

# Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

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## TV Programming & Advertising

We are proud to announce that YSRTRL embarked on two major projects in May:

**K** We began our broadcasts of *LifeTalk*, a one-hour magazine-format show produced by Life Dynamics Inc. in Texas. We will continue to air the tapes the **first Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. on AT&T Cable Channel 5**. If you are not on cable but want to see these worthwhile tapes, call Miriam Page, 671-5347. A big thanks to Staci Johnson for her assistance in this project.

**K** We began our new ad campaign on Cable Channel 5. The ad was produced by Virtue Media for the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, the Abortion/Breast Cancer Coalition, and the Elliott Institute. The script of the ABC Link ad reads:

*"I wish I had known; nobody told me that 40 years of research and 28 medical studies have shown a significant link between abortion and breast cancer. I did not know that abortion could increase my risk of breast cancer by 50% or more. Now, I have breast cancer. I learned that the abortion I had when I was 17 was a major risk factor. I want to let other women know, because I would have given anything to have known."*

The ad is airing on AT&T Broadband on **Fox News (60), Lifetime (27), USA (22), TBS (17) and VH1 (73)**. The commercials encourage women to see their doctor and give a web site and toll-free phone number to call for more information.

Watch for the ad and *LifeTalk* and let us know what you think.

## Time to Get Involved

*When a man knows the right thing to do and does not do it, he sins. James 4:17*

Avoiding personal involvement in abortion does not fulfill the obligation to be pro-life. As committed Children of God, it is our responsibility to actively fight this scourge in any way we can. Abortion will not end until the hearts of our citizens are changed and we need to **actively** work toward this end.

First and foremost, **pray**. Everyone can do that. Next, **educate yourself**. Our mission is education, but we are a small organization with a limited budget and can only provide this Newsletter quarterly. So much happens on a daily basis that affects life issues, but there is a wealth of information and organizations available that can help you stay up-to-date, particularly if you are on the internet. As documented by former CBS correspondent Bernard Goldberg in *Bias*, the mainstream media are overwhelmingly pro-abortion, so if this is where you get most of your information, seek out other sources. Contact us if you need help finding resources. We hope that as you become more aware of the breadth and depth of the problem, you will be compelled to become more actively involved. If all Christians truly commit to the pro-life cause, abortion will end.

## Yuba-Sutter Fair—Help Wanted

Every year we sponsor 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 two decades. But we are always looking for new volunteers, especially more youthful ones. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who want to get more actively involved to do so.

What is required? We have a training meeting (approximately two hours) the week before the fair. A typical shift is two and one-half to three 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 July 31 through August 4.

## Financial Report for 2001

**Beginning Balance 1/1/01** **\$2,815.43**

### INCOME:

Contributions, dues, seminar & fair	\$4,412.99	
Cath. Char. Grant	<u>1,000.00</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>+ \$5,412.99</b>
		<b>\$8,228.42</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

USPS	\$288.00	
Newsletter exp.	403.63	
Educational mtl's	629.42	
Fair Booth exp.	409.00	
Billboards	434.00	
TV advertising	1,296.00	
New RTL brochures	888.10	
Misc	50.00	
Seminar exp:	1,504.55	
AWF Hotline support	300.00	
MJUSD Child Dev. Program	<u>246.88</u>	
<b>Total expenses:</b>		<b>- \$6,449.58</b>

**Ending balance 12/31/01** **\$1,778.84**

## Hard Cases

A favorite tactic of pro-aborts is to deflect attention to the hard cases: rape, incest, children with severe problems. Fr. Frank Pavone recently addressed the latter in the following article:

### Why Carry a Dying Child?

The diagnosis that an unborn child has a life-threatening disease or anomaly is a particularly heavy cross for a family to bear. The hopes and dreams that accompany a pregnancy are thrown into chaos, and the joy of the anticipation of the child's birth becomes intense anxiety. But there is one factor that does not change: the love which the family—and the rest of us—can give to that child.

Some wonder why a baby who will die shortly should even be brought to term. But are we not all to die shortly? How are we to evaluate what is long and what is short when we compare life to eternity? Nobody knows how long he or she is to live, nor do we measure the love we give based on the length of life.

Why should a baby who will die shortly be brought to term? Because we love that child for as long as that child lives, whether life be measured in decades or minutes. Why should we be there for anyone who is suffering? Why should we share in their pain? Why should we stay up all night for a sick toddler? Why should we wait by the bed of a loved one in the hospital? Why

should we accept death for anyone, including ourselves? The alternative to accepting death is to try to control it by giving ourselves the authority to take life before life will make too many demands on us. Hence we have abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Just take control. Don't let life hit you too hard. Eliminate the suffering by eliminating the person.

The late Terence Cardinal Cooke wrote a beautiful letter for Respect Life Sunday in 1983. Its eloquence was enhanced by the fact that he was dying of cancer as he wrote it, and died two days before it was read in all the parishes of the Archdiocese of New York. He wrote, "The gift of life, God's special gift, is no less beautiful when it is accompanied by illness or weakness, hunger or poverty, mental or physical handicaps, loneliness or old age. Indeed, at these times, human life gains extra splendor as it requires our special care, concern and reverence."

His words are true no matter how old or young we are. Love means welcome—that is, I open my heart to you as you are—not wanting—that is, you must meet my needs and expectations.

### Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life

We are dependent upon your contributions, which are tax deductible to you. No one in our organization is paid for his or her time or effort. We do our best to be good stewards of your contributions.

## URGENT Pro-Life Alert

The following, received from info@californiaprolife.org, is an urgent call to action:

**FACTS OF LIFE**— May 17, 2002 **SB 1301, the bill that will sanction non-physician drug-induced abortions was approved by the California Senate on May 16, 22-12.** Senator Ray Haynes (R-Riverside) offered amendments, which would have restored the "physician only" provision of current law to this so-called "Reproductive Privacy Act." They were rejected by the same margin of 22-12. Not a single Democrat supported the effort to retain this minimal protection for women choosing RU 486 and other non-surgical abortions, and only one Republican, Bruce McPherson of Santa Cruz supported the bill. McPherson did not vote on the amendment. Senator Sheila Kuehl, the author of SB 1301 (Planned Parenthood is the sponsor), denied any certain connection between RU 486 and the six recent "adverse events," including 2 deaths, reported on April 19 by the federal FDA and Danco Laboratories, the manufacturer of RU 486. Immediate efforts should be underway to contact your Assembly representatives on SB 1301 and this very dangerous and substantive change in California law. Assembly committee hearings will be scheduled sometime after June 3. SB 1301 was only assigned to one committee in the Senate, so this bill appears to be on a fast track

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