



Visit Our Web Site At:  
[www.rtlnm.org](http://www.rtlnm.org)



JUNE 2007  
Vol. 25, No. 6

## NEWSLETTER OF THE RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE OF NEW MEXICO

### MOTHERS AND FATHERS

In May we honored mothers in our country and rightfully acknowledged their sacrifices, love, and importance in our society. Fathers too need to be commended for their steadfast care by providing the family with it physical needs and leadership. There are cases when fathers and mothers carry on the jobs of both.

To all, thank you. You lay the foundation of our society with the love and guidance you give your children. Yours is the most important role of all in our society, and respect for this role must be acknowledged and given. May all parents come to understand how important their roles are and continue to give their children the time and energy that is required.

### MOTHERS AND FATHERS WHO REGRET

It must be difficult to be in a church and observe the acknowledgement given to mothers and fathers and be in the position of having had an abortion or for encouraging one and now regretting it. We know there is much pain in this situation that has caused great depression and also inflicts physical ailments on many of these people.

First, try very hard to forgive yourself, as those of faith that have asked for forgiveness have been forgiven. This is not easy, and it takes time. For men, help other young men not make the mistake you made or join a pro-life organization. For women, you too can join pro-life groups to aid others or to educate. However, you may not have reached the point where you feel that you can do this.

Rachel's Vineyard is an organization that helps with emotional and spiritual healing and is open to women, men, couples, grandparents, and abortion providers. They offer retreats in both Catholic and Interdenominational settings. It is also a source of clinical training, education, and healing models. To contact Rachel's Vineyard Ministries, you may write to them at 808 N. Henderson Road, King of Prussia, Pa. 19406 or go to their web site at <http://www.rachelsvineyard.org/support/support.htm>.

Remember, you are here and you count. Your healing can then help others to heal or avoid this pain.



### BORN TO RUN A LIFE-SAVING, FUN ACTIVITY

Last month RTLNCM announced that it will once again sponsor the Born To Run fundraising/family fun event on November 3, 2007 at Balloon Fiesta Park. There will be a 3K and a 5K run/walk and activities for children. Those who have participated in the past said they had a great time.

To raise tax-deductible funds for the Right to Life Educational Trust Fund, we have sponsors for this race. Sponsors can be businesses, political candidates (ones RTLNCM supports) and individuals. Many of these sponsors are listed on the runner's application, and some can display business signs at the race. This event helps those who help us.

Our educational efforts must step up to meet the need to educate the people of New Mexico on pro-life issues as those who are anti-life are stepping up their efforts. They have money and the media, and we have insufficient funds to provide the materials needed to accomplish this goal. We do have wonderful supporters, and we need to get more to help us in our efforts.

Please consider being a sponsor, or find a business to be a sponsor for Born To Run, or ask your Church to be a sponsor. Do you know a politician at either the state or national level who would support RTLNCM? Is there an organization that wants to give their support? Will you be a sponsor? Together this can be a great event that serves all. Call 505-881-4563, or send an e-mail message to [info@rtlncm.org](mailto:info@rtlncm.org) if you have questions.

Please fill out the enclosed form, and send it back by the deadline listed. The money raised now helps us to get the race in place. Thank you for whatever support you can give.

### E-MAIL ADDRESSES

**RTLNCM needs your current e-mail address so that we can communicate better with you. Please send it to [info@rtlncm.org](mailto:info@rtlncm.org).** We do not share our information with anyone – not even another pro-life organization, so your privacy is retained.

### NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION

There is still time to register for the NRLC convention being held in Kansas City, Missouri on June 14, 15, & 16. Wonderful presenters include Wesley Smith, acclaimed Bio-Ethicist; Fr. Richard Neuhaus, Editor *First Things*; Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life; Phil Kline, former Kansas Attorney General, and many more speakers and workshops on all pro-life matters. Please go to [www.nrlc.org/convention](http://www.nrlc.org/convention) for details on hotel reservations and reservations for the convention. Come learn and live!

### FAREWELL TO TWO PRO-LIFE WARRIORS

ALBUQUERQUE: Reuben Rubio, long time supporter and husband of Delores Rubio, passed away on Friday, May 11, 2007. He gave time at the RTLNCM's Isotopes booth and helped distribute pro-life information at election time. He was a man who loved life and protected life, and he will be dearly missed.

NATIONALLY: Jerry Falwell, the Christian leader of the Moral Majority that he established in 1979, died Tuesday, May 15, 2007. He influenced elections that resulted in pro-life presidents and legislators getting elected. He was able to convince the religious people in this nation to be involved in the political process. This made a great change in the political arena. His pro-life teachings were shared with many people across the nation. He did change hearts and minds.

## TRYING TO SOFTEN RESISTANCE

by Dave Andrusko, Editor NRLC News

It's hardly news that most people are not well versed about any phase of abortion. That truism holds whether the subject be the number per year (1.3 million), the gravity of the reasons for abortion (only a tiny percentage are in cases of rape, incest, or to save the mother's life), or what happens to the hapless baby (too grisly to relate).

But the flipside of this abysmally shallow understanding is the far more encouraging results you obtain when you deepen the knowledge base by connecting the dots for people. That's what happened in a recent poll conducted by Ayres, McHenry & Associates, Inc., which was commissioned by the Ethics and Public Policy Center and the Judicial Confirmation Network.

Conducted April 26 through May 2, 1,000 registered voters were asked a progressively more informed set of questions about abortion. The results are bleak in the beginning but improved as people began to grasp the virtually unlimited reach of *Roe v. Wade*.

On the basic issue of overturning the 1973 *Roe* decision, 55% initially said no. As there always have been, there were also strong majorities in favor of abortion in the most demanding situations, such as if the pregnancy endangers the life of the mother (75%) or in cases of rape or incest (70%).

A smaller majority (55%) responded that abortion should be legal when the fetus has a "serious physical or mental deformity."

But the affirmatives were startlingly low for the reasons for which the overwhelming percentage of abortions are actually performed. Overwhelmingly, Americans want abortion *illegal* if, for example, the woman doesn't like the gender of the child - 79%, thinks the child would interfere with her education or other career plans - 72%, has all the children she wants - 64%, feels she is not yet ready to have a child - 63%, is not married - 62%.

Such are the reasons cited by women more than 90% of the time as the explanation why they abort.

How about the same respondents' views on overturning *Roe*? When told that (a) *Roe* means states can't restrict abortion for the reason just enumerated, and (b) if *Roe* were overturned "states could make abortion policies that would permit abortion for some reasons and bar it for others," they changed. Armed with this knowledge, 43% (as opposed to 35% when asked initially) said they would want *Roe* overturned compared to 48% who would not.

(Other polls indicated that many of those seemingly not ready to "overturn" *Roe* nonetheless have deep conflicts. For example, an April 2006 Polling Company poll found that 56% agreed that *Roe* should be "changed" when informed that *Roe* allows abortion "for any reason, even as a method of birth control." Only 36% did not agree, and 9% were undecided.)

*Roe v. Wade* is like a mantra. It is short-hand for a whole complex of impressions, word-of-mouth "knowledge," and an ill-informed sense that the "right" to abortion is limited under *Roe*.

In an interview with a reporter, NRLC Executive Director David N. Osteen, Ph.D., likened "Roe to a 'brand' that has been sold to the American people by the media." Once you unpack what the "brand" actually means - that it allows babies to be torn apart because they are the "wrong" sex, for example - support for *Roe v. Wade* plummets.

It's not very glamorous to remind ourselves that putting an end to abortion requires an ongoing one-on-one educational outreach by each and every one of us. Not very glamorous but absolutely true and more effective than you would ever believe.

## WHY YOU ARE NEEDED!

The previous article should make it very clear that each one of us can make a difference. To all the people who through the years in New Mexico and throughout our country, the time and energy they gave has made a difference. They did not sit back and let others "do it". They gave time and energy as well as donations.

We today are called to take up where many of them left off or join those who are currently "giving."

We ask you to help RTCNM and its chapters. The people we educate are the people who can save lives along with us. To help the state, just request a volunteer form to be e-mailed or mailed to you. Call 505-881-4563, or write RTCNM, 2800 San Mateo Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, NM Suite 107 or e-mail [info@rtnm.org](mailto:info@rtnm.org).

If you live where we have a chapter, *please* contact this group and give some time. The chapters are:

<b>Albuquerque RTL</b>	Pres. Betty Eichenseer	821-9101
	<a href="mailto:euichenseer@bigplanet.com">euichenseer@bigplanet.com</a>	
<b>Cibola RTL</b>	Pres. Roman Martinez	290-1454
<b>Doña Ana RTL</b>	Pres. Heather Hobbs	496-1700
	<a href="mailto:heatherhobbs40@hotmail.com">heatherhobbs40@hotmail.com</a>	
<b>Estancia Valley RTL</b>	Pres. Chris Dolce	832-4516
	(Torrance/Edgewood) <a href="mailto:Chris.dolce@sandia.org">Chris.dolce@sandia.org</a>	
<b>Gallup RTL</b>	Pres. Sig Martinez	722-5217
<b>RTL of Lea County</b>	Pres. Gary Jones	392-7724
	<a href="mailto:gliones@basinsurveys.com">gliones@basinsurveys.com</a>	
<b>Los Alamos RTL</b>	Pres. Mary Early	662-7479
	<a href="mailto:Mary.early@att.net">Mary.early@att.net</a>	
<b>Lincoln County RTL</b>	Pres. William Studer	258-5108
	<a href="mailto:billrui@charter.net">billrui@charter.net</a>	
<b>Otero County RTL</b>	Pres. Chris Tenski	437-2488
	<a href="mailto:ctenski2720@hotmail.com">ctenski2720@hotmail.com</a>	
<b>Sandoval County RTL</b>	Pres. Larry Uhrich	896-4602
	<a href="mailto:uhrichlarry_and_catherine@hotmail.com">uhrichlarry_and_catherine@hotmail.com</a>	
<b>San Juan County RTL</b>	Pres. Jessica Booton	320-4605
	<a href="mailto:cbooton@sjsna.com">cbooton@sjsna.com</a>	
<b>Santa Fe County RTL</b>	Pres. Sarah Wilson	690-6856
	<a href="mailto:Simplys@cybermesa.com">Simplys@cybermesa.com</a>	
<b>Socorro County RTL</b>	Pres. Audrey Handley	864-819
	<a href="mailto:dhandleya@aol.com">dhandleya@aol.com</a>	
<b>Valencia County RTL</b>	Pres. Jackie Farnsworth	864-8192
	<a href="mailto:avfarns@juno.com">avfarns@juno.com</a>	

We are currently working on establishing chapters in Rio Arriba, Grant County, and Sierra County. We also need to re-establish chapters in San Miguel, Quay, Mora, and Curry. When these all get established, we will still need to have a chapter in Taos, Colfax, Union, Harding, Guadalupe, Roosevelt, De Baca, Eddy, Chaves, Luna, Hidalgo, and Catron.

If you live in any of these counties and want to help establish a chapter with a 5-member board of directors, just call Dauneen Dolce at 505-881-4563 or e-mail [info@rtnm.org](mailto:info@rtnm.org). Your time as well as your donations will change hearts and minds. The more participants we have, the more we can reach people, and then abortion and euthanasia will be eliminated legally for most cases. Lives will be saved and solutions will be met. Our country and the world will be a better place to live.

## SPEAKER TRAINING

If you are a member of RTCNM and you want to speak for the organization, there is time to sign up for the training required. Send an e-mail message to [info@rtnm.org](mailto:info@rtnm.org) or call 505-881-4563. Deadline for registration is 06/15/07.

*Luck favors people who are prepared.*

## POLITICAL UP-DATE

As shown in the May *Viva Life*, there is much political activity at the national level. Some is voting on bills, and some is reaction to the Supreme Court ruling that the ban on partial birth abortion is constitutional.

### STEM CELL RESEARCH:

As did the House earlier this year, the Senate passed a bill entitled the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act, which would overturn a policy adopted by President Bush in 2001 that prohibits federal funding of stem cell research that requires harming human embryos. The stem cell "source" would be human embryos created at *in vitro* fertilization clinics and "donated" by their parents. This bill will be, if hasn't already, vetoed by the President.

However, the President endorsed a Republican-crafted bill that its authors say doesn't promote the destruction of embryos. Sen. Norm Coleman of Minnesota and Sen. Johnny Isakson of Georgia have drafted what they say is a compromise bill that skirts the moral and ethical dilemma of destroying human embryos for research. This bill would allow scientists to conduct research on embryos that they determine are incapable of surviving in the womb but whose stem cells are still viable for research. The bill would also allow funding for research on stem cells from embryos that have died during fertility treatments.

**National RTL has not responded to this legislation. Some questions arise as to who makes the decision that an embryo is viable or not. Also, how soon after death can a dead embryo's cells be used?**

### GOVERNMENT VERSUS PRIVATE FEE FOR SERVICE UNDER MEDICARE

In 1997 and 2003, NRLC successfully fought to prevent the government from establishing rationing in our health care. The attempt made is to demonize private fee-for-service Medicare and to remove the option of fee-for-service. The government wants to take over contracting with drug companies. This is something they already do under the Veterans Administration that has created less drugs being available because they (the government) offer less money for the drugs. Current managed care does allow for the drugs we need. However, should the same happen to managed care as has happened to the VA, they no longer would decide on what drugs are available. It would be bad enough that we would not have access to all the drugs that are available, but the legislation that has already passed the House would not allow people to pay for these drugs with their own money! It is fortunate that the Senate did not pass this bill at this time. In New Mexico, Sen. Domenici voted against the bill, and Sen. Bingaman voted for the bill. However, this type of legislation will rear its ugly head in the future, and we need to communicate with our legislators on this subject. Congresswoman Heather Wilson voted against the bill along with Cong. Steve Pearce. Cong. Tom Udall voted for the bill. For complete information, go to <http://www.nrlc.org/news/ind.html>

### LOBBYING REFORM AND GRASSROOTS: Legislation dealing with lobbying

Reform has a serious problem. There is an amendment to legislation introduced that is called the "Meehan Amendment," which National RTL says should be called "We Regard Our Constituents as Lobbyists Act of 2007." Doug Johnson, NRLC Legislative Director, says, "It is part of a broader effort by some politicians and special-interest groups to regulate and ultimately discourage the action messages that keep ordinary citizens informed about important legislation moving through Congress. The groups that are pushing for controls over so-called 'grass-

roots lobbying' really want lawmakers and other government officials to be more responsive to pressure from certain elites, including liberal special-interest groups and their fat-cat financial backers, the mainstream news media, and powerful congressional committee chairmen. The Senate has addressed a similar bill, but it did not pass the Senate. The bill discussed above is even broader than the Senate bill.

The full House of Representatives acted on the "lobbying reform" bill (S.1) on Tuesday, May 22. **GOOD NEWS! THE MEEHAN AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED IN COMMITTEE.** However, this bill will come back again and again with this current congress. The good news is that many organizations such as Common Cause, Democracy 21, National Rifle Assoc., ACLU, and The American Conservative Group joined NRLC in fighting this amendment.

### FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT (FOCA)

H.R. 1964 was introduced in the House on April 25, 2007 by Cong. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) with 71 co-sponsors (70 Democrats and 1 Republican), none from New Mexico. It was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Barbara Boxer and had 13 Democratic cosponsors, including Sen. Hillary Clinton (NY) and Independent Joe Lieberman (CT) and New Mexico's Sen. Jeff Bingaman. NRLC Legislative Director Douglas Johnson commented, "In the interests of truth in advertising, the bill should be renamed the 'Freedom for Partial-Birth Abortionists Act.'"

In Congressman Nadler's own words issued in a statement made by him, he said the law "would bar government—at any level - from interfering with a woman's fundamental right to choose to bear a child or to terminate a pregnancy."

Douglas Johnson said, "Those promoting this bill intend to use it as a litmus test for those who seek congressional office or the White House and as fundraising tool. They know they cannot enact anything like this so long as a pro-life president is in the White House."

The promoters claim that the bill would codify *Roe v. Wade* - the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion on demand. But key provisions of the bill would go further than *Roe* invalidating all of the major types of pro-life laws that have been upheld by the Supreme Court in the decades since *Roe*. Codifying "*Roe*" is a marketing gimmick by the proponents, explained Doug Johnson. "The sponsors hope that journalists and legislators will lazily accept the vague shorthand phrase - but it is very misleading."

The bill flatly invalidates any "statue, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action" of any federal, state, or local government or governmental official (or person acting under government authority) that would "deny or interfere with a woman's right to choose" abortion or that would "discriminate against the exercise of the right..in the regulation or pro-

The bill flatly invalidates any "statue, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action" of any federal, state, or local government or governmental official (or person acting under government authority) that would "deny or interfere with a woman's right to choose" abortion or that would "discriminate against the exercise of the right..in the regulation or provision of benefits, facilities, services, or information." With the passage of this bill, we would now pay for abortions with federal abortions (we currently are paying for them with state taxes), there would be no ban on partial-birth abortions, no parental involvement laws, no women's right to know laws. There **WOULD BE NO RESTRICTIONS AT ALL!**

Obviously, we will have to fight this law at the federal June 20, 2007. Please write to your legislators.

## **PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH TAKES A STAND ON ANTI-LIFE LEGISLATION**

On May 3, 2007, President Bush sent identical letters to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA.) and Senate Majority leader Harry Reid (D-NV) stating flatly, "I will veto any legislation that weakens current federal policies and laws on abortion or that encourages the destruction of human life at any stage."

This was done after 155 representatives and 34 senators had sent letters to the President urging him to veto bills that weaken existing pro-life policies and indicating they will vote to sustain such votes. Those numbers exceed the number required to sustain a veto in either house.

The President's letter comes as the congressional appropriations committee is about to begin moving forward with funding bills for the fiscal year beginning October 1. Many important pro-life policies are kept in place by provisions of such appropriations bills, sometimes called 'riders,' including the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding for abortion (except to save the life of the mother or in cases of rape or incest). Pro-abortion advocacy groups have been pressuring the new Democratic congressional leadership to attack these pro-life riders.

In his letters the President wrote, "I am concerned that this year the Congress may consider legislation that could substantially change federal policies and laws on abortion and allow taxpayer dollars to be used for the destruction of human life. I am writing to make sure that there is no misunderstanding of my views on these important issues."

**Post Note: We are grateful that we have such a wonderful pro-life president. Can you imagine what would happen in our nation with a pro-abortion president? It is mind boggling.**

## **STEM CELL RESEARCH, SOME FACTS**

**by Dauneen Dolce, Editor**

So many times when I have debated or attempted to educate a legislator or a person on the subject of embryonic stem cell research that it is not only immoral and unethical but it is pointless, I am given examples of why we need such research. The three examples given in all testimonies are in the area of Alzheimer Disease, Parkinson Disease, and the treatment of adult diabetes.

### **ALZHEIMERS DISEASE**

This disease has not been nor will it be treated with stem cells of any type. This disease is being addressed and will be treated through genetics with gene treatments. Previously, one gene called APOE had been associated with the disease. Now a version of a gene called SORLL has been found in 6,000 patients' DNA that shows evidence of implication in Alzheimer Disease. We all want a cure to this horrible disease, but to mislead people into thinking embryonic stem cell research is the answer is most unfair and untrue.

### **PARKINSON DISEASE**

Again, this disease is a genetic defect that involves multiple genes, five to be precise. Furthermore, the defects in each of these genes can be at different regions of the DNA in different families. This breaks down to many different reasons and mutations for getting Parkinson's. The reasons can be from heredity where some genes are dominant (parent has Parkinson) or may have a recessive gene. Testing for this can get into ethical issues. Currently, there are drugs and brain surgery being used to treat the disease. Much is being done in getting a handle on this illness with treatment and even-

tually finding cause and cure. But use of stem cells is not being used to achieve this.

### **ADULT DIABETES**

Previously, Diabetes in children has been treatable. Testifiers are saying there is no stem cell research for treating adult Diabetes. This had been true, but recently some breakthrough has been made in using adult stem cells for adult diabetics. The future will see that there is no part of a human body that cannot be treated and/or cured by the use of adult stem cells in the different forms.

## **STEM CELL RESEARCH: A LITTLE TRUTH WOULDN'T HURT**

**by Michael Reagan**

Stem cell research was one of the major issues in many campaigns across the country this [past] election year. At the heart of this debate is the issue of the sanctity of human life and the importance of the family.

In the interest of truth in politics, it's worth noting that there are two kinds of stem cell research – one involving embryonic stem cells (ESC) and the other using adult or cord-blood stem cells. The overwhelming number of candidates, Republican and Democratic, favor research on stem cells gathered from adult and core-blood sources. But many, mostly Republicans, oppose ESC research because harvesting the cells requires killing a living human embryo and in many cases results in cloning and killing human embryos for the sole purpose of harvesting the stem cells.

All across the country Democrats and their lackeys in the media distort the issue by portraying those opposed to embryonic stem cell research as being opposed to all stem cell research, refusing to draw the crucial distinction between the two types.

In addition to this dishonest tactic, proponents of ESC research inevitably claim that it holds the most promise as an effective means of curing a host of serious physical and mental disorders, while either ignoring or downplaying the incredible results now demonstrated in adult and cord blood stem cell research.

Moreover, a great falsehood has been spread that President Bush and fellow Republicans who are opposed to embryonic stem cell research have attempted to ban it outright when the truth is that all they have done is seek to deny it government funding. Those who want to pursue it are free to find other sources of revenue, which – if the promises made on its behalf were credible – would be readily available from sources such as drug companies.

Such funding is not forthcoming for very good reasons. Think about it this way: there are about 70 to 80 million baby boomers right now on the cusp of reaching the age at which they will be susceptible to Alzheimer's Disease. With many Americans facing the threat of Alzheimer's, wouldn't you think that if there were an answer to the disease – as the use of embryonic stem cells have been widely touted to be by its proponents – that the drug companies would be falling all over themselves to throw money at those wanting to do ESC research and come up with cures that would make them hundreds of billions in profits?

The fact that the drug companies have turned their backs on ESC research should tell you something. One reason is there is absolutely no basis for the claims the ESC holds a cure for ailments such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and spinal cord injuries. It's all smoke and mirrors, and most of it is based on a single source, the thoroughly discredited claims of South Korean scientist Hwang Woo-suk, who has been convicted of falsifying his research data.

*(continued on page 5)*

## Stem Cell Research: A Little Truth...

(continued from pg. 4)

One negative result of ESC research is the fact that when the cells are injected into lab animals, many grow brain tumors, some malignant and fatal. Thus far, that is the sole fruit of ESC research – fatal brain tumors. Drug companies aren't interested in funding that kind of outcome. There is no money in producing brain tumors.

In contrast to the dismal result of ESC, research on adult and cord-blood stem cells has produced real results helping to cure such maladies as sickle cell anemia, lymphoma, and juvenile leukemia. As a result, funding is no problem here.

Claims that the President and his party are opposed to stem cell research fall flat on their backs when you recall that last year Congress overwhelmingly passed – and the President signed – a bill that provided \$150 million in funding to save and store therapeutic cord blood stem cells.

That's the truth of the matter.

**PS:** It should be noted that adult stem cells have been used to regenerate spinal cords and that progress has been made so that some people who were previously paralyzed are now able to walk. This will get even better in the years to come.

## MEXICO CITY – A SAD STORY FOR ALL

Legislators in the federal district of Mexico City voted 46-19 to legalize abortion on demand in the first three months of pregnancy. It will take effect once the city's pro-abortion Mayor Marcelo Ebrard signs it into law, according to the Associated Press, April 27, 2007.

"...A country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people how to love," Conservative National Action Party Deputy Jose Antonio Zepeda told the *Los Angeles Times*. "It is teaching its citizens how to use violence to obtain what they want..."

Mexico's federal law on abortion allows it only for rape, severe disability, or for the life of the mother.

According to the new law, all public hospitals in Mexico City, which has a population of 20 million, must now perform first-trimester abortions. In addition, private abortion clinics may be opened. The only restriction is that girls under 18 must have parental consent.

Many in the predominantly Catholic country protested against the Mexico City law, promising to appeal the law to the Mexican Supreme Court if necessary. "We will fight for life," said Edith Suarez of the pro-life group organization Live Your Values told the *Times*. "We will not allow this atrocity. We will fight until the final consequences. The deputies who approved this barbarity today will learn to regret it."

**Post note:** The consequences may well be on the way for Mexico and elsewhere.

## POPE SPEAKS OUT AGAINST ABORTION IN BRAZIL

While in Brazil, Pope Benedict XVI spoke in opposition to abortion and suggested that Catholic politicians in Mexico had excommunicated themselves by legalizing abortion in the nation's capital.

He said the excommunication was not something arbitrary. It is part of the (canon law) code. It is based simply on the principle that the killing of an innocent human child is incompatible with going to communion with the body of Christ.

He said the bishops who gave the excommunication didn't do anything surprising or arbitrary. It is not clear at this time as to whether Mexican Cardinal Norberto Rivera

has or will excommunicate the legislators. This appears to be something that is being addressed by bishops around the world.

## PRO-LIFE SEMINAR – DON'T MISS IT!

Tom McBride will give a presentation on euthanasia and our nation's movement towards it in Albuquerque and in Rio Rancho.

Rio Rancho: June 23, 2007 - 4:00 p.m. at Meadowlark Senior Center, 4330 Meadowlark Lane

Albuquerque: June 24, 2007 at UNM Continuing Education, 1634 University Blvd NE (between Constitution Ave and Manual Blvd. east side). The session starts at 3:00 p.m.

## WHAT IS PLANNED PARENTHOOD UP TO NOW?

Planned Parenthood is the largest abortion provider in the country. It is funded by federal and state tax dollars for sex education programs and for providing contraceptives. How the funding for their abortion and other activities are kept separate is to be questioned.

Planned Parenthood (PP) alone was responsible for the deaths of 264,943 abortions in 2005, the most it has ever killed in a single year. Since July 2, 1970, Planned Parenthood has killed 4,068,749. This is when PP opened the first free-standing abortion facility in the country and did its first abortions.

Although it took 35 years for PP to kill its first four million babies in the U.S., at its current rate of doing abortion it could kill another four million in less than 15 years. Meanwhile, in Albuquerque they give sex education classes to our children. That is putting the fox in the hen house.

**CINCINNATI, OHIO:** On May 10, the second of two cases against Planned Parenthood of Southwest Ohio in Cincinnati was filed. The first involved PP's abortion - without the parent's notification or consent - on a minor who had been sexually abused by her soccer coach.

The second case involves the abortion of a teen abused by her father. She informed PP of the incest, but they did not report it to the authorities as required by law. The father continued his abuse till she left home for college. The abuse started when she was 12 years old. The case reports that Planned Parenthood maintains a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy regarding suspected or known sexual abuse of minors.

Previously, Life Dynamics, a pro-life organization in Texas, did a two year study. They found over 800 abortion clinics in which female callers posed as a 13-year-old girl pregnant by an adult and trying to hide the relationship. Ninety-one percent of abortion facilities agreed to hide the age of the girl, including many who first acknowledged that concealment would be illegal. Similar accusations were raised against PP Michigan this May by the Life Education and Resource Network of the pro-life organization Black Genocide. They have demanded a full investigation into PP abortions accusing PP of South East Michigan of violating state law by performing abortions on girls younger than 12.

Meanwhile, in Durango, to prevent a weekly picket that has been taking place for 14 months by LifeGuard, the abortion facility is going to build an eight foot tall fence around the facility that will reduce visibility of the protesters to PP's clients. It is also raising money by asking visitors to PP to "pledge a real picket," \$15 buys a board.

The protesters are going to continue their picketing.

*Ideas are the very coinage of your brain.*

**RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE  
OF NEW MEXICO**  
2800 San Mateo Blvd. NE  
Suite 107  
Albuquerque, NM 87110-3166

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Albuquerque, NM  
Permit #471

## NEW NARAL PRESIDENT MAY HAVE FALSIFIED BATTLE WITH CATHOLIC CHURCH

WASHINGTON, D.C. — NARAL President Nancy Keenan is finding herself in hot water for possible exaggerating claims that she "stood up" to pressure from the Catholic Church in Montana after she spoke publicly at a pro-abortion rally fifteen years ago. NARAL selected former Montana elected official Nancy Keenan as its new president to replace outgoing leader Kate Michelman. In comments to the *Washington Post* after her selection, Keenan said she found herself rebuked by a Catholic Bishop after speaking at a rally backing abortion, and there was talk of her being excommunicated from the church. A biography about Keenan issued by NARAL said she "also showed the force of her pro-choice commitment and the strength of her personal leadership when she stood up to a public effort

to excommunicate her from the Catholic Church." However, a spokesman for the Catholic dioceses of Helena, Montana says Keenan is misstating what happened. Eric Schidermayer told CNS News that the Catholic Church merely tried to "help {Keenan} understand its opposition to her pro-abortion views as a Catholic layperson." According to Schidermayer, then-Bishop Elden Curtiss offered to meet with Keenan to discuss the issue of abortion and Keenan accepted the invitation later that month, CNS News reported. In an article in the November 1989 issue of the *Montana Catholic* newspaper, the official diocesan publication, Keenan said she agreed with the Catholic Church's position against abortion but claimed she could not "impose that belief on others." Despite the disagreement, Schidermayer told CNS that Keenan was never excommunicated nor was there any public or private attempt to do so.

Information - LifeNews.com

## Five Alive PROGRAM

RTLNCNM hopes you will sign up for the *Five Alive Program 2007*, which helps provide a budget to keep our organization operational and meet our basic needs. You can fill out the form below. We will need this a.s.a.p. so that we can mail envelopes out and have you ready to start contributing your tax-deductible donation in January. \$5.00 a month from everyone would allow us to raise money for media and other educational tools, so come on board by sending in the form below...

I wish to donate \$5.00 monthly  I wish to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly

Monthly thank you notes will not be sent.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## 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)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Wish to: (check one)

Register to vote

Re-register

I am a registered: (check one)

Republican  Democrat

Other

Signature Required \_\_\_\_\_

**VIVA LIFE!** is published by the Right To Life Committee of New Mexico, 2800 San Mateo NE, Suite 107, Albuquerque, NM 87110-3166. Phone: 881-4563. Betty Eichenseer, Pres.; Dr. Frank Maldonado, V.Pres.; Connie Johnson, Sec.; John Ewing, Treas.; Dauneen Dolce, National Delegate; Editor: Dauneen Dolce. **VIVA LIFE!** is printed by The Sherwood Co., Inc.