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President's Message

My Dear Friends,

This is the time of year we like to reflect on the past year, to see where we have been and where we must go. We know there is evil in our world. The 4,000 abortions a day in the U.S. are a constant reminder. The September 11 terrorist attacks on New York and the Pentagon woke up the rest of the world.

Innocent life is lost when evil people have their way. Thank God, we can still have hope. Thank God, He is still God and He will have the last word. Jesus was an innocent victim, but we know what good His death has brought. We are a resurrection people. We sing God's praises through good and bad. We may not yet have won the abortion battle, but we continue to fight the good fight and to be faithful.

On behalf of the unborn and the women who may have chosen abortion *but for your efforts*, thank you for your faithfulness. Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Maureen M. Guth

Funding Anti-Life Organizations

"The pro-life movement will succeed only to the extent that pro-life people are willing to be inconvenienced."

Douglas R. Scott, Life Decisions Internat'l

What do Warren Buffett, Bill Gates and Ted Turner have in common? Aside from being three of the world's richest men (net worth \$28 billion, \$63 billion and \$9 billion, respectively), they are all philanthropists who donate millions to pro-abortion, anti-family organizations both domestically and internationally. Just a few examples:

Warren Buffet (*Sees Candy, Dairy Queen, Geico Insurance, Berkshire Hathaway*) is known for funding projects that other foundations avoid, including the

abortion drug RU-486. The foundation donated \$2 million to the Population Council for clinical trials that led to the drug's approval by the FDA last year. He donated millions more to IPAS (International Project Assistance Fund), the principal manufacturer and distributor of hand-held suction pumps used by the United Nations Population Fund, among others, for first trimester abortions, primarily in third-world countries. He is also a heavy contributor to NARAL (National Abortion Rights Action League).

Bill Gates (*Microsoft*) has donated to the German Foundation for World Population to help bring about "a humane decline in world population growth." The International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) affiliate in the Dominican Republic, PROFAMILIA, has received Gates funding, even though Cardinal Nicolas Lopez Rodriguez, the Archbishop of Santo Domingo, has compared PROFAMILIA's sterilization campaign against local women to the work of "death squads." Tanzania's state family planning organization, UMATI, has also received funding from the Gates Foundation. Tanzanian women complain that UMATI routinely violates their human rights, injecting them with contraceptives such as Depo-provera and Norplant without their consent. The group also performs forced abortions and sterilizations.

Ted Turner (*Turner Broadcast System, CNN, MGM/UA, vice chairman AOL Time Warner*), who has described Christians as "losers" and "freaks," in 1997 donated **\$1 billion** to the United Nations, making it clear that much of this money should go to population control.

Although *Hewlett-Packard* co-founder David Packard and his wife Lucille are both deceased, the philanthropic foundation they started also continues to fund anti-life activities. The Foundation recently approved approximately \$21 million in grants to numerous organizations "for international family planning programs in some of the poorest countries in the world." Much of the money will be directed to pro-abortion organizations, including NARAL, the Alan Guttmacher Institute (research arm of Planned Parenthood), and Population Action

International, which lobbies to overturn the pro-life laws of other countries.

Even though you would never knowingly support Planned Parenthood or other anti-life groups, it is virtually impossible to prevent your money from funding abortion: your tax dollars, both federal and state, pay for it. Many corporations are so multi-faceted these days that it is difficult to do business only with those who do not support Planned Parenthood or other anti-life groups. For example, if you pay for cable or satellite tv, some of your money goes to Ted Turner; if you buy a PC, some of your money goes to Bill Gates; if you buy See's Candy, some of your money goes to Warren Buffett. However, it is possible to minimize the amounts if you familiarize yourself with companies that are anti-life and to the extent possible avoid dealing with them. Life Decisions International periodically publishes a list of corporate funders of Planned Parenthood. You can obtain a copy by contacting them at PO Box 75161, Washington DC 20013-0161; (202) 347-2066; or www.fightpp.org. They do charge for the list. (Sources: **Pro-Life Infonet, Focus on the Family & LDI**)

California Legalizes Over-the-Counter Abortifacients

Amid all the war news, did you notice that in October Governor Gray Davis signed a new law that will take effect January 1? ***The law allows any woman or girl to receive abortifacient "morning-after" pills from her pharmacist without a prescription.***

Washington state has a similar law, and pro-abortion groups hope other states will follow suit. "California is a bellwether state for many other parts of the country," according to Jane Boggess, director of the Public Health Institute Pharmacy Access Partnership. (Source: **Cwnews.com**)

Abortionist Offers Baptism Ceremonies for Aborted Babies

A mother who aborted her seven-and-a-half month old unborn child has testified that following the procedure

she and her husband took part in a baptismal ceremony offered by the abortion clinic.

Women's Health Care Services, run by late-term abortionist George Tiller, promotes a "remembrance ceremony" as an additional service to late-term abortion customers. Along with a dead, aborted baby, the clinic offers "baptism of your baby, with or without a certificate," "certificate of premature miscarriage," and "footprints and handprints of your baby."

Referring to the aborted child, the clinic's advertising says, "We are grateful to allow her to pass from our lives without pain."

Tiller's clinic has been the site of numerous pro-life protests over the years that attracted pro-lifers from across the country because of Tiller's notoriety for performing abortions at any stage of pregnancy. (Source: CWNews.com/LSN.ca)

"Do not grow weary in doing good"

Galatians 6, 9

Embryonic Stem Cell Research— Second in a Series

Headline: Biotech Company Claims First Cloned Human Embryo

Boston, MA—Advanced Cell Technology (ACT) of Worcester, Mass, a research company, reported Sunday [Nov. 25] it had cloned the first human embryo, a development it said was aimed at obtaining embryonic stem cells for use in research. "These are exciting preliminary results," said Robert P. Lanza, one of the researchers at Advanced Cell Technology (ACT). This work sets the stage for human therapeutic cloning...a potentially limitless source of immune-compatible cells for tissue engineering and transplantation medicine." Lanza and Michael West also indicated "science" could push the development of human egg cells even further with a technique known as parthenogenesis. In that process six eggs reprogram themselves to develop into early embryos. Such eggs

would be largely compatible with the genetics of the egg donor. The scientists described all the work as preliminary.

But neither experiment has yet produced the coveted stem cells, i.e., the master cells that grow into all kinds of body tissues (*emphasis by editor*).

The news drew swift protests from pro-life and political leaders who saw it as a step toward cloning human beings.

L Several states, including

California, have banned human cloning, and Congress is considering such a ban. The House of Representatives has already passed a bill banning this but the Senate has still to act, with Sen. Daschle delaying bringing the bill to the Senate floor.

L The National Right to Life

Committee reacted quickly Sunday condemning the announcement. "This corporation is creating human embryos for the sole purpose of killing them and harvesting their cells," said the group's legislative director Douglas Johnson. "Unless Congress acts quickly, this corporation and others will be opening human embryo farms. Any senator who votes against the ban on human cloning will be voting to approve human embryo farms opening for business soon," said Johnson.

L The announcement also met with opposition from **Catholic pro-life leaders**, who have helped lead the fight on the medical ethics issues front. "Some may call it a medical breakthrough. I believe it is a moral breakdown," said Raymond Flynn, president of the National Catholic Alliance and a former U.S. **ambassador to the Vatican**. "Human reproduction is now in the hands of men, when it rightfully belongs in the hands of God."

L **Glenn McGee, a University of Pennsylvania bioethicist** who resigned from Advanced Cell Technology's ethics advisory board, and a critic of the company, said ACT's announcement was premature and called the announcement "nothing but hype." He said the company's report lacks any significant details, including what cells the company actually grew from the cloned embryo. "They are doing science by press release," he said.

What you need to remember!

This company and other research groups in this country and abroad, motivated by money and who will be first, have plunged into one of two efforts for human cloning: 1) reproductive cloning—which aims to produce a new person, or 2) therapeutic cloning—which seeks only to create embryos that would be killed for embryonic stem cells.

(Sources: Associated Press; November 25, 2001; The Pro-Life Infonet, November 26, 2001 #2571; National Right to Life; November 25, 2001)

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And the Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us.

John 1,4