

# Central Illinois Life News

## Pastors Speak Out

**I**n this column, we usually share reflections of Pro-Life Pastors from Central Illinois. However, with the passage by Congress of a bill banning partial-birth abortions, and the veto of that bill by President Clinton, we offer the following quotes from a variety of Christian leaders.

**DR. A. L. BARRY, LUTHERAN CHURCH-MISSOURI SYNOD**

"President Clinton,... "Your veto of this bill sends a message that our society regards human life as of little value. We view this as a severe violation of the government's responsibility from God to protect and defend human life. Your veto will contribute to the further erosion of our nation's moral character. "

**JOSEPH CARDINAL BERNARDIN, ARCHBISHOP OF CHICAGO**

"For over 10 years, I have preached the importance of a consistent ethic of life..... [This ethic] serves as an instrument for evaluating the service of our elected officials with regard to life issues, including abortion. It is not enough to say that one is opposed to abortion or to say that abortion should be 'safe, legal and rare.' I regret to say that while I and my brother bishops are consistent, the president is not."

**GARY BAUER, PRESIDENT, FAMILY RESEARCH COUNCIL**

"Clinton's veto ... of the partial-birth abortion bill is still a shocker ... The president says he wants abortion to be rare, but there is not one of the 1.5 million abortions that take place each year

that he would prevent, or restrict."  
**JEAN GARTON, CO-FOUNDER OF LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

"When the President vetoed the ban on partial-birth abortions, he said he did so after praying about it 'for many months.' To which god does one pray for approval to cruelly puncture a child's skull? From what god does one seek blessing for suctioning out the brains of a child just moments away from taking its first breath? Not the Creator God of Holy Scripture!...Not the Redeeming God who said, "Be careful not to despise these little ones.'"

**MICHAEL FERGUSON, CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR AMERICA**

"Catholic Americans will not forget in November that we need a president who will promote a respect for all human life."

**DR. RICHARD LAND, SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

"...if there is a distinction between being pro-choice and pro-abortion, President Clinton has crossed the line into the pro-abortion camp."

**ANTHONY CARDINAL BEVILACQUA, ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA**

"I am profoundly appalled over President Clinton's veto of the ban on partial-birth abortions. It is a very sad day for our country when the President of the United States endorses killing children in the very process of being born. The culture

## 1996 Garage Sale Report

**T**he year of death is certainly upon us."

*his years garage sale was held from June 20 through June 22 at the Holy Family School in Peoria. Receipts which will be used to fund Pro-Life activities during the coming months totaled over \$5000.00. A special thanks goes to all who helped make the sale a success, especially CIRTL*

## July 4th Parade

**C**ongressional Board Member, *Patty Craig* who directed the project!

*entral Illinois Right to Life members marched in the July 4th parade in West Peoria again this year. Turnout was good and several hundred balloons with a Pro-Life*

## Annual Life Chain

**P**ro-life messages were distributed. Thanks to *Sondra McEnroe* for organizing this excellent witness to the community!

*lease plan to participate in the annual Life Chain this year. The date is October 6th. Come at 2:30 pm and witness to the Peoria area that you believe in the Sanctity of Human Life. We will stand for 1 hour with signs that tell our position against abortion and for children and mothers. There will be singing and prayer and a chance to meet others of like mind. For more information contact Dan Smith at 263-2086 or contact the Life Chain Coordinator at*

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***Date Changes for Annual Run / Walk for Life !!!***

**T**he annual Run / Walk for Life will be held Saturday, August 17th at 8:00 am at Bradley Park in Peoria. This is one week earlier than the previously announced date. We apologize for the change which was necessitated by a conflict with another charity run on August 24th. We hope that all who planned to attend will still be able to do so. The Run/Walk is sponsored by Central Illinois Right to Life, St. Francis Medical Center, and WPEO Radio. The run will be covered live on WPEO Radio, AM 1020. The sponsors invite every one to stand for the protection of life by participating. Trophies will be awarded to male and female winners in several age divisions. Volunteers are also needed to help with the planning and production of this important event which raises much needed funds and focuses attention on the Pro-Life cause. Call Dan at 263-2086 or CIRTL AT 685-3034 for additional information.

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