

Abortion Biz Sets Sights on Middle Schoolers



Says "sexual health is essential to one's total well being"

Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts is a business looking at the bottom line. The Health Curriculum Frameworks were supposed to pass the Massachusetts Legislature, forcing every school system in the state to provide "comprehensive sex education", giving Planned Parenthood the chance to move right in with their curricula – or, as they say, their "products"

Given the fiscal constraints faced by the state, the Frameworks seem to be on legislative hold, so PPLM has made a wise business decision. They have hastily cobbled a curriculum, Get Real .

They describe Get Real as an "abstinence plus" program for Middle School - that is 11, 12, and 13 year-olds - which maps the Frameworks.

This is a win-win situation for PPLM. Towns are very concerned about being in compliance with state guidelines on sex education. They can feel comfortable, then, buying this product. PPLM wins again: if they have success in a town, they can go to the Legislature at a later date, point to the success as a reason to pass the Frameworks and, if the program doesn't do well, that can be used as an indication that the Frameworks are needed.

The curriculum is posted at www.pplm.org. As one parent said after reading the Back to School issue of the MCFL News, one could take a lap top to a public meeting and clear out the room with the

contents of the PPLM web site.

Get Real states in the introduction, "the long term goal is...increasing the correct and consistent use of contraceptives and other protection..." - for 11, 12, and 13 year olds. Get Real purports to be "abstinence plus" yet only eight pages out of a total of 102 deal with abstinence. Each time abstinence is mentioned, it is followed immediately by information which assumes the child is sexually active and that condoms are the best way to "protect" against pregnancy and SDI's (except for what seems to be a misprint, sexually transmitted diseases are referred to as sexually transmitted infections). Abstinence is never defined. The children are supposed to figure out for themselves what it is. As for sexuality, Get Real says, "It's individual, personal, and changing. Everything is acceptable and normal"

Students, some of whose "resistance", it is acknowledged in the text, may need to be overcome, are also introduced to the concepts of oral, vaginal, and anal intercourse. This section also instructs the children on how to make their own dental dam for use in oral sex on a female or oral sex on an anus - 11, 12, and 13 year olds.

The primary focus on condoms includes fifteen step by step instructions on how to use a condom properly. Emily Gulbrandson, a middle school teacher, says, "I think this material is telling them how to have sex instead of telling them why it is important to wait until marriage to have sex. Nowhere in this curriculum does it discuss the important elements in having a healthy relationship." She continues, "These situations

Students

Speaking Out

Dynamite training has readied students to take the pro-life message to the streets

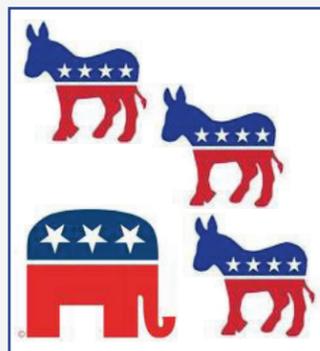
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How do the candidates for United States Senate, Coakley, Capuano, Pagliuca and Brown, stand on the life issues?

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Respect Life Walk and Annual Dinner

Increasing numbers of proliferators take to the streets to support women in need while the Annual Dinner sells out.

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Four Women

While abortion numbers have held steady statewide, the Four Women abortion facility has seen abortions more than double.

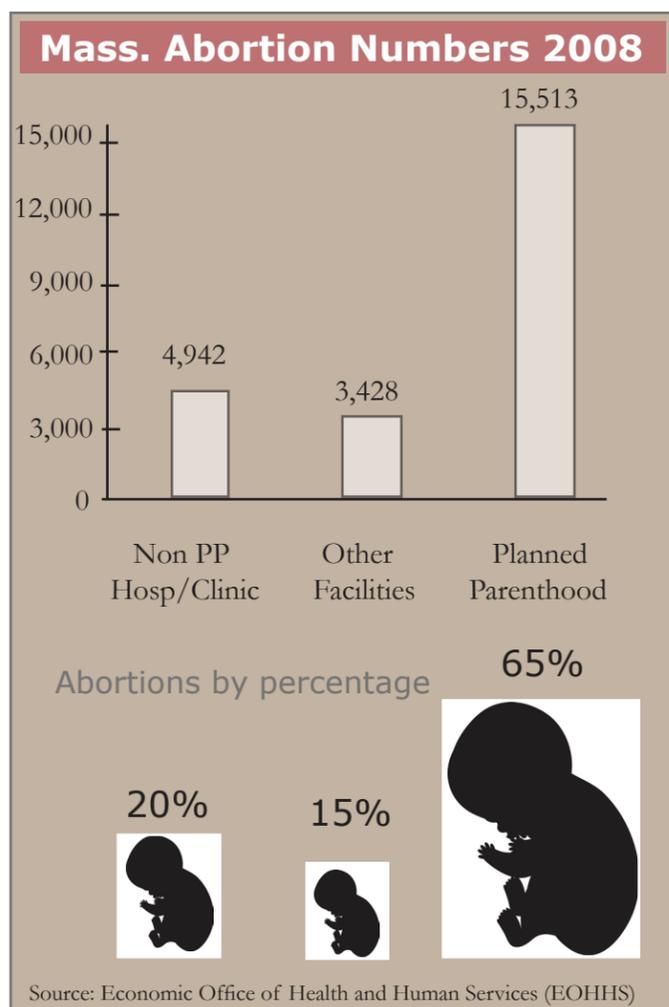
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Sterilization of the unfit was legalized in the United States in 1927 and the eugenic movement spreads worldwide.

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Life in Massachusetts

The Status of Abortion and Euthanasia Issues in Legislation and Culture

by Anne Fox, MCFL President

In our house, we start celebrating Christmas on the Feast of the Annunciation and continue right through the Feast of the Presentation. Christmas music is already playing. It seems that most people are captivated by the Christmas Baby, whether or not they are Christians. Most people instinctively love babies: smiling foolishly and cooing at any baby in sight. And what a sense of accomplishment to get a smile! A few years ago anthropologists were making quite the thing out of the proportions of a baby's face. Since human babies need care for many years, babies and small children have to be appealing. Advertising people know this and intentionally draw people or animals with proportions closer to those of a baby's face.

Whatever the reason, I am grateful that people do instinctively love babies. We might hope, then, that this aberration in which we live must come to an end as people's basic instincts surface.

This got me thinking of other things deserving of gratitude – an

appropriate topic for this issue of the News.

November is National Adoption Month. Last weekend I was at a pro-life breakfast in Holyoke sitting at a table with a charming family with five children. One daughter has been with them since they adopted her when she was two, a sister and two brothers are biological siblings whom they fostered and were finally able to adopt. Their youngest child is their biological son who has Down Syndrome. What a pleasure to eat with this beautiful family. A topic of interest was the fact that three of the children are freshmen in high school and their entire class belongs to the Pro Life Club.

I am thankful for the life of "Pat" Day. May she rest in peace! There is no way to cover all that she and her husband John have done for life since 1973. Now their son, Tom, is on the MCFL Board of Directors.

We had a marvelous Mass. Citizens Dinner because of the dedicated committee, all the people in the packed room, our wonderful speaker, Professor Tony Esolen and his lovely wife, Debbie.

We are thankful, also for the Walk committee. This year's Walk to Aid Mothers and Children drew a huge crowd. Besides the young people from many schools and colleges who add so much, this year we had the largest number of small children and their parents that we have had since 9/11 happened two weeks before the 2001 Walk. Jim Sedlak of STOPP (Stop Planned Parenthood) spoke forcefully. Don Feder is always the



AN OLD PROVERB, SLIGHTLY ALTERED, FINDS NEW USE IN TEEN SEX DIALOGUE

greatest as our emcee.

Linda Thayer is already on target to speak to 7,000 or so youngsters during this school year. She has also kept our special health care web page up to date, pertinent, and accurate. We have had many, many emails, even a number from out of state, thanking us for the font of useful information she provides.

Pro-life people were conscientious about attending the Town Halls run by our Congressmen – and have been assiduous about following up with a barrage of information. Those of us who attended Steve Lynch's Town Hall noticed something hopeful. Most of the people were opposed to nationalized health care. Even those who were not there as "pro-lifers" were still opposed to abortion and euthanasia. The woman in front of me has a four year old grandson who was born at 22 weeks, is blind and deaf, is doing beautifully, and will be mainstreamed for half the time at school this year. Her concern is his health care but she is very pro life. We heard stories like hers over and over. That was the real world – such a contrast to the media picture. We are not carrying the banner all by ourselves!

I am grateful that we had the resources to spend on health care radio ads across the state. We went for saturation on the best-known programs because all of us have so much to lose. The positive response has been overwhelming.

You will see our abstinence cartoon in this edition. Bob Larsen is a professional artist whose work appears, among other places, in my local newspaper. He offered us his delightful cartoon which fits in perfectly.

This fall has been full of celebrations of pro-life work. The Friends of the Unborn Dinner celebrated their Twenty-Fifth year. It all started with

Marilyn Birnie and her daughters taking pregnant girls and women into their home. The work has prospered here and in Africa. The work proliferates do to help pregnant women, terminally ill patients, the elderly, and the disabled is so inspiring!

Won't it be a joy to see Choose Life license plates on the roads of Massachusetts!

This past summer we had a wonderful intern from Harvard Law School through the Blackstone Fellow program. It is very prestigious for students to be chosen. We are proud to be the only organization in Massachusetts to have had a Fellow. Paul did some wonderful research on life issues in the state. His memo on FOCA is so good I have submitted it to a journal for publication.

The Proudly Pro-Life Dinner in October in New York City honored Prof. Mary Ann Glendon. A number of us from Massachusetts were able to attend. Her Harvard Law students from the Classes of 2002 through 2012 were there to honor her.

The Dinner was sponsored by the National Right to Life Committee, whose President Wanda Franz spelled out the results of our hard work. Fewer and fewer women are resorting to surgical abortions. Had the abortion rate stayed the same as its high in the early 80's, there would now be 1.8 million abortions a year instead of 1.2 million. In 2005 alone 600,000 lives were saved because of the attitudinal change in the pro-life direction. Cumulatively, about nine million lives have been saved from 1980 until today! **Clearly women have become more pro-life in their actions with regard to abortion.**

This is the greatest source of thanksgiving! Our educational work and the laws we have passed are saving those lives – thanks to all of you!

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Lobbying the Legislature

Marie Sturgis, MCFL Executive Director



A number of bills pertained to furthering the teaching of sex education in Massachusetts Schools. It is important to note that when bills contain the term “health education” fully translated it means “sex education.” Most of the bills requiring health education attempt to make Health a core curriculum subject, thereby making implementation of the MA Health Frameworks Curriculum mandatory in all school districts. Included among the many things the Frameworks would cover is how to get an abortion and contraceptives without parental knowledge. In addition, the Frameworks teach students that certain “behaviors” would be acceptable to prevent pregnancy and would foster in public school children the approval of sex outside of marriage. Needless to say, MCFL stands in opposition to the MA Health Curriculum Frameworks.

Some of the bills are commonsense legislation and should be supported, while others would usurp parental rights, especially in matters pertaining to children and sexuality. The bills to the right are of interest to MCFL:

A myriad of bills relating to education, health/sex education, and parental rights (see partial bill listing right) were heard before the Joint Committee on Education during the months of September and October. Pro-life people turned out en masse to oppose some of the controversial bills. Members of the Committee took testimony from frustrated parents, educators, special interest groups and citizens from all over the state.

Parental Consent and Notification: Opt-In vs. Opt-Out

An interview by MCFL Executive Director Marie Sturgis with Massachusetts State Representative Elizabeth Poirier(R-Attleboro)

Dir. S.: You introduced legislation during this session that if passed, will impact the consent process for parents regarding health or sex education programs in the public schools.

What is House bill 472 “Parental Notification of Sex Education in Public Schools” and if enacted what will it do?

Rep. P.: This legislation will afford parents the opportunity to review the sex education material that will be taught to their children so they can further determine if this is something that they’d want their child to participate in. Also, it exempts teachers and/or employees from participation who feel that this curriculum will violate their religious beliefs. Students will be required to “Opt-In” by written permission from the parents or guardians.

Dir. S. What prompted you to introduce the bill?

Rep. P.: The legislation was prompted as a result of the proposed legislation that would mandate public schools to teach all aspects of sex education (using proper terminology) to all grade levels K-12

Dir. S. Why would you like to see it become law?

Rep. P.: It would be important for this bill to pass because parents would be the ones to determine what aspects of the sex education materials their child should be exposed to based upon their maturity level.

Dir. S.: What is the present process concerning sex education and parental consent in schools throughout the Commonwealth?

Under Consideration

- **House, No. 3434**
Presented by: Alice K. Wolf **OPPOSE**
Relative to the teaching of health education in schools
- **House, No. 402**
Presented by: Mary E. Grant **OPPOSE**
For legislation to provide for a comprehensive health education program in the public schools.
- **House, No. 406**
Presented by: William G. Greene, Jr. **SUPPORT**
For legislation to prohibit public elementary or secondary school students from participating in certain surveys without parental consent
- **House, No. 421**
Presented by: Robert S. Hargraves **SUPPORT**
For legislation to require parental consent for the attendance of students in sexual education classes in the public schools
- **House, No. 437**
Presented by: Bradley H. Jones, Jr. **SUPPORT**
Relative to requiring parental notification and consent prior to

implementing curriculum concerning human sexuality

- **House, No. 472**
Presented by: Elizabeth Poirier **SUPPORT**
For legislation to require parental consent on sex education in public schools
- **House, No. 485**
Presented by: Michael F. Rush **SUPPORT**
Relative to parental notification and consent for certain sexual education programs in the public schools
- **Senate, No. 218**
Presented by: Harriette L. Chandler **OPPOSE**
For legislation to provide health education in schools

Please contact members of the Joint Committee on Education, Room 473G (House), Room 511B (Senate) State House, Boston, MA, 02133 and let them know of your concerns with the above legislation. Please urge the Committee to give an unfavorable report to the bills that MCFL opposes and a favorable report to the bills we support.

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Rep. P.: The present process regarding sex education is to teach all aspects to all grade levels K-12. As for the parental consent, parents are asked to “Opt-Out”. The problem with the “Opt-Out” is if permission slips are not brought home for the parents to see, then those students would be automatically allowed to participate in the class when in fact their parents may have preferred to “Opt-Out” their child.

Dir. S. : How would House bill 472 change the consent process?

Rep. P.: The consent process would be changed from “Opt-Out” to “Opt-In” so that each child requires the written approval and consent of the parents (similar to a field trip permission slip) to participate in the class. Therefore, in the case where a permission slip is not brought home, the child would not

automatically be allowed to participate in the class.

Dir. S.: Will this bill benefit parents, their children and possibly educators?

Rep. P.: This would benefit parents and children in that the parents are the ones who will determine what is being taught and when or if their child should receive this material based upon their age, maturity, religious and moral values. Teachers and/or employees would be exempted from participation if they felt that that the curriculum would violate their religious beliefs.

The fact remains as to the arrogance of the government (in this situation) to determine when a child is mature enough to receive this education and at what grade level. It should be the responsibility of the parents to teach sex education to their children at the best appropriate age.

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Mass. Students for Life Announces Speakers Bureau



William Keough, Priscilla Keough, Anne Flaherty, Kate French, Beth O'Malley, Catlin O'Malley, Krysta Keough, Ben Wetmore

Massachusetts Students for Life is pleased to announce its Student Speakers' Bureau.

Our Student Speakers' Bureau is comprised of several bright, articulate, young people. Currently in high school and college, they have been trained to spread the Pro-Life message through speaking engagements. Their speeches typically are between 5 and 10 minutes in length. Since the pro-life movement covers many topics such as abortion, adoption, embryonic stem cell research, to name a few; our speakers

are available to speak on a variety of these issues.

Students make wonderful speakers. Their enthusiasm is contagious, and they are a beautiful witness to other people, both young and old. If you are interested in having one of our student speakers come to your school, club, religious education program, youth group, or to be involved in one of your pro-life events, please contact us at:

MassStudentsforLife@Masscitizensforlife.org

If you are a student interested in getting involved in spreading the message

through speaking please contact us as well. We can use your help.



EASTER PARADE - Jane O'Neil Deery (left) and her sisters in matching outfits made by their mother celebrate Easter with this promenade down Commonwealth Avenue. The oldest girl in a family of twelve children, Jane went on to have ten of her own.

Amazing Women

By Elinor Rafferty



Jane O'Neil Deery

This is the third and final article in my three-part series entitled "Amazing Women." They are amazing to me when you consider the number of abortions that are performed today.

Jane Deery comes from a family of twelve children, two boys and ten girls. Jane is the eldest of the girls. She said it made for a wonderful childhood. The readers of this article may recall the famous O'Neil family who were the center of attraction walking down Commonwealth Avenue in Boston on Easter Sunday with the girls all dressed alike. Their mother made all their clothes! One Easter they attended Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, sponsored by McCall patterns. Jane strongly feels they were blessed to be born to such a loving mother and father. Their father and mother were very proud of their

59 grandchildren. They all love each other and are still very much a family, especially when the clan gets together for a family picnic, which equates to about 200 people!

Jane first met her husband John when they were in grammar school! They later married when she was 22 years old and have been happily married for 55 years. They were blessed with 10 children of their own.

When Jane was expecting her 10th child, the doctor told her she must terminate the pregnancy because of high blood pressure and, that she was 40 years old and would probably not make it. He went onto say she would leave nine children without a mother! Needless to say, she went on to give birth to her 10th beautiful baby!

Outside of the family Jane is very

active with line dancing and aerobic dancing, plus playing golf two or three days a week! It would seem that she is none the worse for bringing this beautiful family into the world! In conclusion, Jane states that she cannot thank God enough for all the blessings he has showered on her life.

It has been a privilege to share the stories of these three prolife women with you; Maggie Bellotti, Ruth Melchen, and Jane Deery. I know God will bless them for their selflessness in bringing these children into the world.

**For more photos see:
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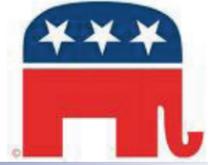
How Do the Candidates for US Senate Stand on Life Issues?

Martha Coakley (D)

Mike Capuano (D)

Steve Pagliuca (D)

Scott Brown (R)



TAX FUNDING OF ABORTION

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BAN ON PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION

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FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT

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ABORTION SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED FROM HEALTH CARE

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ADULT STEM CELL RESEARCH

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INFANTS BORN ALIVE PROTECTION ACT

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FAVORS

Coakley, Capuano and Pagliuca have been advertising their pro-abortion positions with paid ads on television.

Scott Brown sponsored the Woman's Right to Know Act. Brown also sponsored and passed Cord Blood legislation to provide an alternative to Embryonic Stem Cell Research.

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CHAPTER CHALLENGES

#5 Pro-Life Etiquette

Pro-Life etiquette entails how to effectively discuss or debate the explosive subject of abortion, all the more so because oftentimes some of the most vehement pro-aborts are in our own families. What should we in the Pro-Life movement say if we're at the family Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner table and someone says something that's negative about the life issues? Or if at a Christmas gathering someone says something that's a good opening for a pro-life response? What do we do?

Do we say anything? Does politeness dictate holding one's tongue? What if children are listening?

Obviously prudence is called for, but prudence depends on the situation. You cannot say nothing for two reasons; first it is the right thing to do to defend those, such as the unborn, who cannot defend themselves, and second, anytime we on the Pro-Life side get anyone to discuss or debate abortion – we win! We win because to discuss or debate abortion is to shine a light on all the seamliness and contradiction that is legalized abortion on demand in the United States.

So you should say something, but again prudence dictates that what you say be minimal yet effective. Keeping your comments to a minimum means your words will more likely be remembered instead of the typical drawn out pro-choice propaganda that passes for debate in this country, i.e. they are “pro-choice” therefore we must be “anti-choice.” We avoid this by the simple tactic of asking simple questions; questions the allegedly pro-choice side does not want asked.

Scenario I: You're at Thanksgiving with rabid pro-aborts who also happen to be the hosts (and your relatives), as well as your socialist nephew just home from college, your atheist sister in law, your elderly aunts, several children and the topic is how great Obama's health care reform is.

So you ask, “with the majority of people in the U.S. now morally opposed to abortion on demand, does it make sense for the government to force taxpayers to fund abortions?”

Of course you may be challenged on this, but the answer is that page 110 of HR 3962, the Affordable Health Care for America Act, authorizes the US government to pay for elective

abortions. You will also be challenged that Obama and the White House deny that any tax money will pay for abortions, but if the White House and Obama really want to prevent this, they should explicitly state it in any Health Care bill. The truth is, Nancy Pelosi has prevented any such language from being inserted into any version of Health Care.

Depending on the extent of the challenge, you can simply restate your two questions, or variations on them: Is it moral for the government to pay for abortions, and if President Obama and Speaker Pelosi truly believe that the government will not pay for abortions, why won't they simply state that in writing in the actual health care bill?

Scenario II: Office or acquaintance Holiday party (since they don't do Christmas!) and someone defends the Pro-Choice agenda of abortion on demand. Here there are several simple questions that can be asked, such as;

If we really are a “pro-choice” country, and since abortion is irreversible, shouldn't we have women see an ultrasound of their fetus before they choose, I mean shouldn't pro-choice at least mean informed choice?

A follow-up question concerns coercion, how does one ensure that a woman or girl hasn't been forced or pressured into an abortion by dominating boyfriends or parents?

Another great question would be are we really better off as a culture and civil society now that down's syndrome kids are disappearing? Don't these simple yet happy people have something to teach the rest of us

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Attention Student Writers!!!

Would you like to see your name in print, or on a blog? Do you have something important to say?

MCFL News is looking for students, between the ages of 12 and 23 to submit pro-life articles for our newspaper.

Some topics you might consider:

- What is abortion?
- The slippery slope to euthanasia.
- How crisis pregnancy centers help women in need
- Politics and it's affect on the rights of unborn citizens.
- Healthcare or Healthcare rationing?
- Or, pick your own topic

Each month MCFL News will feature an article written by a student. Articles should be between 300-500 words. Articles may also be selected to go onto our blog site www.massprolife.org

Submit articles to: MassStudentsforLife@Masscitizensforlife.org

Please be sure to include your name, email address, age, school attending and what grade or year. People aged 12-23 who are not currently in school are welcome to participate.

Get out your pen and paper and start writing.

Chatter Box

Letters to the editor

FRONTLINE UPDATE

By Col. Edward T. Connors (Ret.)

To the Editor

Boston HERALD

RE: Joe Fitzgerald article: “Cardinal Did Right by Ted”

Disappointingly, your contention that Senator Kennedy's recalcitrance wasn't such a big deal was morally deficient at best.

Recalcitrance: What a nice, soft word to identify the complicit action of a public Roman Catholic directly making 29 continuous years of pro-abortion votes since 1980 in order to win his election to public office.

Since 1980 approximately 38 million unborn innocent American babies have been murdered through abortion, our domestic terrorism.

Cardinal Sean correctly offered his

sympathy to the Kennedy family, but it could have been offered at the wake. The action of his presence at the funeral, regardless of the spoken word, gave a conflicted message that the intrinsic evil of aborting our unborn babies probably wasn't really that important sometimes - you know, politics first and morality second, sometimes.

Instead, he could have presented himself at the local abortion and adoption agencies, giving faithful and most powerful witness to the absolute Gospel: taking care of the least among us without malice or judgment.

Respectfully,
Edward T. Connors

Ms. Margery Eagan
Boston HERALD

Dear Margery Eagan:

Regarding your Sept. 1 “Pro-Life

Pro-Choice” column, most pro-lifers agree that without life there is no chance to be poor or rich, meek or proud, mourning or happy, hungry or satisfied.

Destruction of innocent, unborn human life in most cases is murder, also called abortion, and is unacceptable human behavior.

Edward T. Connors

To the Editor

The Pilot

RE: Comments on Senator Kennedy's Passing Articles

Regrettably, your comments were politically and morally deficient.

Your chronological accounting of Senator Kennedy's political life and constant positive review of his activities by religious leaders sets us up to

believe that political accomplishments should more than make up for his career change in 1980 from the pro-life to pro-abortion stance to gain the necessary votes for his re-elections. Approximately 38 million unborn babies have been murdered since then. His 29 years of continuous public complicity in this intrinsic evil is scandalous to the basic Roman Catholic belief: God's right to life and love for all people.

Unfortunately, but truthfully, these public facts are part of the activities of the total person, without judgment.

Sincerely,
Col. Edward T. Connors, USA (Ret.)

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Father John Murphy Division 9

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On your mark, get ready, set, GO!

(to have your own chapter essay contest)

By Priscilla Keough

The South Shore Chapter of MCFL has found a tried and true way of getting students involved in expressing their pro-life views. It's not something new, but rather a resurrected old friend "the Pro-Life Essay Contest." This was a tool used by many chapters in the early days of the pro-life movement and, at least on the South Shore; it seems to be a way once again to get students involved in the movement.

I'll explain how we run it on the South Shore and you can use it as is, or adapt it for your chapter.

First we decide which towns to open our contest up to. We often open it up to towns not covered by our chapter but which have no chapter of their own. We make a list of all the Catholic and Christian Churches in those towns, as well as all Catholic and Christian schools in the area.

We decide on dates for the contest. If possible we try to run the contest during Respect Life Month, around the anniversary of Roe vs Wade, or near Mother's Day to tie into obvious pro-life sentiments of these times. Some years we have not been able to do this and that allows for people to keep the pro-life issue in their minds all through the year. Keep in mind, when choosing a date, that there are times during the school year that stu-

dents have more demands placed on them, such as exam time; these may not be good times for your contest. We allow one month from the announcement of the contest to the due date for the essays.

We run two contests simultaneously; one for middle school students and one for high school students. We then come with two or three topics statements for each age category. Some examples of such topics are: When I say I am Pro-life, what do I mean; and how can someone my age be part of the pro-life movement?

Being pro-life means caring for the most vulnerable in our society. Why is it important to be active politically, as well as active in educating the public? After we come up with topics, we type them up along with the rules and prizes listed. Our typical rules are no longer than 500 words for middle school students, and no less than 500 words nor more than 1000 words for high school students. We state the prizes, we always give US Savings Bonds, as they cost half the face value, so we can give a \$200 prize that costs \$100.

We then mail and email copies to each Church and school on our list. We direct our letters to Directors of Education, Campus Ministry faculty, Religious Education teachers, pas-

Chapter Essay Contest Checklist

- Decide on towns to be included (if multi-town chapter)
- Choose dates for contest
- Develop contact list for participants
- Depending on schools in your area, decide on whether to open contest to middle school and select age categories
- Choose age appropriate topics for essay material
- List rules for contest
- Decide on prizes and amounts
- Place announcements in local papers, local cable TV, school and church bulletins, on store and other community bulletin boards
- Make bulletin announcements with small computer made posters.
- Select judges and define criteria for judgment of essays.
- Notify winners
- Optional Award Ceremony

tors, head masters, whoever we feel can help promote the contest. If we know any people/teachers in particular we are sure to send them a copy with a personal comment written on their copy.

We also send bulletin announcements and a small poster, we print up on our computer, which can be displayed.

After we receive our essays we number each entry, removing any students' names, make copies and give them to our judges to rank. We use at least 3 judges per age category. Judges rank the essays giving them a number score of 1 to 5, 5 being the highest. The numbers are added up and the student with the highest number comes in first.

Something we feel is very important is an awards ceremony. Our pastor has graciously allowed us to use our Church Hall each year for this. Every student is invited to the awards ceremony, and we invite their principals, as well as any special people they would like, such as a Scout Leader or teacher.

The top three students in each category read their essays at this ceremony and are given their prizes. We invite any student who wants to share their essay, even if it did not win, to also share their essay. We print up a program with the names of all contestants in it, and give a certificate to each student who attends the ceremony, as well as a small thank you gift bag. This bag contains pro-life articles such as precious feet, rubber bracelets, stickers, etc. We also have refreshments of cookies and juice for the students and their guests.

Our contest has been very successful. We get approximately 15 students per age category to enter. This may seem like a small number considering all the Churches and schools we cover; but keep in mind that we are reaching many numbers of people with our information. Most importantly we are giving pro-life students an opportunity to be heard and praised for their convictions, something they rarely get from the outside world.

KID'S CORNER

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

We live in a democracy. That means we elect people to represent us and to make the best decision for our country. The most important thing the government can do is to protect the lives of innocent people. In Washington right now, Congress is trying to pass laws about taking care of people who need medical care - everthing from a check-up to serious illness.

These laws would require us all to pay for abortions and would require doctors to do abortions. The bills would deny care to people who are older or handicapped. There are many things they would do which would hurt people.

It is always important for our Congressmen to know what we are thinking. They especially like to hear from young people. We encourage you to write to your Congressman about

health care bills.

If you are in the sixth grade or younger, we have something special to offer you. When you write, your Congressman will respond. When you receive that letter, please send us a copy of it and the letter you sent. We will print some of those letters in our next paper. Please go, with your parents, to the special health care page on the Mass Citizens website: <http://www.masscitizensforlife.org/govthealth.html>

You will find many articles which will help you decide what to say in your letter. The site also has the address for your Congressman and our address so that you can send your letters.

We are looking forward to seeing the letter your Congressman sends you. We are very proud of you for being a Good Citizen!



South Shore chapter essay contest winners at an awards ceremony at St. Paul's in Hingham.



Making balloon animals was part of this year's Respect Life Walk.

Chapter Challenges

ETIQUETTE

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about stopping to smell the roses?

This leads to a third reason to ask these simple questions: children may be listening, and children are naturally pro-life, they "get" it and instinctively understand that down's syndrome kids have something precious to add to our hectic and overly stressful lives, something that is being aborted away.

You may be surprised, others in the room may pick up on your points, and ask the pertinent questions about what abortion coverage entails.

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With the skies clearing, walk participants listen to keynote speaker, American Life League's Jim Sedlak. Photos by Edward Boylan

Love for Life 2009 Respect Life Walk to Aid Mothers and Children



Walkers encourage men to defend their families.



Coming down the homestretch! Walkers returning to the Public Garden via Commonwealth Avenue.



Helping out at a vendor table.



Arthur and Edie McDaniel provided powerful and courageous pro-life witness.



Family enjoys ice cream generously donated by H. P. Hood



People of all ages could enjoy the Walk.



Waiting for the Pre-Walk celebration to begin.

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Annual Dinner Honors Poiriers, Desrosiers



President Anne Fox and Chairman of the MCFL Board Henry Luthin with Ignatius O'Connor Award winner Marian Desrosiers.



President Anne Fox poses with the Dr. Joseph R. Stanton Award winners Rep. Elizabeth Poirier and her husband Kevin.



Keynote speaker Prof. Anthony Esolen



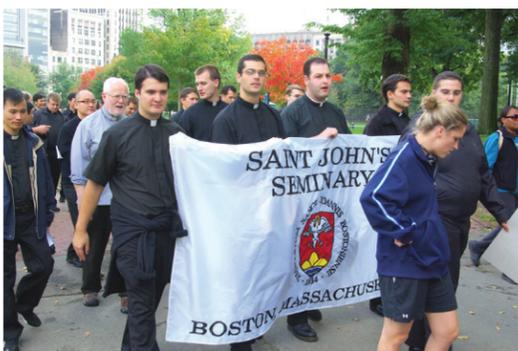
People enjoyed good food, wonderful music and pro-life companionship.



Young socialites having fun.



Pre-walk discussions at the vendor tables.



Seminarians were out in force.



Keynote speaker Jim Sedlak and Master of Ceremonies Don Feder.

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Abortion Numbers Jump at Four Women in Attleboro

Sees 234% increase while other facilities hold steady

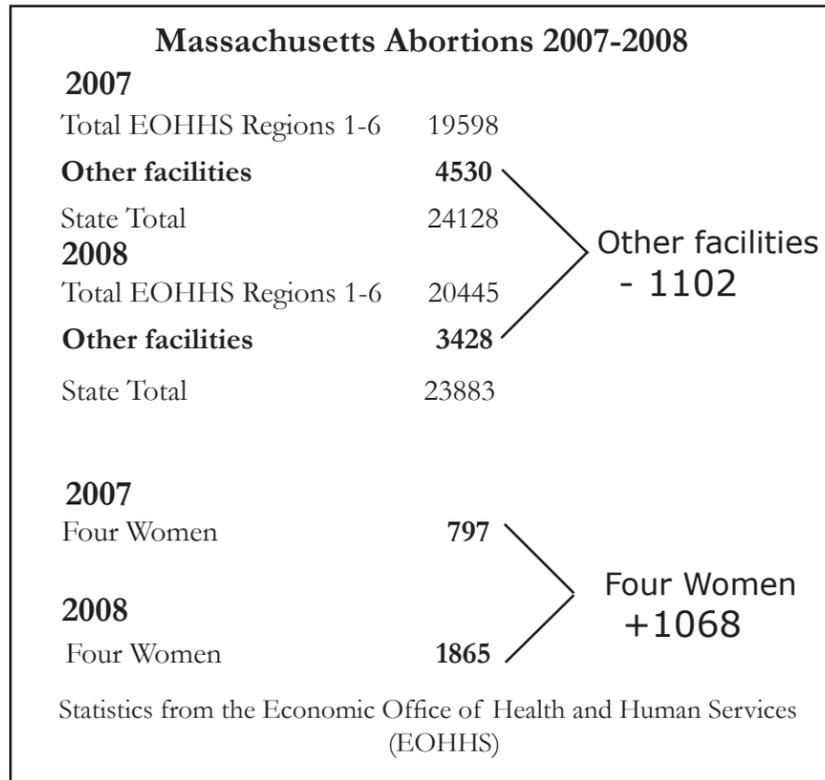
What's behind the increase in abortions at Four Women abortion facility in Attleboro? Records from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) show a dramatic increase from 2007 to 2008.

While abortion numbers in Massachusetts held steady for most places, Four Women, Inc. numbers more than doubled, going from 797 abortions in 2007 to 1865 abortions in 2008.

The EOHHS records abortions in Massachusetts hospitals and clinics and gathers that information into six regions. The category for abortions performed by physicians not associated with these hospitals or clinics is called "Other Facilities."

"Other facilities" performed 1102 fewer abortions in 2008 than 2007, from 4530 to 3428.

Four Women performed 1068 more abortions in 2008 than 2007, but because physician performed abortions aren't attributed to a region, it is not possible to say for sure if an abortionist either retired or has started performing abortions at Four Women.



Increases Linked to Tragedy



Laura Hope Smith

Has the death of Laura Hope Smith at the hands of abortionist Dr. Rapin Osathanondh in Sept. 2007 translated into increased abortions at Four Women, Inc. in Attleboro?

Osathanondh surrendered his license to practice medicine in February 2008. He had been performing abortions at Women Health Center in Hyannis.

Women Health Center does not appear in the 2007 or 2008 EOHHS list of Massachusetts Hospitals and Clinics. Therefore, the abortions done there would be in the category "Other facilities."

In Massachusetts there are very few regulations on abortion clinics. MCFL passed some regulations in the mid 1970's. Two of these required the clinic to have a fire extinguisher and an elevator that would hold a stretcher. These regulations, designed to protect the safety of the women, were enjoined and have never been enforced. A clinic must get approval from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health showing need.

Abortionists who don't want even the slight scrutiny of a clinic can do abortions in a "doctor's office". In order to qualify as a "doctor's office" and, thereby escape whatever slight scrutiny there is from the Department of Public Health, a facility only needs to show that more than 50% of the abortions done are done by one doctor.

Currently, there are no clinics, hospitals, or "other facilities" doing abortions on Cape Cod. The question being asked is, did the death of Laura Hope Smith turn into a grisly boondoggle for Four Women?



Boycott Urged for Taxi Service

Prolifers are urged to participate in the economic boycott of Houle's cab. My research has indicated a connection between Houle's Cab and the Four Women abortion facility.

The Four Women website says that Houle's cab will pick up the mothers for \$3 and 'deliver' them to the deathcamp.

Please boycott Houle's Cab by writing and calling them asking them not to do this because of the spiritual implications and also the economic implications.

I looked on the Secretary of State Corporation Division and these are names on those documents:

Names on Corporation Papers:

LINDA & DENNIS O'DONNELL
126 WILMARTH ST.
ATTLEBORO, MA 02703
(508) 226-0693

BETTY O'DONNELL
343 LINDSEY ST.
ATTLEBORO, MA 02703
(508) 222-9073

Houle's City Cab Inc
65 Park Street,
Attleboro, MA 02703
(508) 222-5000
(508) 226-8687 Fax
(800) 696-0404 Toll Free

FOUR WOMEN DOING BUSINESS WITH HOULE'S CAB:
On their website:

"From Boston by commuter rail: Check the MBTA's schedule, and call Four Women to let them know you will be taking train: Call Houle's Cab to pick you up at the station. When you exit the train, go towards the station. The phone number is 508-222-5000, and the charge for the cab is \$3."

<http://www.fourwomen.com/contactus.html>

Please ask other prolifers to call, boycott and write them too. Thank you for your help and maybe God give you His grace to continue to fight this battle for life.

Gay Guptill
President
Massachusetts Irish for Life
www.truth.freewebspace.com

Prayerful Vigil Celebrates Third Life-Saving Campaign

40 Days for Life Focus on Four Women Abortion Facility in Attleboro



Smiling for Life!



40 days of faithful witness in all weathers.



Volunteers have racked up 120 days for life over three campaigns.

Photos courtesy of Steve Marcotte

More than 130 volunteers signed up for forty days of prayer, fasting and peaceful witness to save lives. The group gathered at Angell Park across the street from Four Women abortion facility in Attleboro.

Local coordinator Steve Marcotte welcomed many new participants during the campaign which started September 23 and concluded November 1.



Young people from New Bedford arrived by bus to participate in the vigil

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Friends of the Unborn Celebrates Anniversary 25 years of sheltering care for homeless pregnant young women

by June Newman



Friends of the Unborn has welcomed over 2,000 women in need and their babies since its inception twenty-five years ago. Photo by Gino Ruccella

Marilyn Birnie's ministry to women in need began twenty-five years ago on Sept. 12, 1984. Two months earlier to this date, she had been inspired by the Lord to consider taking in a homeless pregnant girl. A prayerful search and many phone calls helped Marilyn find the Pro-Life Office at the Archdiocese of Boston. The Office indicated that there was a need for shepherding homes.

Marilyn interviewed with the Pro-Life Office's Director, Leslie Collins, and soon received her first resident. The ministry grew from that one girl. Nearly two thousand homeless, pregnant young women have lived in Marilyn's homes over the last twenty-five years.

The women come from varying backgrounds. Most have been rejected by their families because of their pregnancies. Many have been told that if they won't get an abortion, they'll have to move out of the house. Their boyfriends offer money for abortion or abandon them to face their pregnancies alone.

Women who go to social service agencies for help will receive referrals to "Friends." Sometimes women

who have gone to abortion clinics are rescued by sidewalk counselors. They send the homeless women to Friends of the Unborn. A simple interview with Friends staff is all that is needed for acceptance into the house. A girl must be at least eighteen years old and not dependent on drugs or alcohol.

Residents are offered classes two days a week on Bible study, parenting, computer literacy, life skills and nutrition. Periodically day seminars are offered on AIDS awareness, birthing, violence prevention and fire safety.

Most women arrive with low self-esteem. By receiving the love of Christ from the staff and volunteers over a period of weeks and months, the women begin to believe in themselves and have hope for the future. They believe that God has a definite plan for their lives and for the lives of their children.

Friends of the Unborn is totally funded by donations in order to be free to have Bible studies as part of their program. See their web site at www.friendsoftheunborn.org

Contact Marilyn Birnie at (617) 786-7903.



Marilyn Birnie and her husband at the 2007 MCFL Respect Life Walk
Photos by John Peruzzi



Three of the nearly two thousand young women who have been helped by friends of the Unborn

Baltimore City Council Targets Pregnancy Centers

Life Site News reports that encouraged by Planned Parenthood, lawmakers in Baltimore are taking steps to force pregnancy centers to post signs saying that they do not perform abortions. City Council Bill 09-0406 would fine pregnancy centers \$500 a day if they do not comply. Abortion facilities would not be forced to post signs saying that they do not provide abortion alternatives.



Congratulations to Merry Nordeen

Congratulations to Merry Nordeen and to everyone who has reserved the "Choose Life" license plate!

In Massachusetts, the legislature does not have to approve the plates, but the organizer must have 3,000 people reserve their plates before the plates can be produced. If someone puts up a bond of \$100,000, the plates will be produced with only 1,500 people reserving. Merry was fortunate to find a sponsor so the plates will happen with the 1,500 of us who have already reserved!

It is extremely important to get the second 1,500 people to preserve the bond! The generous benefactor must not be left in the lurch. The generous benefactor must receive the bond back.

All of us who will benefit from having the plates must continue to work as hard as we can to get 1,500 more people. Right now the number needed is 1,357 more reservations - let's get to it!

For more information:

Merry Nordeen

(781) 224-0404

Email: merry@choose-life.org

Web: www.machoose-life.org

NARAL Protests Choose Life Plate

NARAL Executive Director Andrea Miller complained that funds from the Choose Life plate don't go to organizations that provide abortions.

On Emily Rooney's program on WGBH television Miller attacked Nordeen, saying, "You people give out information that is scientifically incorrect. You don't give out birth control."

Pro-aborts Continue to Protest Help to Women in Need at Respect Life Walk



Edie McDaniel, Regional Coordinator for Silent No More Awareness was just beginning to speak to the crowd at the MCFL Respect Life Walk about



File photo

Don't look for help from these "sisters." The National Organization for Women (NOW) is a pro-abortion group so mean-spirited that it sends protesters to an event that raises money for homeless, pregnant women.

the devastating effects of abortion on women's lives when protesters arrived. Several of the protesters carried signs promoting the National Organization for Women (NOW).

Despite yearly testimony and the presence of women who were forced to leave their homes because they refused to have an abortion, pro-aborts continue to protest any attempt to help these desperate women.

Why are these women so angry? Is it because they've never heard anything but the lies of NOW, NARAL, or Planned Parenthood? Are they post-abortive and hurting? Are they jealous that other women are getting the help they wished they'd received for themselves? or are they so into politics, that

they've lost sight of the humanity of the unborn?



Marilyn and "her girls" at the Cathedral in Boston prior to the 2007 MCFL Walk. NOW's web site makes a big deal about domestic violence, but when a guy says get an abortion or get out, they have nothing to offer.

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Nuggets

Gleanings from around the world

Steep rise in Down pregnancies

BBC News reports that “the number of Down syndrome pregnancies has risen by more than 70% over the last 20 years.” They quoted a study by researchers at the University of London, who attributed the sharp rise as reflecting the “growing number of older women becoming pregnant,” which increases the risk.

While 92% of couples who receive a Down syndrome diagnosis resort to abortion, the increased number of older women becoming pregnant means that the number of Down syndrome babies is increasing.

However, the article quotes parents of a Down baby, Natasha and Eddie Batha, “You’re led to believe that it’s the worst thing that could possibly ever happen to you. And then you realize it’s just another human being who happens to be a little different.”

See video of the Basha’s and their daughter at BBC News:
news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/health/8327228.stm

Aborted fetal material used in wrinkle cream

Children of God for Life President Debbie Vinnedge announced that Neocutis, a bio-pharmaceutical company focused on dermatology and skin care is using aborted fetal cell lines to produce several of their anti-aging skin creams.

Neocutis’ key ingredient known as “Processed Skin Proteins” was developed at the University of Luasanne from the skin tissue of a 14-week gestation electively-aborted male baby donated by the University Hospital in Switzerland. Subsequently, a working cell bank was established, containing several billion cultured skin cells to produce the human growth factor needed to restore aging skin.

Products using the cell line include: Bio-Gel, Journee, Bio-Serum, Prevedem, Bio Restorative Skin Cream and Lumiere. But Vinnedge is calling for a full boycott of all Neocutis products, regardless of their source.

Contact Neocutis:

Neocutis Inc.
 3053 Fillmore Street # 140
 San Francisco CA 94123
 Phone: 1-866-636-2884

Russia’s pro-natal experiments

A post entitled “Motherland” from-Taki’s Magazine looks at the Russian government’s attempts to change social policy to reverse the effects of

demographic collapse. Due to the high abortion rate and low birth rate, depopulation was declared to be the “Number One Problem” by President Vladimir Putin. Russia’s pro-natal policies: “better social services for new mothers, additional funding for multi-child families, capital investments into children’s future education have led to the highest birth rates since the collapse of the Soviet Union.”

Writer Nina Kouprianova notices two crucial aspects of Putin’s plan which she says have been ignored by the media. “First, a significant cultural initiative which feeds Russian traditions and contemporary advertising methods alike. This plan targets people of European descent.”

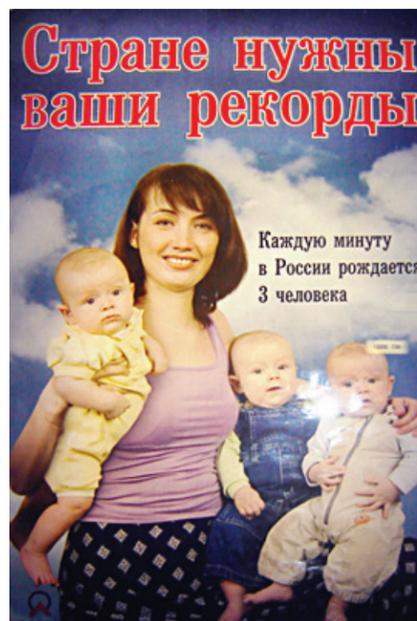
Cultural celebrations, secular and religious holidays, military parades, all done in the “name of the Motherland give the Russian people a sense of a glorious past, the kind of past that Western and American academic and government institutions are constantly telling us is outdated and oppressive.”

Kouprianova sees the Russians as conservative on family issues. “It’s not surprising that the subjects of demographics and child rearing, receive extensive coverage on television programs and public service advertising.”

She mentions an award winning program, “Let’s Get Married” on state channel 1, where participants say a “multi-child family is their primary goal for resorting to television dating.”

Unavoidable are the pro-natal billboards that appear in the Moscow metro system that “emphasize genetic and historic continuity through multi-generational family clans.”

www.takimag.com/site/article/motherland/



Alarmed by a net decrease in population of 600,000 people in 2005 and projected losses of 11 million people by 2025, the Russian government has taken active steps to promote families and children.



“Love for the Motherland begins with family” - F. Bacon.

Ironically, dependence on abortion for birth control and low birth rates have created a crisis so severe that now the Russian government sponsors these sub-way ads to encourage population growth.

Planned Parenthood Tells Kids to “Get Real”

GET REAL

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are subjectively asking kids what they think of masturbation, wet dreams, erections, jacking off, blow jobs, boner, where girls pee from. This is not abstinence education but rather teaching kids about and how to perform these specific actions”

Parents who have seen the plan have expressed concern that physical, emotional, educational, and financial effects of these behaviors are not discussed. As a matter of fact, marriage is never mentioned in the entire curriculum. However, having sex makes you “grown-up”. The pervasive lack of objective standards of character and behavior supports Get Real’s constant normalization of adolescent sexual activity.

The same mixed message is present in dealing with parents. Parents are assured that they are the primary sex educators of their children but they actually receive the worksheets after the lesson has been taught to their child by a teacher who may or may not share their family values. After the lesson on LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, questioning), for example, parents are told to be ready to answer questions such as “How do two women have sex?” Get Real presents all behaviors as possible alternatives, denying parents the opportunity to discuss these topics with their children sensitively, individually, and in an age appropriate manner.

A grandmother reacted to Get Real, “The fact that Planned Parenthood is suggested as a reference for parents and as a place to get condoms, and other forms of ‘protection’ is very alarming to me. I’m certain their main concern is NOT abstinence. The thought that my grandkids might be subjected to this type of curriculum under the guise of abstinence education gives me nightmares”

According to Sue Trees, a professional in this area, “In summary, a weak definition of abstinence is

minimally addressed in most lessons but not as the only choice; the other choices are also included and even presented as expected and normal behavior. Language is very explicit. Planned Parenthood is also cited as a resource in every lesson.”

Dr. Nancy Victory, of the National Abstinence Clearing House concludes, “Get Real is no more than an old-style comprehensive sex education curriculum overlaid with a superficial and deeply flawed faux abstinence message – complete with a faux pledge. By refusing to challenge students to prepare and reach for the goal of a loving, lasting marriage, they have cut the heart out of the authentic abstinence message”.

A study published by Stop Planned Parenthood International on September 30, 2009 reports that PPLM has been involved in trials specifically aimed at getting minor girls (as young as 14) to take their birth control more consistently by sending them text messages reminding them to take their pills. PPLM, sponsored by “an anonymous donor”, wants to determine whether there **will** be increased oral contraceptive pill adherence. These girls are minors and fall within the age range of Get Real.

During these uncertain financial times, towns in Massachusetts are facing further cuts in state aid and, most likely, in their tax roles. Even with those considerations, there are indications that between thirteen and twenty towns have already signed on to inflict Get Real on their children.

Educator Linda Thayer recommends parents ask these questions to their child’s school health instructor:

- What’s being taught on premarital sex, abortion, contraception and homosexuality?
- What books and videos are you using? May I see them?
- What guest speakers are invited and what groups do they represent?

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MCFL Assembly for Life to Feature Photographer Michael Clancy

The photo of baby Samuel reaching out of the womb to grasp the hand of his surgeon made headlines. It also changed the life of the man who took the picture, photographer Michael Clancy, forever.

Hear his riveting story on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at Faneuil Hall as part of MCFL's Annual Assembly for Life.



Buses Ready to Roll for Washington March

- The **Waltham/Waterown Chapter** is sponsoring a bus to DC leaving Thursday evening from St. Mary's Church, 145 School St., Waltham. There will be a vigil at 7:00p.m. prior to the bus leaving at 8:30p.m. Cost is \$35, \$25 for students. Contact: Maryanne (617) 489-4298.
- The **North Suburban Chapter** is sponsoring a bus leaving Malden on Thursday morning, Jan. 21, with a 2nd pick-up in Burlington. Return will be Saturday afternoon, Jan. 23. Cost: \$195/per person double occupancy or \$3000/single occupancy. Contact: Janet Callahan (781) 324-3564 janet.callahan@yahoo.com
- The **MCFL - North Adams Chapter** is sponsoring a bus to Washington, DC. Cost is \$20 with stops in Williamstown, North Adams, Pittsfield and Great Barrington. Contact Jack Kinsey (413) 663-7005
- The **Peggy McCormick Chapter** is sponsoring a bus leaving from Immaculate Conception Church in Weymouth. The bus will leave at 9pm Thursday, Jan. 21. Return from Washington on Friday afternoon, arriving back in Weymouth 2am Sat. morning. Cost is \$50, \$10 for students. Contact: Sally Healy (781) 848-3796

Waltham/Watertown Chapter Goes to the Faire

On Saturday, Sept. 26, our chapter sponsored a booth at the Watertown Faire on the Square. The fetal models were a big hit with the kids, and we had many good discussions with young and old alike. We handed out many brochures with all kinds of information, and the little feet pins were popular as well. Our booth was attended by Claire Dondis and Jim Dixon.

North Adams Chapter Celebrates 35th Anniversary with Bus Campaign

Tips on how to get a bus ad on regional transit authority (RTA) buses (we did ours on the curb side of the bus):

- contact advertising agent for your RTA and ask for info on ads, and get email address of agent;
- submit advertisement to them for approval (ours went through a committee, we had an unborn baby in the ad, which we had to take out), and eventually they approved the ad only if it had a disclaimer on it (and we kept questioning the size of the disclaimer till finally it was not oversized on the ad).
- be aware that you'll have to be persistent, yet polite, and decide what you want for the ad, but be ready to negotiate.

Our Berkshire Regional Transit ad ran 3 months, and we did get one of our good pro-life supporters to sponsor one whole month (showed him the ad we wanted to put in), and sent him a picture of the final ad on the bus with our thank you.



Rose Drives

- MCFL North Suburban Chapter
St. Margaret Parish, Saugus \$293.
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Saugus \$522.
Most Blessed Sacrament, Wakefield \$653.
- MCFL Cape Cod Chapter
Holy Trinity Church, W. Harwich \$2,269.02
Holy Redeemer Church & Our Lady of Grace Chapel, Chatham \$500.
- MCFL Danvers Chapter
St. Mary's Church, Georgetown \$600.53
- MCFL Fitchburg/Leominster Chapter \$140.77

Memorials

In Loving Memory of Beatrice Daly

By Theresa and Francis X. Foster II
Marie Haynes-O'Sullivan and Family
Kathleen and Anthony Trojanowski

In Loving Memory of Anne Lewis

By Melvin W. Lewis

In Loving Memory of Pat Day

By Ken and Anne Fox

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Book Review

War Against the Weak: America's Eugenic Legacy (Part Two)

Eugenical sterilization was now the law of the land. The flood gates opened wide...

Infection

"The American masses were not rising up demanding to sterilize, institutionalize and dehumanize their neighbors and kinsfolk. Eugenics was a movement of the nation's elite thinkers and many of its most progressive reformers. As its ideology spread among the intelligentsia, eugenics cross-infected many completely separate health care movements..."

Margaret Sanger envisioned birth control as a necessary part of female liberation by freeing women from the biological connection between sex and childbearing. Women could be masters of their own destiny, free to choose lovers, careers, financial independence, and unfettered sexual freedom without consequences.

Sanger championed birth control as a eugenic solution for the ills of the poor, the hungry, the sick, the "teeming slums of lower Manhattan" where Sanger worked as a visiting nurse. She called the lower classes and the unfit "human waste," and advocated for mass sterilization of the defective, mass incarceration of the unfit, and strict immigration restrictions. Sanger vigorously opposed charitable efforts and argued that the cold and hungry be left without help so that eugenically superior strains could flourish without competition from the unfit. "Human weeds" were not worthy of assistance and should be "exterminated."

Sanger's *Birth Control Review* encouraged more children from the fit, less from the unfit. Financially supported by the wealthy patrons, an article from the *Birth Control Review*, Dec. 1924, entitled, "Dangerous Human Pests," lamented that charity allowed "classes of degenerates to poison society with their unbridled prolific scum..." and compared unwanted human beings to "rodents, insects or other pests." It was common to read that "the lower classes were more dangerous than rats and bugs."

In 1928, there was discussion between merging Sanger's *Birth Control Review* with the American Eugenics Society's publication, *Eugenics*.

Blinded: Corruption of noble causes, another test case

A necessary component in the war against the procreation of defectives was to outlaw marriage among inferior populations. If marriage between carriers of hereditary blindness could be legally prevented, then other categories of the unfit, the feeble-minded, epileptic, the poor, the undesirable, could be added to those denied marriage licenses.

Lucien Howe, the nineteenth century

pioneer and champion of better eyesight, helped institute the bathing of newborns' eyes with silver nitrate drops to prevent infection. He wrote the standard texts of ophthalmology and was the president of the American Ophthalmologic Society and established the Howe Laboratory at Harvard.

Howe was also a member and later president, of the Eugenics Research Association (ERA). Howe "led the charge to segregate, sterilize and ban marriages for people suspected of other illnesses and handicaps."

Existing marriage laws were insufficient from a eugenics perspective. In 1915, a Eugenics Record Office (ERO) survey found that society wasn't ready yet for purely eugenic marriage legislation. The only way to get a law passed would have to be based on hygienic reasons. To promote this great cause, *Eugenical News* published numerous studies and articles on hereditary blindness. Howe got on a American Medical Association Section committee and advocated adding a geneticist and a sterilization practitioner to the panel. The AMA joined with the ERO to register family pedigrees of blind people.

Mongrelization and the corruption or misuse of government agencies for purposes other than they were designed

Henry Laughlin wanted the US Census Bureau to create a registry of citizens marked fit or unfit. To its credit, the Census Bureau refused. Laughlin then tried to get the states to adopt eugenic classifications such as German Jew, Mountain White, South Italian, or Polish ("Polack.")

The Virginia Registrar of Vital Statistics, Walter Plecker, wanted to codify everyone's racial heritage along eugenic lines. In order to prevent mongrelization, marriage would be banned between a certified white person and anyone with even "one drop" of non-Caucasian blood. Mandatory statewide registration led to passage of Virginia's Racial Integrity Act of 1924. Plecker became a hero among raceologists and eugenicists.

**Part II
Eugenic
Origins**

Worldwide eugenic plan - 1923

American eugenicists sought to have a presence throughout the world to eliminate the unfit worldwide. Immigration was ruining America's biological quality, sterilization was only fighting a "rising tide" as waves of immigrants continued to swarm American shores. Laughlin wanted to rewrite existing laws against the immigration of "all idiots,

imbeciles, feeble-minded persons, epileptics, insane persons" along eugenic classifications to exclude "all persons sexually fertile who cannot demonstrate their Eugenic fitness, mental physical and moral."

Eugenic Imperialism/Global Eugenics

"American eugenicists saw mankind as a biological cesspool." After America was purified and defective strains were prevented from immigrating, undesirables needed to be eliminated from the rest of the planet. Though initial plans were interrupted by war, the second International Congress of Eugenics was held in 1924.

Europeans complained about America's domination of the global congress.

Eugenicide: Gassing the Unwanted

Point 8 of *Cutting off Defective Germ-Plasm in the Human Population*, a preliminary report of the American Breeders Association, mentioned euthanasia as a possible solution. Euthanasia was not considered mercy killing of those in pain, but a "painless killing" of people deemed unworthy of life. The preferred method was a "lethal chamber."

"This solution for unwanted pets was almost immediately contemplated as a solution for unwanted humans - criminals, the feeble-minded and other misfits." While eugenicists were debating use of the "lethal chamber" on the unfit, Caleb Saleeby, vigorously rejected "the lethal chamber, the permission of infant mortality, interference with [pre]-natal life, and all other synonyms for murder."

Greater acceptance of lethal chambers was noted in each revision of the Textbook on Mental Deficiency, from equivocation to "probable" to limited endorsement that communities resort to euthanasia as self-defense against imbeciles and idiots.

"But in America, while the debate began as argument about death with dignity for the terminally ill or those in excruciating pain, it soon became a palatable eugenic solution." *Heredity and Human Progress* described euthanasia as the "surest, simplest, kindest and most humane means for preventing reproduction among those who we deem unworthy, a gentle, painless death. In carbonic acid gas, we have an agent which would instantaneously fulfill the need." Science should conquer sentiment and elect to systematically kill the unfit.

Madison Grant, President of the Eugenics Research Association and the American Eugenics Society wrote in *The Passing of the Great Race*, "Mistaken regard for what are believed to be divine laws and a sentimental belief in the sanctity of human life tend

to prevent both the elimination of defective infants and the sterilization of such adults as are themselves of no value to the community. **The laws of nature require the obliteration of the unfit and human life is valuable only when it is of use to the community or race.**"

In Nov. 12, 1915, a case of eugenic euthanasia made headlines. A woman gave birth to a deformed baby suffering from extreme intestinal and rectal abnormalities, as well as other complications.

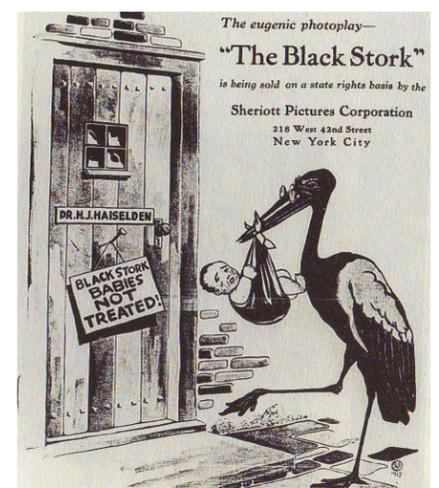
The baby was not considered to be worthy of saving and would be killed through denial of treatment. Dr. Harry Haiselden, chief of staff at German-American Hospital and an "ardent eugenicist," rejected pleas to operate on the infant by saying, "I'm afraid it might get well."

Haiselden defended his decision at an inquest, "I do not *think* this child would have grown up to be a mental defective. I know it."

An inquest ruled that an operation was the proper course of treatment but also that Haiselden was within his professional rights to deny treatment. Haiselden continued to euthanize newborns either passively through lack of treatment, or directly by the injection of opiates. Another direct method was allowing an infant to bleed to death through an untied umbilical cord. He said, "Death is the Great and Lasting Disinfectant."

Haiselden also accused the Illinois Institution for the Feeble-minded as also conducting passive eugenic euthanasia by its unsanitary conditions, neglect and abuse. Death rates for epileptic children and tubercular patients was very high. Asylums were the recipients of people deemed feeble-minded.

"Haiselden became an overnight eugenic celebrity, known to the average person through newspaper articles, speaking tours, and his outrageous diatribes."



Haiselden starred in a Hollywood movie, *The Black Stork*, in 1917. In it he portrays a doctor who advises a eugenically mismatched couple against having children. A defective child is born to them, then left to die.

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