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REPORT ON THE DOMENICI DINNER

For those of you who missed the dinner to honor Senator Pete Domenici, you missed a beautiful dinner. The Senator was honored in a manner that was positive and heartwarming. We know that he will be retiring in Washington, DC in January, thus this was the last time to say "Thank You."

Greg Payne, Transportation Director for the City of Albuquerque, did a superb job in his role as Master of Ceremonies. His humor and comments were very welcomed.

Those who gave him tributes were Congresswoman Heather Wilson, Congressman Steve Pearce, Republican Party of Bernalillo County Chairman Fernando C. DeBaca, and Dauneen Dolce, Executive Director of RTLNCM. The presentations were warm, sincere, and uplifting.

Archbishop Michael Sheehan of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe gave a beautiful Invocation. Pastor Joe Cangiolosi from Glory Christian Fellowship gave a moving Benediction.

Many groups bought tables at the dinner, and they were: Susan and Phillip Menicucci, Albuquerque RTL Chapter, Bernalillo County Republican Party, Congressman Steve Pearce, Lynn Willoughby and Napa Auto Parts in Milan, Joe and Nancy Cangiolosi, and Our Lady of Annunciation Church.

Honored guests were: Congresswoman Heather Wilson; Congressman Steve Pearce; Sheriff Darren White, Republican candidate for Congressional District 1; Marcos Gonzales, Republican candidate for Congressional District 3; Harry Montoya, Democrat candidate for Congressional District 3; Rory McMinn, Republican candidate for Senate District 33; Rhead Story, Republican candidate for House District 26; Paula Papponi, Republican candidate for House District 60; Lisa Torraceo, Republican candidate for Bernalillo County District Attorney; Rick Abraham, Republican candidate for Bernalillo County Clerk; Fernando C. DeBaca, Chairman of Bernalillo County Republican Party Chairman; Dan Garza, Chairman of Valencia County Republican Party; and Richard Gibbs, Chairman of Sandoval County Republican Party.

We thank all the people who took the time to attend.

The Senator spoke to the attendees and showed his great concern for the future of our nation. He even questions whether The United State of America is the number one nation any more. Our culture and our attitudes are making our country grow weaker. He called upon us all to do more to change these attitudes and to restore the moral climate that is necessary to have a great nation.

We say goodbye to this moral leader who has supported the pro-life movement with all his heart and his faith in God. If only all politicians had that rooted philosophy, how much better this country would be.

Thanks goes to those who put the dinner together: Betty Eichenseer, Cherry Lyle, but especially to Geneva Trujillo.

That evening Cherry Lyle, Lynn Willoughby, and Charlene Comba were wonderful hostesses. Taping of the dinner was done by Mary Paul and her daughter Dorielle, and we are very appreciative of their donation of time and talents. Joan Herman helped in so many ways. Many contributed for making this dinner a success. To all of you - *Thank You*.

ISOTOPES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Baseball season is in full swing, which means RTLNCM is busy manning a concession stand to raise funds for the organization. We've been working the larger stands, so we need 20+ volunteers each game. We often have three games in a row, so that requires quite a few bodies for one weekend. Can you help us?



We sure would love to have you. And you can bring a friend, a relative, a spouse, a church group, an organization - we welcome all of you. Check the calendar insert in this issue of *Viva Life* for RTLNCM's work schedule for June and July. When you find a date or dates that work with your summer schedule, give Betty a call at 821-9101 or e-mail her at eeichenseer@bigplanet.com. Meet and work with pro-lifers while raising funds for RTLNCM. Hope to see you soon.



VOLUNTEER WEBMASTER NEEDED!!!

RTLNCM has a website (www.rtlnm.org) and is in need of a webmaster. The Webmaster's role is to coordinate the planning, maintenance, and accessibility of website content in a way that ensures the consistency of the website's look and feel. This individual is also responsible for creating some original website content. Of course, programming is also involved. If you have the qualifications and the time, please contact the State office in Albuquerque at 505-881-4563 or e-mail to: info@rtlnm.org. Thank You!

JUNE 3, 2008
VOTE! VOTE FOR LIFE!

PRO-LIFE CANDIDATES
THAT HAVE BEEN ENDORSED

National Right to Life has endorsed or recommended:

John McCain - for President - Republican
Steve Pearce - for U. S. Senate -
New Mexico - Republican

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Right to Life Endorsements... (cont. from pg. 1)

The Right to Life Committee of New Mexico Political Action Committee's endorsements:

E: Endorsed R: Recommended

Senate Dist. 9 – (E) Steve Komadina - Republican
Senate Dist. 10 – (E) Robert Sikes - Republican
Senate Dist. 14 – (E) James Taylor – Democrat
Senate Dist. 33 – (E) Rory McMinn – Republican
House Dist. 8 - (R) Avilio Chavez and Paul Gabaldon -
Republicans
House Dist. 14 - (R) Jerry Sanchez - Democrat
House Dist. 57 - (R) Dan Foley - Republican
House Dist. 70 - (E) Naomi Montoya – Democrat

Why was Steve Pearce Endorsed Over Heather Wilson?

Heather Wilson's pro-life voting record has dropped from 95% to 42% due to the following votes she made in 2007. Her anti-life votes were:

Jan. 7, 2007: Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act (H.R. 3).

June 6, 2007: Phony Ban on Human Cloning (DeGette Clone-and-Kill bill) This would have allowed cloning.

June 7, 2007: Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007 (S.5)

July 9, 2007: Deny federal "family planning" funds to Planned Parenthood.

She also voted against funding for adult stem cell research. In addition, she led the charge to override the veto of embryonic stem cell research.

The statement that State Senator Duran, Otero County, made says it all:

"Whether you kill the baby in the womb or kill it in a Petri dish, you are killing a living innocent human being."

Heather Wilson is voting for the destruction of innocent human life. There are no 2008 voting results to provide, as the Democrats are sitting on all pro-life legislation.

LOOKING AT SOME OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES

Barack Obama's Defense of Abortion by Paul Stark,
MCCL, News 4/2008

A pro-life protester confronted presidential candidate Barack Obama at a campaign event. Obama recounts in his book *The Audacity of Hope* that he was asked how he could support killing innocent human beings.

"I explained my belief that few women made the decision to terminate a pregnancy casually," Obama writes, "that any pregnant woman felt the full force of the moral issues involved when making that decision" [emphasis added].

Obama is highly educated, but his defense of abortion is not at all thoughtful. His rationale for allowing abortion (in part) is that "few women {make} the decision to terminate pregnancy casually" and that pregnant women "{feel} the full force of the moral issues."

DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS

But would we defend wife beating by saying that "few husbands make the decision to abuse their wives casually" or that an abusive husband "feels the full force of the moral issue involved?" Of course not. **Obama's concerns are irrelevant if the subject at issue involves the denial of fundamental human rights** - such as wife beating or the deliberate killing of innocent human beings.

In that sense, Obama's argument is question begging. **It simply assumes, without argument, that abortion does not involve the denial of fundamental human rights**, like spousal abuse and murder. But that's exactly what any defender of abortion needs to prove!

THE REAL ISSUE

So instead of arguing against the pro-life claim that the unborn is a valuable human person worthy of protection, **Obama just assumes the pro-choice position** (that the unborn is not a valuable person worthy of protection) with his popular pro-choice rhetoric. When confronted with such rhetoric, **pro-lifers ought to challenge our opponents to address the real issue**, the moral status of the unborn. Until he does that, Obama's pro-choice position will remain intellectually superficial.

JOHN MCCAIN

Article from *National Catholic Register* by the editors

John McCain has not been very popular in some quarters. It seems that his party doesn't like him nearly as much as Barack Obama and even Hillary Clinton are liked by their party. Conservative talk-show hosts have even complained loudly that they would vote for his opponent rather than him because it would be bad for conservatism to have him at the head of the GOP and running the country.

When facing a choice like this, it is refreshing to be Catholic. What's good for conservatism or bad for conservatism doesn't matter to us – "conservatism" is against teaching as often as it is for it. As Catholics, we only care about the common good and the pre-eminent issue affecting the common good is abortion. It's important to note why it's the preeminent issue. Here are three reasons.

First, in justice, abortion must be opposed. As the bishops recently put it, "There are some things we must never do, as individuals or as a society. These are 'intrinsically evil' actions. They must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned."

Second, human rights are fundamental. If we do not have human rights, it doesn't matter whether we are prosperous or not, have healthcare or not, or who we are at war with. In the bishops' words, the right to life is "the most fundamental human good and the condition for all others." A society that denies the right to life will soon be willing to deny other human rights.

Third, abortion corrodes our system of laws. In order to justify an out-of-whack right like the "right" to abortion, we have out-of-whack jurisprudence. As the bishops put it, "A legal system that violates the basic right to life on the grounds of choice is fundamentally flawed."

Now, Senator McCain doesn't have a perfect pro-life voting record. The significance of that shouldn't be diminished. He has said he is for federally funded embryonic stem-cell research. To be clear, what that means is that he wants to force us [taxpayers] to pay lab scientists for research experiments in which they clone and kill human beings.

All the same, a vote for McCain would be better than a vote for either Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton.

Shortly before he became Pope Benedict, in his letter to Washington Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger explained what a voter's attitude should be toward abortion. "There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and apply the death penalty," he said, "but not, however, with regard to abortion and euthanasia."

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But he added that a Catholic must sometimes vote for a candidate who is not perfect. "When a Catholic does not share a candidate's stand in favor of abortion and/or euthanasia but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons."

In other words, abortion is the preeminent issue. A Catholic's obligation is to **cast the vote that will best advance the culture of life. When advancing the culture of life isn't possible, our obligation is to cast the vote that would best protect the culture of life. And if that's not possible, our obligation is to cast the vote that will do the least harm to the culture of life.**

Both Obama and Clinton have records that are, for all practical purposes, 100% pro-abortion [emphasis added]. Obama wouldn't even protect children born alive by mistake during abortion attempts. If either of them wins, as one pro-life blogger pointed out, we will get:

- Federally funded embryonic stem-cell research;
- Federally funded cloning and "chimera" research;
- Federally funded abortion on demand;
- Abortion in military hospitals;
- Federally funded abortion overseas;
- Vicious regulatory attacks on pro-life doctors, nurses, clinics, and non-profit groups;
- The repeal of conscience-clause exceptions for doctors and pharmacists;
- Efforts to reclassify churches and pro-life activities, threatening their tax-exempt status;
- The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), which is like the Human Life Amendment in reverse – a federal statute mandating abortion on demand in every state;
- The end of abstinence education; and
- The end of the highly successful approach to AIDS in Africa that stresses abstinence and monogamy.

That is to say nothing of nationalized healthcare, which in other countries has become a synonym for rationed care and has brought inexorable pressures against respect for the dignity of human life. Under national healthcare, bureaucrats will determine that limited resources go where they can do "the most good." So the system will simply refuse to cover high-risk pregnancies or humane end-of-life care for the elderly and the dying.

That is also to say nothing of the appointments presidents make to federal agencies. The Obama and Clinton teams will appoint political operatives to agencies across the federal government. Many of them will be pro-abortion activists. They will build their ideology directly or indirectly into countless regulations, national policies and guidelines – and not just in our schools and federal welfare programs but in the myriad programs the government is involved in.

All of this is not a done deal yet. Far from it. We started by saying that McCain isn't as well-liked in his party as the leading Democrats are in theirs. But important research showed that in the last election many Democrats who didn't particularly like President Bush voted for him anyway – because of his pro-life stand.

Sometimes it isn't the "most liked" candidate who wins but the one whose more principled stand means we'll vote for them whether we like them or not.

John McCain hasn't given much insight publicly regarding the person he will choose to become the vice-presidential running mate. But he told a television program on April 15, 2008 that he would have a "difficult" time picking someone who didn't have a pro-life view.

In an interview with Chris Matthews, the host of MSNBC's "Hardball" program, McCain responded to a question about a running mate with different abortion views than his.

"Would you put a person on the ticket with you – like the former governor of this state who is very popular, Tom Ridge – even though he may disagree with you on the issue of Roe v. Wade and abortion rights? Would you put somebody on the ticket like that on that one issue? Would that stop him?" Matthews asked McCain.

"I don't know if it would stop him, but it would be difficult," McCain said in response. Matthews asked McCain if he had a pro-life litmus test on choosing a running mate.

"I'm not saying that would be necessarily," McCain said. "But I am saying it's basically the respect and cherishing of the right of the unborn is one of the fundamental principles of my party, and it's a deeply held belief of mine," the eventual GOP nominee added.

McCain spokesman Joseph Pounder followed up on the comments in an interview with CBN News.

"John McCain is opposed to any sort of litmus test, just like past Republican presidential nominees," he said. "As John McCain has said repeatedly, his vice-presidential nominee will be someone who shares his principles, values, and priorities."

NATIONAL RTL CONVENTION 2008

CHANGING AMERICA ONE HEART AT A TIME

WHEN: Thursday, July 3 through Saturday, July 5, 2008

WHERE: Hyatt Regency Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, July 3: 10 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. General Session in the evening featuring photojournalist Michael Clancy who took the picture of little Samuel reaching from his mother's womb to grasp the surgeon's finger.

Friday, July 4: Prayer Breakfast 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Other activities to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 6: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Closing Banquet - 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. with Fr. Richard John Neuhaus, President of The Institute on Religion and Public Life and Editor-in-Chief of *First Things*.

COST

ROOM RATES: \$169 single or double occupancy, \$194 triple occupancy, \$219 quadruple occupancy (**offer expires Monday, June 9, 2008**)

CONVENTION

Early (through June 20) \$100.00.

Late (online registration preferred) \$180.00.

Seniors (65+) \$85.00

Married Couple \$175.00

Student (valid student I.D. required) \$60.00

Teens (for National Teens for Life Convention) \$50.00

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One Day: Thursday \$60.00 Friday \$60.00 Saturday \$60.00
Childcare is available. For more information, call 202-378-8842 or go to www.nrlc.org/convention where you can also register.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TAKE A STAND

On Sunday, May 4, 2008 Grand Knight Joseph Craven of Mt. Pleasant Council 98, West Roxbury and Massachusetts, entered a resolution that would have directed State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia to summarily suspend public officials or candidates for public office who support abortion or homosexual marriage. The state council refused to allow a vote. Supreme Advocate Paul Devin, who was attending the Massachusetts convention, ruled the measure "unconstitutional" (CWNews.com). His ruling shows a double standard on abortion and marriage.

Speaker Sal Di Masi wrote a letter on May 12, 2008 to his colleagues in the State House where he stated, "Some of us have stood up to our church on same sex marriage and (embryonic) stem cell research..." (Boston.com). In view of his words, it is now more urgent than ever to suspend Di Masi and other members who give scandal to the Order and the Catholic Church.

The rules of the Knights of Columbus do allow expulsion when there is disobedience of the lawful orders of superior authority, which is insubordination. Giving scandalous conduct or practice unbecoming a member of the order also allows expulsion. Another case could be speaking, writing, printing, or publishing any matter of statement that shall be deemed to be detrimental to the harmony and good of the Knights of Columbus. It is the latter that is applicable to Knights of Columbus politicians who voted against putting traditional marriage on the 2008 ballot.

In suspending a member, there is no need for the involvement of any member of the clergy. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization, and it follows the teachings of that church.

Post note: This information was issued by John O'Gorman, who is asking people to e-mail State Deputy Vincent Rumasuglia and incoming State Deputy William F. Donovan at MaStateKofC@verizon.net asking them to suspend the pro-abortion and pro-homosexual members.

ASSISTED SUICIDE – WHAT IS NEW?

WASHINGTON STATE: There is an initiative being placed on the 2008 ballot in Washington State to allow assisted suicide much as is happening in Oregon.

Although 25 states have defeated bills and/or initiatives aimed at legalizing assisted suicide, and in Washington State a similar law was defeated in 1991 by a vote of 54% to 46%, there is much concern.

The good news is that there are broad coalitions who, for various reasons, are opposing assisted suicide. Most doctors and nurses believe their job is to promote health, treat symptoms, and cure medical conditions when possible. Promoting assisted suicide is inconsistent with their commitment to "do no harm."

People with disabilities are opposing this law. Society often dismisses the value and quality of the lives of people with disabilities, making many disabled people vulnerable to pressure and manipulation. People with disabilities often

feel despondent and even suicidal, but over time they typically find satisfaction in their lives. Working through the initial despair usually takes far longer than the brief two-week waiting period in Oregon's law. In that critical early stage, many disabled people could easily take the irrevocable fatal step. And, as Dr. Jack Kevorkian taught us, the line between a terminal illness and disability can easily be crossed.

Low-income and minorities oppose this law. Our for-profit healthcare system often delivers unequal treatment, with minorities and low-income patients receiving the lowest quality care. Allowing doctors to prescribe lethal drugs could harm those least able to defend themselves.

"I MADE IT LOOK LIKE THEY DIED IN THEIR SLEEP"

**Article by Alex Schadenberg, Chairperson of Canada
Coalition and International Coalition**

Jon Ronson is a film producer who supported assisted suicide and decided to make a film about assisted suicide campaigner George Exoo.

Ronson contacted Exoo after it became known that Exoo had assisted the suicide of Rosemary Toole in January 2002 in Ireland. The Toole suicide created significant support for assisted suicide in Ireland.

The Guardian published a story today about the experience Ronson had with interviewing and getting to know Exoo and his suicide "ministry" while producing the film about Exoo.

This may be the most interesting story about the "inside" of the underground death culture that I have read. Exoo claims to have been directly involved in 102 suicide deaths. What is astounding is that most of his "clients" were not terminally ill but just depressed and in need of psychiatric help.

The prime example of an Exoo client is Pam Acre, a 59-year-old woman living on the outskirts of Baltimore. Acre describes her disease as difficult because all the tests come back negative.

Exoo is not concerned about the mental condition of Acre; he is only interested in describing each method of suicide and determining which method Acre prefers.

Ronson was also interested in finding out how Exoo met his clients. Ronson interviewed Derek Humphry, the founder of the Hemlock Society that has now morphed into the Compassion and Choices group in the U.S.

"Humphry said that the mainstream right-to-die groups will tell them (Exoo clients), 'We can't help you. It's not within our parameters because you are terminally ill.' But they pursue you. They call and call. And eventually someone will say, 'George Exoo will probably help you.' And that gets them off the phone and on to George."

What that means is that George Exoo is busy aiding, abetting, and counseling suicide for people who are not terminally ill and who simply need help for their depression. The mainstream "right-to-die" lobby is complicit by sending him their troubled callers.

The experience that Ronson has with George Exoo proves that when people learn about the right to die suicide cult, they will change their mind about assisted suicide, like Ronson did.

The other inference that can be drawn from Ronson is that the only reason the mainstream right-to-die lobby won't "assist" people who are not terminal and only depressed is because their goal is to legalize euthanasia and assisted suicide, and being associated with killing

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mentally ill and depressed people won't advance their goals.

The guardian web site is: www.guardian.co.uk/society/2008/may/12/mentalhealth.health?gusrc=rss&feed-networkfront

OREGON STILL STANDS ALONE: TEN YEARS OF PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

by Alex Schadenberg

The American Medical News published an extensive article on Oregon's Assisted Suicide law after 10 years. The article covered several important concerns, such as the fact that people who live with depression do not seem to be protected by the law anymore. The article stated,

"Numerous studies of patients in Oregon and elsewhere found that depressed patients are significantly more likely to seek physician-assisted suicide."

Any person seeking a deadly prescription should receive a mental health consultation, according to a healthcare professionals guidebook prepared by a task force convened by Oregon Health & Science University's Center for Ethics in Health Care.

Only 10% of patients who have died under the law were referred for psychiatric evaluation, which is legally required if the prescribing or consulting physician believes a patient may have depression or another mental illness. In 2007, no patients were referred for consultations.

The article also pointed out that there have been flaws in the application of the act. The article stated,

But use of the Death With Dignity Act has not been flawless. Though 94% of patients died without complications, 19 patients regurgitated the medication before dying. David Pruitt, a lung cancer patient, awakened 65 hours after taking the dose prescribed to kill him.

"What the hell happened?" he reportedly said after waking up. "Why am I not dead?" Pruitt died of cancer two weeks later.

The article also bought into some of the false ideas that are promoted by the euthanasia lobby group Compassion and Choices. The article appears to state that legalizing assisted suicide has improved hospice/palliative care and other end-of-life care concerns. The article stated:

Since Medicare began reimbursing hospice services in 1982, the number of patients choosing this end-of-life care option has grown steadily. One in three Americans now dies under the care of a hospice program, and the number of programs has grown almost 50% since 1997. In Oregon, overall hospice use has jumped 84% since the use of the Death with Dignity Act in 1998. Nearly six in ten dying Medicare-age patients there received hospice care in 2005, the most recent year for which data are available. Oregon placed ninth among states on hospice utilization in 2005.

It is a false comment to connect the increased utilization of hospice/palliative care with the introduction of assisted suicide in Oregon simply because in the same time period hospice/palliative care has grown exponentially throughout the USA, not only in Oregon.

The most important facts that the American Medical News and other articles fail to report is that 73% of all deaths by assisted suicide in Oregon are facilitated by the

Compassion and Choices lobby group, who have a stable of physicians who are willing to prescribe death to their patients.

We will never know what is actually happening in Oregon when the reporting is done by the physicians who prescribe death and Compassion and Choices remains the primary provider of death in Oregon. The law remains covered in secrecy, and these extensive reports are essentially numbers without real personal stories or truth connected.

COMCAST CHANNEL 27 PRO-LIFE VIDEO VIEWINGS

June 2 Who Broke the Baby? and Partial Birth Abortion
June 9 Abortion Questions and Answers - Part 1 of 2
June 16 Life Talk May 2008 Pro-Life America News Show
June 23 Babies Aborted Alive
June 30 The Miracle of Life



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HELPS PLANNED PARENTHOOD OPEN AN ABORTUARY

Planned Parenthood (PP) plans to build a new killing center in the Rosemary District north of downtown Sarasota, Florida. But according to zoning rules, PP cannot do this unless a liner building, intended as multifamily, on Cohen Way, is built at the back of the lot.

Planned Parenthood approached the Planning Board and asked for a five-year extension, since it is not a builder and couldn't find a buyer for this lot. In order for PP to get a certificate of occupancy, it must get a building permit for the residential building. However, the board refused PP's request.

Unfortunately, PP found a creative solution to its problem. With the help of Habitat for Humanity, PP sold land to Habitat for \$10.00.

So Habitat for Humanity, an organization that claims to be a Christian ministry, is now working with PP. Habitat for Humanity said that this was only a real estate transaction, but PP could not have opened the abortion facility if the lot was not used for a residential building, so, yes, Habitat for Humanity is helping PP open its doors. According to Habitat for Humanity's web site,

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian organization dedicated to eliminating substandard housing and homelessness worldwide and to making adequate, affordable shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat is founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, decent, affordable place to live in dignity and safety.

At a meeting May 5, the commission approved a plan to get the PP abortuary opened, based on the agreement with Habitat.

Information provided from STOPP Report - May 21, 2008 and their Associate Group in Sarasota.

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MACARTHUR AND FORD FOUNDATIONS WANT OTHERS TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL ABORTION

Washington DC (Life News)

A two-year old report has come to light that encourages foundations to fund religious organizations who agree to push the abortion agenda around the world. The report that was funded by the wealthy MacArthur and Ford Foundations catalogues hundreds of religiously affiliated non-government organizations that are likely to include "sexual and reproductive health and rights" as part of their work.

"Religion and Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: An Inventory of Organization, Scholars and Foundations," issued by the Center for Health and Social Policy, argues that the world's religions play an undeniable role in shaping attitudes toward "reproductive and sexuality" and can "be an important ally in the effort to advance sexual and reproductive health and rights" (or, conversely, a key obstacle).

The report encourages foundations who are "striving to improve women's health and rights (including sexual and reproductive health and rights) to incorporate religion in their grant-making, as religions 'have the power to influence government policy' both through the political process and through the religious belief of the policymakers." The authors propose a three-pronged approach to increase interest in the intersection of religion and abortion.

First, foundations could provide incentives to American groups already working in the field so that they could collaborate with developing country organizations.

Second, foundations could engage both religious and secular scholars to study the topic in depth.

But the most promising tactic, according to the study's authors, is to provide incentives to organizations working on religion and women's rights or health to move to address religion and sexuality and reproduction directly. The organizations included are the Alan Guttmacher Institute, International Planned Parenthood Federation, and Catholics For a Free Choice, to name a few.

Six of the sixteen foundations specifically mention abortion as a priority area. The capital assets of the foundations total more than \$35 million, and approximately \$500 million is given away in grant money each year.

Interesting Quotes...

"I dare say any thinking, sensitive individual can't not realize that he is ending life or potential life."

— Abortionist Dr. Charles Bender

"It [abortion] goes against all things which are natural. It's a termination of a life, however you look at it."

— Abortionist Robert Harris

Happy Father's Day!

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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- Register to vote
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I am a registered: (check one)

- Republican Democrat
- Other

Signature Required

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