

*President's Message*

As 2008 comes to a close and the celebration of Christ's birth nears, I find myself teetering between sadness and hope. 2008 has been dominated with election hype and drama. My heart longed for a pro-life victory. Trusting that God would surely answer these prayers, I was devastated by the election results. This left me questioning God's answer and feeling plagued with a sense of depression.

I know God's desire is to see an end to abortion and the right to life restored to His precious unborn. Our country's choice of President is the MOST pro-abortion EVER! I began to ponder this sad situation. As His child, I must trust Him. But how do I do that? Trust in God because He is still in control. He wants me to pray, Pray, PRAY for President-elect Obama. Pray that he opens his heart to God's love and direction, his eyes to the reality of abortion and sees the truth that "Life is precious and deserves to be protected". Then, I must continue to do all I can to promote life and share the truth about abortion.

God does not want us to lose hope. After all, Christ came to give us hope. Hope that, through Christ, we can be reconciled to God our Father and have eternal Life with Him in heaven.

I encourage and challenge you to get more involved in the pro-life movement. Come to one of our meetings, commit to be a part of the West Coast Walk for Life, wear a "precious feet" pin, pray for women in our community who are struggling with an unplanned pregnancy, teach your children of the preciousness of life and share your pro-life convictions with others. With God's help, we will change hearts.

"If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31

May your Christmas be filled with the Joy of Christ!

Maureen Guth

*Information re: West Coast Walk for Life, monthly meetings, and precious feet pins can be found in this Newsletter.*

**FALL 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN RESULTS:**

The statistics from the latest 40 Days for Life campaign are staggering. This nationally coordinated effort took place in 179 cities in 47 states, 2 Canadian provinces, an American territory, and the District of Columbia. 614 innocent lives were saved (and those are just the ones that are known!), 8 abortion workers walked away from the abortion industry, numerous abortion facilities reduced their hours of operation during the campaign including one facility in California which announced on day 38 that it was closing for good, and hundreds of men and women have been spared the tragic effects of abortion and a lifetime of regrets. The next 40 Days for Life Campaign will be held during Lent. Please consider joining us at one of the abortion facilities in Sacramento in praying and/or fasting for an end to abortion. Highlights from this fall's event can be seen in a short video at [www.40daysforlife.com/hope](http://www.40daysforlife.com/hope).

**IN THE NEWS:**

**October 10, 2008** (Bloomberg) - Court records show that Johnson & Johnson has spent over \$68 million to settle law-

suits brought on behalf of 4,000 women who have suffered strokes, heart attacks, and blood clots after using the Ortho-Evra birth control patch. The Complaints filed blame Ortho-Evra for the deaths of 20 women and claim that Johnson & Johnson hid or altered data regarding the risks of the high levels of estrogen released by Ortho-Evra. One case settled involved a 17-year-old high school junior who died from a blood clot in her lung after wearing the patch for 6 months. Another case involved a 25-year-old Assistant Volleyball Coach at the University of Cincinnati who died of a heart attack in 2004 after using the patch for less than a month.

**CHERRY HILL, NJ—October 20, 2008**

(LifeNews.com) An abortion mill in Cherry Hill that does abortions up to the sixth month of pregnancy arranged for substantial hotel discounts at area hotels for their patients coming from outside the area. The Clarion Hotel is offering a room originally priced at \$109/night for \$59/night. All the woman need do is show a receipt from the abortion mill saying an overnight stay is necessary. And the Quality Inn offers a room originally priced at \$99.99/night for \$74.95/night and they'll even kick in a free breakfast of eggs and pancakes with a stamped pamphlet from the abortion mill. It looks like children are being taken to New Jersey from other states in order to avoid parental notification laws in their home states. Local pro-life advocates have begun boycotting the establishments.

Cherry Hill's Women Center, an abortion mill, performs one method of abortion which involves injecting the dangerous drug digoxin into the baby's heart to kill the baby. If the drug is accidentally injected into the bloodstream of the woman or girl having the abortion, it can cause infection and death. Local pro-lifers have spoken to women and minor girls leaving the abortion mill who are alone, crying, and in extreme pain, but have nonetheless been discharged from the facility after the digoxin injection and told to return the next day for the abortionist to deliver the dead baby.

**October 29, 2008** (LifeNews.com) - Many pro-abortion activists claim that if abortion were made illegal, women seeking an abortion would be thrown in jail like drug dealers and sex offenders. Not so, says Clarke D. Forsythe, senior legal counsel for Americans United for Life. Before Roe, abortionists—the ones performing the abortions—were the target of anti-abortion laws. Women were viewed as the second "victim" of the abortion.

As a matter of law, if the woman were charged as an accomplice, then she could not testify against the abortionist and the case against the person performing the abortions would be weakened. The main reason for not prosecuting women is that by relieving women of criminal liability, the states were better able to obtain convictions against the abortionist. Quoting the book *Dispelling the Myths of Abortion History*, "...in the entire history of Anglo-American law, it appears that the only woman to have been charged with a crime for self-abortion was Margaret Webb---in 1599."



**West Coast Walk for Life**—January 24, 2009, in San Francisco. Yuba-Sutter Right to Life has two buses reserved this year! The bus will leave St. Isidore Catholic Church at 8:00am sharp so be there by 7:45am to get a good seat! The cost to ride the bus is \$25 per person. Contact Cliff Peterson at 713-7005 in the evening or Marcos Gonzalez at 751-6401. You should bring a sack lunch and a drink to strengthen you for the walk! We will stop on the way home for dinner and be back in Yuba City by 6:00pm.

**First Wednesday of the month**—Join us for our monthly meeting the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the St. Isidore Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**WANTED**—More people to sign up to receive our Newsletter **electronically!** Receiving the Newsletter electronically cuts down on printing and mailing costs and helps us to be good stewards. Go to [www.ystrl.org](http://www.ystrl.org) and sign up today!

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**October 27, 2008** (WorldNetDaily) - A movie based on the true story of a woman trapped in the bathroom of an abortion clinic who watched helplessly as her baby died after being born alive is being released to an increasing number of audiences and has even been viewed on Capitol Hill. Rep. Trent Franks, R-Ariz., saw the film and is hoping to organize a full Congressional viewing on January 22, the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The short film (25 minutes) is called “22 Weeks” and was made by Angel Manuel Soto Vázquez, a young Puerto Rican filmmaker who said the movie is “about a woman who decides to get an abortion, and does. But it’s also the story of a woman who, after she gets the abortion, realizes what she has done when she has that mother-son connection.” The woman about whom the film was made, identified only as Angele, was scheduled to have her 22 week pregnancy terminated at the Orlando Woman’s Center in Orlando. Instead, she delivered the baby alive in a restroom at the clinic and said her cries for help went unanswered by the medical staff, even though an employee saw the tiny boy was moving. After calling a friend for help, she curled up with her son, whom she named Rowan, for the full 11 minutes of his short life. She bathed the baby and cut his umbilical cord. After the staff at the clinic demanded that she turn over her son’s body, she barred the bathroom door, praying and weeping until police arrived.

**MARY’S CHRISTMAS STORY:**

Over 2,000 years ago, an angel appeared to a girl. She was 14 or 15 years old. A teenager, and a young one at that. She wasn’t married. She was betrothed.....engaged, if you will. And she was asked to be a mother. Certainly an unplanned pregnancy in the truest sense. Today, teenagers who conceive a child can’t say it wasn’t planned when the

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**“What an irony that a society confronted with plastic bags filled with the remains of aborted babies should be more concerned about the problem of recycling the plastic.”**

**- Winifred Egan**

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mere act of sexual relations has as its normal outcome the conception of a child. But Mary, of course, is different. Her pregnancy was truly unplanned.

Was she frightened? Was she scared, like so many other unwed mothers? Was she scared that her engagement to Joseph would be over when he found out about her pregnancy? Was she worried what people would think? At the onset, it would be easy to say, “yes”. And perhaps she was scared. But Mary had great faith. Mary also had a reason to be scared that young mothers in this country don’t have to contend with. In Mary’s time, pregnant girls and women who weren’t married were stoned to death. Surely that reality crossed her mind when she gave her fiat to St. Gabriel.

But Mary had faith. She had faith in God’s will for her life, even when His will was outside her plans. Mary truly knew and believed that if God sent a child to her, He would also provide for all their needs. Does that mean life would be easily? Of course not. After all, Mary gave birth in a cave on a cold wintery night and then had to flee with Joseph and the child Jesus to Egypt to escape the evil intentions of Herod. But she accepted God’s will—no – she **embraced it** and found great joy in knowing that she was doing all that God had asked of her. Her only concern was what *God* thought. What *He* wanted. His opinion was the only One that mattered. This was what made her happy.

We must learn from Mary. She has a lot to teach us about **true** happiness and the importance God places on motherhood.....planned or not. So if your daughter or sister or friend confides in you that she is pregnant and scared, embrace her. Assure her that she has nothing to fear.....remind her that God loves her and her baby and He will provide for all their needs. All she needs is faith. God will provide the rest. Just as he did for Mary so many years ago.

**To bring the movie “22 Weeks” to Sacramento, go to [www.22weeksthemovie.com](http://www.22weeksthemovie.com) and click the “Demand It” button. Then, enter zip code 95822.**