

Yuba-Sutter Right to Life Committee

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Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching the people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion.

Mother Theresa

Just Say No

Why is it that no one seems to have a problem advising parents to teach their children to "Just Say No" to smoking and drugs, but when it comes to sex, professional educators in our schools and organizations such as Planned Parenthood maintain that children cannot be taught to be abstinent, but instead should be advised to have "safe sex."

The height of this hypocrisy is illustrated by the fact that the American Cancer Society (ACS) has given a \$5000 grant to Planned Parenthood in Iowa to train staff to help their patients to quit smoking (just say no) as part of a campaign to reduce cancer!

To add to the irony, Planned Parenthood also offers high-dose hormonal contraception containing carcinogenic chemicals that the ACS list as increasing a woman's risk of breast cancer by 24%; further,

... a 2006 report in the journal of the Mayo Clinic found a risk factor increase of 44% for pre-menopausal breast cancer in woman. In 2005, The World Health Organization (WHO) listed hormonal contraceptives as carcinogenic and confirmed they increased the risk of breast, cervical, and liver cancer in women.
www.lifesite.net, 03/07/2007

South Dakota Abortion Ban

A South Dakota Senate committee recently signed off on a second attempt to prohibit abortions in the state. The new abortion ban would add rape and incest exceptions in an attempt to receive approval from state voters, who defeated a previous measure on a 56 to 44 percent vote last November. The House State Affairs Committee approved the bill on a 10-3 vote but not before adding a provision that would automatically send it to state voters for their consideration. Planned Parenthood took the previous abortion ban, which contained only a life of the mother exception, to the voters. Although they rejected it on the ballot, polls showed a strong majority of voters would have voted for the abortion ban had it had the additional exceptions. [Life News](#), 2/12/07.

Notes of Interest

✓ Statistics show married couples have higher incomes than single people or cohabiting couples, and that children raised by married couples are less likely to live in poverty than children raised by single or cohabiting parents. The cost of a marriage license is the best investment most couples ever make! (Family Research Council)

✓ If you are on the internet, you can sign an online petition to elected officials to end taxpayer funding of Planned Parenthood which receives \$272 million annually of your tax dollars.
www.stopplannedparenthoodtaxfunding.com

Respect Life Month

January is the month we remember the almost 50 million babies that have been aborted in the U.S. since 1973. YSRTL and various local church members were among the 20,000-plus pro-life supporters who participated in the Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 20. Participants traveled from all over California and several neighboring states to bear witness that all human life has value. According to the organizers, the ultimate goal of the Walk is to help women realize there are alternatives other than abortion, and that there are organizations and groups of people across the country that want to help them throughout all stages of a pregnancy.

www.walkforlifewc.com

Other locals attended the Pro-Life Breakfast, Rosary, Mass and Rally at the Capitol on January 23. Make plans now to participate in next year's events! www.californiaprolife.org

Exciting Development in Stem Cell Research

As we noted in our December Newsletter, there are 72 known cures using Adult (i.e., post-birth) Stem Cells and zero cures using Embryonic Stem Cells. In January, it was reported that Researchers at Wake Forest University and Harvard revealed that "stem cells from amniotic fluid donated by pregnant women hold much the same promise as embryonic cells. . . they were able to extract the stem cells without harm to mother or fetus and turn their discovery into several different tissue cell types, including brain, liver and bone. 'Our hope is that these cells will provide a valuable resource for tissue repair and for engineered organs as well,' said Dr. Anthony Atala, head of Wake Forest's regenerative medicine institute and senior researcher on the project." ([Today's News & Views](#), National RTL, 1/8/2007).

LEGISLATION

Among other legislation affecting life issues, the following proposed laws are two of the more egregious measures. We encourage you to contact the bill authors as well as your area state legislators to express your opposition.

AB 16: Pupil immunizations: human papillomavirus vaccine - Ed Hernandez (D-West Covina) This bill requires that on and after July 1, 2009, private and public schools are prohibited from admitting or advancing any female pupil to the 7th grade level unless the pupil has received the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.

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at 7 p.m. in the
conference room at St.
Isidore Parish Hall, 222
Clark Street, Yuba City*

HPV infection is currently the most prevalent sexually-transmitted disease (STD) in the country, with nearly 25 million women ages 14-59 infected. There are over 100 strains of HPV; of these 3 to 4 may cause cancer and the vaccine may protect against these. This vaccine is therefore not a cure-all (or prevent-all).

- ✓ the cost (\$360 for a series of three shots) is unaffordable for many families;
- ✓ it is unknown how long protection will last;
- ✓ HPV vaccine is the first and only vaccine for sexually-transmitted disease under consideration for school mandate, unlike other communicable diseases requiring vaccination for school
- ✓ HPV vaccine does not protect against other sexually transmitted diseases including HIV, which causes AIDS
- ✓ a mandate infringes on the right of parents to make decisions regarding their children's medical care
- ✓ a long-term, mutually monogamous relationship with an uninfected partner is the strategy most likely to prevent genital HPV infection
www.cancer.gov

AB 374: California Compassionate Choices Act: Patty Berg (D - Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Sonoma), Lloyd Levine (D - Van Nuys), and Fabian Nunez (D - Los Angeles). This bill would authorize an adult who has been determined to be suffering from a terminal disease, as defined, to make a request for medication prescribed pursuant to this bill to provide comfort with an assurance of peaceful dying if suffering becomes unbearable. This would make California only one of two states with legal, assisted suicide.

Complete Legislative updates can be found on our website, www.ysrtl.org

Yuba, Sutter, Colusa, Butte Counties: Senator Sam Anestad: State Capitol Rm 2054, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916) 651-4004

Sutter, Colusa, parts of Butte County:
Assemblyman Doug LaMalfa: State Capitol Rm 4164, Sacramento CA 94249-0002, (916) 319-2002
Yuba and parts of Butte County: Assemblyman Rick Keene: Room 2158, Sacramento 94249-0003, (916) 319-2003

YSRTL 2006 Financial Report

Beginning Balance 1/1/06	\$2,220.11
Receipts	
Contributions, Dues.....	\$3,011.00
Catholic Charities	
Grants (2005 & 2006).....	<u>2,157.00</u>
Total Receipts:	<u>\$7,388.11</u>
Disbursements:	
Non-Profit bulk mail & PO Box.	\$200.00
Newsletter postage, supplies printing.....	1,227.88
Educational materials.	888.34
Billboards.	400.00
Y-S Fair booth fee & insur.....	484.00
Colusa Fair booth fee,	
banner & insurance.....	355.00
Web page expenses.....	368.45
Catholic Herald & St. Isidore ads.....	141.63
Educational Spots: A-D, Comcast, Ambassador.	1586.10
AWF contributions.	275.00
Young Life Teen Mother Program contribution.....	250.00
Miscellaneous.....	<u>163.80</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>-\$6,338.20</u>
Ending balance 12/31/06	<u>\$1,049.91</u>

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