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RTLNCNM LOOKING FOR A WEBMASTER

Do you have web design skills and wonder how you can put them to work for the pro-life cause? We have the solution to your dilemma! RTCNM is looking for a webmaster. We are in the process of redesigning and updating our website and could really use someone to volunteer his/her skills to help with this and take over the website. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please call the state office at 505-881-4563. Thank you!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Indeed we would very much like to take you out to the ball game. RTLNCNM works a food booth at Isotope baseball games and gets a percentage of the income. To be able to do this, there is a great need for volunteers to man the booth.



The money raised has helped us tremendously in our educational efforts, and we want this year to be as great as the past years.

Isotopes baseball games start in April. We need at least 14-16 volunteers for each game (34 games). Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, wear closed toe shoes, and arrive with a smile and a willingness to work with other pro-lifers.

If you would like to join us, please contact Betty Eichenseer at 821-9101 in Albuquerque, or you can email her at: eeichenseer@bigplanet.com

We have a great time and would love to have you join us!

EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH SB 23 IS NOT PASSED IN THE 2008 NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE

By the skin of our chinky chin, we were successful in getting SB 23 defeated!

Once again, The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico found itself confronted with previously classified pro-life legislators voting in support of embryonic stem cell research. Most of these votes came about because the legislator was deceived with some truth, a great deal of half truths, and a whole lot of plain ordinary lies.

When told by supposedly "professionals" that family members such as Sen. John Ryan's mother-in-law could be cured or treated with embryonic stem cells, it is hard for them to accept the truthful information that has been compiled from excellent resources and provided by The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico.

We all have family or friends that have had difficult diseases, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, and ALS and want to do anything to help them. With that in mind and being told the leftover fertilized eggs (new human beings) that could not be

used as they were "defective" would save human lives, you can understand their anti-life vote.

However, there are no leftover human beings with our current law. They must all be implanted in the mother of the donor eggs or to another woman for implantation. To say they were "defective" is a lie. No one can look through a microscope and tell which new embryo will continue to grow and develop, yet this is what legislators were led to believe was happening.

They were also told that "adult" stem cells were not working that well and totally ignored the newest discovery and information about adult skin cells that are pluripotent. Adult stem cells from umbilical cords are being used widely now and are very effective, yet this information was discarded and replaced with "only embryonic stem cells can be used in all the body and will be used in a human being within three years." Nothing substantiates this information; it is pure conjecture.

UNM researchers know the truth; it was just not shared, and half-truths were provided that led legislators to make wrong votes that are anti-life and immoral.

VOTING IN THE SENATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Unfortunately, it could have all ended in the very first committee where we "had" the votes to kill the bill. Even with Archbishop Sheehan, Bishop Ramirez, and the Gallup Diocese being represented and testifying, all four Catholics on the committee voted for SB 23. They are: Mary Jane Garcia (D), Howie Morales (D), Gerald Ortiz y Pino (D), and David Ulibarri (D). Later on the House floor Sen. Garcia and Ulibarri voted against the bill. Sen. Dede Feldman (D) voted for the bill, as did Sen. Stuart Ingle (R). Sen. Steve Komadina (R) took a walk and did not vote. Later he voted against the bill on the Senate floor. Republicans Senators **Steven Nevelle and Gay Kernan voted AGAINST THE BILL.** Had those who voted against the bill in 2007 and who later voted against the bill on the floor had stayed and voted correctly to begin with, the bill would have been dead. As it was, only two voted against the bill. Thus, it went to the next committee.

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Once again, had all those previously established as voting pro-life done so, SB 23 would have been defeated in this committee. But again they bought in to the misinformation that was provided by the same testifiers that they used in all the committees. The results were that these senators voted for SB 23. Democrats: Cisco McSorley, John Gruabesic, Michael Sanchez, and Linda Lopez, who did not hear testimony, only came in to vote. Richard Martinez took a walk. Republicans who voted for SB 23 are: Rod Adair, William Payne, and Clinton Harden (who changed his vote when it came to the Senate floor). **Those who voted AGAINST the bill are: Lidio Rainaldi (D) and Kent Craven (R) who voted for the bill in the 2007 and now has changed his mind.** Having passed this committee, it now went to the Senate Floor.

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SENATE FLOOR VOTE

There was a long discussion on the Senate Floor. Sen. Lee Rawson and Sen. Joe Carraro led the fight to oppose SB 23. Sen. Carraro offered an amendment to change the wording from embryonic stem cells to read “adult” stem cells. This bill was defeated 24-15. Then Sen. Carraro gave a long dissertation on the wrongs of this piece of legislation, as well as informing the senators on the progress of adult stem cells and why we do not need to have embryonic stem cells. It was a very well put and informed presentation.

None-the-less, when the final vote came, the bill was passed 20-18. The people voting **AGAINST** the bill, which **WAS THE PRO-LIFE VOTE**, were the following Senators:

Vernon Ashbill	Gay Kernan
Mark Boitano	Steve Komadina
Pete Campos	Carroll Leavell
Joe Carraro	Steven Nevelle
Carlos Cisneros	Lidio Rainaldi
Kent Cravens	Lee Rawson
Diana Duran	Bernadette Sanchez
Mary Jane Garcia	James Taylor
Clinton Harden	David Ulibarri

Those voting **FOR** the bill, which **WAS THE ANTI-LIFE VOTE**, were the following senators:

Rod Adair	Cynthia Nava
Sue Wilson Beffort	Gerald Ortiz Y Pino
Dede Feldman	Mary Kay Papen
Phil Griego	William Payne
John Grubestic	Shannon Robinson
Stuart Ingle	Nancy Rodriguez
Tim Jennings	John Ryan
Linda Lopez	Michael Sanchez
Cisco McSorley	John Arthur Smith
Howie Morales	H. Dianne Snyder

William Sharer was absent due to his wife’s illness. He is very pro-life.

These senators took a walk and did not vote: Richard Martinez, John Pinto, and Lynda Lovejoy. Sen. Martinez and Sen. Lovejoy voted against the bill in 2007

We gained some votes from 2007 with the following senators: Clinton Harden, Kent Cravens, and Steve Komadina. We lost votes with Mary Kay Papen.

The bill was then sent to two House Committees.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

Consumer and Public Affairs Committee: There was some delay in this bill being heard by this committee, which was the first “slow down” to come up in the process.

There was a little hope that the bill could be killed in this committee; however, that did not work out. This is one of the toughest committees in the House being chaired by anti-life Democrat Rep. Gail Chasey. Although we had some good Republicans, they were only three out of seven members. All the Democrats did cast anti-life votes by voting **for** SB 23, and only two of the three Republicans voted against it. It is believed that Rep. W. C. “Dub” Williams voted in confusion, whereas Reps. Nora Espinosa and Tom Anderson voted against the bill. Rep. Tom Anderson did a magnificent job of questioning the UNM “professional” and did expose some of the misinformation provided. He was well prepared to do this questioning and could have gone for a full day, if it would have done any good. The vote went as follows.

Anti-life votes Reps Gail Chasey, Antonio “Moe” Maestas, Rick Miera, Al Park, and W. C. “Dub” Williams.

Pro-life Vote: Rep. Nora Espinosa and Tom Anderson

The next and last committee step was the House Judiciary Committee. This is the committee that tabled the bill in 2007 at the last minute. The members were the same as then, so we believed we had a good chance on defeating the bill. We met with Dan Foley, who is the minority whip in the Republican Party and on this committee. We knew we had all but one Republican (there are five) and two of the seven Democrats. One did not vote the previous time, so he was an unknown - W. Ken Martinez. The Republican (Rep. Eric Youngberg) voted with us last time but then voted to untable the bill, which could have been disastrous. Speaking to him did not make it clear we had his support. The representatives we believed we could count on were Republicans Teresa Zanetti, Gloria Vaughn, William Rehm, and Daniel Foley. The Democrats were Joseph Cervantes and Thomas Swisstack. Reps. Gail Chasey, Mimi Stewart, Antonio Maestas, Al Park, and Elias Barela were expected to vote for the bill.

We waited for SB 23 to be scheduled for a hearing. Since the bill passed Consumer and Public Affairs on Thursday, February 7th, it was expected the bill would be heard the next weekend and no later than Monday, February 11th. It was not heard and that left the next scheduled time to be Wednesday, February 13th, the last day before the last session on Thursday the 14th which ended at noon.

Chairman Al Park announced to the press that he was *not* going to schedule the bill. This would appear to be the final note. However, House leader Ben Lujan was calling bills that were in committee, which our bill was but not scheduled, to the floor. So on Wednesday it required sitting in the gallery the whole day until we knew this was not going to happen either. By the end of the day we knew the bill was dead, as they would not want to take up the time to debate a controversial bill on the half day left rather than get other laws passed.

The question is, of course, why was SB 23 not scheduled? It is only speculation on my part, and I could be dead wrong. I am just grateful that it met its demise, no matter how or why.

When you see the word “we” when talking about lobbying, I am referring to the Catholic Church’s lobbyist Allen Sanchez. We worked closely and chose certain legislators for each of us to work on. It was a successful strategy. The Catholic Church did a wonderful job in trying to defeat this bill, as did the Baptist Convention lobby.

And then there was **you!** **You cannot underestimate your importance in what happened. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DID!**

However, there is more for you to do. This bill will come again in the 2008 legislative session along with other anti-life bills and a pro-life bill. This is why the coming elections are so important and why we put in place as many pro-life legislators who are consistently pro-life and will represent you. We will show you where and how you can help make our legislature a more pro-life one. You will be getting guidelines on that subject in the near future.

REMEMBERING RONALD REAGAN

PART II: Excerpts from the Book “Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation” written by President Ronald Reagan in 1984

The Congress has before it several measures that would enable our people to reaffirm the sanctity of human life, even the smallest and the youngest and the most defenseless. The Human Life Bill expressly recognizes the unborn as human beings and accordingly protects them as persons under our Constitution. This

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bill, first introduced by Sen. Jesse Helms, provided the vehicle for the Senate hearings in 1981, which contributed to our understanding of the real issue of abortion.

The Respect Human Life Act, just introduced in the 98th Congress, states in its first section that the policy of the United States is “to protect innocent life, both before and after birth.” This bill, sponsored by Cong. Henry Hyde and Sen. Roger Jepsen, prohibits the federal government from performing abortions or assisting those who do so, except to save the life of the mother. It also addresses the pressing issue of infanticide which, as we have seen, flows from permissive abortion as another step in the denial of the inviolability of innocent human life.

I have endorsed each of these measures, as well as the more difficult route of constitutional amendment, and I will give these initiatives my full support. Each of them, in different ways, attempts to reverse the tragic policy of abortion-on-demand imposed by the Supreme Court ten years ago. Each of them is a decisive way to affirm the sanctity of human life.

We must all educate ourselves to the reality of the horrors taking place. Doctors today know that unborn children can feel a touch within the womb and that they respond to pain. But how many Americans are aware that abortion techniques are allowed today in all 50 states that burn the skin of a baby with a salt solution in an agonizing death that can last for hours?

Another example: two year ago, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* ran a Sunday special supplement on “The Dreaded Complication.” The dreaded complication referred in the article – the complication feared by doctors who perform abortions – is the *survival* of the child despite all the painful attacks during the abortion procedure. Some newborn children *do* survive the late-term abortions the Supreme Court has made legal. Is there any question that these victims of abortion deserve our attention and protection? Is there any question that those who *don't* survive were living human beings before they were killed?

Late-term abortions, especially when the baby survives but is then killed by starvation, neglect, or suffocation, show once again the link between abortion and infanticide. The time to stop both is now. As my administration acts to stop infanticide, we will be fully aware of the real issue that underlies the death of babies before and soon after birth.

Our society has, fortunately, become sensitive to the rights and special needs of the handicapped, but I am shocked that physical or mental handicaps of newborns are still used to justify their extinction. This administration has a Surgeon General, Dr. C. Everett Koop, who has done perhaps more than any other American for handicapped children by pioneering surgical techniques to help them, by speaking out on the value of their lives, and by working with them in the context of loving families. You will not find his former patients advocating the so-called “quality-of-life” ethic.

I know that when the true issue of infanticide is placed before the American people with all the facts openly aired we will have no trouble deciding that a mentally or physically handicapped baby has the same intrinsic worth and right to life as the rest of us. As the New Jersey Supreme Court said two decades ago in a decision upholding the sanctity of human life, “a child need not be perfect to have a worthwhile life.”

Whether we are talking about pain suffered by unborn children or about late-term abortions or about infanticide, we inevitably focus on the humanity of the unborn child. Each of these issues is a potential rallying point for the sanctity of life ethic. Once we as a nation rally around any one of these issues to affirm the sanctity of life, we will see the importance of affirming this principle across the board.

Malcolm Muggeridge, the English writer, goes right to the heart of the matter. “Either life is always and in all circumstances sacred or intrinsically of no account; it is inconceivable that it should be in some cases the one and in some the other.” The sanctity of innocent human life is a principle that Congress should proclaim at every opportunity.

It is possible that the Supreme Court itself may overturn its abortion rulings. We need only recall that in *Brown v. Board of Education* the court reversed its own earlier “separate-but-equal” decision. I believe if the Supreme Court took another look at *Roe v. Wade* and considered the real issue between the sanctity of life ethic and the quality of life ethic, it would change its mind once again.

As we continue to work to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, we must also continue to lay the groundwork for a society in which abortion is not the accepted answer to unwanted pregnancy. Pro-life people have already taken heroic steps, often as great personal sacrifice, to provide for unwed mothers. I recently spoke about a young pregnant woman named Victoria, who said, “In this society we save whales, we save timber wolves and bald eagles and Coke bottles, yet everyone wanted me to throw away my baby.” She has been helped by Save-a-Life, a group in Dallas, which provides a way for unwed mothers to preserve the human life within them when they might otherwise be tempted to resort to abortion. I think also of House of His Creation in Catesville, Pennsylvania, where a loving couple has taken in almost 200 young women in the past ten years. They have seen, as a fact of life, that the girls are *not* better off having abortions than saving their babies. I am also reminded of the remarkable Rossow family of Ellington, Connecticut, who opened their hearts and their home to nine handicapped adopted and foster children.

The Adolescent Family Life Program, adopted by Congress at the request of Sen. Jeremiah Denton, has opened new opportunities for unwed mothers to give their children life. We should not rest until our entire society echoes the tone of John Powell in the dedication of his book, *Abortion: The Silent Holocaust*, a dedication to every woman carrying an unwanted child: “Please believe that you are not alone. There are many of us that truly love you, who want to stand at your side, and help in any way we can.” And we can echo the always-practical woman of faith, Mother Teresa, when she says, “If you don't want the little child, that unborn child, give him to me.” We have so many families in America seeking to adopt children that the slogan “every child a wanted child” is now the emptiest of all reasons to tolerate abortion.

I have often said we need to join in prayer to bring protection to the unborn. Prayer and action are needed to uphold the sanctity of human life. I believe it will not be possible to accomplish our work, the work of saving lives, “without being a soul of prayer.” The famous British Member of Parliament, William Wilberforce, prayed with his small group of influential friends, the “Clapham Sect,” for decades to see an end to slavery in the British Empire. Wilberforce led that struggle in Parliament unflinchingly, because he believed in the sanctity of human life. He saw fulfillment of his impossible dream when Parliament outlawed slavery just before his death.

Let his faith and perseverance be our guide. We will never recognize the true value of our own lives until we affirm the value in the life of others, a value of which Malcolm Muggeridge says, “...however low it flickers or fiercely burns, it is still a Divine Flame which no man dare presume to put out, be his motives ever so humane and enlightened.”

Abraham Lincoln recognized that we could not survive as a free land when some men could decide that others were not fit to be free and should therefore be slaves. Likewise, we cannot survive as a free nation when some men decide that others are not fit to live and should be abandoned to abortion or infanticide. My

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administration is dedicated to the preservation of America as a free land, and there is no cause more important for preserving that freedom than affirming the transcendent right to life of all human beings, the right without which no other rights have any meaning.

COMMENTARY BY DAUNEEN DOLCE – LOBBYIST

It has come to my attention that many of you who e-mailed Sen. Rod Adair received an answer filled with a great deal of misinformation. I wish to correct the record at this time.

Sen. Adair stated that SB 23 was not a pro-life bill. He is very wrong. Yes, it is not an abortion bill, but it is a bill that would have a brand new developed innocent human being destroyed.

When discussing pro-life bills, we don't just speak on abortion. We also cover embryonic stem cell research, infanticide (killing of a newborn baby), and euthanasia, all of which are subjects that National Right to Life and The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico have taken a stand against.

A law was established in New Mexico in 1979 that prevented experimentation on all the physiological stages of the unborn, including the embryo. When there was a desire to establish in-vitro fertilization, this law needed to be amended to allow this to happen. I was at those hearings and did succeed to get an amendment that read as such:

Section D: Maternal, Fetal, and Infant Experimentation

“Clinical research” means any biomedical or behavioral research involving human subjects, including the unborn, conducted according to a formal procedure. The term is to be construed liberally to embrace research concerning all physiological processes in human beings and includes research involving human in-vitro fertilization but shall not include diagnostic testing, treatment, therapy, or related procedures conducted by formal protocols deemed necessary for the care of the particular patient upon whom such activity is performed and shall not include human in-vitro fertilization performed to treat infertility: provided that his procedure shall include provisions to ensure that each living fertilized ovum, zygote, or embryo is implanted in a human female recipient, and no physician may stipulate that a woman must abort in the event the pregnancy should produce a child with a disability. Provided that emergency medical procedures necessary to preserve the life or health of the mother of the fetus shall not be considered to be clinical research.

THIS IS THE CURRENT LAW!!! The *Roe v. Wade* mentality has nothing to do with this law. All newly created human beings must be implanted in a woman, either the woman who donated her eggs for fertilization or another through adoption. It is not the choice of the woman who donated the eggs as to what can be done with the newly created human beings (embryos). She cannot donate them for research. She cannot discard them. She, through modern technology, can freeze them for a period of time, but before they are destroyed by being frozen too long, she must implant them or allow another to have them implanted. She does not control the lives of these new human beings. She can help them continue to develop, and if she does not do this, then the new human beings can be given to another to let them develop.

The fact that the law is being broken and these new unique human beings are being discarded does not change the fact that this is wrong and to use them in experimentation is also very wrong. The law must be upheld, and this will be investigated in the future.

A policy for people wanting to use in-vitro-fertilization must be made so that they know what they can and cannot do.

We never felt we were fighting “cloning” - the “creation of a new human being from an embryo. We were fighting to defend a law that respected the life of a newly developed human being. We never discussed cloning.

We did not mislead anyone on the issue. Sen. Adair had the facts given to him on the law and on the development of human life. He was shown that an embryonic stem cell has *never* been used in a human being, thus we were willing to kill a human being for no known good results, not that this would make it acceptable. He and all the legislators were given information on adult stem cell research, which was ignored or put down as not working.

Sen. Adair said in his e-mail, “The fact is SB 23 did absolutely nothing - for or against babies. Anyone who tells you otherwise is either deliberately misleading you or hasn't read the bill or simply doesn't fully grasp what the bill entails.”

The whole purpose of this bill was to override the current law so that newly created human beings could be donated for embryonic stem cell research. To do this research requires this new human being to be destroyed in the process. What is there to understand? This does something “against” a human being; it kills it. Either Sen. Adair does not understand embryonic stem cell research or the bill being submitted or he is rationalizing his position not based on correct information.

Sen. Adair may rationalize his position, but he may not marginalize The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico's position and its accuracy and integrity.

ABORTIONS IN NEW MEXICO

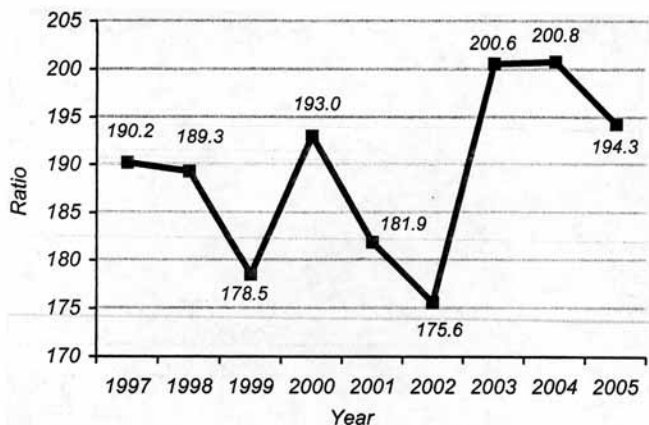
While abortion in New Mexico is below the national average, unlike the rest of the nation, abortions are climbing in New Mexico.

The most current statistics are those compiled through 2005. There were 5, 599 abortions recorded in the Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics. We know there are more New Mexicans having abortion, but they cross the state borders and go to Durango, Trinidad, Lubbock, and El Paso, and those abortions are not reflected in New Mexico's statistics. Also, many counties do not track the abortions in their county, and doctors may not be reporting accurately the abortions they are doing.

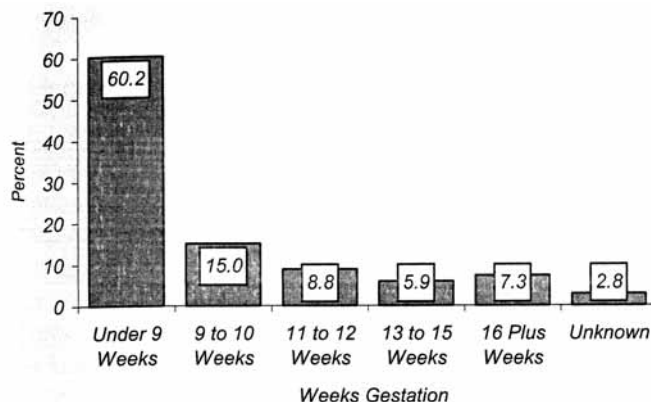
The Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics no longer give data on each county.

Some things remain the same. Thirty-five percent of all abortions are done on women ages 20-24. The next age group is 25-29 for all ethnic groups except Black women. That group is 15-19 years old. Eighty percent of abortions are done in the first 12 weeks; 60.2% are done in the first 9 weeks.

The abortion ration is the number of abortions reported for every 1,000 births. In 1997-2005 the ratio was between 175.6 and 200.8. The national ratio in 2005 is 241.0. The New Mexico's ratio for 2005 is 194.3 which is 19.4% lower than 2003 according to the statistics. However, there has been an increase in abortions. Here are the graphs provided by The Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, which just came out in its 2007 annual report]



The elevation ratio is the number of abortions reported for every 1,000 live births that occur. New Mexico residents obtaining terminations in other states are not included in the New Mexico resident data.



New Mexico residents obtaining terminations in other states are not included in the New Mexico resident data. Gestation is physician's estimate.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS?

The June 3, 2008 primary elections will be here before you know it. Many of you are not registered to vote in the primaries or to vote at all. To vote in the primaries you must declare a party – Republican or Democrat. Independents are not able to vote in this election but are able to vote in the General Election on November 4, 2008.

Some of you have moved and need to re-register to be able to vote where you are. Some of you have been purged from voter files, which happen when you don't vote over a period of time in major elections.

Some have married, thus their name has changed and will need to change their registration.

For those persons who will be 18 as of June 3, you may register now so you can make your very first vote.

Registration closes on May 6, 2008 and will not open up until after the June primaries.

To register, you may contact your party headquarters listed in the telephone book, and they will arrange for you to be registered. Your county clerk can also guide. Here is the current list of county clerks and their telephone numbers.

- Bernalillo** Maggie Toulouse - 468-1290
- Catron** Cynthia Wasserburger - 533-6400
- Chaves** Rhoda Goodloe - 624-6614
- Cibola** Eileen Martinez - 285-2535

- Colfax** Rayetta LeDoux - 445-5551
- Curry** Mario Trujillo - 763-5591
- DeBaca** Lauri Pettigrew - 355-2601
- Dona Ana** Rita Torres - 647-7428
- Eddy** Jean Blenden - 885-3383
- Grant** 574-0042
- Guadalupe** Adam Gallegos - 472-3791
- Harding** Marie Atencio - 673-2301
- Hidalgo** Carmen Acosta - 542-9213
- Lea** Melinda Hughes - 396-8623
- Lincoln** Tammie Maddox - 648-2394
- Los Alamos** Mary Pat Kraemer - 662-8010
- Luna** Karen Smyer - 546-0491
- McKinley** Jacqueline Sloan - 863-6866
- Mora** Charlotte Duran - 387-2448
- Otero** Robyn Silva - 437-4942
- Quay** Ellen White - 461-0510
- Rio Arriba** J. Fred Vigil - 753-1258
- Roosevelt** E. Janet Collins - 356-8562
- San Juan** Fran Hanhardt - 334-9471
- San Miguel** Pecos Paul Maez - 425-1799
- Sandoval** Sally Padilla - 867-7572
- Santa Fe** Valerie Espinoza - 986-6280
- Sierra** Janice Sanchez - 894-2840
- Socorro** Audrey Jaramillo - 835-0423
- Taos** Elaine Montano - 737-6380
- Torrance** Linda Kayser - 246-4735
- Union** Joyce Sowers - 374-2763
- Valencia** Tina Gallegos - 866-2073

Remember, to vote is a very pro-life act and one each of who can, are required to do.

People are inquiring as to who is pro-life in the race for Congress for District 1. We do not have all the answers, as the candidates themselves don't want to discuss their position on abortion. However, we will share what we know.

DEMOCRATS

Martin Heinrich: Is an Albuquerque councilor. At this point, we need to wait to see if he answers NRLC's questionnaire.

Michelle Lujan Grisham: Was State Health Secretary and debated Dauneen on radio in favor of embryonic stem cell research.

Rebecca Vigil-Giron: Is the ex Secretary of the State. Did not answer RTLNM's PAC questionnaire when she ran for Secretary of the State.

Jessica Wolfe: Is an ex gubernatorial aide to Gov. Richardson

Robert Pidcock: Is an attorney who is the only one who has the subject of abortion on his web site. He supports abortion.

REPUBLICANS

Darren White: Is the Bernalillo County Sheriff and was endorsed by RTLNM-PAC many years ago when he ran for state representative. He had some exceptions, such as rape and incest. There were no questions on assisted suicide or embryonic stem cell research. Again, we will have to wait for his answers to National RTL PAC's questionnaire.

Joe Carraro: Is a state senator and has been for 20 years. He has a 100% pro-life voting record and has answered NRLC'S PAC questionnaire 100% pro-life. He was president of The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico. As senator, he sponsored pro-life bills. He has been a great voice for the movement, which was in evidence this session when he worked against the embryonic stem cell legislation from being passed. He also helped get the pro-life language in the National Republican Platform.

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WHAT IS PLANNED PARENTHOOD UP TO?

On January 22, 2008 when many in our nation were mourning the death of near 50 million babies, Planned Parenthood was having its abortion facility in Schenectady, New York being blessed by the clergy.

The definition of "bless" is "to make happy, to consecrate, an invocation of happiness." What can ever be considered happy at an abortion clinic? The misguided women are not happy, the staff workers are not happy, not even the abortionist is happy. But especially the babies are not happy.

How can Rev. Larry Phillips of Schenectady's Emmanuel-Friedens Church declare the ground "sacred and holy? "Where women's voices and stories are welcomed and affirmed, sacred ground where women are treated with dignity, supported in their role as moral decision makers, sacred ground where the

violent voices of hatred and oppression are quelled"? This was reported in the *Albany Times Union*. There can be no blessing where innocent life is taken and women are harmed physically and mentally. They may be cursed but never blessed.

On February 20, 2008, Planned Parenthood announced that from February 26 to April 8, it will hand out free emergency contraception at 10 of its 35 clinics. Planned Parenthood is timing this giveaway so that it will occur by the beginning of spring break at most colleges.

Emergency contraception (also known as the morning-after pill) is a high dosage birth control pill. It is recommended for use after sexual intercourse, over a 72-hour period, to prevent pregnancy. It can also cause an abortion if taken at any other time than the 72 hour window. There is nothing like giving a green light to activities that should be avoided, let alone almost condoned.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I understand that the Right To Life Committee of New Mexico (RTLNCNM) is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization dedicated to the right to life of all innocent human beings from fertilization to natural death; that this organization takes a stand only on those issues that are directly related to abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

I support the goals of RTLNCNM, including a Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and hereby make application for membership (renewal) as follows:

- Individual — \$20.00
- Corporate — \$40.00 - for business organizations
- Family — \$30.00
- NRL News Subscription (\$5.00 with paid membership)

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Address _____

City/Zip _____

Wish to: (check one)

- Register to vote
- Re-register

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