

Life Line

Protecting the unborn, the elderly, and people with disabilities

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FALL EVENTS

● Rachel's Vineyard Regional Training

A training for psychologists, counselors, nurses, clergy, pastoral care ministers, students, faculty and the general public who **work with post-abortive** women and men will be held at the Bishop O'Connor Catholic Center September 19, 2008. A training day for Rachel's Vineyard team members will be held Saturday, September 20, 2008. For questions or to register, contact Mary Mead at 608-221-9593.

● 40 Days for Life

This fall, from September 24—November 2, Madison will be one of many cities participating in the largest and longest coordinated pro-life mobilization in history -- the 40 Days for Life campaign.

Join the effort when prayerful citizens in more than 170 cities in 45 states participate. Consider community outreach efforts or join in the peaceful vigil outside Planned Parenthood, 3706 Orin Rd., (near MATC) Madison. Contact: Teresa Hying, 698-3877, 40DaysForLifeMadison@gmail.com.

● Ethical Stem Cell

Research Presentation by Fr. Pat Norris, Tuesday, September 23 at St. Maria Goretti Parish Hall, 7 p.m. Just as Madison hosts the World Stem Cell Summit with more than 150 supporting organizations, come hear the ethical side of this issue.

Successful Dane County Fair Outreach

By Diana Brazell

More than a dozen volunteers met the public and answered questions at our booth at the Dane County Fair July 16 through 20.

The fetal models with accurate look, size and weight, really brought people of all ages to our table. Filling our table with nothing but fetal development information led to an enormous amount of education. Many visitors shared personal stories and thanked us for being there. A large amount of beautiful fetal development brochures were offered and accepted.

One young woman with two girlfriends picked up a fetal model and said, "See! This is why I'm against abortion!"

Thanks to all who volunteered and those who were interested but could not volunteer this year. We appreciate everyone's enthusiasm.



Volunteers like Michelle Whitfield and her husband made the fair fantastic!

Fightin' for Life with the Fightin' Irish

Wisconsin Right to Life-Dane Co. will sponsor 30-second ads on Relevant Radio's (1240AM) weekly broadcasts of University of Notre Dame football games from September through November.

Two of our three commercials will air before, during and after each of the game. The ads feature Wisconsin Notre Dame alums, Sarah Troupe and Lief Arvidson. "They did a wonderful job and they were excited and willing to identify themselves," Diana Brazell, chapter president, said.

The third ad will run at various times during other programming this fall. Listen to the games and let us know how you liked them!

"We are very excited to be reaching such a large audience," said Brazell. This is a great investment to reach such a targeted market. If you would like to advertise your business during the Notre Dame football game(s), call Jim at Relevant Radio, 608-833-7888.

Thank you for your financial support to

Wisconsin Right to Life-Dane Co. chapter to help remind men and women to fight for life.

Notre Dame Schedule

Sept.	6	San Diego State
	13	Michigan
	20	@ Michigan State
	27	Purdue
Oct.	4	Stanford
	11	@ North Carolina
	18	--open--
	25	@ Washington
Nov.	1	Pittsburgh
	8	@ Boston College
	15	vs. Navy
	21	Syracuse
	29	USC

Web Page Upgrades

The WRTL-Dane Co. website is being activated (www.wrtldaneco.org). You'll soon find back issues of the newsletter, vital links including a quick-access link to email us and upcoming events. We hope to revitalize the level of activity in the county, with your help. Keep checking and let us know what you think.

Watch for Phone Survey

Beginning this fall, chapter volunteers will conduct a phone and web survey to reach our members. We'd like to find out your interests, hear your suggestions to improve newsletter content and possibly encourage volunteer opportunities.

Susan G. Komen Foundation Gives to Madison Planned Parenthood

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has given Madison's Planned Parenthood \$30,000 from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006, and vague totals in 2007 according to Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin's website. While not every Komen Foundation affiliate provides grants to this abortion-inducing organization, The Milwaukee Komen affiliate gave Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin \$42,077 and PP in Milwaukee received \$13,143.

Effects of Abortion on Men

As the impact that abortion has on men gains greater awareness, the need for training becomes more apparent. In early September, The Reclaiming Fatherhood conference was held at the Chicago Marriott/Oak Brook. Key issues for those who counsel men impacted by abortion were addressed. The two-day workshop was sponsored by the National Office of Post Abortion Reconciliation & Healing, 414-483-4141 or menandabortion@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

Here are some low time-commitment activities that could save lives:

- ☞ **Deliver layettes.** Pregnancy Helpline needs more delivery volunteers to deliver newborn gift layette boxes to new mothers in need of support. Volunteer to meet and greet moms and introduce them to the supportive pro-life community. Deliver approximately 4 layettes per month. Call 222-0008 for info.
- ☞ **Pass out posters.** Safe Place for Newborns needs the community to know pregnant women have a safety net – not abortion – if they don't want their babies. Wisconsin's law allows her to anonymously relinquish the newborn at a hospital. Posters with this info are free to display wherever young people gather. Call 608-225-5544 for copies.
- ☞ **Sort clothes.** Pregnancy Helpline's Sharing Center opens their doors to families in need of clothes for newborn through 3T. Call 222-0008.
- ☞ **Prolife Counselors Needed.** If you would like to do crucial 'life choices' counseling from the comfort of your home, call Pregnancy Helpline of Madison, 222-0008. Training will be scheduled at your convenience and you can take counseling phone calls at the times that fit your schedule.
- ☞ **Committee to review** Right to Life materials and order stock.
- ☞ Apply for position as delegate to WRTL Board of Governors representing Dane Co. Meets 3x/year generally in Plover (near Stevens Point).
- ☞ **Write letters to the editor** and respond to discussions on electronic blogs. See related article on relevant blogs.

ISSUES THAT MATTER....

NFP-Only Clinic to Open

Madison will soon have a family practice clinic devoted to caring for the needy, supporting marital chastity, encouraging the use of Natural Family Planning and providing compassionate hospice care at the end of natural life. Our Lady of Hope Clinic is scheduled to open in 2009 (www.ourladyofhopeclinic.com).

Founding physicians Dr. Michael Kloess and Dr. Anne Johnson are board-certified physicians and members of the Academy of Family Physicians. They will not provide or refer for contraception, abortion, sterilization or euthanasia. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Kloess have a special interest in women's health care and will offer services based on training in the Creighton Model FertilityCare™ System.

Presentations were held around the community to provide details on the clinic with the following date left:

- St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 602 Everglade Drive, Madison. 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2008

Doctors forced to offer abortions?

In a Fox News story (August 1, 2008), Heritage Foundation's Daniel Patrick Moloney a senior policy analyst, reports that "In November 2007, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) announced that the ethical standards of the profession had changed. Its ethics committee stated that an ob/gyn who is unwilling to perform an abortion has an ethical duty to refer the patient to someone who will perform it. If the physician is unable to refer the patient in a timely manner, he would be required to perform the abortion himself.

"This decision threatens the livelihood of pro-life doctors. Every ob/gyn who works in a hospital or clinic needs not only a license, but also certification that his skills are up to date and that he is aware of recent developments in the field. To be certified, he must follow the ethical standards of the profession, so under the new ethics policy a pro-life doctor risks losing his certification if his pro-life convictions don't allow him to perform or cooperate in an abortion. And if he loses his certification, a hospital or clinic won't let him deliver babies there."

1,176 Babies Killed in Dane Co. Last Year

The good news is that the number of abortions in Wisconsin fell last year to 8,267, down from the 9,352 reported in 2006. The horrific news is that 1,176 mothers ended their babies' lives in Dane County in 2007.

These and other findings were prepared in the June 2008 *Reported Induced Terminations of Pregnancy in Wisconsin* from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, Division of Public Health, Bureau of Health Information and Policy. The former title was *Reported Induced Abortions in Wisconsin*.

Other key findings include:

- Women 20-24 years accounted for the largest proportion of abortions and those women ages 15-17 accounted for the least.
- 551 abortions were on minors with 412 parents providing written consent, while 21 were emancipated minors, and a court intervened by granting a petition to waive the parental consent requirement for 40 girls.
- While most abortions were performed on never-married women, 986 abortions were on women currently married.
- 48% (3,983 lives) were terminated at 8 weeks or less; 208 lives ended at over 20 weeks.
- Milwaukee county had the highest number of abortions (3,266) followed by Dane county (1,176).

"Do we need more proof that so much needs to be done?" asked Diana Brazell, Dane Co. chapter president of WRTL. "How can we let more than 1,000 babies die each year? How can we not support these women to make a choice for life?"

To view the findings, visit <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/pdf/itop2007.pdf>

"I dream...of a world where we
can commit our social resources to
the development of human life and
not to its destruction."
~ Benazir Bhutto

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Abortion is profoundly anti-women.
Three quarters of its victims are women:
Half the babies and all the mothers."
~ Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta ~

Practice Safe Democracy

In our country, every vote counts. Each elected position will impact lives and life issues for generations to come. That's why it is more important than ever to research and weigh all the candidates.

This issue of *Life Line* dug through the political din to offer the clearest picture of the candidates' positions. Note, the Dane County chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life does not endorse candidates for public office. The enclosed flyer simply provides information on prominent candidates' positions on life issues. (see enclosed)