



*"Promoting Respect for All Human Life  
Through Prayer, Education, Advocacy and  
Compassionate Care for Everyone"  
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**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY  
NEWSLETTER  
ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
LINCOLN CA**



Archangel St. Michael by Guido Reni



**AND**

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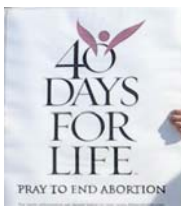
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**40 Days for Life. Fifty** St. Joseph Respect Life Prayer Warriors prayed every Friday during the 40 Days on the sidewalk in front of the Roseville Complex containing Planned Parenthood "Abortuary." **The 9:00-10:30 AM Shift:** Bob Pineschi, Vic Albertazzi, Phil Arnautou, Joan Baddley, Ken Barron, Don Budde, Barbara Cristi, Elizabeth Gonczol, Patricia Hawkins, Connie & Bernie Hofmann, Boyd Jewett, Jack Cavanaugh, Teresa Landry & children, Joyce Mikal, Ron Morin, Julia Patti, Nora & Sal Ramirez, Jeanie & Chuck Robertson, Margaret & Art Wehr, and Jan & Jerry Zimmerman.



**10:30-12 PM Shift:** Linda & Ken Austin, Arda Koehne Coordinator, Martha Barnett, Ginnie Chapman, Kathy Fernandez, Frank Neves, Sol Early, Lydia Florendo, Josephine Fetyadi, Cindy Dorovi, Georgia Wren, Dana Courtier, Mike Delaney, Carole & Vern Herron, Alice & Jim Phillipps, Marie Pollet, Pepa Ruiz, Pam Brock, Rick Brock, Dixie & Stan Boyanich and Bill Stanton.



**Locally: 10 Babies saved & 10 women spared life-long pain.**

**Nationally: 368 Babies saved.**

**Fight FOCA Update**

Our parishioners responded to the U.S. Bishops' call to oppose the Freedom of Choice Act in a BIG WAY! We collected 1,282 postcard sets from our Masses- 1,282 each to Senators Boxer and Feinstein, 1,036 to Representative McClintock and 246 to Representative Herger for a total of 3,846 mailed on Monday, January 26. Our Diocese reported sending a total of 52,410. That's great, but unfortunately only one-third of the parishes in our Diocese participated. The U.S. Bishops are still anticipating FOCA to be introduced in Congress and are asking us to e-mail our Senators and Representatives. It's really easy. Just go to the website of the U.S. Bishops, [www.usccb.org/postcard](http://www.usccb.org/postcard) and click on the link that says "E-mail Congress Now."

*By Gneal Trevethan*

Pam, Margaret, Vic, Connie, John Freschi, & Bev Solis sorting FOCA Postcards with support from Fr. Pol.



This ultrasound of a 2nd trimester pre-born baby with hands "in prayer" changed the mother's mind in having an abortion. The boy will be born mid-May to June.

(Ed note: you can understand why abortionists don't want clients to see their ultrasound photos.)

# CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



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## Good News!

I always like to begin my report with good news! Whether you are praying at the abortion mill sidewalk, at home or at church, your prayers are being answered locally and world-wide. Here are just a few answers **that we know of**. Marie, coordinator for 40 Days for Life at the Choice Medical Group in Sacramento (where they advertise abortions up to 24 weeks gestation) was able to speak with a young woman who, at four months along, had an appointment for an abortion. After seeing fetal models and being offered assistance, the young woman went for her appointment at her mother's insistence, but soon came out, saying she couldn't go through with it and asking for directions to the Alternatives Pregnancy Center. Margie, who also prays at Choice Medical Group, was able to share information with a mother of three who was considering abortion for her fourth pregnancy because of financial concerns. The woman was at the abortion mill to get information. Fortunately, it was a very rainy morning, so the woman accepted an offer from Margie for a ride to Alternatives and then home. Margie asks us to continue praying for this woman. Elizabeth, praying at the Pregnancy Consultation Abortion Facility, recently reported that she spoke with a woman who is six months along and was going to have an abortion because she is carrying a "special needs" baby. After praying with this mother and assuring her of God's love for her and her baby girl, the young woman announced emphatically, "I am keeping my baby! I don't care what the doctor or what anyone else says, this is my baby!" She courageously walked away from the abortion center. I am also thrilled to report from A Woman's Friend that women on our Special Prayer Request list, "Sonja", "Ann", "Madeline", "Teri" and "Cheryl" have all decided to carry their babies. AND, I just found out that "Carly", whom we prayed for last June, has just had twin boys! The latest report from the national 40 Days for Life is 368 confirmed babies saved since Feb. 25. So, until there are no more precious lives lost to abortion, let us take encouragement from these victories and keep praying. We know that the ultimate victory has already been won!

## Walk for Life – May 2

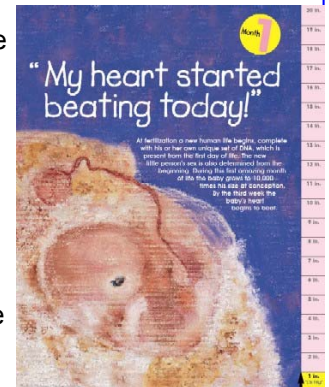
Pregnancy Resource Centers, such as A Woman's Friend in Marysville, are an essential part of the pro-life ministry. When women come for an initial pregnancy test or for help because they have chosen LIFE under difficult circumstances, this resource must be there to help them. But, we need the



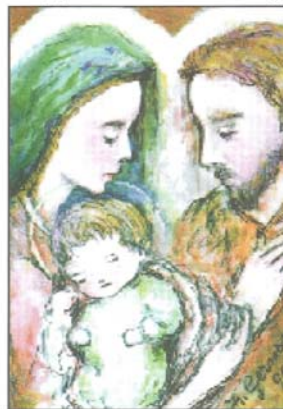
support of the pro-life community in order to minister to the needs of these women. Each year, the Walk for Life provides you this opportunity. You can take part by walking on May 2 (twice around Ellis Lake in Marysville) and getting sponsors, or by sponsoring one of our parish "walkers." Please contact Maria Quay (408-5997), Erna Mae Loveland (530-329-3387) or Shirley Lienert (530-656-2337) if you would like to be a "walker" or a sponsor.

## Have You Adopted Your Baby Yet?

Spiritually, that is! On March 21 & 22, over 200 babies were "spiritually adopted" by our parishioners. The "adoptive" parents have named their babies and will pray this short prayer (written by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen) daily for nine months: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." Each month, our Spiritual Adoption poster at church will be updated so everyone can follow the development of their babies. If you haven't yet adopted your baby, just pick up a prayer card and fetal development bookmark at the Spiritual Adoption poster. Every day over 4000 babies are killed by abortion. They have so little protection only the hand of God can end this massacre. Prayer is the best weapon to help them.



### Pray for Unborn Human Life



Bundle of Joy, Fr. G. Pegoraro, S.C.  
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Please spiritually adopt an unborn baby. Every day 4,500 babies are killed by abortion. They have so little protection only the hand of God can end this massacre. Prayer is the best weapon to help them - the most effective.

Say this prayer every day for nine months to save a baby's life!

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.

Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." (Jeremiah 1:5)

Adoptive Baby's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spiritual Adoption Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please pray!

This baby is counting on you.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION INC.

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www.spiritualadoption.org

## Bishop Hermann, Archbishop of St. Louis: 'I thought you should know'

(This article by Bishop Hermann really helped me to reconcile my anger at the 54% of Catholics who voted for the most pro-abortion president in our history with the Scripture command "Do not judge". Mike Delaney, Editor.)

January 27, 2009 (LifeSiteNews.com). At the very moment I am writing this, our new president, Barack Obama, is being sworn into office. We congratulate him, and we pray for him, but we cannot condone his pro-death policies, even while we are happy that so many people feel they have new hope. **We must do everything we can to oppose his pro-death-to-children efforts.**

Joseph Bottum, in "Abortion after Obama," tells us, "Now the 2008 election has brought us the presidency of Barack Obama, the most consistent supporter of legalized abortion ever nominated by a majority party." When asked about making decisions as to when a baby gets human rights, President Obama answered that "is above my pay grade." He also stated that he would not want his daughters "punished with a baby."

If at this stage our anger is directed at **President Obama**, our anger is misdirected. Obama is not the enemy. He **needs and deserves our prayers, not our condemnation.**

**As Catholics, we are not guiltless.** It seems to me that when President Kennedy compromised Catholic teachings and accommodated political pressures in order to be elected to the highest office in the land, he set the tone for many Catholic leaders to follow and to compromise their Catholic principles to get ahead.

In our Supreme Court and in our Congress, we have a plethora of so-called Catholics who are failing to live their Catholic identity. Over 50 percent of our electorate voted for a president who is one of the most pro-culture-of-death candidates from a major party to run for the highest office of the land. **Yes, we can thank one-half of our Catholics for bailing out on their faith! After almost 50 years of having 50 percent of Catholics abandoning their Catholic identity, we cannot expect to turn this culture around by short-term political efforts.**

In order to bring about a transformation from a culture of death to a culture of life, we have to restore our Catholic identity. This means that all of us, as Catholics, have to undergo a profound transformation. We have to live our lives in such a way that we will be unafraid to witness to what we believe and live. What a glorious opportunity we all have to make a difference in the pro-life cause. Until we are willing to be politically incorrect in order to be biblically correct, we will never convince anyone that our religion is worth living.

It does not take 100 percent of our Catholics to transform this country. **If 75 percent of our Catholics were steeped in Catholic identity, the abortion issue would be over for our entire country.**

St. Paul tells us that our warfare is not against flesh and blood but against the power and principles of darkness. I bring this up deliberately, because I do not want us to fall into Satan's trap of getting us to hate President Obama or any of the pro-choice Catholic legislators in Congress. **Being pro-life means that we engage far more in spiritual warfare than in political warfare.**

That Satan is very alive in influencing all of us is his best-kept secret. Becoming steeped in the Word of God and the teachings of the Catholic Church exposes his evil machinations.

President Obama, pro-choice legislators and Planned Parenthood are not our enemies. Our enemies are the invisible forces masked behind these people. We owe all of them prayers and fasting for their conversion. At one point, Gov. Reagan was California's very pro-abortion governor. Yet he became a very pro-life president. He repented and regretted the evil he supported.

We must bravely witness against supporting pro-choice and pro-abortion candidates in political elections, but pray daily for their conversion. This is a great time to be a Catholic. This is a great time to witness to such a clear choice, the choice of Christ or the anti-Christ. We have only one life to live, and Jesus is it! Our actions and our lifestyles have to radiate the inner presence of Christ in the home and in the marketplace.

## "Late Breaking News"

On Friday, April 3, we received word from [www.c-fam.org](http://www.c-fam.org) (the Catholic Family and Human Rights Institute) that several nations (Iran, Comoros, Peru, Poland, Ireland, Chile, the Holy See, Malta, and Saint Lucia) were able to keep any new rights to abortion or weakening of conscience rights for medical providers OUT of the just released document of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD) at the United Nations (UN). It was a last minute (and unexpected) victory as the meeting was about to end and the document adopted. **Thanks be to God.**



**TAKE ACTION!!**

**Urge Continued Conscience Protection in Health Care by:**

- contacting HHS to maintain the current regulation protecting conscience rights in health care

**WHY IS THIS ACTION IMPORTANT NOW?**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is inviting public comment on a proposal to rescind a December 2008 federal regulation that implements and enforces three federal laws protecting the conscience rights of health care providers.

**WHAT DOES THIS ISSUE HAVE TO DO WITH MY FAITH?**

Catholic teaching insists that health care is a fundamental human right, an essential protection for human life and dignity. The Church has long supported access to health care for all with a special concern for the poor. This support is rooted in our commitment to the life and dignity of every human being from conception to natural death." (U.S. Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, #16). No Catholic or other person should be forced by law to participate in actions that violate this fundamental conviction. Current conscience protection must be maintained. It is wrong to compel people to participate in abortions.

**Contact HHS by APRIL 9, 2009 OR**  
[usccb.org/conscienceprotection/](http://usccb.org/conscienceprotection/)

**CLASS Comments on  
THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY  
Facilitated by  
Vern and Carole Heeren**

The "Theology of the Body" series that Gerry and I attended was excellent. It should be required viewing by any couple contemplating marriage. Gerry and I have had several instances that can only be described as a "foretaste of Heaven" (as was mentioned in the class video also). Pope John Paul II certainly knew what he was talking about. I eagerly await the next series. I agree that Vern and Carole did a great job facilitating this class. I recommend it to all married couples. *Gerry & Ron Wood*

I think that I am still digesting Theology of the Body. I find it a wonder, as well as my husband Helmut. *Arda & Helmut Koehne*

Vern & Carole are excellent facilitators. I learned two significant definitions: Love is self-donation; lust is self-gratification. In the final analysis, the abortion debate is not about when life begins but about the meaning of sex. What most men and women who fight for abortion want is not so much the "right" to kill their offspring, but the "right" to have unrestricted sex without consequences. *Mike Delaney*

## ADVOCACY REPORT

On March 4, Vern and Carole Heeren attended a hearing of the State Senate Health Committee, chaired by Sen. Elaine Alquist. Our interest was in testimony by Dr. David Carlisle, who has the sole authority to continue or discontinue Healthcare Workforce Pilot Project #171, an experimental program to train non-physicians to do 1st trimester abortions. Dr. Carlisle failed to even mention it. Sen. Dave Cox brought it up and raised a list of questions, but Sen. Alquist very rudely cut him off. Public comments were invited at 4:05 PM, but Dr. Carlisle had left the room at 4 PM, so there was no opportunity for the public to address concerns to him directly.

Among those who commented were Reverend Walter Hoye and his wife Lori. Walter, an African-American minister, carries a sign, which reads "Jesus loves you and your baby. Let us help you.", on the sidewalk in front of an Oakland abortion clinic. For more information on Rev. Hoye, his conviction in January of interfering with clinic clients (in spite of clear video evidence that the charges were false), and his sentencing in March to 30 days in county jail and a fine of \$1,130, go to [www.ildf.org](http://www.ildf.org) (Life Legal Defense Foundation).

In the Senate Health hearing, Rev. Hoye presented strong legal, moral, and statistical evidence against Pilot Project #171. When Lori tried to present more evidence, Chair Alquist claimed (again very rudely) that her testimony was irrelevant and disallowed her input.

We noted that much early discussion in the hearing decried the shortage in the health system of adequate numbers of minority doctors and nurses, which purportedly leads to lack of adequate health care for minorities. But when it comes to abortion services, Pilot Project #171 specifically targets minority communities for even more access, **even though their abortion rates are already way above their proportional representation among the state's population.** According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 37% of pregnancies among black women end in abortion. Among Hispanic women, it is 19%, and among white women, it is 12%.

Rev. Hoye's conviction and jail sentence is already awakening the ire of many in the pro-life community. It may inspire new enthusiasm among black pastors across the county who are beginning to sense a widening genocidal aspect to the abortion issue. It may shape the thrust of future advocacy in the pro-life movement.

**Latest Update: No decision has been made on Pilot Project #171. Dr. Carlisle will continue to receive comments until May 12. To voice your opposition, call his office at 916-326-3600. More information is on the website of Sen. Sam Aanestad, <http://cssrc.us/web/4/default.aspx>. See "Abortion and Orwell" under Latest Publications.**

50 PEOPLE from ST JOSEPH & LINCOLN CA AT THE WEST COAST 2009 WALK FOR LIFE in SAN FRANCISCO

