with a new attitude of mind.

When a new situation arises instead of waiting for someone to do something, the leader spontaneously asks himself: What do I do in this situation?

## BABY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

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) Photo must be submitted to the MCFL office and received no later than June 10, 2009.
- 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.

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 “2009 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 2009 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 June 10 2009 at MCFL. Please send to: MCFL, Attn: Walk Committee, The Schrafft Center, 529 Main Street, Boston, MA 02129.

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

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## Lobbying Day at the State House

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 Todd M. Smola: 1st Hampden  
 F. Jay Barrows: 1st Bristol  
 Paul J. Donato: 35th Middlesex  
 Thomas P. Kennedy: Second Plymouth and Bristol

Massachusetts Citizens for Life is continuing to hold a series of Lobbying Days at the State House in order to train activists for more effective communication with their legislators.

Training is concentrating on lobbying legislators for the passage of the Woman's Right to Know Bill/Laura's Law. This bill would make sure that women get abortion information in order to make a fully informed decision.



Lobby Day participants listen to ways to work for enactment of "Laura's Law."

## 40 Days for Life Campaign an Incredible Success

40 Days for Life recently completed their campaign of prayerful witness outside of the Four Women abortion clinic in Attleboro. Local coordinator Stephen Marcotte said he was amazed at how many people came out in all types of weather to pray for the unborn children and their mothers.



"What made this campaign special was the approach of Love," said 40 Days for Life Attleboro coordinator Stephen Marcotte. People passing by would distribute coffee, encourage those praying, or join in the vigil themselves. "We were approached by people who would share their pain of having an abortion when they were young."

## Yes! I want to join Massachusetts Citizens for Life Today!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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I will pay my annual membership dues of:

- Individual \$25
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- Additional gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check or money order  
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Online at:  
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Credit Card  
 A staffer will call for your number

## Easy ways to lobby your legislator

### 1. Arrange a meeting at the district office

The district office is an ideal spot for a meeting with your senator or representative. The atmosphere is more relaxed and intimate and the legislator is less likely to be distracted by aides and phone calls. Call the district office to make an appointment.

### 2. Send a handwritten letter

It seems counterintuitive in this age of instant communication, but a handwritten letter is one of the best ways to get your legislator to notice you. A simple, focused letter will get more attention than an e-mail.

### 3. When calling, ask to speak with the legislator

Don't just talk to the aide and feel that you've done your job. If the legislator isn't in, ask if he will return your call.

### 4. Ask for the response in writing

Don't be shocked, but sometimes politicians lie or change their mind. Don't rely on what's said in a private meeting. A letter also will tell you his reasoning and whether he clearly understands a specific issue.

### 5. Attend a town event that your legislator is at

Tell your legislator that you are pro-life or ask, "Are you pro-life?"

And what can happen when you do...

### Linda Kinsey and the North Adams Chapter get support for the Woman's Right to Know Bill.



(L-R) Linda Kinsey, Pat Roberts, Larissa Dalton, Rep. Daniel Bosley, and Mary Dean at Rep. Bosley's North Adams office

Linda Kinsey gathered a strong group of chapter members to meet with Rep. Daniel Bosley to discuss the Woman's Right to Know Bill/ Laura's Law.

covered. In fact, they were so successful that Linda said, "We hadn't been in the meeting for more than 10 minutes when Rep. Bosley said, "I can support this bill.'"

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Each person was given one aspect of the bill to discuss and only five minutes to do it in. From the youthful view of Larissa Dalton to the experience of Mary Dean, President of Liferight, the North Adams Chapter had their bases

The chapter members came prepared with folders with Laura's picture on the front and full of information about informed consent