

# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

Quarterly Bulletin

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## Christmas Message from President

Dear Friends,

January will mark 31 years of legalized abortion. We ask, when will it end? We must continue to trust God and be faithful in speaking the truth about abortion, and do what we can to restore dignity to the unborn. Hebrews 6: 10-12 speaks to this:

**God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him by your service, past and present, to this holy people. Our desire is that each of you show the same zeal to the end, fully assured of that which you hope. Do not grow lazy, but imitate those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises.**

A national campaign was started this year by Priests for Life. They ask that we pray for a particular abortion clinic and its staff, that the doors of the clinic close, and that the hearts of the staff be transformed with the truth about the unborn. Please join us in praying for the *Women's Health Specialists at 1469 Humboldt Road, #200, Chico, CA.*

May God bless you and your family this Christmas.

Yours in Christ,

**Maureen Guth**

### *Christian Business Alliance*

On September 16 our Board members were privileged to give a presentation to the Christian Business Alliance. Our topic: The Truth About Planned Parenthood. We thank the CBA for this opportunity, and want everyone to know that we are available to speak to your church, parents' group, or other organization. Please note: This particular presentation is NOT suitable for youth groups, but we can provide teens with other appropriate information.

### *Partial Birth Abortion Ban*

On November 5 President Bush signed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban. This legislation finally outlaws a procedure so heinous even Hitler might not have dared to use it. We hope that this is just the first step toward restoring basic human rights to the unborn. Unfortunately, all other forms of abortion, whether surgical or chemical, are still legal through all nine months of pregnancy.

As expected, less than an hour after Bush signed the bill and gave a strong pro-life statement, a Federal judge in Nebraska issued a temporary restraining order. Other suits have also been filed. Only time will tell if the ban will ever take effect.

### *Abortion/breast cancer and estrogen/cancer links*

In July 2002 a nationwide hormone replacement study was halted because of a 26 percent increased risk for breast cancer in women using estrogen plus progestin. Subsequent information also indicates Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) users have a higher risk of dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, and increased risks of heart disease, heart attack, and strokes.

It's not unusual to see headlines trumpeting the risks of breast cancer from alcohol, obesity, environmental factors, and now the use of hormones. But two questions come to mind:

- 1) What are the risks to younger women who take estrogen and progestin, sometimes throughout their fertility lifetime, in the form of contraceptive medications? It makes absolutely no sense to say these drugs cause harm only to a select group of women. What are the risks to the rest of the female population?
- 2) A number of studies have conclusively proven the link between abortion and breast cancer. Why is there no outcry over this?

In both cases, we suspect the answer lies in the dollar sign.

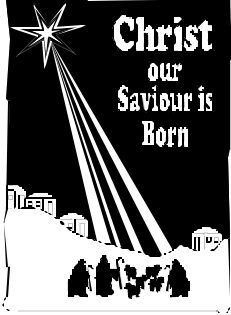
Jane Orient, MD, FACP, has stated, "Eventually, the truth about the dangers of abortion will be known. A cover-up cannot continue indefinitely. The abortion industry will one day be seen in the same light as the tobacco industry, which long denied the evidence for an association between smoking and cancer. Prestigious organizations such as the AMA also supported that [tobacco] cover-up until it was no longer possible." (Pro-Life Infonet Weekly) For more information on the abortion/breast cancer link, contact us at [www.ysrtl.org](http://www.ysrtl.org) or 671-5347.

### *Pro-Life Rally*

The 2004 pro-life Breakfast, Mass, and Rally will be held Thursday, January 22. The Breakfast is at 8 a.m. at the Grand Hotel, 1215 J St., Sacramento; Mass is at 10:30 (location to be announced later); and the Rally is at 12 Noon on the West Steps of the Capitol. We will send more information in early January. In the mean time please call Miriam Page (671-5347) if you want to go but need a ride.

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## ***Baptizing the aborted baby***

The following item is so disturbing we hesitated to include it in our Newsletter, but unless we remain aware of what the enemy is doing we are helpless to fight it.

A coalition of abortion providers has perverted the language and methods of post-abortion counseling "in order to boost support and sales." The September issue of *Glamour* magazine featured a long article describing this "new approach" to abortion marketing. *Respect Life Newsletter* (Oct. 2003) reports:

In an attempt to depict the warm and friendly face of abortion, a group of abortion facilities calling itself the "November Gang," has added a component to their pre- and post-abortion "counseling" sessions that echoes the language and practices of movements like Project Rachel, even invoking a bizarre form of "baptism" that can be performed over a steel pan containing the pulverized remains of a woman's child. Mothers, attempting to steel themselves to their intention to kill their children, are encouraged to talk about their feelings of guilt, write notes to their dead children about the "empowerment" their abortion has given them and include the fathers in the "grieving process."

November Gang abortionists admit that the abortion movement's exclusive emphasis on the rights and "choice" rhetoric has denied the emotional impact of abortion on women. One abortionist at the Northland Family Planning Center in Detroit said that when a woman

identifies an abortion with the murder of an innocent person, "I can't feel good about the work I do and neither can the staff."

One question asked on the pre-counseling questionnaire at November Gang facilities asks, "Can you see abortion as a loving act toward your children and yourself?" One woman is quoted after her abortion as saying, "I felt I knew the being I was carrying. I felt he was my son. I even called him Ernesto. And Ernesto was my reminder that my life was significant and that having an abortion was putting my life first. I know it was really about me."

Hilary White, spokesman for Campaign Life Catholic said, "This is the most diabolical twist to the abortion industry so far. To use and deform the conscience, even invoking God's forgiveness for unrepented acts of murder, in order to sell their murderous service is a horrific violation of the women who go to them in trust."

## ***Death from RU 486 & Life on the Ballot***

The recent death of 18-year-old Holly Patterson of Livermore, CA, following her "safe and legal" medical abortion using the abortion drug combination RU-486 and misoprostol, underscores not only the danger of chemical abortion but the need for families to be involved in such life-and-death decisions. While Holly was of age, she hid her pregnancy and abortion decision from her parents. According to the Washington Post, her father, Monty Patterson, does not

understand how his daughter's death could have been allowed to happen. He "questions the safety and use of RU-486 and is trying to encourage parents to talk with their children about sexual issues. My daughter went to the clinic a very healthy young woman and a week later I watched her die in an emergency room. The entire system failed my daughter, and her pain was great. Nobody knew she was in trouble until it was too late."

The chemical cocktail Holly Patterson took is available through the Yuba City Planned Parenthood clinic.

*Life on the Ballot* is working to put a parental rights initiative on the November 2004 ballot in California; it will require at least one parent be notified 48 hours in advance that their minor daughter (under 18 years of age) is scheduled to have an abortion. It will be called the Tell-A-Parent initiative. California has had a parental notification law since 1987, but it has been permanently enjoined by the Court.

If your church is not yet involved, please get it involved. A local training is going to be held Saturday, Dec. 6. Call Brad Bell at 674-7938 for details. Information is also available on the website [www.lifeontheballot.org](http://www.lifeontheballot.org); email [LifeOnTheBallot@cox.net](mailto:LifeOnTheBallot@cox.net); or call toll-free (866) 828-TELL.

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