

Central Illinois Life News

Pastors Speak Out



Coming Events

A Tribute to Rupert Watt, by Pastor Joey Watt, Pastor of El Vista Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois.

Fornication is the Bible word for engaging in sexual activity before marriage. Verses like I Corinthians 6:18, "Flee fornication," are clear. However, some never hear that message and some choose to ignore it. Some have fallen prey to the Hollywood message that anything goes and we should follow our passions. God's warnings and commands are ignored.

In its proper setting of marriage a positive pregnancy test is a normally a happy event, the fulfillment of a lifelong dream. On the other hand, those influenced by the secular philosophy may say, "Oh, no! I did not want this. I must end this pregnancy." A look into the Yellow Pages reveals that there are those in Peoria who would make that possible.

As the troubled young pregnant woman turns into the abortion clinic, she sees a man and a couple of ladies on the sidewalk, bundled up to protect from the cold wind and rain. One holds a sign, "Pray to End Abortion." There is an awful picture of an infant who was

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

Central Illinois Right To Life Fundraising Garage Sale Begins Friday, June 8, 2007 and goes through Saturday, June 9, 2007. Collection dates are June 6 and 7. The sale will be at Saint Bernard's School 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 11th. 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 645-800 for additional information.

Annual Peoria Area Life Chain: Central Illinois Right to Life will sponsor the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 7, 2007. Participants will stand in witness to their commitment to the Sanctity of Human Life 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.

destroyed by the kind of procedure she is facing. Below the picture are startling words, "Abortion Kills!"

Her mind is in a whirl as she sits in the parking space. She had been told it was her body and her choice. After long minutes of spiritual warfare, with tears streaming down her cheeks she decides she cannot kill this precious infant she is carrying. As she backs out of the parking space and slowly proceeds to the curb, with red eyes and trembling hands, she opens her window and softly speaks to the trio on the walk, "Thank you."

That's the day when my phone would ring. "Joey, this is Uncle Rudy. I want you to know we had a save today. That is four this winter." He meant 4 precious children would have the opportunity to live.

There was no hatred in his heart and no lack of sympathy for the young women who face this decision. There was love for the children God have given life and for the mothers who were facing the most awful decision of life. There was a sense of duty to the Proverb, "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? And he that keepeth thy soul, doth He not know it? And shall not He render to every man according to his works?" (Prov. 24:11, 12)

After Rupert Watt became a believer in Jesus Christ, he set out to do what he could to serve the Lord. In his Nazarene church, he was part of the bus ministry, seeking to reach boys and girls for the Lord. It was consistent with that burden for him to be an advocate for the unborn. Week after week he would go to pray and seek to help these troubled ones to choose life for their babies. Often he would write the editorial page of the local paper to express his convictions about marriage, the family, and the right of the unborn to live.

On March 4, 2007, two days after his 76th birthday, this meek servant of Jesus Christ went home to be with the Lord. The license plate on his car says, "JN 316." This Scripture text characterized his life and was the basis of his assurance of eternal life. He would want you to know that he is not in Heaven because of his pro-life efforts, but because he had put his trust in Jesus Christ, the One who died for our sins, was buried and rose again.

Thank you, Uncle Rudy, for the legacy and example you have left for us.

NRLC 2007 Convention

The 2007 National Right to Life Convention will be held June 14-16 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Featured speakers are Wesley J. Smith and Father Richard Neuhaus. Room Rate is \$119 for 1-4 people per room. Registration: \$95, Senior \$70.00, Couple \$150, Student \$25. Registration includes childcare for all 3 days, however newborn to 3 years is \$20.

15th Annual Right To Life **Benefit Garage Sale**



Friday, June 8, 8 am to 5 pm

Saturday, June 9, 8 am to 10 am

Saturday, June 9, 10 am to 12 pm - \$2 Bag Sale



Saint Bernard School

510 E. Kansas, In Peoria

Corner of Nebraska & New York

***Nice, usable, clean clothing for all sizes *Clean household items
*Nice, clean linens *Kitchen items *Small Appliances in working
condition *Lawn & garden items *Craft items *Exercise equipment *Nice
books *CDs, tapes and music *Antiques**

Donation Drop Off Dates

Wednesday, June 6, 8 am to 9 pm

Thursday, June 7, 8 am to 5 pm



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

Also needed, workers for each of the above days for setup and pricing. Workers can sign up for two hour segments or more. Also we need helpers with a pickup truck or van to pick up and move donations.



Call Sondra at 673-4833 or 309-645-8000.

Please post this notice.

January 2007 Sanctity of Human Life Walk Rally

This year's Walk for Life in Peoria was held on Thursday, January 18, 2007, 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 Sacred Heart Church in downtown Peoria, IL. The rally featured special music and prayer along with reports on local Pro Life efforts. Father Giacomo Capodervi of Priests for Life was the Keynote speaker.

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 2007!

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 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 : _____

Address : _____

City : _____

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.

2007 BENEFIT GARAGE SALE

CENTRAL ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE 15TH ANNUAL BENEFIT GARAGE SALE



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Saturday, June 9, 10 am - 12 pm, \$2 A Bag Sale
Saint Bernard's School; 510 E. Kansas, Peoria, IL

We need donations of :

*Nice, usable, clean clothing for all sizes *Clean household items in working condition *Nice, clean linens *Kitchen items *Small Appliances *Lawn & garden items *Craft items *Exercise equipment *Nice books *CDs, tapes and music *Antiques.

Please, No Torn, Broken, Or Soiled Items. We Cannot Accept Baked Goods. Please No Large Appliances, (Refrigerators, Washers, Etc.) Small appliances must be in working order.

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Volunteer Help Is Desperately Needed Wednesday And Thursday Before The Sale, As Well As 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
[Please Circle Preferred Day(s) And Indicate Time(s) You Can Help.] Thank You !!!

I Can Help Wednesday And/Or Thursday, June 6 and 7.
Time(s) From When To When _____

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Time(s) From When To When _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Pro Life Events Remembered - Washington DC Bus Trip

On January 21, 2007, two Peoria Charter Coach buses left Central Illinois carrying local Pro-Life supporters to the annual March for Life in Washington. Although one bus was originally planned, demand necessitated adding a second bus. Marchers returned on January 23rd, very tired but excited about their contribution to the cause. Make plans now to go to the March for Life with us in January 2008. Call CIRTL at 309-645-8000 for more details.

Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Books Are Still Available

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