

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

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Your Donation Dollars at Work

We thought you'd be interested in some of the projects YS RTL has been working on recently:

- ♥ This month we are sponsoring three pro-life billboards around the Yuba-Sutter area
- ♥ Our Speakers Bureau gave presentations at local churches for Sanctity of Life Sunday this month
- ♥ St. Isidore's Church held a baby shower for A Woman's Friend on Sanctity of Life Sunday
- ♥ We have placed packets of pro-life books and pamphlets at a number of local libraries—**THANK YOU Gary Arntington for your assistance on this project!**
- ♥ We will have an informational table at the Yuba City Mall Fair January 30
- ♥ During 1998 we placed approximately 1,000 pieces of literature in doctor's offices—**THANK YOU Cheryl Bartlett for your assistance on this project!**

If you are interested in helping out with our library or doctors' office projects, want to work our booth at the Yuba-Sutter Fair, need information for a school paper or debate, or want to become more active in pro-life work please contact Maureen Guth at 671-1437

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban

Although Congress failed to override President Clinton's veto of the Partial-Birth Abortion ban, 28 State legislatures have passed laws to forbid this barbaric practice. In 18 of those states, the laws are tied up in court challenges, but the bans are in effect in ten states.

In California, three bills were introduced over the last two-year session, but failed passage in Committee or were withdrawn. A Field Poll of California registered voters showed that 71 percent disapproved of allowing third trimester abortions. The new legislative session starts this month. *We urge you to let your State legislators know you support a ban.*

Parental Notification

Senator John Ashcroft (R-MO) has introduced legislation that would require parental consent for girls under 18 to obtain abortions or contraceptives. It would apply to all hospitals, clinics and facilities that receive federal funds. It would also nationalize the parental consent requirements that now exist in 20 states. Polls show that 72% of Americans, and 68% of Californians, favor parental consent; however, the California State Supreme Court over-turned our parental consent law.

What's Wrong with this Picture?

In Madison, Wisconsin, Barry Herbeck was sentenced to 12 years in prison for torturing five cats to death.

In New Jersey, Brian Peterson and Amy Grossberg were sentenced to eight years for manslaughter after they killed their newborn baby and threw him into a dumpster. Their sentences were later reduced to two years and two and one-half years respectively.

Making a Difference

The mission of right-to-life groups across the country is to educate the public about life issues. In our growing culture of death (partial-birth abortion, RU-486 and right-to-die movements), it is difficult not to become discouraged. However, there is also positive news. According to the National Right to Life Educational Trust Fund, since 1990 the number of abortions per year has dropped nearly 10%. "A major component in explaining the decline is that gradually the truth is making its way through the media barrier, rather like a flower pushing its way up through a small crack in the sidewalk. . . Pro-life education absolutely makes a difference!"

Focus on the Family reports that the number of teen births is also down, as is the number of teens having sex, thanks in large part to abstinence education. You may have seen the full-page advertisement prepared by Focus and sponsored by A Woman's Friend that was recently published in the *Appeal Democrat*. It presents

documented evidence: "The data seems clear that when you give teens an unambiguous message and raise the bar for their behavior, they respond by saying 'no' to premarital sex."

These positive trends underscore the necessity of continued prayer, and remind us that with the Lord's guidance, we can make a difference.

Life Decisions International (LDI)

In past issues we have told you about LDI. Their goal is to end corporate support of Planned Parenthood via citizen boycotts. Planned Parenthood runs the largest chain of abortion mills and has the largest abortion referral network in the nation.

In a recent mailing LDI reported that "...55 corporations have agreed to stop funding the abortion-committing organization, including Whirlpool, Citibank, and Grand Metropolitan (Burger King, Pillsbury, etc.)" *This is another example of how we can make a difference.*

For a copy of LDI's most recently published boycott list, contact Doug Scott, President, LDI, PO Box 907, Washington DC 20044-0907; (202) 347-2066. LDI requests a \$10 donation.

More Victories for Life

Among the pro-life victories in legislation for the 105th Congress are funding restrictions which have remained in place:

- ♥ Federal funding is prohibited for most abortions in federal prisons, in the District of Columbia, and through Indian Health Services.
- ♥ Abortions cannot be performed in overseas military hospitals even if the woman offers to pay
- ♥ Federal money cannot be used for embryo research
- ♥ Congress also declined to pass legislation which would have given \$20 million to the United Nations Population Fund, which aids the genocidal Chinese abortion program.

(Sources: HLA Action News and RTL Educational Foundation, Cincinnati, OH)