

Message from the President of YSRTL

Dear Pro-Life Friends,

January 22nd will mark 38 years since abortion was legalized. The Yuba Sutter Right to Life has been working for 33 years to change the law by spreading the pro-life message within our community.

A new educational effort began in August when we placed "Life Jewels", one minute pro-life messages on local radio stations KCYC and KUBA. Our pro-life banners remain up at local businesses and the fair booths at the Colusa and Yuba-Sutter Fairs went very well. This year we helped a pro-life group in Placer County organize and prepare for their first fair booth. In May we gave a presentation on "How to Respond to Pro-Choice Arguments"; and we continue to pray at our local Planned Parenthood the last Wednesday of each month from 4pm to 5pm. One of our local board members received permission to place pro-abstinence literature in two of our local High Schools.

I want to thank our board members, Heather & Michael Pugh, Mike Gabhart, Mary Anne Brayton, Diane LaBaw and John Guth for their sustained dedication, as well as Kathleen DeLuca, Fran Rex, Kathleen Caldwell, Jenna Walters and Hope Ithurburn who have faithfully come to our board meetings and helped with our projects.

I encourage you to get involved in any way you can and speak out for life. Volunteer to help at the fair, come visit our board meetings the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm, pray with us at Planned Parenthood on the last Wednesday of the month and/or come with us for the West Coast Walk for Life on January 22, 2011.

We thank God for the many blessings of this past year and thank Him for His most precious gift, Jesus.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Maureen Guth

IN THE NEWS:

Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood, gave an interview the end of October in which she unabashedly proclaimed the true aim of the organization, namely, the fewer the better....people, that is. "I think it's important....to understand that unlike some other issues of cost, birth control is one of those issues that actually saves the government money," said Richards. "So an investment in covering birth control actually in the long run is a huge cost savings because women don't have children they weren't planning on having and all the sort of attendant cost for unplanned pregnancy. So we actually feel that....it's frankly good public policy."

Rita Diller, the national director of *Stop Planned Parenthood International*, indicated the real reason Planned Parenthood wants expanded contraceptive availability was to expand their profit margin. She noted that Planned Parenthood chief financial officer P. Victor Gonzalez testified the organization purchases contraceptives "at rock bottom prices and resells it at up to 12 times its acquisition cost."

This proposal would be funded by taxpayers. Every taxpayer began life in their mother's womb. Preventing the birth of future taxpayers sounds like an idiotic thing for the government to do, if you ask me.

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The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has filed a request with the Department of Health and Human Services asking that Catholic hospitals be forced to provide "emergency" abortions. According to the ACLU, "There is no basis for a hospital to impose its own religious criteria on a patient to deny her emergency care."

However, the same year the Supreme Court legalized abortion with its *Roe v. Wade* decision, Congress responded by passing the Church Amendment, named after Senator Frank Church, which prohibits federal agencies from requiring religious hospitals to perform either abortions or sterilizations. Other amendments protecting pharmacists and individual medical practitioners have followed, but so have efforts to limit their effects.

Thankfully, the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty has vowed to provide free legal defense for any hospital the HHS takes action against, as well as to sue the feds to stop them.

November 1, 2010 (40DaysforLife.com) This latest 40 Days for Life campaign has saved the lives of 541 babies worldwide! 3 of those lives were saved at our Sacramento location. That brings the total to 3,352 lives saved since the very first 40 Days for Life campaign and these are just the ones that are known! We know there are countless others who saw the peaceful, prayerful presence at the abortion clinics and simply changed their mind without even stopping their car.

The abortion clinic where the Sacramento fall campaign was held is struggling to keep its doors open. Three clinic workers have been laid off and business is slow. Thanks be to God!

Let's continue praying for an end to abortion throughout the Christmas season. After all, our dear Lord and Savior was conceived by an unwed teenage mother. Let's pray that all unborn children are not only allowed to live, but are born into a loving family.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

You Are Cordially Invited.... To our meetings! We meet the **first Wednesday of every month** at 7:00pm in the conference room of the St. Isidore Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome! Call 673-1437 for details.

West Coast Walk for Life 2011:

This year's event will take place on January 22nd, 2011 in San Francisco....**the** anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*! Please join us for this very inspiring event. Yuba Sutter Right to Life will have 2 buses leaving the parking lot of St. Isidore at 8am. Tickets are \$25 each. Please call Maureen at 673-1473 or Heather at 751-9349 or email secretary@ysrl.org for info/tickets. They're going fast so get yours while they're still available! Or visit walkforlifewc.org/event.htm.

San Antonio, Texas, September 24, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) Most people think that coerced or forced abortions only happen in places like China. But the fact of the matter is that sidewalk counselors outside abortion clinics all across this country say that coerced abortion is an all-too frequent phenomenon. "Often the young woman will clearly want to come over and talk to a pro-life sidewalk counselor, only to have her boyfriend, husband or parent push her on into the clinic, sometimes forcibly," said Eric Scheidler of the Pro-Life Action League. "Again and again, women will tell our counselors, 'I have no choice,'" he continued. "They're threatened with being abandoned or kicked out of the house. Sometimes they're even threatened with murder." Scheidler said he believed that any successful effort to end such coercion would cause abortion rates to plummet.

The Center Against Forced Abortions (CAFA), a project of the Justice Foundation, hopes to empower young women with their legal rights and put an end to forced abortion. Justice Foundation attorneys have drafted a letter that outlines to parents the legal rights of their daughters to carry their child to term. To view the letter, visit the CAFA website at <http://www.txjf.org/pages.asp?pageid=99931>.

Allan Parker, Justice Foundation President, stated his inspiration to draft the letter came from his experience of helping teenage girls to escape the pressure from parents to abort. "What's the basic premise of *Roe v. Wade*? It's the woman's choice....[and] choice implies being able to say yes or no," said Parker. "Knowledge is power, and there are legal rights that they have," he said.

Mexico City, According to the September 28, 2010 LifeSiteNews.com, 47,000 babies have been killed in the 42 months since abortion became legal in Mexico City. The majority of the abortions (70%) were performed on girls between the ages of 18-29, and only 17% were married.

Since the law passed in 2007, 17 Mexican states have passed amendments to their constitutions prohibiting abortion. In fact, the Governor of the Mexican state of Aguascalientes, Luis Armando Reynoso, said in a recent interview for the newspaper La Jornada, "I am definitely respectful of everyone, but in my role as executive, of executive power and responsible for the same, I call for respect for life." Noting that the power is not his alone, Governor Reynoso added "we must commend ourselves to our Lord, so that He will illuminate the conscience of all of the legislators, of all parts of the government, so they will make the right decisions."

Sydney, Australia, October 18, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com)

He's called "the watchman". Each day, Don Ritchie sits in his favorite chair at his cliffside home and scans the cliff that takes the lives of approximately 50 suicide-minded jumpers a year, trying to discern the intentions of the visitors. "You can't just sit there and watch them. You gotta try and save them. It's pretty simple." If someone seems to be lingering too long at the cliff, he walks out to talk to them.

Now 84 years old and struggling with cancer, Ritchie doesn't have the energy to grab people and pull them back from the brink of death, as he once did. But he says he will always be there to talk to those who might be thinking of ending their lives.

According to official estimates, Ritchie and his wife have saved 160 lives in the 45 years they have lived near the cliff. According to the Sydney Morning Herald, the unofficial tally is closer to 400.

His tactic? Friendliness and persuasion, often times ending in an invitation to join himself and his wife in their home for a cup of tea.

While he doesn't necessarily remember all the faces he's seen at the cliff, he does recall a woman who had taken off her shoes and scaled the small fence bordering the ledge, where she sat with a look of confusion on her face. After talking to her and inviting her in for tea, the woman explained that she suffered from depression, and that the medication she had been given wasn't working. Ritchie and his wife suggested she seek a second opinion. Months later, she sent them a bottle of French champagne, and then a Christmas card thanking them for their help.

For his effort to prevent suicides, Ritchie was awarded the Order of Australia, which is the country's second highest honor, in 2006, and he and his wife were recently named citizens of the year by the local city council.

Merry Christmas from Yuba Sutter Right to Life!