

# Central Illinois Life News

## A CIRTL Member Shares

I have been asked to write about the last year at the abortion mill. I have been coming to the abortion mill regularly for 2 1/2 years, to the sidewalk.

I looked through my notebook, where I write the numbers of women who go in to the clinic, counted by Sister Mary Jo, some of the people who come to pray and those people who stop to talk to us on the sidewalk. It's not the best setup. University is a busy street, which makes it noisy. The cars pull off the street and need to do so quickly to get out of the traffic.

The front door of the mill is kept locked, so there will be less chance for us to talk to the people. They try to make it hard for us, but we get our chances. A few people stop as they go in. If they do, we talk to them about the harm that abortion will have on the woman. We try to give them pamphlets that list those effects, help that is available and pictures of an 8-week-old baby in the womb and a baby after a suction abortion. If they won't talk to us, maybe they will look at the literature. We also give them rosaries that have been blessed and prayed over, for the intentions of the people who will get them.

A few more stop as they pull out, stopping to wait for a lull in the traffic. One woman stopped to say, "I didn't do it. I just couldn't. I called my Mom, while I was waiting, and she

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## Coming Events

During Sanctity of Human Life week, January 18 - January 25, 2004, the following events are scheduled:

**Forty Hour Prayer Vigil**, January 19 - January 22, 2004, in front of the abortion center on North University Street in Peoria. Call Dan Smith at 691-3611 to volunteer to stand for an hour of prayer.

**Family Resources Center Open House**, Thursday, January 22, 2004 from 5:30 - 6:30 PM, 321 Main Street, Peoria, before the Walk and Sanctity of Human Life Rally.

**Walk for Life**, 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at the Peoria County Courthouse. After prayer we will walk together to the Rally carrying signs showing our support for the sanctity of all innocent human life.

**Sanctity of Human Life Rally**, 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 22, 2004 at Riverside Community Church. The rally will feature special music and prayer along with reports on local Pro Life efforts. Ceasar I. LeFlore III, Minority Outreach Director of Illinois Federation Right To Life will give the keynote address.

**Sanctity Of Human Life Sunday**, January 18, 2004 is the Sunday on which many Churches in our nation make a special effort to remember unborn children and women in difficult pregnancies. Encourage the leadership of your church to boldly speak the truth this year.

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion." (Mother Teresa addressing The National Prayer Breakfast in Washington D.C., February 3, 1994.)

said to get out of there, so I did. I know things will be all right. My mother and grandmother were praying, along with you." Or they stop and say, "This is my 5th child. I think my husband is going to leave me, but I just couldn't do it. I'm scared."

Sometimes the women stop after they have had an abortion. One young woman drove herself, because her mother wouldn't drive her or give her money, didn't want her to have the abortion. She was open enough to talk, take the literature about post abortion help and accept encouragement to seek help, reform her life and turn to God.

Most of us who come to the sidewalk use The Helpers of God's Precious Infants approach. We come to Calvary, where the babies die, like Jesus, they are crucified.

There are lots of confused, hurting people. We come there to show them the love of God, to hold up our lights, which we receive from God, the joy in the midst of suffering. We pray for conversion of all the people who come there, including ourselves. God is working there, through the prayers and the sidewalk counselors.

Abortions happen on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Workers start coming about 7:30 a.m. Clients come soon after until 10:30 or 11 a.m. The abortionist arrives between 10 and 11. Pro-life people are on that sidewalk from 7 a.m. until the last clients leave, usually 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Has there been a change during the 2 1/2 years? I think so. God is using us, to reach out to the people who come there, including the workers.

More women are coming out, saying they have not had the abortion. More people are coming out to pray with us, throughout the day, not just when the women are arriving, but also when the babies are dying and when the women are coming out.

I think that more people are praying for our intentions, for all of the people who come to the abortion mill, and those prayers are working. Come and join us. God is out there.

The abortion mill is called National Health Care at 7501 N. University.

Park in the closed gas station at the corner of University and Willow Knolls and walk north.

If you have questions, you can call me, Karen Guth at 453-7493.

*“Let me say plainly that no man’s blood can be laid at my door, for I did not shrink from declaring all God’s message to you. And now beware! Be sure that you feed and shepherd God’s flock— His church— purchased with His blood— for the Holy Spirit is holding you responsible as overseers.”*

*The Apostle Paul to The elders of Ephesus in Acts 20:26-28 (Living Bible)*

### Heart of Illinois Life Chain 600 Strong

Prolife members of many of the churches in the Peoria area gathered to form the twelfth annual human life chain which stretched almost four miles in Peoria on Sunday, October 5. The Life Chain is the largest nationwide prolife event. American Christians gathered in more than 800 cities and towns during this hour of prayer. This year Life Chain participants displayed new signs with the message, Pray to End Abortion, as well as six other messages displayed in previous years.

This year we were especially mindful of the message on other signs: Life – The First Inalienable Right. At our nation’s conception 227 years ago, the Declaration of Independence proclaimed that Life is the first inalienable right, given by God, our creator, to each of us at our creation, not just after birth.

Our founding fathers held this conviction not as mere opinion, but rather as self-evident truth. An attack on innocent life, wherever situated, is an attack on our freedom everywhere.

The 9-11 attacks on more innocent lives and the war on terror and the Iraq war remind us that for our nation to survive, we must likewise hold the truth that life is an inalienable right and constitute our government to secure the right to life to all, born and preborn. Preborn children depend upon us for their safety and protection. As they grow up, we will depend on them for our safety and protection too. They will become the citizens and soldiers, firefighters and peacekeepers who safeguard us. In solidarity, we, born and unborn, are interdependent.

Plans for next year’s Life Chain on Sunday, October 3 , 2004 are already underway. To help promote the Life Chain, contact 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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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, Inc.*

*Presents*

*The Annual Sanctity of Human Life*

# **Walk and Rally**

**Thursday, January 22, 2004**

*with the following events included*

*Open House at the Family Resources Center*

**321 Main Street in Peoria, IL**

**5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**

*Walk for Life*

**Peoria County Courthouse**

**6:30 pm**

Prayer, singing, and walk to the Church for the Rally to follow

*Sanctity of Human Life Rally*

**Riverside Community Church**

**7:00 pm**

*Key Note Speaker : Ceasar I. LeFlore, III*

**Minority Outreach Director**

**Illinois Federation Right To Life**

## 40 Hour Prayer Vigil and Walk for Life

Sanctity of Human Life Week begins on Sunday, Jan.18. There will be a prayer vigil at the abortion center running from 7 am to 5 pm on Mon. through Thurs., Jan. 19-22. We need volunteers to pray for an hour at a time. Any and all prayer is greatly appreciated. Call 691-3611 to sign up and get details. Don't forget the Life Walk and Rally, starting at 6:30 at the courthouse on Thursday., Jan.22, across the street from the Family Resources Center where an open house will be held from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Thanks for your help!! Jeanne and Dan Smith

## Teaching American Style Democracy To The Newly Liberated

( an admitted over-simplification )

*Some say it is hard to teach our system of constitutional, representative democracy to people in places like Iraq or Afghanistan because they have only known tyranny and dictatorship. It really shouldn't be if we carefully explain how democracy works in America.*

The founders of our country got together and meticulously wrote a constitution complete with an amendment process so the people can change it as needed. All our voting citizens elect representatives. These representatives meet and pass laws and regulations to govern our society. So far so good – government of the people, by the people, for the people, and all that...

However, in our government there is also a small group of robed and mysterious men and women. They are not elected by the people. They are not accountable to the people. They hold lifetime appointment to their position. They decide what our constitution means, though they often define it's meaning to be very different from what the text obviously says. On a regular basis, they find new ideas in our constitution that no one had noticed before; ideas that the authors and ratifiers of the constitution and its amendments would have abhorred. They often use these new discoveries as justification to throw out all the legislation our representatives have enacted that does not fit their worldview.

In effect, they are our true legislators. They make new law each time they decide where our children go to school, what they can and cannot be taught; each time they attack our religious heritage, each time they meddle with our social institutions by redefining marriage, etc.

These non-elected, all-powerful people are the actual and absolute rulers of our country. They have the final say on every facet of life in our nation. They also have the final say over death, steadily removing long standing protections from the very young, the very old, and the ill. Their pronouncements have already consigned over 40 million human lives to the abortion mill.

If citizens resist or refuse to obey their edicts, government troops will soon arrive at the door.

*So take heart, all people newly liberated from dictatorship! American style democracy is coming! And as soon as get you your own set of judicial tyrants installed, you may find that things in your country have really not changed so much after all...*

A CIRTL member

*Central Illinois Right To Life, Inc.  
is planning again this year*

# **A 40 Hour Prayer Vigil**

**to be held in front of the abortion center  
at 7405 North University Street  
In Peoria, Illinois**

**The Prayer Vigil will be held over 4 days  
during the annual Sanctity of Human Life week  
from January 19, 2004 to January 22, 2004**

**Call CIRTL board member, Dan Smith  
at (309) 691-3611  
to volunteer to join this effort**

**If every Church could be represented there - for  
just one hour, the testimony for life to our  
community would be overwhelming!**

*... could you not watch with me one hour?*

Matt. 26:40b

**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 on page 3 and mark the box next to volunteer help. Thank you and have a blessed year in 2004!

## **Life Line long distance provides an easy way to contribute to Central Illinois Right to Life**

Since 1990, customers of LifeLine Communications have been able to designate a portion of their monthly long distance payment to groups like Central Illinois Right to Life. The money we have received has helped us do additional work.

Now LifeLine is offering a New Customer Bonus. Under this plan, 80% of a new customer's first full month's payment to LifeLine will be donated.

If You use a different long distance carrier, please consider switching to LifeLine and designating Central Illinois Right to Life to receive this substantial donation. Then each month following, LifeLine will continue to donate their regular percentage of your payment to CIRTL.

For additional information contact LifeLine at 1-800-800-7550 or [www.lifeline.net](http://www.lifeline.net). Or call Central Illinois Right To Life at 309-685-3034.

## **Greater Peoria Dining Tour Coupon Books**

Central Illinois Right To Life will be making the Greater Peoria Dining Tour coupon books available again this year. The price is \$30. Each book includes buy one get one free coupons to 85 eating establishments and theatres, many offering multiple coupons. All coupons are good till November, 2004 .

CIRTL earns \$10 on each book we sell. We will use this money to fund Pro Life work, and you save lots of \$\$\$ on meals. What A Deal !!! Call 685-3034 for more information or to order .

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## “ Pro Life Billboard Campaign Continues With 24 Hour Hotline ”

Five billboards with Pro Life and crisis pregnancy help messages have now been up for over three years in the Peoria area. There are three in Peoria, one in Creve Coeur, and one in Chillicothe. The phone number on each board is manned 24 hours a day so that anyone needing help can talk to someone without delay and without cost. Babies have been saved from abortion through contacts made over this hotline. The message on each board reaches hundreds of motorists each day with a clear and simple truth - a much needed message which, once seen, is hard to deny and harder to forget.

Our goal is to have several more soon. Each board costs \$100 per month. We need regular contributors for this project.

The donations that you send are reaching your community with the truth about the Sanctity of Human Life in many ways, including these boards, and our rallies, newsletters, and web site. Thanks to all who work and give and pray!



*Unity on the essentials of the Sanctity of Human Life is our objective. We are not seeking uniformity of opinion on all matters.. Therefore, some ideas advocated by the authors of articles in Central Illinois Life News or on the Central Illinois Right To Life website may not necessarily reflect the the personal views of all the members and officers of Central Illinois Right To Life, Inc.*

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