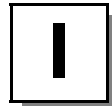


Central Illinois Life News

Pastors Speak Out



n this column, we share reflections of Pro-Life Pastors from Central

Illinois and beyond. This issue, Rev. Mark Henninger, Pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Peoria talks about the implications of euthanasia for our society.

The Terry Shiavo case has generated a whole new generation of impassioned pro-lifers. In this important way (as I am sure in many others), her life, and her sad death, were not in vain.

I wish to leave to those more qualified than myself, some of the issues of why this particular incident was so poorly handled--familiarily, judicially, and medically; and what some of the treacherous ramifications may be that await any one of us, should we find ourselves in an incapacitated state.

Instead, what I would like to focus on in this article, is the important relationship between the two categories of God-given "Life"; and how they interact with one another--using the Shiavo situation as a vivid illustration of this dynamic.

God created biological life. This blessing is bestowed on all living material creatures, be they mankind, animals, or plants (vegetation). (Angels, technically, do not possess this type of life.) The Greek word for this kind of life is "Bios," from which we get the word, "Biology," for instance.

The other type of God-bestowed life is "Zoe" dynamic, which refers to supernatural spiritual existence, gained only through the sovereign grace of God, and received by faith in Jesus (and it is also God's gift). There are numerous New Testament citations of this word, perhaps none

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Coming Events

During coming months, the following pro life events are scheduled in the Peoria area:

Central Illinois Right To Life Fundraising Garage Sale Begins Thursday, June 9, 2005 and goes through Saturday, June 11, 2005.

Collection dates are June 6 and 7. The sale will be at Saint Mark School Gym in Peoria. See the enclosed flyers for more information.

July Fourth Parade: Members and friends of Central Illinois Right To Life will walk together in the July 4th Parade in West Peoria. Meet at 9:30 AM on the 4th at the West Peoria fire station. Call Sondra McEnroe at 673-4833 for more information.

Annual 5K Run/Walk: This year the race will be on August 27th. It will be at Bradley Park in Peoria and will start at 7:30 AM. Trophies are awarded to male and female winners in several age divisions. Contributions are needed to help purchase the trophies for the run. Call Dan at 691-3611 or CIRTL at 685-3034 for additional information.

Annual Peoria Area Life Chain: Central Illinois Right to Life will sponsor the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 2, 2005. Participants will stand in witness to their commitment to the Sanctity of Human Life along University Street and Glen Avenue in Peoria. Don't miss this chance to show your support for the unborn. Call Dan at 691-3611 for more details. Organizational help and church coordinators are also needed.

more famous than Jn. 14:6, where Jesus called Himself, "The Way, the Truth, and the LIFE [Zoe]." Unlike "Bios" life, "Zoe" life is not universally experienced by all mankind.

So, what do these two terms have anything to do with the Terry Shiavo phenomenon? Much, I think, in many ways. First of all, it ought to be observable that some people who possess "Bios" life themselves, do not value it in others, (and sometimes not even in themselves--as in the sad occurrences of suicides). This is odd, because, typically, these people do not believe in the supernatural; and one would expect that they would respect the only form of "life" they could conceive of.

On the other hand, those people who, by grace, possess "Zoe" life, value ALL of Life, be it Bios or Zoe, (though they treasure Zoe more).

In light of this, what ought to be the plan of attack, for all pro-lifers? Should it not be the propagation of the Gospel of Life (Zoe); that would, by God's grace, raise an army of warriors for life, who would take on the culture of death, at every turn?

I believe this is true; and I think this is THE principle means by which we will defeat the lovers of death. May God revive His church toward this end, and for His glory! -

Rev. Mark Henninger, President CIRTL

What is the current state of research on adult stem cells?

Doctors already use adult stem cells to treat a host of human diseases, including cancers, autoimmune diseases, stroke, cartilage and bone damage, and blood and liver diseases. Scientists are continually discovering new capabilities of adult stem cells, human and animal. For example, using mice and rats, scientists have re-grown nerve cells, reversed diabetes, and repaired hearts damaged by heart attack. There is also evidence of a universal adult stem cell that can change into any cell of the body.

Despite the reported "promise" of embryonic stem cells, stem cells from adults are the ones that have been delivering true therapy. Dr. Donald Orlic of the National Human Genome Research Institute states, "We are currently finding that these adult stem cells can function as well, perhaps even better than, embryonic stem cells." (www.nrlc.org - *Understanding Stem Cell Research By Laura Antkowiak*)

Pro Life Events Remembered Forty Hour Prayer Vigil

From Monday January 17 to Thursday January 20, 2005, members and friends of Central Illinois Right To Life held a Prayer Vigil for forty hours over four days on the sidewalk in front of Peoria's abortion clinic on University Street. People from many area churches stood in prayer at this vigil. This was the eighth consecutive year that a Prayer Vigil has been held in conjunction with the Sanctity of Human Life Rally. Our silent prayerful presence focused on divine intervention to prevent the death of more children and for the mothers who will suffer from the loss of those children.

Thirteenth Annual Right To Life **Benefit Garage Sale**



Thursday, June 9, 9 am to 5 pm

Friday, June 10, 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday, June 11, 8 am to 10 am - Half Price Sale

Saturday, June 11, 10 am to 12 pm - \$2 Bag Sale



Saint Mark School Gym

Bradley and Underhill, In Peoria

Additional Parking by Church across Bradley Ave.

***Nice, usable, clean clothing for all sizes *Clean household items
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books *CDs, tapes and music *Antiques**

Donation Drop Off Dates

Monday, June 6, 8 am to 8 pm

Tuesday, June 7, 8 am to 8 pm



***Sorry, we cannot accept baked goods . Please No Large appliances,
(refrigerators, washers, etc.)***



**Also needed, workers for each of the above days along with Wed.
June 8 for setup and pricing. Also we need helpers with a
pickup truck or van to pick up and move donations. We have a
very small storage area for those who must drop off items early.**

Call Sondra at 673-4833 or 309-645-8000. Please post this notice.

January 2005 Sanctity of Human Life Walk Rally

This year's Walk for Life in Peoria was held on Thursday, January 20, 2005, at 6:30 P.M. Participants met at the Peoria County courthouse at that time and after prayer and singing walked to the 7:00 P.M. Sanctity of Human Life Rally at Riverside Community Church. The rally featured special music and prayer along with reports on local Pro Life efforts. Dr. Mildred Jefferson, Physician and National Right to Life board member gave the keynote address. The 40 hour Prayer Vigil sponsored by Central Illinois Right To Life was conducted from January 17 -20 at the abortion center in Peoria.

HELP!!! Single? Children Grown? Semi-retired? WE NEED YOU!!! Do you have an hour or two now & then to help Central Illinois Right to Life's board members with a project? Can we put you on a list of prospective volunteers to contact in the future. Remember, the "Pro-Choice" i.e. the pro-abortion crowd has countless workers

and millions of dollars. We operate on a bare-bones budget and are dependent on willing volunteers. If you could help a little in any way, it would be greatly appreciated and immensely gratifying. Please fill out the coupon below and mark the box next to volunteer help. Thank you and have a blessed year in 2005!

Outreach Committee News: *Each Child ... Deserves Protection!*

On the third Monday of each month, the Outreach Committee of persons interested in bringing the Pro Life message into their churches meets at the upstairs conference room of the Christian Center at 4100 N Brandywine Dr STE 6 at 7:30 p.m. We come together to share ideas, pray, and to renew our efforts to reach people with the Pro-Life message.

Past topics discussed have included presentations of The Hard Truth video to church groups, other Pro Life videos, how to stop Planned Parenthood, how to be an effective Pro Life advocate, and other Pro Life activities. At recent meetings we have also worked on organizing the annual fund raising garage sale and have put together mailings and newsletters like this one. Members have also helped organize and contribute to our new internet site. Anyone interested in joining this effort should come to our meetings or call Dan Smith at 691-3611.

Central Illinois Right to Life: Membership and Volunteer Drive

If you would like to help defend life in Central Illinois, become a member of Central Illinois Right to Life and continue receiving our quarterly newsletter by returning this form and enclosing the annual dues of \$10.00.

Name : _____

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State : _____

Zip Code : _____

Telephone : _____

MEMBER DUES : \$10__ Date

DONATION : \$5__ \$10__ \$15__ \$25__ Other_____ Thank You!

VOLUNTEER HELP : Please put my name on your list of volunteers.

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Volunteer Help Is Desperately Needed Monday, Tuesday, And Wednesday Before The Sale, As Well As Thursday, Friday, And Saturday During The Sale, And Immediately After For Clean-Up And Agency Pick-Up. Perhaps Your Church Group Could Sponsor A Time Slot At Your Convenience. Remember, We Are A Volunteer Organization. Senior Citizens & Teens Are Welcomed & Encouraged. Also If You Are An Experienced Garage Saler Or Have Organizational Skills Or A Talent For Arranging Displays, We need You!!! If you have a pickup truck or van and would be willing to pick up or move donations for us, please call Sondra at 673-4833 or 309-645-8000.

Please Fill Out And Return To CIRTL At 4100 N Brandywine Dr STE 6 , Peoria, IL 61614,

Or Call Sondra @ 673-4833 or 309-645-8000, or Dennis @ 565-7133

[Please Circle Preferred Day(s) And Indicate Time(s) You Can Help.] Thank You !!!

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Time(s) From When To When _____

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Did You Know?

About 1200 African-American babies are killed by abortion in the US every day.

Since the legalization of abortion in 1973, 14 million black children have been aborted. (CDC)

A disproportionate number of abortion clinics are located in low-income and minority neighborhoods.

Approximately 35 % of all abortions in the US are performed on African-American women, while they represent only 13 % of the female population of the country. (CDC 1999)

Contact Black Americans For Life www.nrlc.org/outreach/bal.html

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