

Central Illinois Life News

Pastors Speak Out

In this column, we usually share reflections of Pro-Life Pastors. For this issue, we instead feature an essay by Karen Campbell of the Canton Crisis Pregnancy Center in Canton, IL, addressing an important and timely issue as we approach the Life Chain in October and the Election in November.

How To Have Prolife Children

The world is full of people who give advice. Opening the daily newspaper I can read the "wisdom" of Ann Landers, Dear Abby, Dr. Rosemond, some lady who talks about how to get along with your co-workers and ask your boss for more money, and even another woman who has advice for single adults on where to find the perfect mate. Dr. Dobson now appears in the local paper, often alongside the vet who knows more about canine psychosis than one would care to know. Tuning in to talk radio is another adventure into adviceland, from car repair to family repair a la Dr. Laura, whom I actually like most of the time. (At least she is prolife and has heard of the 10 commandments!) Then there are the countless psychobabblers who line up on Christian radio to tell you how your sin is somehow excusable because of your childhood, recommending that you take a Prozac and all will be better. Just who are these people and what are their credentials? Do a bunch of initials behind a name guarantee authority in a matter?

So, I am wading into precarious waters this month as I join the ranks of those who want to offer their sage counsel! You will have to excuse my "bee in the bonnet" edge, but this is the most important aspect of any prolife work I have ever done and I hold it dear to my heart. I want to talk about how to have prolife children!

I started thinking about this issue last fall, after the Life Chain in October. (This is the annual activity where Christians gather with others from their churches and stand along a highway for a couple of hours, praying and holding prolife signs.) I will always run into my high school best friend at these events, along with her husband, their children,

and her parents. This year she talked to me about her frustration at the number of people who come to these events but who leave their children at home. (Cont. on



Coming Events

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

Annual 5K Run/Walk: This year the race will be on August 26th. It will be at Bradley Park in Peoria and will start at 8:00 AM. Trophies are awarded to male and female winners in several age divisions. Contributions are needed to help purchase the trophies for the run. We also need homemade pies to give away. Call Dan at 691-3611 or CIRTL at 685-3034 for more information.

Annual Peoria Area Life Chain: Central Illinois Right to Life will sponsor the annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 1, 2000. 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.

Walk for Life, Coming in January of 2001, on or near the 28th anniversary of the notorious Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, which put millions of unborn children at risk. After prayer we will walk together to a rally, carrying signs proclaiming our support for the sanctity of all innocent human life.

Sanctity of Human Life Rally, Also coming in January of 2001. The rally will feature special music and prayer along with reports on local Pro Life efforts.

Pro Life Events Remembered - July Fourth Parade:

Members and friends of Central Illinois Right To Life walked together in the July 4th Parade in West Peoria. They gave out 400 balloons and lots of bumper stickers to those in attendance. The crowd seemed very receptive to the Pro Life banner the marchers displayed. Call Sondra McEnroe at 685-3034 for information on next year's parade and on other upcoming Pro Life events in the Central

page 2) Even teens from these families are rarely seen. She told me how her children have grown up knowing that they have no option, that prolife rallies are as required as Thanksgiving Day dinner. She went on to talk about how indifferent so many Christian parents are to training their children in this area, while making sure that those same children have the right math tutors and piano teachers. But this seems to be one of those issues that parents don't want to touch. We exchanged ideas as to why that might be with no solutions as to how to change it. But it made me start thinking about it in my own life.

A few days later I was talking to my daughter about it and she just laughed and said "Oh, Mom, we never would have thought about not going to one of those meetings. We knew how important it was because of how important it was to you and dad." Bingo. That was the key to raising prolife children. They need to know how important this issue is to you. So, here is a list of ways that our children can learn to be prolife.

1. Train your children to know that they are created in God's image. Together, as a family, memorize Psalm 139, stressing that God made them and did so for His own glory. (One of my friends who is expecting her 7th baby told me they recently learned this passage together, looking at pictures of unborn children in a book, and explaining that the child in "mommy's tummy" is there because God was making him there.)
2. Exam your views of children. Hold those views up to the light of Scripture. Did you cringe when you read the above paragraph where I said "7th baby?" Do you love children? Do you welcome little ones into your home? Do you encourage young parents who are expecting a new child that they are all His gift to them, whether it is their 1st or 5th or 10th child? Have you been heard to say "Oh, I'm glad it is you and not me" or "I can't wait to get these kids in school, they are driving me nuts" etc.? Our children know how valuable they are when they hear what we think about them.
3. Do you vote prolife? Do your children get the idea that the economy is more important than the issue of life? Do you actively work as a family to elect prolife leaders? Do you vote? (In our home, the 18th birthday is marked by driving several miles to register to vote!)
4. Do you take your children to prolife functions? Prolifers are fortunate because we can take our little ones to these sort of events and without excuse. (Imagine dragging a child to a march and handing them a sign that says "My body, my choice!") The wonderful sound of a crying child is always heard at our rallies! Occasionally there are situations where the discussions might be inappropriate for younger children, but, by and large, they are family affairs. Do your teens know that they are expected to participate with you? Do you give them a choice? Why?
5. How are you counteracting the humanistic teachings they get regarding human life from the culture around them? Do you run from the culture, do you embrace it, or do you determine, as a family, how to reform it? Do you talk about sex with your children? Do you speak of unmarried pregnant teens with disdain or do you talk of their sin but purpose to love the sinner? Do they know that if they should fall morally that you would still love them?
6. Have you given your children a vision for their role in the prolife community? Do they see themselves as leaders in this capacity or followers? Have you given them opportunities to do this? Have you shown them, by example, how to write letters to the editor, how to prepare a speech on the issues of life, or how to confront the world's thinking by learning logic? One of my best teaching moments was taking my oldest son, who was 17 at the time, to a debate at Bradley. We watched in awe as the head of Methodist Hospital's emergency room staff debated Greg Cunningham from Life Dynamics. It was incredible to watch this former air force officer take on a member of the medical community. His command presence set the tone for the whole debate and challenged my son in ways we could never have done. It served to strengthen what we had taught at home and gave him further vision for how God might use him in this battle.
7. Do you place your children under the teaching of Sunday school teachers, youth leaders or the preaching of pastors who are not prolife? Why? Do your children know that being prolife is a litmus test for those who give you your spiritual training?

We have lots of teaching aids in our crisis pregnancy center, from abstinence training videos to brochures on adoption and abortion. We would love to share them with your family. And we hope that, if you haven't already, you will begin to train your children to be prolife, for God's glory. We look forward to seeing your whole family at upcoming pro life events!

"Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down and when thou risest up." Deut. 6:7

Sign in front of a Peoria Church with at least one pro-choice pastor : **“Hate Has No Home Here.”**
 Tolerance in personal relationships is crucial. However, Proverbs 6:16-19 lists actions that elicit hatred from our Maker. How can we overlook for the sake of “unity”, or God Forbid promote, any act He so clearly disdains?
*“There are six things which Jehovah hateth; yea, seven which are an abomination unto him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and **hands that shed innocent blood**; a heart that deviseth wicked purposes, feet that are swift in running to mischief, a false witness that uttereth lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.”*

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

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 War Memorial Drive 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 : _____
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- MEMBER DUES : \$10__ Date _____
- DONATION : \$5__ \$10__ \$15__ \$25__ Other _____ Thank You!
- VOLUNTEER HELP : Please put my name on your list of volunteers.

Central Illinois Right To Life will be making the Greater Peoria Dining Tour coupons available again this year. Good News - There is a price roll-back to \$25. The packet includes 41 coupons, many new for this year. By purchasing from CIRTL, you fund Pro Life efforts, not to mention saving lots of \$\$\$ on meals in local restaurants. Call 685-3034 for more information or to order your coupons.

Garage Sale Report

Central Illinois Right To Life held its annual fund-raising garage sale in June at the Holy Family school in Peoria. Thank You! Thank You! to all who participated in this years event. Proceeds were over \$4600. We depend on the generous workers and on the donation of quality items as well as the many customers. This money helps fund the billboards, mailings, and other local prolife efforts.

A special thank you is extended to Anella Oldham and Jim Powell.

Holy Family Parish has hosted our sale for several years. We have been able to save lives in Peoria in part because of their generosity and we are deeply grateful. However, due to conflict in summer schedule next year, we must find a new location for our sale.

Please think about this. We can have the sale at any time and location next year. Please call Sondra McEnroe at 673-4833 with ideas for a new location. THIS IS Important!

In addition to sale revenue, CIRTL has received donations in memory of Irene Vander Vennet and Diane Durham. Also a generous donation was received through the Peoria Area Community Foundation.

Finally, thanks to those who have made CIRTL part of their regular giving throughout the year.

Year 2000 Events Sponsored by Crisis Pregnancy Center of Canton

Post-Abortion Counseling Seminar - September 9th

“Beauty for ashes, that He might be glorified”
conducted by Karen Campbell of the CPC

Fall Banquet - October 27th with Curt Young - formally of Christian Action Council

All Day Adoption Seminar - October 28th with Curt Young

As our mailing list grows and we establish a presence on the internet, the Central Illinois Right To Life office staff needs an IBM compatible, Pentium computer, a laser printer, and a fax machine. Can you help by donating or purchasing these items? Call Dennis at (309)565-7133 or CIRTL at (309)685-3034.

The Hippocratic Oath What does it say about euthanasia, abortion, and fetal research.

The following is an A.D. 1995 Restatement of the Oath of Hippocrates (Circa 400 B.C.)

I SWEAR in the presence of the Almighty and before my family, my teachers and my peers that according to my ability and judgment I will keep this Oath and Stipulation:

TO RECKON all who have taught me this art equally dear to me as my parents and in the same spirit and dedication to impart a knowledge of the art of medicine to others. I will continue with diligence to keep abreast of advances in medicine. I will treat without exception all who seek my ministrations, so long as the treatment of others is not compromised thereby, and I will seek the counsel of particularly skilled physicians where indicated for the benefit of my patient.

I WILL FOLLOW that method of treatment which according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of my patient and abstain from whatever is harmful or mischievous. **I will neither prescribe nor administer a lethal dose of medicine to any patient even if asked nor counsel any such thing nor perform act or omission with direct intent deliberately to end a human life. I will maintain the utmost respect for every human life from fertilization to natural death and reject abortion that deliberately takes a unique human life.**

WITH PURITY, HOLINESS AND BENEFICENCE I will pass my life and practice my art. Except for the prudent correction of an imminent danger, I will neither treat any patient **nor carry out any research on any human being without the valid informed consent of the subject or the appropriate legal protector thereof**, understanding that research must have as its purpose the furtherance of the health of that individual. Into whatever patient setting I enter, I will go for the benefit of the sick and will abstain from every voluntary act of mischief or corruption and further from the seduction of any patient.

WHATEVER IN CONNECTION with my professional practice or not in connection with it I may see or hear in the lives of my patients which ought not be spoken abroad I will not divulge, reckoning that all such should be kept secret.

WHILE I CONTINUE to keep this Oath unviolated may it be granted to me to enjoy life and the practice of the art and science of medicine with the blessing of the Almighty and respected by my peers and society, but should I trespass and violate this Oath, may the reverse be my lot.

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“The Pro Life Dollar”

Shortly after the new United States gold dollar commemorating the Indian guide Sakagewea and her baby appeared in circulation, pro life groups took notice because this is the first coin in U.S. history to honor an infant. The coin depicts a teenage Shoshone girl who served as interpreter and guide for Lewis and Clark on their historic exploration of the Northwest Territory in 1804-1806. Her son Jean Baptiste, born during the expedition is depicted with his mother on the coin.

The Pro Life Action League sees this as a sign of a change in attitude of Americans toward motherhood. “I hope that the image of the child on this coin will help Americans recognize the value of each and every child, born and unborn,” says Joe Scheidler of the League. “We love the coin and we are dubbing it the Pro-Life Dollar.” The new coin can be acquired

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