

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

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PROTECTING HUMAN LIFE

Human life is a gift from God, sacred and inviolable. We are called to respect and protect every human life from conception until natural death. We are also called to participate in the civic life of our country by being informed, active and responsible participants in the political process. We must bring our moral convictions to our civic life.

In this election year, we must examine each candidate's position to determine his or her commitment (or lack thereof) to the dignity of human life.

Pollsters tell us the majority of Americans are Christians. If this is so, why do we continue to elect anti-life politicians?

YUBA-SUTTER FAIR

Every year YSRTL Committee sponsors a booth at the Yuba-Sutter Fair. This is our greatest opportunity to contact and educate our local citizenry about fetal development and other pro-life topics. We have a faithful corps of volunteers, some of whom have been doing this for close to 20 years. But we are always looking for new volunteers, especially more youthful ones.

We have a training meeting (approximately two hours) the week before the fair. A typical shift is 2½ to 3 hours—not a large time commitment, but an important one. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maureen Guth at 673-1437. Fair dates this year are August 2 through 6; the training session will be on July 27.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

Contact your legislators at State Capitol, Sacramento CA 95814, to express your support for the following pending legislation:

Partial Birth Abortion Legislation (SB 1827): This legislation would ban the PBA, which partially delivers, and then kills, a baby.

Parental Consent for Release from Schoolgrounds (AB 1749): This proposed legislation states that school officials may not allow pupils in grades K through 12 to leave school campus **without permission of the parent or guardian.** In other words, the school nurse or staff from your friendly neighborhood abortion clinic could no longer take your daughter to obtain birth control or receive an abortion.

State Senate: Yuba & Butte Counties (except Gridley): Sen. Tim Leslie; Sutter & Colusa Counties & Gridley: Sen. Maurice Johannessen.

State Assembly: Yuba & Butte Counties (except Gridley) Assemblyman Sam Aanestad; Sutter & Colusa Counties & Gridley: Assemblyman Dick Dickerson

FETAL TISSUE RESEARCH

The following is from an ABC News press release: "A three-month '20/20' hidden-camera investigation has uncovered an industry in which tissue and organs from aborted fetuses, donated to help medical research, are being marketed for hundreds, sometimes thousands, of dollars."

If you did not see the report which aired March 8, the program left no doubt about the fact that aborted babies are being used in medical research. (Does this sound like something out of Hitler's Germany?) But the focus of the story was not outrage that such research is being conducted; rather, the outrage was directed against those who PROFIT from it.

The California ProLife Council newsletter further reports that Planned Parenthood placed paid advertisements in the *Sacramento News & Review* to defend the practice of using aborted baby body parts for medical experimentation.

This is another area where we need to let our legislators know we strongly oppose the selling of body parts.

ABORTION NUMBERS DECLINE

Nationwide, over the last decade the number of abortions in the U.S. has declined 15%, from 1.6 million in 1988 to 1.36 million in 1996 (the last year for which statistics are available). The percentage of pregnancies that end in abortion has also dropped, from 33% to 25%.

In California, Medi-Cal funded (your tax dollars) abortions declined 43%!

These numbers are headed in the right directions, but our mission won't be accomplished until we can report NO abortions are taking place.

RU 486 UPDATE

It is widely known that President Clinton wants approval granted for this chemical abortifacient before he leaves office but the FDA has yet to grant final approval. This form of abortion kills a child and is no less immoral than a surgical abortion.

Please contact the FDA to let them know how much you object to the public availability of any pill that destroys God's gift of life: FDA Center for Drug Evaluation & Research, 200 C Street SW, Washington DC 20204, email: webmail@oc.fda.gov.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1999

Beginning Balance 1/1/99 \$1,789.65

Receipts:

For A-D Supp.	\$6,100.00	
Dues, fair contrib.	1,471.81	
United Way	710.40	
Cath. Charities	1,000.00	\$9,282.21
		\$11,071.86

Disbursements:

Postage, PO Box	\$327.58	
Bulk Permit	200.00	
Post, misc. exp.	100.69	
Billboards	1,005.00	
Educational mtls.	1,080.79	
Fair booth exp.	427.00	
Mothers/Fathers Day ads (AWF)	50.00	
AWF support	650.00	
Rev. Peter Hansen		
Pro-life Defense	100.00	\$3,941.06

Ending balance 12/31/99* \$7,130.80

*As of year end we had not yet paid for the Appeal-Democrat pro-life supplement