

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

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PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As we await the celebration of Christ's birth, let us be filled with the hope that his birth brings to each one of us. May his peace and love fill our hearts and homes and spread to all those who share in our Christmas celebrations. God's peace to you and your families.

Maureen Guth

APPEAL DEMOCRAT SUPPLEMENT UPDATE

Many of you responded to our special appeal for donations to pay for a 12-page pro-life supplement in the January 22, 2000 *Appeal Democrat*. Because of your generosity, we reached our goal!

Remember to look for (and keep) the *Appeal Democrat* supplement. We hope that the articles and information will lead others to value life; that women with unplanned pregnancies find the resources they need; and that the victims of abortion will be encouraged to seek help and find forgiveness and peace.

We truly believe this project is blessed, for God has helped guide us through many obstacles along the path to completing it.

A POSITIVE THOUGHT

It is easy to be overwhelmed by the culture we live in and to throw up our hands in despair. However, we need to remember that there are thousands of children and adults alive today because a single pro-life person took some action—said a prayer, handed out a pro-life brochure, participated in a picket line, or said an inspired word—that caused a mother to change her mind about aborting her baby.

PUTTING NUMBERS INTO PERSPECTIVE

The National Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC is an impressive wall that stretches 492 feet and lists the names of the 48,022 known Americans killed in that war. If such a wall listed the names of the children killed by abortion since 1973, the wall would be about 60 miles long. **The casualties of all our wars put together are fewer than the casualties from abortion in a single year.**

HEARTBEATS

A federal appeals court recently upheld a Wisconsin law that mandates clinics to inform a woman she has the choice to hear her baby's heartbeat before she has an abortion. Pro-choice advocates call this "a coercive tactic," fearing women will decide not to abort once they hear the heartbeat. *(Newsweek, 9/6/99)*

SUPPORT THOSE WHO TAKE A STAND

In past issues we have asked you to boycott companies that support the pro-choice agenda. We also need to encourage companies that take a moral stand on this issue:

- ♥ Wal-Mart recently decided that its pharmacies will not sell Preven, a "day-after contraceptive" that prevents a fertilized egg from being implanted in the mother's womb—in other words, an early chemical abortion. You can thank Wal-Mart for its decision to stand up for life by calling 1-800-966-6546; writing Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., 702 S.W. 8th St. Bentonville, AR 72716-9025; or e-mailing them at letters@wal-mart.com; in the subject line put re: Preven.
- ♥ General Mills Corporation has stopped funding Planned Parenthood. This makes it the 57th corporation to do so.

SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT LIFE

According to a USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll, 55% of Americans believe abortion should be illegal except in the case of rape or incest or if the life of the mother is threatened. An additional 16% said all abortions should be banned. Thus, **71% of people disapprove 99% of the abortions done in America today.** Sixty-one percent also support the partial birth abortion ban.

If these numbers are accurate, why do our laws not reflect them?

Although the 2000 elections are still nearly a year away, it is not too early to research the positions of the likely candidates for local, state and national offices in regard to life issues. Put your support behind those who support life.

LEGISLATION:

U.S.—Partial Birth Abortion: Sen. Rick Santorum (R-PA) has again introduced a bill to forbid killing babies during delivery (partial-birth abortion). The bill is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee and we will be tracking it. Find out how YOUR representative and senator voted on this issue last time around. If their vote was anti-life, do all you can to get them out of office.

CA—Parental Choice: We are happy to report that Governor Davis vetoed this legislation which would have allowed children to be assessed, diagnosed and referred for mental and medical treatment at school health clinics without parental permission or participation.

ABORTION BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER BIRTH

Following *Roe v. Wade*, which made abortion legal throughout the whole nine months of pregnancy, those of us in the pro-life movement were laughed at when we warned of the "slippery slope."

With the arrival of Partial Birth Abortion, and the present administration's determination to keep it legal, we then thought we were at the bottom of the slope. . . Not so! Princeton University has hired Australian professor Peter Singer, who openly states that children less than one month old do not have the same rights as others and that "Killing a defective infant is not morally equivalent to killing a person . . . sometimes it is not wrong at all."

A PRAYER FOR LIFE

Loving God, Creator of all life, you have known us from all eternity. Before you ever formed us in our mothers' wombs, you knew us. Teach us to foster proper attitudes about all of your creation, the unborn, the elderly, the handicapped, the terminally ill. Help us to see anew the miracle and sacredness of all life and give us a greater awareness of our responsibility toward this gift from you. Amen.

(Author unknown)