

Do No Harm: The Rise and Fall of the Hippocratic Oath



RUINS: Dunstanburgh Castle, once among the largest and grandest castles in the north of England. It is a reminder that valuable things such as the Hippocratic Oath must be protected or fall into decline.

I will neither give a deadly drug to anybody, nor will I make a suggestion to this effect. I will not give a woman an abortive remedy. I will never do harm to anyone.

- *Traditional Oath of Hippocrates*

Dating back to at least the fourth century B.C., the Hippocratic Oath marked a sea change of attitudes toward human life in the pagan world.

Anthropologist Margaret Mead said, "For the first time in our tradition there was a complete separation between killing and curing. Throughout the primitive world, the doctor and the sorcerer tended to be the same person. He had the power to kill and the power to cure. With the Greeks the distinction was made clear. One profession,

the followers of Asclepius, were to be dedicated completely to life under all circumstances, regardless of rank, age or intellect – the life of a slave, the life of the Emperor, the life of a foreign man, the life of a defective child..."

"People are shocked to learn that physicians no longer take the oath upon graduation from medical school," said Marianne Luthin, Director of the Pro-life Office of the Archdiocese of Boston.

"They want their doctors to subscribe to the ethic of 'do no harm.'"

The traditional Hippocratic Oath survived for over two thousand years. It survived the Roman Empire, Nazism and the Black Plague. It thrived with the growth of Christianity and Western culture.

But the Oath couldn't survive in the America of the 1960s and 70s. With the Supreme Court's decision in 1973 to decriminalize abortion, the Oath became instantly obsolete.

"Almost overnight, people's attitude toward abortion changed," said Luthin. "There was the idea that if something was legal, then it was moral,

then it was right. People felt that 'doctors knew best'."

Attitudes were influenced by the feminist movement where abortion was seen as a woman's rights issue. Combined with the fear of overpopulation and the attack on traditional authority, the Oath suddenly became politically incorrect. "Swearing to Life," an article published in *First Things*, by Dr. Stanton, Dr. E. Joanne Angelo, and Marianne Luthin noted, "By 1977, only 6 percent of American medical schools offered the unmodified oath."

It was the great desire of Dr. Joseph Stanton to encourage a renaissance in thinking about the Hippocratic Oath. With his updated version, Dr. Stanton hoped medical students would make a public commitment to life as a part of their graduation from medical school.

A portion states, "I will follow that method of treatment which according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patient and abstain from whatever is harmful or mischievous. I will neither prescribe nor administer a lethal dose of medicine to any patient even if asked nor counsel any such thing nor perform act or omission with direct intent deliberately to end a human life. I will maintain the utmost

Modern Version of Oath Lacks Humility



• I will respect the **hard-won scientific gains** of those physicians in whose steps I walk, and gladly share such knowledge as is mine with those who are to follow.

Will those hard-won scientific gains be ethical?

• I will apply, for the benefit of the sick, all measures [that] are required, **avoiding those twin traps of overtreatment and therapeutic nihilism.**

Huh?

Portions of a modern version of the Hippocratic Oath written by Dr. Louis Lasagna, Dean, School of Medicine, Tufts University, 1964

- I will respect the privacy of my patients. Most especially must I tread with care in matters of life and death. If it is given me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.

Except when taking someone's life...

- I will not be ashamed to say "I know not," nor will I fail to call in my colleagues when the skills of another are needed for a patient's recovery.

My humility vanishes when I take it upon myself to decide whether to kill someone or not...

respect for every human life from fertilization to natural death and reject abortion that deliberately takes a unique human life."

New attacks on the ethic of 'do no harm' include the ac-

ceptance of assisted suicide and government take-over of the health care system.

Rick George, writing in the *American Thinker* said, "This

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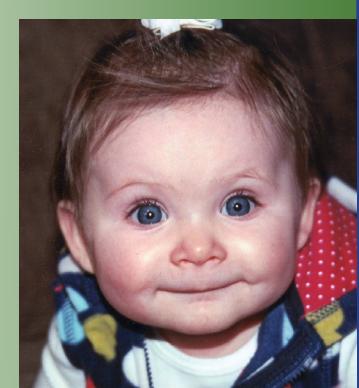
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The Status of Abortion and Euthanasia Issues in Legislation and Culture
by Anne Fox, MCFL President

In '73, I could imagine the anguish of a woman when she realized she had killed her baby. I could see the corrosive influence abortion would have on society and wanted to change it for the sake of my children and future generations. I learned that having abortion legal changed the pregnancy experience of every pregnant woman

Last summer, Rebecca Kiessling spoke to many of our chapters. Rebecca is a beautiful woman whose mother chose to bear her even though

Pro-life people do care about the babies, the mothers, and society, All of whom are victims of abortion. We can never overstate the evil of abortion! Like the bindweed, it seems attractive to many who do not know that it kills everyone involved and gets deeper and deeper.

Planned Parenthood is spreading like the bindweed (underground and, seemingly, unstoppable) with a new model – mega-centers and their feeder “clinics”. They claim abortions are

get involved. You can really make a difference!

Another thing that is very important for you to do this month is to be sure your local candidates have returned their MCFL questionnaires. All candidates are posted on the web site. If your candidates have returned pro-life questionnaires, please work with them. If they have not replied, make sure they do so.

I am looking forward to waving to you when I see you out in your car this

A s we have seen over the years, the risk is to get so carried away by concerns for “marketing” the pro-life message - finding what “works” - that the pro-lifers begin to lose their focus on the killing of an innocent being as the moral center of the problem. We have ample reason to hold, for example, that “abortion is not good for women.” But many women will of course contest that point, as they offer a different view of what serves their notion of a “good” for themselves. What they cannot contest is the human standing, and the innocence, of the child they are willing to sacrifice.

- Hadley Arkes

It develops that the pretty vine with white flowers that has appeared in my garden is bindweed. It looks dainty and attractive but will destroy all the beautiful perennials I have worked so hard to develop all these years. Its roots cannot be pulled up like dandelions, but are a maze under the garden and, according to the garden book, can be as deep as five yards.

The bindweed reminds me of the situation we are in with abortion. Abortion is awful. We are reminded of that at every turn. At the first pro-life presentation I heard, Roy Scarpato talked about the “slippery slope”. I remember thinking to myself. “Okay, Roy, I am convinced, I know how bad abortion is and I will work hard to stop it but don’t be laying on this other stuff.”

Of course, we have come to accept things Roy never could have described. As Dean John Garvey said at our Convention, even things everyone we took for granted in '73 – like conscience rights – are up for grabs now when a candidate for major office proposes that Catholics should not be able to work in hospital emergency rooms.

she was conceived in rape. Rebecca has five wonderful children. That really brings home what an abortion does. It snuffs out not a single life but an entire branch on the tree of life!

A few weeks ago, I met a wonderful woman who has recently been healed through Project Rachel. Her abortion occurred on October 7, 1983. Our son, Rob, was born on Oct 9, 1983. I remember the 7th clearly. Sr. Roberta, the Principal at Walnut Park, told me not to have the baby at school, our friends Ted and Gail came by with the communal bassinet. For the past 26 years our Rob has given us incredible joy. It isn't just the life-long guilt, it is missing out on the life-long joy the aborted child would have brought to his mother and to all around him.

done only at the mega-centers. That allows them to take Title X money, to open in any location, etc. Using federal stimulus money, they are opening “clinics” in all the towns around Worcester – it seems like a feeder a month. The MCFL Chapter in Fitchburg is waging a courageous battle. There is more about PP and their plans on other pages of this News.

Would we have Obamacare if abortion were not legal? I certainly don't think so! The disrespect for life, the utilitarian approach to human beings ushered in by government approval and support of abortion makes anti-life Obamacare a logical step, indeed, a sensible one. If people have no intrinsic value and dignity, then manipulating them to achieve the goals of certain leaders makes perfect sense.

Thank goodness two thirds of the people in the country “get it” about Obamacare and want to see it repealed. We know that the politicians don't care. If they did, they would not have passed it in the first place. It is obvious that the only way to repeal it is to keep the pot roiling among people and to elect U.S. Senators and Congressmen who will repeal it. Of importance, also, are Governors and state legislators who will opt out of Obamacare.

MCFL has initiated a Repeal Petition Drive. This will keep the issue before people and show the legislators how many voters want to repeal. It will also help us to spread the word about Mass Citizens and the pro-life movement. The petitions and cards have been mailed to you. Please also look for them in this *News* and at www.masscitizensforlife.org. Please

summer. How will I know it is you? I'll see the beautiful Choose Life plate on your car.

Our own Hadley Arkes has analyzed recent Supreme Court decisions and concludes that the Court is saying, in effect: “We are prepared to entertain seriously the argument that abortions, under certain conditions, may rightly be restricted and even barred.” This is very encouraging. Hadley also reminds us for whom we are fighting:

As we have seen over the years, the risk is to get so carried away by concerns for “marketing” the pro-life message - finding what “works” - that the pro-lifers begin to lose their focus on the killing of an innocent being as the moral center of the problem. We have ample reason to hold, for example, that “abortion is not good for women.” But many women will of course contest that point, as they offer a different view of what serves their notion of a “good” for themselves. What they cannot contest is the human standing, and the innocence of the child they are willing to sacrifice.

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Lobbying the Legislature

Marie Sturgis, MCFL Executive Director



Representative William Pignatelli (D-Lenox) has introduced House bill 4730 "An act restricting use and connection of automatic dialing-announcing devices".

The legislation could restrict organizations like Mass Citizens for Life and other groups from making automatic dial recorded phone calls. Automatic Dialing-Announcing Devices (ADADs) are a useful tool for organizations like ours because it enables us to reach members or important contact people instantaneously. This cost effective device, that definitely saves staff and volunteer time, can be instrumental

in helping to defeat bad legislation, encourage good legislation, and inform citizens of upcoming hearings or on ballot initiatives. Through the use of ADADs, concerned citizens can be instantly connected directly with their representative's office - its uses are infinitesimal. For groups like MCFL getting the message out is paramount.

House bill 4730 is troubling because it could limit or constrain callers from using certain automatic dialing devices for sending information to subscribers of telephone services. It could hamper MCFL's efforts to inform Massachusetts citizens. The bill would require that the call recipient give prior consent to the call or that there be a live operator who would attain consent prior to playing a pre-recorded message. In addition, the bill contains language concerning time-of-day limitations for calls and that could possibly impact urgent or time-sensitive legislation. It appears that there are no exceptions in the bill and it would apply to political and speech-related issues as well. The legislation, which has 49 sponsors, was referred to the House Rules Committee and was subsequently referred to the Joint Committee on Telecommunication,

Utilities and Energy. A public hearing was held in early June and the bill presently sits before that committee.

The following bills are on further extension order to July 13:

"An Act Relative to Death with Dignity" House, No. 1468 - Legislation to allow for physician assisted suicide for qualified patients to end their lives. The bill presented by: Representative Louis L. Kafka (D-Stoughton) received a time extension and we anticipated that the Judiciary Committee would act on it, on or before May 7th, it was extended to June 30th and is further extended to July 13th. The public hearing for this bill was held on February 23, 2010.

Legislation relative to access to reproductive health care facilities - H. 3840 received an extension and will be on further extension order until the end of June as well. The bill sponsored by Representative Robert S. Hargraves (R-Groton), would repeal the buffer zone at abortion clinics. The bill is before the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

"An Act updating the public health laws" H.1745 has also received a time extension. The bill, if passed would impact a number of things, including regulations relating to second and third

In the Legislature

In Committee

H. 4730, An Act Restricting Use and Connection of Automatic Dialing-Announcing Devices - Bill to ban the use of "robocalls"

On Time Extension

H. 1468, An Act Relative to Death with Dignity - Bill to allow Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS)

H. 3840, Relative to Access to Reproductive Health Care Facilities - Bill to repeal Buffer Zone Law

H. 1745, An Act Updating Public Health Laws - Bill to remove regulations that require 2nd and 3rd trimester abortions to be performed in hospitals

trimester abortions which require that they be performed in hospitals. The measure did not receive legislative approval during the last session. The Joint Committee on the Judiciary has requested another extension for this bill.

There are less than five weeks that remain for formal sessions during the 2009-2010 meeting of the Legislature.

"Death with Dignity" A Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) Fact Sheet

What is Physician Assisted Suicide?

PAS? Physician Assisted Suicide or PAS refers to the legally sanctioned assistance in the suicide of another human being by a medical professional. PAS differs from euthanasia in that the "patients" administer the lethal drugs themselves, rather than being killed by the medical professional directly.

Legally Sanctioned? Currently PAS is legal in only three states in the US: Oregon, Washington, and Montana, and four countries worldwide: the Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland, and Luxembourg. The Netherlands was the first country in the world to practice openly either assisted suicide or euthanasia, beginning in 1973. Oregon legalized PAS in 1997; Washington followed suit a decade later in 2008; and a Montana court acknowledge a specific defense to PAS via statutory interpretation on the last day of 2009, however PAS in general is still illegal in Montana.

What the Data Tell Us: all the jurisdictions that have legalized

PAS have also instituted strict rules for performing assisted suicide and gathering data on assisted suicides performed. Unfortunately, as the data show, these safeguards do not work:

- Over the thirty-seven years that PAS and euthanasia have been practiced in the Netherlands, carefully crafted performance and reporting procedures have quickly devolved. Although euthanasia legislation was originally intended to end the pain of physically suffering adults, its scope has grown to include disabled infants, persons suffering from mental illness, and numerous non-voluntary deaths. As early as 1991 over 1000 deaths were recorded where the deceased did not consent, despite statutory requirements for consent. Euthanasia deaths in the Netherlands grow an average of 10% a year.
- Both Oregon and Washington state laws grant full power to two physicians and two testamentary witnesses to kill a person. A single physician determines

whether the patient has a disease that could be considered "terminal," as defined by the physician. That same physician determines whether the patient is suffering from any mental illness and is mentally competent to choose to die. That same physician must refer the patient to a consulting physician of his or her choice to verify the determinations made. One of the two witnesses is allowed to be a beneficiary of the patient's estate and the other witness can be the consulting physician.

One of the best articulations of the dangers of physician-assisted suicide comes from the United States Supreme Court in the 1997 case Washington v. Glucksberg.

- The dangers the practice of PAS pose to all vulnerable members of society outweigh the so-called "benefit" of allowing a few people to be assisted in committing suicide.
- Classifying assisted suicide as

a "medical procedure" fails to maintain, in the mind of the physician, the important ideal of the sanctity of life thereby placing a crushing burden on the integrity and ethics of the medical profession.

- The state has an unqualified interest in preserving human life. A sliding scale of when a human life is "worth living" (or not) destroys the crucial symbolic, aspirational, and practical focus of a broad rule of preservation.
- Mental illness is both notoriously difficult to diagnose and vitally essential for the validity of a person's consent. This fact makes the mentally ill, the group most at risk from coerced suicide, harder to protect.
- The possibility of assisted suicide diminishes the quality, availability, and humanity of the options other than death.

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Planned Parenthood Records Show Plans for Massive Expansion in Central Mass

State's Largest Abortion Provider Targets Latino Population

"Total allocation to our Title X project for 2010 is \$779,074. Key personnel includes money to support the salary of our Latino Initiatives Director, who will be responsible for increasing awareness of Title X family planning services among Latino populations in Central Massachusetts."

- Planned Parenthood of Massachusetts Title X grant application

The economy remains in the tank and the unemployment rate refuses to budge. Weary job-seekers may want to refresh themselves in the waters of Central Massachusetts where, like a veritable Niagara, federal and state money floods into the coffers of Planned Parenthood. While businesses go under or lay-off employees, PPs plans call for expansion into a number of new towns and the jobs that go with them.

Planned Parenthood needs a sufficient number of satellite clinics to feed its new abortuary in Worcester. Despite claims by the Guttmacher Institute that access to birth control prevents unwanted pregnancies, a recent report by Rita Diller shows that the more money Planned Parenthood gets, the more abortions it performs.

This comes on the heels of report showing that abortion related organizations received nearly 1 billion dollars between 2002 and 2009. Although

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\$11 billion for community health centers
(see PPs expansion plans for 2011, next page)

the money does not directly pay for abortions, which is stopped in most part by the Hyde amendment, the report makes it clear that federal funds are propping up the abortion industry. "Giving taxpayer money to organizations that promote and provide abortion, even if the money is not used for that purpose, frees up other funds for abortion purposes and gives the government's stamp of approval to their abortion industry," said Blackwell.

What is Title X ?

Steve Ertelt of LifeNews.com reported that most of Planned Parenthood's funds come from the Title X family planning program.

In 1970, the US Congress established Title X of the Public Health Service Act. Administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, the goal of Title X is to make comprehensive voluntary family planning services readily available to all persons desiring such services. Another source of federal funding for health care services is section 330 of the Public Health Services Act. Section 330 funds are directed to Federally Qualified health Centers (FQHC) to cover specific services outlined in the FQHC 330 grant application. Federal 330 funds may be expended only for the FQHC's specific scope of project, which may or may not include reproductive health care services.

Since 1977, the Hyde amendment has restricted the use of federal Medicaid funds for abortion services. There are, however, 18 states that allow state Medicaid funds to cover abortion services for a wider variety of reasons.

From: *Administrative Billing Guide For Medical Abortion at Facilities that Receive Title X, Section 330, and other Federal Funding*



Organizations That Perform or Promote Abortions, Spending 2002-2009

- Planned Parenthood - \$657.1 million
- Population Council - \$284.3 million (sponsored the abortion drug, RU 486)
- Guttmacher Institute - \$12.7 million
- Advocates for Youth - \$8.7 million
- International Planned Parenthood - \$3.9 million
- Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS)

Figures reported by Steven Ertelt, LifeNews.com

Spending patterns confirm the connection

The more money Planned Parenthood gets, the more abortions it performs

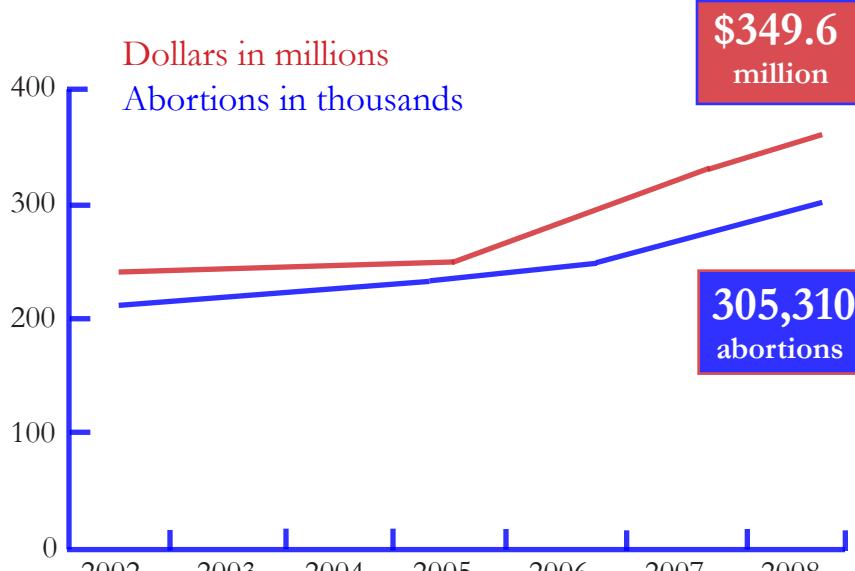
An article in the *Washington Times* by Rita Diller, the national director of STOPP Planned Parenthood (Stopp), reports that an audit of Planned Parenthood of America showed that the organization spent \$657.1 million from federal grants and programs between 2002 and 2008. But, in what Diller called "disturbing financial discrepancies, Planned Parenthood's own annual reports show that they took in \$2.3 billion from government grants and programs during the same time period."

Diller also quoted Abby Johnson, former director of Planned Parenthood's abortion center in Bryan/College Station, Texas. "While Title X money is not to be used for abortions, it is used to gain the trust of women in

minority neighborhoods in order to bring them into Planned Parenthood facilities, supposedly for health care, and then persuade them to become Planned Parenthood birth control clients. Then, when birth control fails, the organization has a built-in minority clientele for abortion, which Ms. Johnson says is Planned Parenthood's cash cow.

Planned Parenthood affiliates continue to build huge abortion megacenters in minority neighborhoods in an attempt to polish its image and gear up for the veritable tsunami of clients that will be headed its way under President Obama's health care plan, which earmarks \$11 billion for community health centers."

"Planned Parenthood's abortion business has increased year after year in lock step with its increasing government funding." - Rita Diller



Source: General Accounting Office

Stimulus Money, Federal Title X Allotments, State Medicaid and Grants Taxpayers Soaked to Fund Big Abortion

While pro-lifers scrounge for every penny, organizations that promote or perform abortions have spent nearly \$1 billion in taxpayer money since 2002, reports Elisabeth Meinecke in an article in *Human Events.com*. Rep. Pete Olson (R-Texas) and members of Congress had requested an updated record of expenditures of six organizations and their affiliates by the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Meinecke quotes Olson, "A majority of Americans oppose taxpayer funding for groups that promote or perform abortions. With the national debt over \$13 trillion - costing every American \$118,000 - we must apply strict scrutiny to every federal dollar allocated."

The issue of taxpayer-funded abortions was one of the primary battles during the passage of Obamacare in March. President Obama signed an executive order prohibiting taxpayer-funded abortions under the new healthcare law. But House Minority Leader John Boehner wrote that it doesn't appear the administration has implemented the order.

"As far as anyone can tell, the Obama Administration hasn't lifted a finger to implement the executive order, even as it forges ahead aggressively with implementation of the rest of the massive new law. I asked President Obama about this directly at the White House last week. Since then, however, there has been no communication from the White House about the status of his executive order," Boehner said.

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legislation sucks the brains and heart out of the Hippocratic Oath. The American left sees abortion and euthanasia not as the Oath would have them – death treatments – but rather as health treatments.

As for euthanasia, while the Obamacare bill does not explicitly state 'kill the elderly,' it is based on the same failed blueprint used by other nations. Those nations are now suffering under the very death panels that our representatives vigorously deny as the destiny of their scheme.

A government that must weigh an individual's health against some cost measure will not err on the side of the patient's health."

No Need to Bake Cookies Planned Parenthood's Title X Grant Application

4. Existing Resources

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health allocates state family planning dollars to Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts (PPLM) and Health Awareness to provide services in Central MA. Health Awareness is the Title X grantee for this region of more than 800,000 residents. Worcester offers a variety of family planning options, including PPLM and two Federally Qualified Health Centers. Family planning services outside of Worcester are more fragmented with limited service hours, especially for working adults and teens who require flexible weekend and evening hours. (Table 12)

According to the Metrowest Community Health Care Foundation, Framingham, Milford and Marlborough have an acute shortage of primary care services for uninsured and low-income Latinos and emergency room usage among Latinos is considerably higher than the state overall. Fitchburg and Gardner are designated Health Professional Shortage areas (HPSAs) and the Massachusetts Correctional Institute in Framingham (MCI Framingham) is a designated Medically Underserved Areas/Populations (MUA/MUPs)¹¹

Table 12: Family Planning Services in Central MA

City/Town	Family Planning	Clinics Community Health Centers	PPLM Proposed Clinics
Worcester	<u>PPLM-200 FP hours per month</u> Mon 8-5; Tues. 8:30-4:30; Wed. 8:30-7:00; Thurs. 7:30- 7:30; Fri. 8:00 -4:00; Ev. other Sat. 8:00 -2:00 Walk in services available 5,405 patient visits projected Health Awareness – CLOSED Grove Street (1,200 patient visits estimated)	Great Brook Valley CHC Family Health Services Plumley Village Health Services- HA delegate (350 patient visits estimated) Hahneman Family Health Center (patient visits NA)	Expansion of services to Title X patients
Framingham	None	Framingham CHC – HA Delegate 1,200 patient visits estimated	PPLM in 2010: Framingham CHC 1,500 patient visits projected
Fitchburg	Montachusett Opportunity Council- <u>70 FP hrs/month:</u> Mon 2-4:30; 5-7 (males); Tues. 4-7; Wed 4-8; Thurs 9-12; Fri 2-5 (teen walk in) 1,200 patient visits estimated	Fitchburg CHC	PPLM in 2010: 80 FP hrs/month Tues –Fri, 2:00 -7:00 2,500 patient visits projected
Leominster	None	Leominster CHC	
Marlborough	Health Awareness <u>42 FP hrs/month</u> Mon.1-5:45; Wed. 12- 5:45 650 patient visits estimated	None	PPLM in 2010: 80 FP hrs/month Tues –Fri, 2:00 -7:00 1,000 patient visits
Shrewsbury	None	None	
Milford	Health Awareness <u>43 FP hrs/month</u> Tue. 1-5:45; Thurs. 11:45 -5:45 700 patient visits estimated	None	PPLM in 2010: 80 FP hrs/month Tues. – Fri 2:00 -7:00 1,000 patient visits
Gardner	Montachusett Opportunity Council - HA delegate: <u>4 FP hrs/month</u> 1 st Thurs/month, 2:30-5:30 140 patient visits estimated	Greater Gardner CHC	PPLM in 2011: 20 FP hrs/month Hours of operation TBD 250 patient visits projected
Westborough	None	None	
Grafton	None	None	
Southbridge	Health Awareness: <u>20 FP hrs/month</u> Thurs 12:30 – 5:30 300 patient visits estimated	None	PPLM in 2011: 40 FP hrs/month Hours of operation TBD 500 patient visits projected
Webster	None	None	
Holden	None	None	
Auburn	None	None	
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CHAPTER CHALLENGES

#9 Answering Objections to Repeal Obamacare Petition

U.S. Health Care Bill Violates the Constitution of the United States

by Al DiLascia

The passing of National Healthcare, H.R.3590 - Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, signed into law by President Barack Obama is an obvious violation of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

The predictable age discrimination of this legislation is now becoming apparent. Reports from The American Academy of Family Physicians; the American Medical Association; the American Osteopathic Association, etc.—and even AARP, which strongly supported this legislation — are starting to take notice. There is a clear violation based upon age. It is a fact that the United States does not have the doctors and medical services to provide health care for an additional 50 million people. In addition, it is

extremely obvious that by taking 1/2 trillion dollars out of Medicare that the net result of this legislation will necessarily lead to rationing. This rationing will exclude Americans based upon age for certain, and their necessary health services, treatment and care. This violation will affect 60 million Americans today, 55 and older, and an expected 107.6 million Americans (31 percent of the population) expected in 2030.

This amounts to no less than massive age discrimination. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975 is a national law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance, which will certainly be the case with the National Healthcare Law approved by Obama.

In addition to being a violation of The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, this health care bill is

also a violation of both the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution that provides protection against discrimination by federal and state governments.

The Fifth Amendment prohibits the federal government from depriving individuals of life, liberty, or property and for equal protection under the law. By depriving senior citizens the necessary care for life-saving medical treatment and, for not providing equal protection, this becomes a clear violation of this Amendment.

In addition, the Fourteenth Amendment prohibits states from violating an individual's rights and equal protection. The proposed federally mandated health care bills would necessarily transcend to the state level through implementation.

This is a serious situation involving massive and continuing discrimination in the United States in direct violation to The Age Discrimination Act of 1975; the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.

Al DiLascia writes from Chicopee

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Denial of Care Based on Age or disability
Medicare Slashed

Chatter Box

Letters to the editor

by Janet Callahan

An interesting thing happened to me this past spring. I had the opportunity to help get a pro-life Congressional candidate on the ballot by collecting signatures of registered voters in the district. If the requisite 2000 signatures were collected and certified, the candidate would be on the ballot in November as a pro-life alternative to a multi-term 100% pro-abortion incumbent. If not, the incumbent would sail back into power uncontested by anybody.

I thought it would be a slam-dunk to get my pro-life friends, of which I have many, to sign. In fact, I boldly told the candidate that I could easily fill two sheets just with my friends from church. These are people who have helped me with Rose Drives for 25 years; are always available to help collect donations for the Respect Life Walk, gather signatures against FOCA, and any other pro-life activity we engage in.

What a shock it was to me to find out that almost all of these people are registered Democrats and were therefore unable to sign the nomination papers since the candidate was a Republican. The rules are that only a registered voter from the same party as the candidate or a voter unenrolled in any party (often called

"Independent") can sign nomination papers.

To be fair, in our local municipalities, we have two pro-life state representatives and they are both Democrats. However, I shudder to think about who my friends have been voting for at the federal level all these years because they would not have had any pro-lifers to choose from in a Primary race.

In addition, the two particular pro-life state representatives referenced above are usually uncontested and would have been voted in anyway, so voting Democratic in the Primary was unnecessary from a pro-life perspective while the Republican primaries are often veritable hotbeds of pro-life vs. pro-abortion candidates where every vote counts. Even if the pro-life Democrat were in need of the Primary vote in a particular election, the voter can simply return to unenrolled status after voting.

What makes this story really interesting, though, is that when I realized that I wasn't going to be able to get very many signatures for a pro-life candidate from my pro-life friends, I decided to turn to the opposition: my family.

While there are a few members of my family that are pro-life, they don't

live in the district. The ones who do couldn't be further apart from me on almost every issue. One of them even attended the pro-abortion "March for Women's Lives" in Washington, DC in April of 2004 where, according to the National Organization of Women website, more than a million marched because "From the day he took office, George W. Bush has treated women's rights as a political bargaining tool, sacrificing women's lives and health to appease the radicals who put him in office. With the March for Women's Lives, we said, 'No more.'"

While all of these family members certainly support the ideals of the pro-abortion incumbent, each is an un-enrolled voter and all were happy to sign the nomination papers with no questions asked because they thought it was only fair that the voters should have a choice on the ballot!

It was the first time we ever agreed on anything politically and there was a certain kinship (family ties notwithstanding) in having the conversation with people who actually understand how the system works and who are, quite frankly, more "democratic" in their willingness to allow someone with a different perspective to have the opportunity to have a seat at the table. Imagine that someone who marched in Washington for abortion rights was willing and able

MCFL Federal PAC Endorses Perry for Congress



Rep. Jeff Perry

The Massachusetts Citizens for Life Federal PAC, the political arm of Massachusetts Citizens for Life has endorsed Jeff Perry for Congress in the Tenth Congressional District.

According to Jack Rowe, Chairman of the Fed PAC, "As a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Jeff Perry has been a strong advocate for life. He even voted against state funding of embryonic stem cell research.

"Perry opposes tax funding of abortion and takes a pro-life position on all important issues. He also will work to replace Obamacare with ethical, affordable health care for all.

"Jeff Perry has proven his commitment to protect our most vulnerable citizens — our unborn children. Jeff Perry's record should earn him the support of all voters who are concerned with the right to life and the protection of the most vulnerable members of the human family."

to sign nomination papers for a pro-life candidate while so many pro-lifers were definitely unable and, in some cases, possibly unwilling (because he is a Republican) to help advance our cause.

The irony of this incident reminded me of a conversation that I had with an Evangelical pastor last summer who told me with great frustration that her congregation is "Democrat first, Christian second." They simply cannot bring themselves to vote any other way than Democratic regardless of whether or not the Democratic candidate has the most pro-abortion record imaginable and there is a viable pro-life contestant in the race. It's the epitome of the statement, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

We pro-lifers need to become poised and ready to support the best (not necessarily perfect) candidate available to advance the cause of Life at every level if we are ever to be successful. If that means jettisoning the tag of "Democrat" or "Republican" and becoming un-enrolled, so be it. I promise you, your parents will not roll over in their graves but there are many who will not need their graves so soon because you acted on their behalf.

Submissions to the Chatterbox should be sent to:
news@masscitizensforlife.org

Pro-Life Gardeners Send Their “Children” Out Into the World



Members of the South Shore Chapter with just a fraction of the plants donated to benefit MCFL.

Photos by John Peruzzi and Ed Boylan

The idea came to me as I was pulling out yet another privet bush that had mysteriously appeared in my perennial beds. Just when I thought I had removed them all, suddenly there would be another one, like Athena bursting full-grown from Zeus' head; already several feet tall and shouldering its way uninvited into my landscaping plans.

As I was reluctantly escorting the latest invader to the compost pile, the luxuriant deep green foliage and the exuberant root system made me pause. Would someone like this plant? Are there people with privet hedges that have a gap in them from a missing plant that died of disease or winter kill? And what about all the other beautiful, but overly enthusiastic bloomers in my yard, the asters, the calendula, the cosmos; could they be

put to better use than becoming next year's fertilizer? Better yet, would someone pay for them?

A discussion with chapter gardeners revealed that everyone had their own version of the privet dilemma, too many good plants in a limited space. We soon had a list of 15 plants and a zest for a sale to benefit MCFL.



How to hold a plant sale

1) Choose a late spring or early fall date.

Don't schedule too early in the growing season. Our sale was on May 29. Most perennials can be divided either in the spring or fall.

2) Location

Choose a visible site along a busy road. We also were outside of St. Jerome's Church which gave us access to people going to Mass on Saturday and Sunday.

3) Public relations

Advertise in the community calendar section of local newspapers, cable television, the Pilot, church bulletins. Craig's list also allows photos or graphics in your ad.

4) Pricing

Either price individually or encourage volume discounts ("the more you buy the cheaper each plant becomes"). Near the end of the sale we had the pastor announce that after mass plants were available for a donation.

5) Wilting

Take this into account when digging up plants. Some wilt faster than others. Plants can be put in plastic cups or pots. Wrap the roots of larger plants in damp newspaper, then wrap the newspaper with a plastic bag.

6) Tagging

Label plants using popsicle sticks, small tags tied on with colorful ribbon, or magic marker.

7) Have on hand:

- watering can,
- scissors, plastic bags, trays,
- newspapers and plastic cups.



These exquisite Japanese iris came from Ken Evans' garden in Hanover.

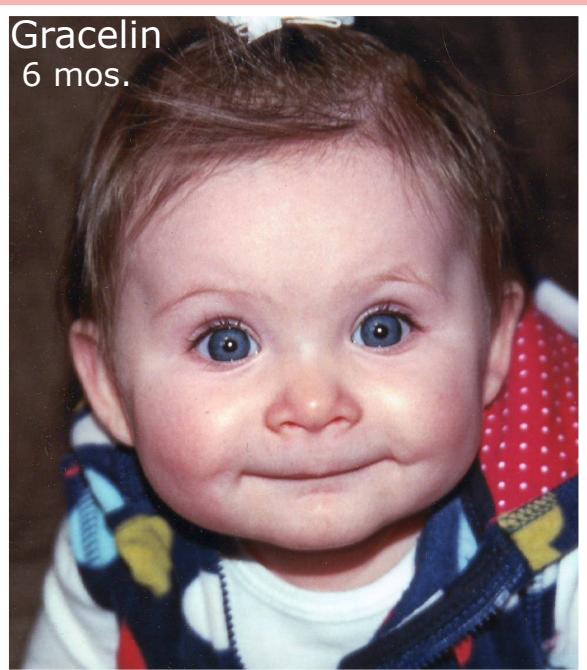
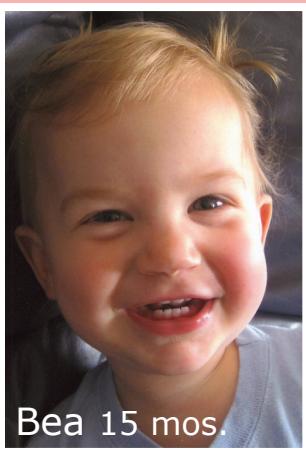


Hull's horticultural selections included daisy fleabane, cosmos and calendula

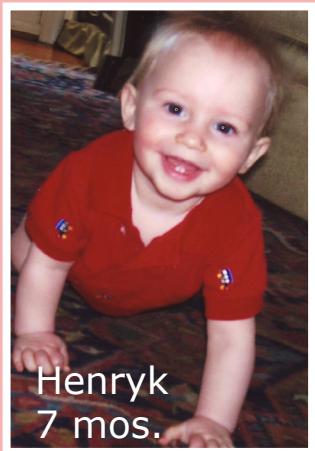


Snow-in-summer from Kathleen Koenen of Hingham

Finalists of 2010 Walk Baby Contest



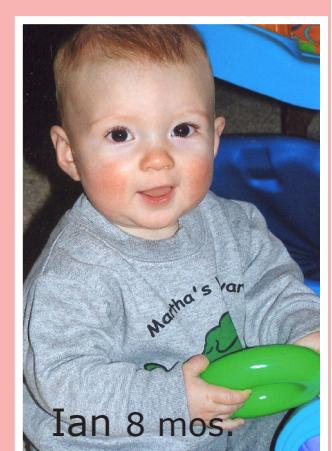
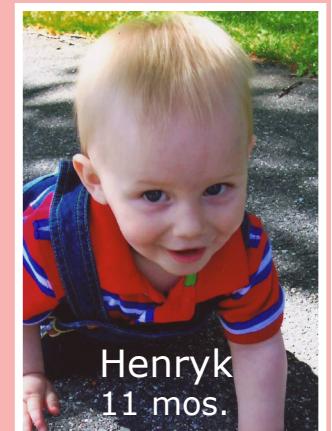
Our winner is six-month-old Gracelin Mary Roughneen. Gracelin's picture was submitted by her proud Grandmother, Julie Roughneen.



MCFL
Respect Life
Walk to Aid
Mothers and
Children

Sunday,
October 3, 2010
1:30 pm

Parkman
Bandstand
Boston
Common



Massachusetts Citizens for Life

Annual Dinner

Saturday, October 30, 2010

Come help us celebrate these Pro-Life Heroes!

State Awards

Dr. Joseph Stanton Award - Marianne Luthin

Ignatius O'Connor Award – Joint Recipients: Jackie Antonioni, Laurette Loiselle and Claire Rollo

Regional Awards

Chapter Service Awards

Pat Laughlin - Chicopee Chapter

Paulette Martinville - Greater Fall River Chapter

Janet McCarthy - North Suburban Chapter

Pat & Jim Reilly - West Roxbury / Roslindale Chapter

Pro-Life Community Awards

Janet Callahan - North Suburban Chapter

Kathleen Lopolito – Burlington Chapter

Tony Moran - Pioneer Valley

Doris Toohill – Cape Cod Chapter

The MCFL Society Page: Dinners, Dances and Awards



Marie Guilfoy and West Roxbury/Margaret O'Hara Chapter Co-Chair Marie O'Donnell

Marie Guilfoy was honored at the Margaret O'Hara West Roxbury/Roslindale Chapter's Annual Dance for Life on June 5. In appreciation for all her efforts, whether it was tirelessly conducting Rose Drives or helping the chapter wherever the need, she was presented with a personalized gold-framed poem by Marie O'Donnell (vice-chair).

Chairman Mike Murray surprised her with a dozen beautiful long-stemmed roses symbolizing her very much appreciated work for life.

The chapter would like to thank the Mt. Pleasant Knights of Columbus for the donation of the use of their hall (usage alternates with the West Roxbury-Park St. K of C). This donation, along with Mary Lennon's Line Dancing and Dave Valerio's enjoyable energetic music made the evening possible.

The Annual Dance is always a fun night with raffles, prizes, refreshments and wonderful pro-life people!



Rose Drives

*St. Joseph/St.
Lazarus Church,
East Boston

St. Anthony
Church,
Revere*



Parishioners at Rose Drive in St. Anthony's



Robert Aufiero and Connie Cassandri help with distribution of roses at St. Anthony's

Pioneer Valley Mother's Day Dinner



Tony Moran



Patricia Laughlin

"If Susan B. Anthony were alive today she would be overjoyed at the strength of the growing American pro-life majority. While many are familiar with Anthony's efforts to earn women the right to vote, few realize she vehemently opposed abortion. Anthony recognized that authentic women's rights could never be built upon the broken rights of innocent unborn children."

- Majorie Dannenfelser



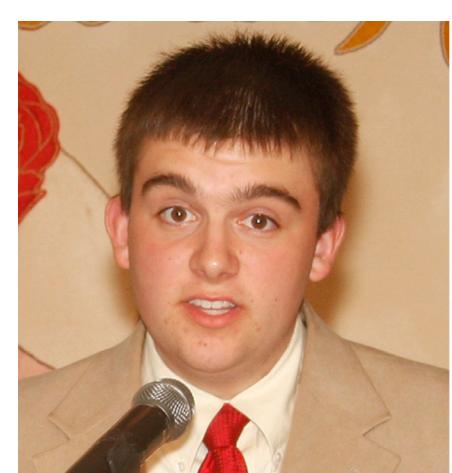
Keynote speaker Majorie Dannenfelser from the Susan B. Anthony List



Three sisters from St. Joseph/St. Lazarus church show off their roses



Winners of the Pro-Life Student of the Year Award, Kaitlynn Banish and Philip Pin, Jr.



Is the Federal Government Competent to Administer Healthcare?



Is it legitimate to question the federal government's role in healthcare reform?

Gary Bauer asked this question in his article in *Human Events.com*, "Obamacare's Broken Promises," "The Obama administration's inept handling of the oil leak foreshadows what will happen when hapless government bureaucrats begin administering our healthcare." Certain promises were made during the intense debate on healthcare reform that were key to its passage. Will they hold up?

What they said:

Obama said that if you like your health care plan you'll be able to keep it. "No one will take it away, no matter what."

The truth is:

- 1) 1.5 million Americans may lose health coverage due to new regulations.
- 2) New regulations may force tens of millions to lose employer-provided healthcare plans.

Why:

Starting in 2014, the federal government is going to dictate what kind of coverage you must have. Reassurances that existing plans would be grandfathered into the new regulations are proving false. The New York Times reported, "An employer would also lose its tax exempt status if it increased co-payments for doctor's visits to \$45, from \$30 – a 50 percent increase – while medical inflation was 8 percent."

"So, if an employer attempts to offset the increased costs of health insurance by adjusting the co-payments in the policy, it will likely lose its exemption and be forced to cancel the policy entirely. Where's the incentive for employers to continue to offer health insurance if they can't protect their bottom lines?"

There isn't any. In fact, Obamacare gives businesses an incentive to drop whatever coverage they do provide, exactly what many conservatives warned it would do."

The *Wall Street Journal* reported that, "The law could leave more than half of employers without a grandfathered plan in 2013." 80% of small employers could lose their grandfathered rights



by 2013.

What they said:

Coverage of "preventative services" in health care reform would involve medical services needed to prevent life-threatening diseases like breast cancer not birth control and sterilization.

The truth is:

Senator Barbara Mikulski recently drafted an amendment that allows "additional preventative care and screenings" for women covered for free among services that health insurers must cover under Obamacare.

Why:

Laurie Rubiner of Planned Parenthood told *Politico*, "We see this as a tremendous opportunity to get no cost birth control in the bill and ensure that this part of women's health is covered under preventative health."

What they said:

Obamacare would be beneficial to young people by allowing millions of young adults who lack coverage to stay on their parents' insurance plans until they turn 26 years old.

The truth is:

Obamacare will hurt more young people than it will help. The individual mandate will force healthy young people to buy insurance.

Why:

Under the new law, young people will bear a heavier burden of the medical

Obamacare Alert!
Loss of employer-provided plans
Abortion coverage as "preventative care"
Heavy tax burdens for young adults

costs of older Americans. 2014 premiums for young adults who get coverage on the individual market will rise by an average of 17% according to analysis by the Associated Press.

Obamacare Alert!

Abortion Funding
Removal of Conscience Rights for Doctors and Patients

MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE CALLS ON CONGRESS TO REPEAL OBAMACARE!

Obamacare

- Mandates funding of abortion, paid for by all.
- Rations health care.
- Denies necessary care based on age or disability.
- Slashes conscience rights of doctors and patients.
- Removes decision-making from doctors, patients, and families.
- Puts an overwhelming financial burden on the young.
- Saves \$8 billion by denying care to people over 65.

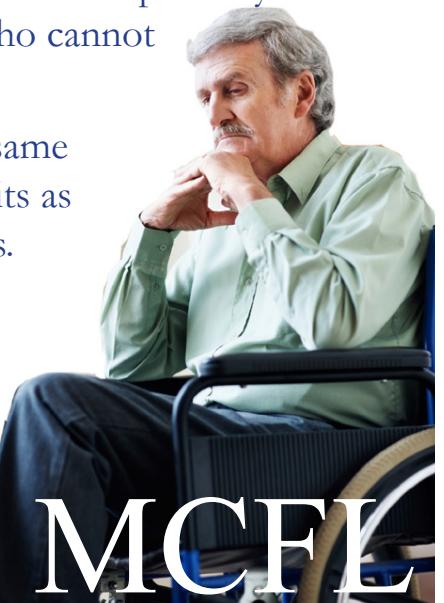
MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE PROPOSES HEALTH CARE

MCFL Healthcare:

- Allows people to buy insurance covering only what they need and find morally acceptable.
- Allows people, not employers, to buy and control their own insurance.
- Is funded by insurance, not general revenue.
- Ensures that no individual will be turned down for coverage.
- Abolishes the current medical-malpractice system.
- The money saved provides help to buy insurance for those who cannot afford it.
- Gives the public the same standard health benefits as members of Congress.

For further information about MCFL's proposals, please visit:

www.masscitizensforlife.org



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"Push cards" are available for distribution in the effort to educate and activate people to move for repeal of the dangerous provisions of Obamacare which removes protections for the most vulnerable members of society.

MCFL Announces Statewide Petition Drive for Repeal of Obamacare

Obamacare:

Abortion funding, rationing, denial of care based on age or disability, and the slashing of conscience rights for doctors and patients. The implementation of these horrors is proving even worse than we predicted!

The government must facilitate ethical, affordable, life-affirming health care. The first step is repeal. We will not repeal Obamacare unless we keep it in the public eye. We will not elect good candidate unless we keep it in the public eye! Obama and Pelosi and Reid hope that people will forget about it until too late.

Anne Fox, President of Massachusetts Citizens for Life, announced at the Annual Meeting that MCFL is launching a statewide petition drive calling on Congress to repeal Obamacare. She stated, "It is up to us - to you and me -

to keep Obamacare on the front (617-242-4199) for your cards.

on these petitions, you will be educating people, keeping the buzz high, and getting huge numbers of names to send to Congress. Your work will impact the fall elections and the way every Congressman votes!"

As you fill petitions, please return them to the MCFL office, 529 Main Street, Charlestown, 02129. You can put one stamp on an envelope that has five petitions in it. So fill five and then five more... You will make a real difference!

We will bring all the petitions to our members of Congress at the March for Life. We must collect the names now so that we can contact these people and educate them about Obamacare and the elections.

Here is the petition and the “push” card which can be given to anyone and everyone. Please make copies of the petitions. We have thousands of these informative cards which we’ll be glad to send to you. Please let us know how many you want and where to send them. Email <action@masscitizensforlife.org> or call the MCFL office

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Obamacare Alert!

Rationing Denial of Care Based on Age or Disability



We the undersigned urge Congress to repeal Obamacare and allow healthcare that is ethical, affordable and accessible for all

Please return to - Massachusetts Citizens For Life, 529 Main Street, Charlestown, MA 02129

Proposed Sale of Caritas Hospitals Puts Future of Ethical Healthcare in Doubt

Massachusetts Citizens for Life has always been grateful to the hospitals in the Caritas Christi Health Care system. While MCFL is a non-sectarian organization, having hospitals where patients can go to receive ethical medical care has been very important – whether it be a woman with a problem pregnancy or a person who needs food and hydration administered artificially. Pro-life medical professionals have been able to practice in good conscience.

The Archdiocese of Boston is

proposing to sell its six Caritas hospitals to the Steward Health Care System, a subsidiary of Cerberus Capital Management, which will convert Caritas to a for-profit entity. Steward has promised not to sell the system or close any of the hospitals for three years. During that time they will abide by the Ethical and Religious Directives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, thus continuing the pro-life commitment of the hospitals.

The proposed agreement allows

Steward to pay 25 million dollars to end compliance with the ERD's if it finds compliance with the ERD's would jeopardize the welfare of its patients, employees, or the community it serves. This would be decided solely by Steward.

MCFL urges the Archdiocese and Steward/Cerberus to consider the appointment of an independent committee consisting of experts in the fields of medical ethics and health care financing to fully vet any decision to end compliance with the ERDs.

We have been posting on the MCFL web site information about hearings on each of the six hospitals. If you have been unable to attend these hearings and wish to comment, please send comments regarding the sale to caritas@state.ma.us or to Public Charities Division/Caritas Transaction, Office of Attorney-General Martha Coakley, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108. You may also submit written testimony, before July 30th, to the Department of Public Health, Determination of Need Program, 99 Chauncy Street, Boston, MA 02111.



Laurette Loiselle of the Fitchburg/Leominster Chapter

St. Brendan Parish, Bellingham
Immaculate Conception Parish, Marlboro
Sacred Heart Parish, Middleboro
St. Elizabeth Parish, Milton
St. Joseph Parish, Needham
St. Paul Parish, South Hamilton

Arlington/Winchester Chapter

St. Mary Parish, Winchester
St. Agnes Parish, Arlington

Beverly Chapter

St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish, Beverly
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Beverly

Braintree/Weymouth Chapter

Sacred Heart Parish, Weymouth
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Braintree
St. Jerome Parish, North Weymouth

Cambridge/Somerville Chapter

Patronage of St. Joseph Parish, Somerville
St. Ann Parish, Somerville (Donation)
St. Catherine of Genoa Parish, Somerville (Donation)

Danvers Chapter

St. Ann Parish, Peabody
St. Richard Parish, Peabody
St. James Parish, Salem
St. Mary Parish, Danvers

Dorchester/South Boston Chapter

St. Mark Parish, Dorchester

East Boston/Winthrop Chapter

Sacred Heart Parish, East Boston
Sacred Heart Archconfraternity of Catholic Women (Donation)
Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston
Our Lady of the Assumption, East Boston
St. Joseph/St. Lazarus Parish, East Boston
Madonna Queen National Shrine, East Boston
St. John the Evangelist, Winthrop

Fitchburg/Leominster Chapter

St. Cecilia Parish, Leominster
St. Anthony Parish, Fitchburg

St. Camillus Parish, Fitchburg
Immaculate Conception Parish, Fitchburg
St. Joseph Parish, Fitchburg
Madonna of the Holy Rosary Parish, Fitchburg
St. Anna Parish, Leominster
St. Leo Parish, Leominster
Holy Family of Nazareth Parish, Leominster
Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Leominster
St. Francis Parish, Fitchburg
St. Bernard Parish, Fitchburg
St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Baldwinville
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Winchendon
Holy Cross Parish, East Templeton
Matching Gift (Donation)

Greater Attleboro Chapter

Holy Ghost Parish, Attleboro
St. Mary Parish, North Attleboro
St. Mark Parish, Attleboro Falls
St. Mary Parish, Wrentham
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Seekonk
St. Mary Parish, Mansfield
St. Joseph Parish, Attleboro
Sacred Heart Parish, North Attleboro
St. Martha Parish, Plainville
Holy Ghost Parish, Attleboro
St. John Parish, Attleboro (Donation)

Greater Fall River Chapter

Holy Trinity Parish, Fall River
Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Fall River
St. Joseph Parish, Fall River
Immaculate Conception Parish, Fall River
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Fall River
St. Anne Parish, Fall River
Santo Christo Parish, Fall River
Good Shepherd Parish, Fall River
Notre Dame Parish, Fall River
Espirito Santo Parish, Fall River
Holy Name Parish, Fall River

Danvers Chapter

St. Bernard Parish, Assonet
St. Louis de France Parish, Swansea
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Swansea
St. Dominic Parish, Swansea

Dorchester/South Boston Chapter

St. John of God Parish, Somerset
Our Lady of Grace Parish, Westport
St. George Parish, Westport
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, New Bedford
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, New Bedford
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, New Bedford
St. John the Baptist Parish, New Bedford
Holy Name of the Sacred Heart Parish, New Bedford
Immaculate Conception Parish, New Bedford

Greater Framingham Chapter

St. Stephen Parish, Framingham

Greater Lawrence Chapter

St. Augustine Parish, Andover

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Nuggets



Gleanings from around the world

Euthanasia Cases Rising in Holland

LifeNews.com reported that, "The number of euthanasia cases in the Netherlands has increased and, last year, 2,636 Dutch people were killed by doctors. Some 80 percent of the cases involved physicians administering lethal drugs and patients returning home to die. An estimate of 2,500 deaths was first published in January and pro-life advocates said they were likely too low.

The number of euthanasia cases in Holland rose 10 percent from 2007-2008 and numbered 2,331 at that time.

That was an increase on the 1,815 reported cases in 2003, the year after the Netherlands became the first nation in the world to legalize the practice.

Jan Suyver, chairman of the government's euthanasia monitoring commission, told the London Telegraph that the increase in numbers likely came because the "taboo" was removed on euthanasia over the years since its legalization.

Alex Schadenberg of the Canada-based Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, discussed the new numbers when the first estimate came out earlier this year.

He says the number of people dying in the Netherlands is higher because assisted suicide figures are not included. If they are included, another 500 people should be added.

He also says deaths without explicit consent are not included and pointed to the most recent government report from 2005 showing 550 deaths are directly and intentionally caused by the physician but not reported as euthanasia because they lacked consent.

Schadenberg also notes that, as of 2007, approximately 10% of all deaths in the Netherlands were connected to the practice of terminal sedation.

"Many of those deaths were caused by dehydration, due to the physician sedating the patient and then withholding hydration until death occurs, which usually takes 10 - 14 days," he said.

Meanwhile, the Dutch News report "acknowledged that people with dementia are dying by euthanasia in the Netherlands, but the article didn't mention how many infants died by euthanasia in 2009," he pointed out.

"The Groningen Protocol allows infants who are born with disabilities to die by euthanasia based on the request of the parents and the agreement of the physician," he said.

Schadenberg said he is "concerned that since the Netherlands does not collect information concerning the euthanasia of people with disabilities, we therefore ask the question, how many people with disabilities are coerced into death by euthanasia based on a false concept that living with a disability is a life of suffering."

www.LifeNews.com

Memorials

Margaret "Peg" Finnegan
by John Paul and Anne Fox

Natale Bernardi
by Susan Bernardi

Marie McEachern
by Anne Fox, Telsmith Inc.

Jean Ryan
by Ken and Anne Fox

Joan Zorrilla
by Phyllis Cherone

Mary Holland
by Ken and Anne Fox

Beth Scarpa
by Anne Fox

Elizabeth Penney
by Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Boen,
Mr. Mrs. John & Jean Svagzdys,
Bill Gilmore, Jim & Flo Buhl

Roger Melanson
by Ken and Anne Fox

In Honor of
Bernadette Conte
61st Birthday on May 27/2010

More Rose Drives

Life Action League of Massachusetts

\$1,500.00

Sacred Heart/St. Catherine of Sweden Parish, Worcester
St. Mary Parish, Milford
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Milford
St. Mark Parish, Sutton
St. Patrick Parish, Rutland
St. Mary Parish, North Grafton
St. James Parish, Grafton
St. Stephen Parish, Worcester
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Worcester
Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, West Boylston
Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Worcester
St. Joseph-Holy Family Parish, Worcester



Newton/Brookline Chapter

\$750.00

St. Ignatius Parish, Chestnut Hill
North Adams Chapter
John Paul the Great Parish, Adams
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, North Adams
First Bible Baptist Church, North Adams
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Cheshire
St. John Bosco Parish, Stamford, VT

\$1,869.00

North Suburban Chapter

\$602.00

Immaculate Conception Parish, Everett
St. Raphael Parish, Medford
Immaculate Conception Parish, Malden/Medford
Sacred Hearts Parish, Malden
St. Patrick Parish, Stoneham
Immaculate Conception Parish, Revere
St. Francis Parish, Medford
St. Anthony Parish, Everett
St. Anthony Parish, Revere

\$875.00

Pioneer Valley

\$1,128.00

Blessed Sacrament Parish, Holyoke
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Westfield

\$713.00

Christ the King Parish, Ludlow

\$1,012.00

Divine Mercy Parish, Three Rivers

\$810.00

Holy Cross Parish, Holyoke

\$322.00

Holy Name Parish, Springfield

\$268.00

Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Chicopee

\$535.00

Holy Trinity Parish, Westfield

\$12,125.96

Immaculate Conception Parish, Holyoke



Mater Dolorosa Parish, Holyoke

St. Anthony Church
Revere

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Ludlow

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Holyoke

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Springfield

Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Southwick

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield

Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Easthampton

St. Aloysius Parish, Gilbertville

St. Anne Parish, Chicopee

St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Springfield

St. Cecilia Parish, Wilbraham

St. Christopher & St. Patrick Parish, Monson

St. Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Northampton

St. Jerome Parish, Holyoke

St. Mary Parish, Westfield

St. Michael Parish, East Longmeadow

St. Michael's Cathedral, Springfield

St. Peter & St. Casimir Parish, Westfield

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Church, Ludlow

St. Rose de Lima Parish, Chicopee

St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Basilica, Chicopee

St. Thomas Parish, West Springfield



St. Joseph-St. Lazarus
Church, E. Boston

South Shore Chapter

\$600.00

Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Green Harbor

\$410.00

St. Christine Parish, Marshfield

\$500.00

St. Mary Parish, Hanover

\$355.00

Resurrection Parish, Hingham

\$430.00

St. Bridget Parish, Abington

West Roxbury Chapter

\$864.30

St. John Chrysostom Parish, West Roxbury

\$1,274.32

St. Theresa of Avila Parish, West Roxbury

\$420.00

Wilmington Chapter

\$450.00

St. Dorothy Parish, Wilmington

\$150.00

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish, Wilmington

What's Life Got to Do With It?

The Art and Symbolism of Roses



Life is Precious

On New Year's Day, I was madly switching television channels in order to enjoy the myriad of early morning parade offerings seemingly available only to those who had spent a relatively sober evening before. During the Tournament of Roses Parade, the announcer mentioned that the rose was a symbol of life. I reflected on his comment for a moment. While I had always taken it for granted, I started to wonder exactly *how* the rose became a symbol for the pro-life movement.

The Rose in Antiquity

According to *Wikipedia*, the red rose was traditionally associated with Venus, the Roman goddess of love, and her attendants, the three graces. The rose was also associated with Flora, symbolizing love and beauty. "As told by Ovid, Flora was pursued by Zephyr, the west wind, who married her and made her the mother of Spring. The Floralia was the festival for this Roman goddess of the flowers and was celebrated on May 1.

The rose was sacred to a number of goddesses, including Isis and Aphrodite. The ancient Greeks and Romans identified the rose with their goddesses of love, Aphrodite and Venus. In Rome a wild rose would be placed on the door of a room where secret or confidential matters were discussed. The phrase *sub rosa*, or 'under the rose,' means to keep a secret, derived from this Roman practice."

In Persian and Indian culture, "gardens were a foretaste of paradise," writes editors Andrew Moore and Christopher Garibaldi in *flower power: The Meaning of Flowers in Art*.

The Rose in Christianity

In *The Rose, A Marian Symbol*, Br.



Madonna in the Rose Bower, Engraving by Francesco Raibolini, 1448-1517

"The Rose is regarded as the "queen of flowers," and often symbolizes Mary, the Queen of Heaven. Also an almost universal symbol of perfect love, its color, perfection of form, and fragrance, as well as its thorns signifies Mary's role in salvation history as the Mother of God the Savior who was crowned with thorns and shed His blood on the Cross for love of mankind. The rose, arising from a thorny bush, also signifies Mary, the Mystical Rose."

Women for Faith and Family

John Samaha says, "In Latin Christian iconography the first use of the rose appears in the scenes representing the next world, paradise, together with the lily and other flowers. These flowers also became symbols of virtues and of categories of the elect; for exam-

ing the mystical union between Christ and his Church, or between God and each member of his people. Because Mary was honored as the model of our union with God, the rose became a privileged symbol of the union between Christ and Mary. The litany

"In any church building, iconography is the key to the Christian view of the world as *transformed reality*; the truth of the Old Testament revealed in the light of the New. This remains so even when the imagery is obscure or even pagan.

"Each rose window is a symbol of love, the universe and eternity, but it is also a construction that embodies geometry, number and light.

The Christian embodiment of the ideal of Divine Love is the Virgin Mary. Just as the rose had been the flower of Aphrodite, so too it becomes the flower of Mary. The rose itself is the symbol of love and of union; transferred to the rose window it symbolizes the Love of the Creator." The first requirement of mysticism is to seek the soul through purification, to become 'perfect as your father in heaven is perfect' (Matthew 5:48). This is symbolized by the Virgin Mary, who is generally portrayed at the center of north rose windows."

The Rose Window

Europe

When Henry Tudor (1457-1509) took the crown of England from Richard III in battle, he brought about the end of the Wars of the Roses between the House of Lancaster (whose badge was a red rose) and the House of York (whose badge was a white rose). His father was Edmund Tudor from the House of Richmond, and his mother was Margaret Beaufort from the House of Lancaster; he married Elizabeth of York to bring all factions together. On his marriage, Henry adopted the Tudor Rose badge conjoining the White Rose of York and the Red Rose of Lancaster. - *Wikipedia*

"Stylized red and white roses had been central to sixteenth century Tudor dynastic symbolism. Their role as emblems also developed to represent marriage, fecundity and motherhood - the red rose symbolized childbirth and the white rose a mother's milk."

"Tudors were associated with the rose: the dynastic marriage of Henry Tudor and Elizabeth of York, daughter of Edward, established legitimacy with the symbolic red and white hybrid Tudor rose."

Seventeenth century Europe strongly associated the rose with thoughts of mortality: in his *Iconologia* (1593) Cesare Ripa wrote: The rose is a symbol of our fragile nature...And very correctly is our life compared to a rose, which is truly beautiful and pleasant, yet withers and fades in the same day."

Victorian Age

The Victorians, while outwardly discrete, developed the symbolic use of flowers, especially roses, into its own secret language called *floriography*. "In the Victorian language of flowers, the rose bud had specific meanings - a yellow rose signified jealous love or adultery, while a white rose suggested silence."

Why are you so enamored of my face that you do not turn your gaze to the beautiful garden which blossoms under the radiance of Christ? There is the Rose in which the Divine word became flesh; here are the lilies whose perfume guides you in the right ways. (Paradiso, 23, 71-75)

- Dante

ple, the red rose for martyrs, and the lily for virgins. The rose as the queen of flowers was evidently a privileged symbol for Mary, Queen of heaven and earth."

The great art historian Emile Male, wrote, "To the Middle Ages art was didactic. All that it was necessary that men should know - world history from creation, the dogmas of religion, the examples of the saints, the hierarchy of the virtues, the range of the sciences, arts and crafts - all these were taught by the windows of the church or by the statues in the porch.

The "Key" of Melito, written in the 9th or 10th century, said that roses signified the blood of martyrs. The same object may have several meanings." - Emile Male, *The Gothic Image, Religious Art in France of the Thirteenth Century*.

"In St. Bernard's day the zenith of the Romanesque epoch - the animals and flowers decorating the cloisters and churches were for the most part copied from classical, byzantine and oriental originals of which the meaning was no longer understood. Not everything can be interpreted symbolically, some images were chosen simply because they were appealing aesthetically."

The Cistercian monk St. Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1090 - 1153, wrote a series of 86 sermons on the Song of Songs. St. Bernard "suggests that the ecstatic union of the human soul with God is analogous to the bliss of wife (soul) and husband (God). The Bride is sometimes seen as analogous to the Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven, just as Christ, Mary's celestial "partner" and consort, is King of Heaven," continues Br. Samaha.

"The influence of the *Song of Songs* led to the rose symboliz-

of Loreto includes the title, 'Mystical Rose.'

"The Marian symbolism is well illustrated by Dante in his description of Paradise. His guide Beatrice, invites him to contemplate among the heavenly inhabitants the beauty of Mary, the Mother of God:

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"The rose as a symbol for Mary was well established before Dante. It's there in the rosary to Dominic, and in the many-petaled rose windows in the Gothic cathedrals," said Professor Anthony Esolen. "So Dante's use of the rose came from a tradition he inherited; and later on in Paradise, for instance in cantos 31 and 32, he will describe a visions of the saints as coming to him in the form of a mystic rose. A rosary, by the way, is a garden of roses."

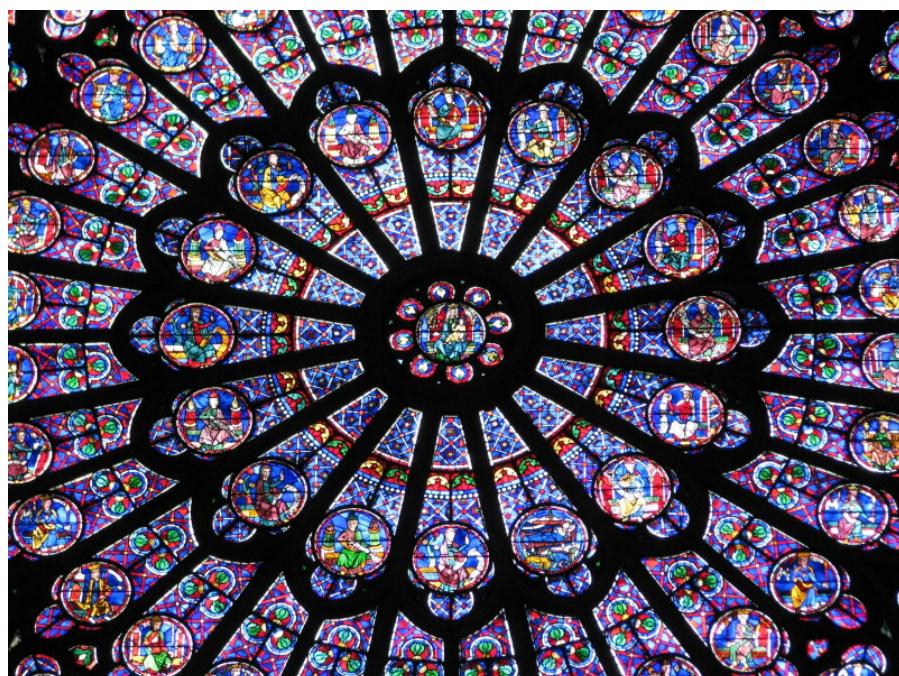
Colin B. Donovan of EWTN writes, "Rosary means a crown of roses, a spiritual bouquet given to the Blessed Mother."

The Rose Window

"Everything in medieval symbology has hidden meanings; that is, showing men one thing and inviting them to see in it the figure of another," said Emile Male.

"The Rose Windows of the Gothic era exemplify the radiance of the spirit perceived by medieval architects. These elaborate craft works represent a sacred concept of completeness and balance.

"Rose windows are the apex of stained glass development. These circular mandalas radiate with sacred medieval imagery. The ability to incorporate such large glass works became possible only after structural innovations within vaulting. Transferring the task of weight support to the vaults and buttresses allowed the solid planes to be partitioned for the entry of light." *Earthlore Explorations Gothic Art - Rose Windows*.



Rose Window at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris



The "Pelican Portrait" of Queen Elizabeth I, c. 1575 by Nicolas Hilliard showing the Tudor Rose in the upper left hand corner.



Fresco, Imperial Roman IV Style, 1st Century A.D.

"The goddess [Flora] replied to my questions, as she talks, her lips breathe spring roses." - Ovid, Fasti 5. 193

The Tournament of Roses
"In New York, people are buried in snow," said Professor Charles F. Holder at a Club meeting. "Here our flowers are blooming and our oranges are about to bear. let's hold a festival to tell the world about our paradise."

The festival expanded to include marching bands and motorized floats. Games on the town lot included ostrich races, bronco busting demonstrations and a race between a camel and an elephant.

In 1902, the Tournament of Roses decided to add a football game to the day's festivities, the first post season college football game ever held. The ever-growing crowds led to construction of a new stadium which soon earned the nickname, "The Rose Bowl."

Pro-life Symbol

So, with this long and glorious history behind it, how *did* the rose become the iconic symbol for the pro-life movement? Was there some meeting of bigwigs who deliberately chose the red rose to represent the ideal of the sanctity and love of human life?

Dr. Mildred Jefferson, a pro-life icon herself, said that the choice of the red rose developed independently within

the various groups that would become the pro-life movement in the early 1970's. "The rose has always been a potent symbol of love and caring and the American Beauty rose was an exemplary sign of this," she said.

MCFL President Anne Fox noted that the March for Life has always used a red rose in its logo. Starting in 1974, the March delivered live roses to all the congressmen in Washington.

What Dr. Jefferson referred to as a "fusion" of the use of the red rose in different areas around the country occurred at Massachusetts Citizens for Life as well. The MCFL logo was designed by Paul Swope during his tenure as Executive Director and Director of Development, and Bob Lupak, from Western Massachusetts, developed the rose applique.

It seems fitting then that the use of the red rose as a symbol of life, was not a product of marketing or the decision of large corporate entities. Like the movement itself, it grew organically from small groups of people who hadn't forgotten what true love meant. People who hadn't settled for a sentimentalized, drugstore, red roses for Valentine's Day and a box of chocolates version of love.

The red rose and the pro-life movement both point to something beyond themselves, to a someone. He is waiting for us in the garden of paradise, and there are roses blooming there.



Vintage engraving of a young woman in a Victorian Rose Garden costume



1898 floral calendar from Fairbanks, original manufacturer of Fairy Soap.

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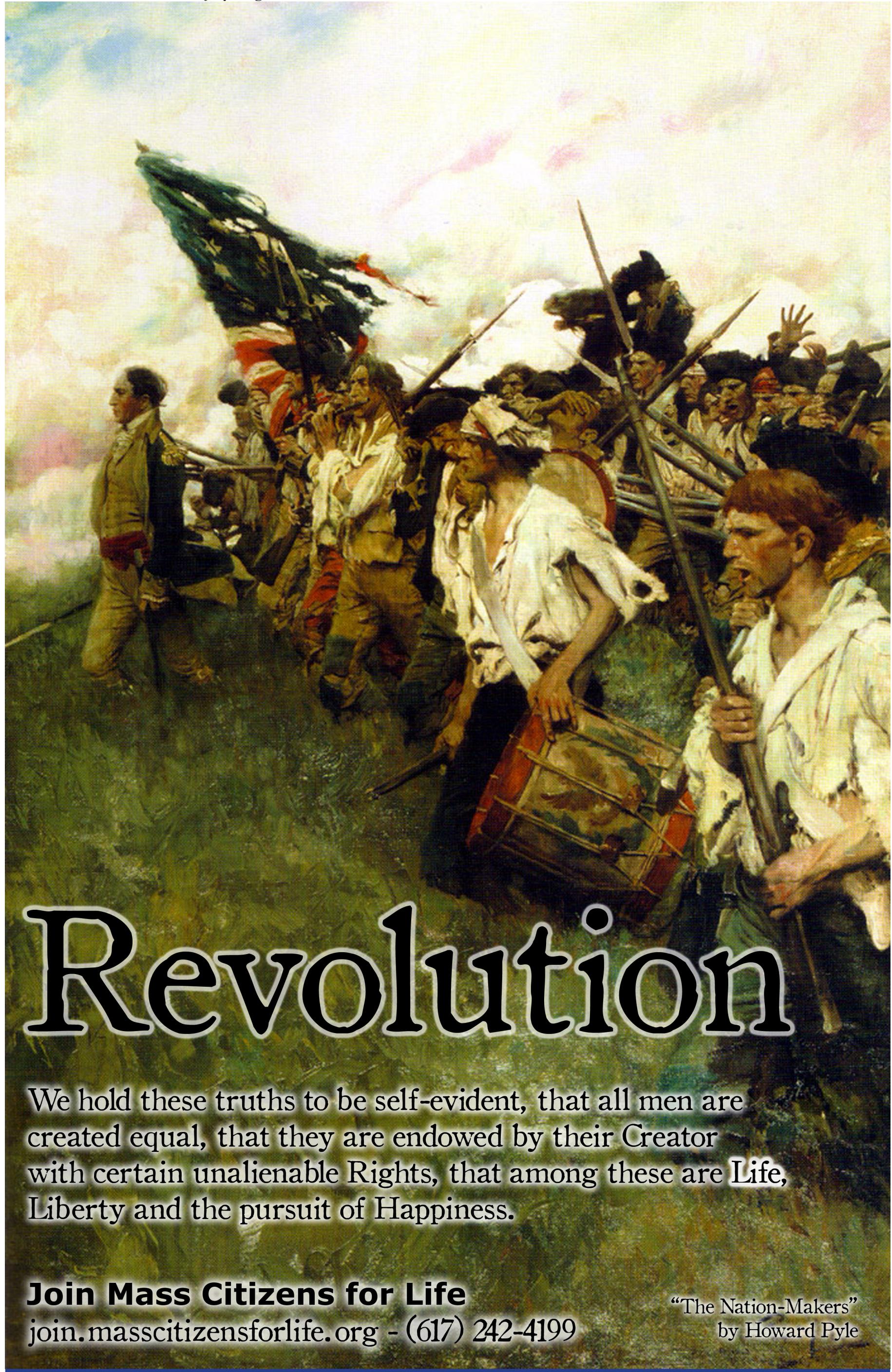
- *The Symbolism of Flowers*



Rose Logos: The Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA (below) updated logo (above), Massachusetts Citizens for Life and March for Life in Washington, DC



<i>Floriography - The Victorian Language of Flowers</i>	
<i>Roses</i>	
Red	• True love
Blue	• Mystery, attaining the impossible, love at first sight
White	• Eternal love, Silence or innocence, wistfulness, virtue, purity, secrecy, reverence and humility
Black	• Death, hatred, farewell, rejuvenation or rebirth
Yellow	• Friendship, or undying love (or platonic love), jealousy, infidelity, or apology
Pink	• Grace
Dark Pink	• Gratitude
Light pink	• Desire, passion, joy of life, youth, energy
Burgundy	• Unconscious beauty
Coral/Orange	• Desire, passion
Lavender (violet)	• Love at first sight
Red and white together	• Unity
Red and yellow together	• Joy, happiness, and excitement together
Thornless	• Love at first sight



Revolution

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

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