

# Central Illinois Life News

## CIRTL Board Member Shares

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Supreme Court justices and senators, have forgotten what should be taught in any basic seventh grade civics class. From the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, any seventh grader, Supreme Court justice or senator should glean at least the following three points:

**1. Our forefathers established our country with a noble purpose: to secure God-given rights of all because we are all equal brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of God from the moment of our creation, despite all later differences of birth, breeding and benevolence.** "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness – That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men ... "

**2. Our forefathers required that legitimate authority, the "consent of the governed," accomplish this noble purpose.** Continuing the same passage, the Declaration of Independence states "... That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed."

**3. When they framed the Constitution, they made it durable and dependable: only ratification by representatives from at least three fourths of the states can change the Constitution.** Neither the President, nor Congress, nor even the Supreme Court has this power.

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## Coming Events

**During Sanctity of Human Life week, January 16 - January 23, 2005, the following events are scheduled:**

**Washington, DC Bus Trip to the annual March for Life** will leave on January 23, 2005 and return on January 25th. See enclosed flyer or call Sondra McEnroe at 673-4833 for more information.

**Forty Hour Prayer Vigil**, January 17 - January 20, 2005, 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 20, 2005 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 20, 2005 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 20, 2005 at Riverside Community Church. The rally will feature special music and prayer along with reports on local Pro Life efforts. Dr. Mildred Jefferson, Physician and National Right to Life board member will give the keynote address.

"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.)

Since 1973, however, the Supreme Court has usurped the power of the people to change the constitution and thereby destroyed the protection of our God-given rights from the outset of our creation. Under the regime of Roe v. Wade and subsequent decisions, the Supreme Court has failed its most basic civics lesson for all three points above:

1. The court prevented our national, state and local governments from safeguarding the lives of the most defenseless members of our human family, making all persons of good will stand aside in utter anguish while abortionists slaughtered 45 million of our brothers and sisters.
2. The court struck down abortion laws of all fifty states, entirely overriding the consent of the governed.
3. The court did this despicable deed by changing the meaning of our constitution beyond any intent of its framers, all without the ratification of any elected representatives of any state. The Constitution is a beacon of light shining into the darkness of a world filled with chaos, yet the court found its authority not in the light or by the light, but in the shadows, "the penumbras" which it said emanate from rights contained in the Constitution.

Undoubtedly, the Supreme Court has made itself an imperial tribunal with arbitrary authority to recast the Constitution's language into whatever meaning suits whatever purposes of whichever justices who can cog together five votes! The people must reclaim the power which our founding fathers fought for: the consent of the governed to secure God-given rights of all from creation.

In the next several years, a power struggle will likely take place in the United States Senate over confirmation of Supreme Court justices. As provided in the Constitution, the President, the sole person elected by all the people, appoints Supreme Court justices "with the Advice and Consent of the Senate." By claiming a filibuster power nowhere mentioned in the Constitution and never before claimed for confirmation of Supreme Court justices, a minority of 41 senators out of 100 may attempt to preclude the majority of up to 59 Senators from confirming the President's appointments. Likely, our two Illinois senators will be among the minority senators who will attempt to subvert the consent of the governed as expressed by a majority of the elected senators.

Unless the majority of senators defeat this grab for power by the minority, they will fail the same civics lesson as the Supreme Court failed since the Roe v. Wade decision:

1. They would fail to protect the God-given rights of all at creation by the only means effective to end the American abortion holocaust.
2. They would cede the "consent of the governed" to veto by a minority.
3. They would perpetuate the slippery slope of unconstitutional amendment by judicial fiat without consent of the representatives of three fourths of the states.

Everyone who stands for the Spirit of '76 must join in spirit to defeat this new advance of tyranny. Let the immortal words of our founding fathers be ours now and in this century: "With a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

***Civics for Seventh Graders, Senators and the Supremes By Dan Smith - CIRTL VP for Outreach***

*Central Illinois Right To Life, Inc.*

*Presents*

*The Annual Sanctity of Human Life*

# **Walk and Rally**

**Thursday, January 20, 2005**

*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 : Dr. Mildred Jefferson, Physician  
and National Right to Life Board Member*

**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 4 and mark the box next to volunteer help. Thank you and have a blessed year in 2005!

**Heart of Illinois Life Chain Impacts Peoria Again**

Prolife members of many of the churches in the Peoria area gathered to form the thirteenth annual human life chain which stretched almost four miles in Peoria on Sunday, October 3rd. 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 signs with the message, Pray to End Abortion. Several other messages were displayed as well.

Again this year we were especially mindful of the message on other signs: Life – The First Inalienable Right. At our nation's conception 228 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 2 , 2005 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.  
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 17, 2005 to January 20, 2005**

**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

## **Esther House Opens To Help Needy Women and Children in Peoria**

(Information taken from Peoria Rescue Ministries Web Site [www.peoriarescue.org](http://www.peoriarescue.org))

Peoria Rescue Ministries is currently preparing a new residential facility to help needy women and children in the Peoria area. Esther House is another addition to their growing family of ministries. It is located at 6847 North Allen Road in Peoria, Illinois. The facility, formerly called the Smiley Living Center, is a 16,000 square foot building located on a beautiful 3.5 acre lot situated between Redeemer Lutheran Church and Woodland Baptist Church. An Open House and Dedication was held on October 28, 2004.

Esther House will address the needs of women whose shattered lives cannot be turned around by a short stay in a friendly shelter. Women may desire to reclaim a life that has been ravaged by poor choices and shameful pain. Some women are trying to raise a child on minimum wage, if they can even find a minimum wage job. Many women have been rejected by their families and have no other place to turn for love and support.

It is estimated that 95% of single women with children have no religious training. Esther House will demonstrate the love of Christ by working with it's residents on an individual basis as long as is reasonably required.

### **Esther House will exist for two purposes:**

1. To present the love and life of Jesus Christ as the only way to spiritual and emotional wholeness.
2. To assist residents in acquiring the educational and vocational skills necessary to become functioning members of society. An individual plan will be developed for each resident to prepare them to become a committed follower of Jesus Christ and a functioning member of the community. The plan will include Bible study and discipleship, as well as biblical counseling. The resident will be required to acquire educational and vocational skills, which will prepare her to be gainfully employed and self-sufficient. She will be required to contribute to the domestic responsibilities within the residence so that when she is on her own, she will be able to maintain a home proficiently. She will be required to attend a local church (fellowship of believers). The desire is to have a Christian family adopt a resident, bring her to their church, and introduce her to her peers, thus establishing a support base for her when she is no longer at the Esther House.

Financially, the need is considerable. Peoria Rescue Ministries is hoping to retire the purchase debt by the end of 2004. The challenge is great but this is a tremendous opportunity to fill a crucial need in the tri-county area. PRM asks each of us to please consider how we can participate in this exciting ministry. Together we can make Esther House a Christian home for those who need it most.

For investment information call Peoria Rescue Ministries at 309-676-6416.

For possible client information call the Women's Pregnancy Center at 309-688-0202

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## “ Sanctity of Human Life Sunday ”

*“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)*

**Sanctity Of Human Life Sunday**, January 23, 2005 is the Sunday on which Churches in our nation make a special effort to remember unborn children and women in difficult pregnancies. Let each of us encourage the leadership of our church not to “shrink from boldly declaring all of God’s message” on this special Sunday and throughout the year.

*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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