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The Story of Precious Feet

by Virginia Evers

A special thank you to all who made special donations to fund the "Precious Feet Project." We were able to purchase over 350 pins, which are already being distributed from the many requests we are receiving from our newsletter article last month. Below is the story of how the "precious feet," symbol of the pro-life movement came to be.

Every achievement, great and small has originated with an idea. Very often one good idea leads to still another, thus compounding the impact of the original idea. Such is the story of our Precious Feet lapel pin, identical in size and shape to the feet of a ten week old unborn baby.

It was God's "idea" that you and I should be created in His image and likeness. He declared us His very own children from the moment of fertilization. This is verified in Holy Scripture: **"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, Before you came to birth, I consecrated you."** *Jeremiah 1:5*. Our body, God revealed, is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

On January 22, 1974 in San Diego, California, preparing for the March for Life on the first anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, proliferers placed a full page ad in the San Diego Union. Prominent in the ad was a picture of the tiny feet of a ten week old unborn baby. The picture haunted me.

Dr. Russell Sacco had a remarkable idea back in 1970. The pathologist who shared his lab with Dr. Sacco kept unborn babies (fetuses) in formaldehyde lined up on a shelf. Dr. Sacco, father of four, had become acutely aware of the highly developed state of the very tiniest of these unborn babies. As a photographer, he envisioned the power of a dramatic picture: the tiny feet. Through the years his remarkable photograph of the perfect precious feet held between the thumb and forefinger has become synonymous with pro-life

action throughout the world. I expressed my immediate reaction to Dr. Sacco's classic photograph to my husband Ellis: "These precious little feet should be the pro-life movement's official symbol."

Dr. Sacco confided, "It has been difficult for me to comprehend the enormous impact my picture has had on the pro-life movement." Our Precious Feet are the direct result of this great photograph. The impact is being felt around the world. The Precious Feet were designated as the "International Pro-Life Symbol" at a world-wide symposium in Dublin, Ireland in 1979. At this writing nearly 12 million have been distributed in 30 countries and 6 continents.

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To read the entire article, see:

<http://www.hh76.org/additionalmedia/preciousfeethistory.pdf>

1Corinthians13 for Pro-Lifers

Rev. Walter Hoye, who many of you know, carries a sign when he is doing sidewalk counseling that says "Jesus loves you and your baby. Please let us help." As Rev. Hoye's sign proclaims, Jesus loves everyone we encounter in our pro-life work, but do we? And do our actions en flesh that love? I recently came across an article by Timothy Brahm based on the Love passage 1Cor13. Timothy writes:

I've placed the original text in bold type with my added thoughts in normal type.

If I speak with the conviction of a great apologist, **but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.**

And if I have great powers of perception, **and understand** all science and philosophy, **and if I have all faith**, so as to inspire a congregation, **but have not love, I am nothing.**

If I give away all excess income to pregnancy care centers and take in unwed mothers, **and if I deliver up**

my reputation for the cause of saving unborn babies, **but have not love, I gain nothing.**

Love is patient; it listens and seeks to understand rather than merely waiting for the chance to respond.

Love is kind; it treats everyone as a valuable human being made in the image of God – not just embryos, fetuses, and those who agree with us.

Love does not envy or boast; it gives all glory to God and does not seek to be honored by men.

Love is not arrogant; it remembers how many times it has made mistakes in reasoning.

Love is not rude; it does not dehumanize people by calling them faggots, homos, or fairies.

Love does not insist on its own way; it does not need to have the last word in a debate.

Love is not irritable; it is slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Love is not resentful; it does not dwell on the failures of those around us.

Love does not rejoice at wrongdoing; it is not excited when those who oppose us are caught in sin.

Love rejoices with the truth; it does not distort the facts or misconstrue another's arguments.

Love bears all things; it does not need to be defensive when insulted.

Love believes all things; it does not assume that people have evil intentions just because they disagree.

Love hopes all things; it is not cynical, but remembers that God is good and He is in control.

Love endures all things; it does not give up on the unborn no matter how discouraged we feel.

Many of us recently participated in one or more events surrounding the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe V Wade (and Doe v. Bolton) decisions, and later

this month we will participate in another 40-Days-for-Life campaign beginning in mid-February. Perhaps we could use Timothy Brahm's thought provoking article as a reflection before we head out to the sidewalk. Consider putting your name wherever it says "love" and see if it describes you...

313 Corporations Stop Funding Planned Parenthood

Another one of our projects at California Right to Life Educational Fund is "The Mustard Seed Project." Every month we target a corporation on "The Boycott List" provided by Life Decisions International, Participants in the "Mustard Seed Project" receive one e-mail a month with the pertinent information to write one letter a month to the top executive of the corporation chosen for that month. We even provide sample letters to assist you in this endeavor. Below is a report of the success Life Decisions International has been able to document from efforts such as our "Mustard Seed Project."

Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?

Make sure they get the facts first!

A LIFE depends on it...

1-800-712-HELP (4357)

Website: <http://www.optionline.org/>

If you would like to join our tiny "Mustard Seed" group that now has members from California to Maryland, and many states in between, contact our office with your e-mail address and we will add you to the distribution list.

As the new year dawned Life Decisions International (LDI) a group which tracks corporate funding of Planned Parenthood, announced that, to date, at least 313 corporations have agreed to stop funding Planned Parenthood. LDI estimates this has stopped more than \$42 million from ever reaching the coffers of Planned Parenthood.

Life Decisions International publishes a list of companies that fund the abortion giant and suggests that pro-lifers boycott these corporations. Top Planned Parenthood donors on Life Decisions list include Expedia (Expedia.com, Hotels.com, Hotwire.com, Trivago.com, Venere.com, CarRentals.com, etc.). Corporations such as Arthur Murray Dance Studios, Bank of America, Bayer, Bikram's Yoga, eBay (Including PayPal), Intuit, M&T, Starbucks, and Whole Foods are also among the current boycott

targets. It is from this list that we obtain the target corporation for letter writing each month.

According to the latest Planned Parenthood annual report for 2013-2014, Planned Parenthood performed 327,653 abortions in that year, an increase from the 2012-2013 number of 327,166 and a slight decrease from their 2011-2012 numbers of 333,964.

In addition, the report indicates that by year end, the US Taxpayer had funded the abortion giant **\$528 MILLION in federal tax dollars** down from \$540.6 million in the previous year, an estimated 41% of their entire budget.

“For decades now, Planned Parenthood has operated the most proficient killing machine in the United States,” said Douglas R. Scott, Jr., president of the Planned Parenthood watchdog organization Life Decisions International (LDI). *“And the machine continues to be oiled by American taxpayers.”*

Scott points out that Planned Parenthood generated an estimated \$140 million in revenue; a figure closely mirroring 2012. He said that Planned Parenthood then profited a whopping \$127.1 million in fiscal year 2013-2014, a staggering 118% jump from their previous report.

Planned Parenthood’s greatest ally has always been public ignorance of its agenda and activities. *“The Pro-Life Movement can be proud for its ongoing efforts to expose PPFA’s agenda. The more public ‘black eyes’ the group receives, the harder it will be for it to get away with lying to and bullying the American people,”* Scott stated.

Life Decisions International website:
<http://fightpp.org/projects/corporate-funding-boycott/>

For Planned Parenthood Annual Reports, visit:
http://issuu.com/actionfund/docs/annual_report_final_proof_12.16.14_/0

Around the Office

by Cecelia M. Cody, Administrative Director

A special THANK YOU to all who supported our work in 2014; your donations allowed us to finish the year with sufficient funds to keep the cabinets stocked, to publish a newsletter every month, to offer information table for life at various venues including

shopping malls, and various university and college campuses. We also provided materials for classroom presentations and assisted students and teachers in preparing the presentations. We also had the opportunity to provide the press with statements on a wide variety of life-related topics, from the new Miss America having done an internship at Planned Parenthood to the untimely death of Brittney Maynard.

2015 is already shaping up to be a busy year. Besides continuing our current projects, we will be educating the public in an effort to stop Physician Assisted Suicide from becoming law in California, and possibly stopping further funding of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (stem cell research – remember Prop 71? Well it’s been over ten years and they have run out of money and may be coming back to the citizenry of California asking for more funding.)

Thanks for your support as we battle the Culture of Death and protect all innocent life from the single-cell stage to natural death.

Library Corner

In their book, Abortion Free, Troy Newman and coworker Cheryl Sullenger discuss making communities Abortion Free. “We have found that abortion clinics can close and lives can be saved by working strategically at the state and local level despite what the political climate might be,” Newman said. “We know our ideas work because of the successes we have witnessed while employing the same tactics we share in ‘Abortion Free.’”

“Abortion Free” details how to employ specific tactics, such as:

- Discovering and documenting abortion abuses.
- Using public records requests to obtain information the abortion cartel is hiding.
- Filing official complaints that can put abortionists out of business.
- Getting your message past the “gatekeepers” in the mainstream media.
- Using your research as the basis for new laws that will shutter abortion clinics permanently.

“As new states laws add safety standards for surgical abortions, we are seeing the beginnings of a new trend. Abortion providers who cannot or will not comply with the higher standards have, in some cases, dropped

surgical abortions in favor of medical abortions so they did not have to become licensed,” said Newman. “This allows incompetent abortionists to continue exploiting women for money while evading the need to increase patient safety.”

In 1991, there were 2,176 surgical abortion facilities operating in the U.S. Since then, a full 75 percent of those facilities have closed. As abortion facilities continue to close, abortion numbers continue to fall. While national abortion numbers remain incomplete, the average number of abortions decreases by about 3 percent annually. However, state statistics show that the drop in abortions is more pronounced in areas where there are abortion clinic closures.

“No matter how one views the numbers, they show that we are winning,” said Newman. “As the truth about abortion abuses and other dangers become public and are followed by new laws that increase protections for women and their babies, we can only expect the decline of the abortion cartel to continue until it collapses altogether.”

Calendar of Events

*For the latest updates of events see
www.calendarforlife.org*

WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?

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Both are affiliates of American Life League, headed by Judie Brown, and share the same “no-exceptions, no excuses” beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.

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