

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

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President's Message

Dear Friends,

This year has had the usual ups and downs, successes and setbacks. Nationally, teenage abortions and pregnancies have decreased. We have a new pro-life Supreme Court Justice and the potential of another. Young people are standing up for life and righteousness (see article on Katelyn Sills). The abortion issue is front and center and we believe that in most people's hearts they know abortion is wrong.

Unfortunately, the liberal media does a very good job of confusing people. Last month such tactics caused the defeat of a simple Parental Notification Ballot Measure, Proposition 73.

Thankfully we are looking forward to celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Because of Him we continue to have hope. He gives us the grace to continue.

"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up." (Gal. 6:9)

Because of you and the support you give us, we are able to promote the pro-life message through the Fair booth, billboards, our website (www.ystrtl.org), literature, and speaking engagements

Local family stands up and speaks out

High school sophomore Katelyn Sills occasionally accompanied her mother, Wynette, ministering to women as side-walk counselors at a Sacramento Planned Parenthood clinic. When Katelyn returned to Loretto Catholic High School this fall, she thought the new teacher looked like one of the volunteer PP clinic escorts who take women into the facility for their abortions.

After confirming the teacher's identity, Wynette notified school administrators of her concerns, noting the teacher "will have extensive unsupervised access to our young women at Loretto and I must speak up or they are put at risk due to her abortion-promotion presence."

As described by a Diocesan official in LifeSiteNews.com on 11/2/05, the mother quietly approached Loretto High School and asked them to respond to the situation. The School failed to act and the matter was eventually brought to the attention of Bishop Weigand. He exercised his authority as Bishop to intervene in cases of faith and morals, and ordered the teacher

to be dismissed.

Subsequently, however, for reasons that are too involved to detail here, Katelyn was expelled and the entire Sills family was banned from the Loretto campus. Preferring to see this as a "glass half-full" situation, Katelyn's mother wrote:

"We would like to especially encourage the message to be: be strong, be courageous in standing firm for your faith and God will richly bless you for serving Him. Though our worldly comfort was turned a little upside-down with the expulsion news, we can certainly see God's Holy presence throughout as His will and purpose is fulfilled. Katelyn has been an invited guest on EWTN's Life on the Rock and several radio shows, reaching over 125 million households worldwide. On her blog, post-abortive women are telling their story for the first time. . . . The Catholic school system and hiring practices will be strengthened throughout the nation as a result of one 15-year-old standing up for the faith. Katelyn has been invited to intern at Capitol Resource Institute, CRI,

which is a conservative, Christian, pro-family lobbying organization, which is giving her experience in politics, public policy, and the law—subjects she hopes to pursue as a career. She is interviewing with two public school programs. Many people are inspired to join us at the abortion clinics as sidewalk counselors. All this, and more, has blessed our lives in such a short time and it is exciting to look forward to what God has in store for us next. The public schools will be like another mission field for Katelyn to share her faith and moral values with in the years to come, better preparing her for the college experience and the larger world beyond parochial schools."

We applaud the Sills family and thank them for the hope for the future they represent.

The entire story can be found on Katelyn's blog, <http://standupandspeakout.blogspot.com/>

Another Bizarre Court Decision

In the latest outrage from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal (known to some as the 9th Circus), in *Fields v. Palmdale*, November 2, 2005, the Court ruled that the parents who objected to an explicit sex survey given to their **first, third and fifth graders** at school, had "no specific right" to control their children's exposure to matters related to sex! We are confident we have not heard the last of this case. This Court has the reputation as the most often overturned court in the country, so stay tuned. Maybe this case will be the one that finally wakes up parents not just in California but across the country.



American Girl Dolls Linked to Abortion

Christian Wire Service, Oct 12, 2005, CHICAGO, IL—The Pro-Life Action League is warning parents of ties between the popular American Girl doll company and Girls Inc., a group that promotes abortion, lesbianism and easy access to birth control for teens.

In August, the American Girl company, a subsidiary of Mattel Toys, Inc., launched the "I Can" campaign, which involves taking a pledge and purchasing a special bracelet. Seventy cents of each one-dollar bracelet sold will be donated to Girls Inc. American Girl is also donating an additional \$50,000 to Girls Inc.

"Parents need to know that this effort to promote self-esteem among girls is not as innocent as it seems," commented League Executive Director Ann Scheidler. "While Girls Inc. has some good programs, they also support abortion, oppose abstinence-only education for girls, and condone lesbianism."

Scheidler points to the Girls Inc. web site, which declares that "girls need and have a right to . . . convenient access to safe, effective methods of contraception," and that "Girls Incorporated supports a woman's freedom of choice, a constitutional right established by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973 in Roe vs. Wade" (Source: www.girlsinc.com/ic/page.php?id=4.3.4)

"Parents associate American Girl dolls with wholesome American family

values, yet Girls Inc. contradicts parents' most basic moral beliefs," Scheidler said. "We're encouraging parents, grandparents and other family members to write and call American Girl President Ellen L. Brothers to object to the company's support for Girls Inc."

Letters, phone calls and e-mails should be directed to: Ellen L. Brothers, President, American Girl, 8400 Fairway Place, Middleton, WI 53562
Tel: 1-800-845-0005
E-Mail: ellen.brothers@americangirl.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22 will be the thirty-third anniversary of the Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion for the entire nine months of pregnancy. To commemorate these decisions and let the world know we have not forgotten the almost forty-six million babies killed since that date, several events are taking place:

Sanctity of Life Sunday: At most churches this will be on **Sunday, January 22**. Check with your pastor to see what your church is doing. If there is nothing planned, ask your pastor to participate by putting pro-life inserts in your church bulletin, or having a special collection or a baby shower with the proceeds donated to A Woman's Friend in Marysville (or to your local pregnancy help center). Or you can be creative and do something else that will raise the consciousness of your congregation.

West Coast Walk for Life January 21, 2006, in San Francisco. Dr. Mike Gabhart, who attended the 2005 Walk, encourages more local participation for this event. "I found the first annual Walk for Life West Coast to be life-changing...a most amazing day of Christian unity and witness. The presence and reality of spiritual warfare was ever so palpable. This year's march promises to easily exceed last year's in both size and impact."

- 8 a.m., St. Mary's Cathedral, Mass
- 11 a.m., Justin Herman Plaza: a short series of speeches and rally, centering on the theme of abortion's damage to women, children, born or unborn, and families. Confirmed speakers include Serrin Foster, President of Feminists for Life; and Star Parker, Founder and President of Cure.
- **Following the rally:** a beautiful, scenic walk along San Francisco's waterfront ending with an
- **Info Fair** at the at Marina Greens.

For more information, call 415-586-1576; or visit www.walkforlifewc.com. If enough people from this area are interested in taking a bus, this can also be arranged: contact Mike Gabhart, 656-2122, or Rodney Roller at 510-918-5100 or rwroller@comcast.net.

California ProLife Council Annual Rally & Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, January 24, in Sacramento.

- 8 a.m., Grand Hotel, Prayer Breakfast (\$25) featuring Pastor Rick Cole
 - 10:30 a.m., Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Pro-Life Mass
 - 10:30 a.m. inside the Capitol prolife workshops
 - 12 Noon, West Steps of the Capitol, Rally for Life
- Contact CPLC, 1-916-442-8315 or info@californiaprolife.org

PROLIFE PROJECT

We would like to place a 4'x8' pro-life billboard on one or more major roads in Sutter and/or Yuba County. If you have property zoned CM, M1 or M2 and would like to discuss letting us put one on your property, call **Judi Mallen at 671-1757 (day) or 674-7519 (evening).**

The Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Board of Directors extends to all our members wishes for a blessed Christmas season.

John & Maureen Guth
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