

## **CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE**

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### **MEDIA PRESENCE, PREGNANCY COUNSELING REFERRALS**

The month of June brought several opportunities to educate the general public by speaking out on various facets of the respect for the life and safety of the unborn baby in the womb. On June 4<sup>th</sup> the House of Representatives passed the Partial Birth Abortion Ban, and KPIX San Francisco called within a half hour and requested an “on camera” interview with a representative of the pro-life side of the issue. We were able to meet their request and the Partial Birth Abortion Ban was the lead story on the 11:00 PM news that evening. Then on Friday June 20 Cecelia was on KTVU Ch. 2 in the S.F Bay Area – Segment 2 - speaking on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, also named the “Laci and Connor Peterson Law.” Both of these interviews were priceless opportunities to present a pro-life viewpoint in a major media market, the San Francisco Bay Area.

California Right to Life regularly receives telephone calls from women seeking abortions, since our name is associated with the abortion issue. As an educational organization, we look at these calls as an opportunity to truly help these women with information and referrals to other pro-life organizations set up specifically for pregnancy counseling or direct assistance to the women in need. One of these organizations is “First Resort,” a pregnancy-counseling center with offices in Oakland, San Francisco, and Redwood City. First Resort provides an ultrasound of the baby and several hours of counseling, and has a high success rate where the mothers decide to carry the pregnancy to term. Our Executive Director Cecelia Cody recently attended a program at First Resort entitled “Only an Hour” which included a talk by the CEO and several staff members, a tour of the facility and a video “After The Choice,” which consists of snippets of women talking about the abortion experience. Your donations allowed California Right to Life Education Fund to purchase a copy of this video for use in upcoming talks to the general public. First Resort also has an abstinence program for grades 7-12 which was explained during the hour. If you would like to borrow the video, or have a youth group that might consider the First Resort Abstinence Program, or would be interested in participating in a future “Only an Hour” presentation at a First Resort Office near you, feel free to contact this office for more information.

### **A “Save” at a Local Planned Parenthood by Anne Ronco**

We recently learned that the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Daly City is closing. Praise and thank God for that! There is always hope. This closure is the result of twenty years of prayer by local pro-lifers.

Meanwhile, in Concord, a group of determined pro-lifers has been praying weekly for 15 years outside Concord Planned Parenthood. They will not give up. Several months ago, a pregnant girl approached them about receiving help. She learned at her Christian high school that the fetus is a human person. She had a firm conviction not to kill her baby, but she needed some assistance.

She was placed in a Gabriel Project home for 8 months. In April 2003, she had a beautiful, healthy baby boy and is raising him by herself. If the praying pro-lifers had not been outside Planned Parenthood that day, she said, she wouldn't have known to whom to turn for help.

There is a local high school close to this Planned Parenthood, so students are always passing by. This gives the group an ongoing opportunity to interact and hand out brochures. Continued greetings such as "good morning" or "hi guys" create a friendly atmosphere with some students. Greg Watkins, one of the prayer partners, was approached by two students to have a pro-life view interview for their class. That went well.

We all have our own way to fight the culture of death, but it all starts with one thing - prayer. Without prayer we can do nothing and quickly lose the spirit to continue in our ministries.

*Pro-lifers pray and educate the public at many local abortion facilities around California. Please consider joining them there! Your presence is a faithful witness for Life. Call our office to link up with other prayer partners in your area.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **“Preserving Dignity into the Future”**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2003** -- The Marin County Respect Life Committee Life's quarterly pot-luck dinner will feature **Jennifer Lahl, Executive Director of The Center for Bioethics and Culture**. Jennifer will share her vast knowledge of stem-cell research, cloning, genetic engineering and the ethical considerations that must be addressed in these areas. **Potluck dinner starts at 5:45 PM** on Saturday, August 23, 2003 at St. Sebastian Church hall. St. Sebastian's is located in Greenbrae, at the corner of Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and Bon Air Road---easily accessible from Rt. 101 and the Richmond Bridge. Please call Vicki Evans at 415-945-0180 or this office for more details and reservations. We look forward to a cordial and informative evening!

*Mark your calendars now for our  
Fall Banquet –*

**CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE IS PLEASED TO PRESENT**

**Eric J. Scheidler**

**Communications Director  
of the Pro-Life Action League**

**Friday, October 24, 2003  
6:00PM**

**Walnut Creek Civic Arts  
Shadelands Auditorium  
Ygnacio Valley Road  
Walnut Creek, CA**

## Support us as you shop online

California Right to Life Education Fund has recently been approved as a non-profit organization by an Internet shopping website [www.wellspent.org](http://www.wellspent.org). Now you can support California Right to Life Education Fund simply by shopping! Wellspent.org has thousands of products - including electronics, software, computers, tools, appliances, camping gear and much more - available at discount prices. Every purchase you make generates a donation for the non-profit cause of your choice. So visit [www.wellspent.org](http://www.wellspent.org), search for California Right to Life Education Fund, and help yourself to some great gifts; you'll be helping us, too!

### WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?

California Right to Life Education Fund is a 501-c-3 organization established to educate the public about pro-life issues. We are an affiliate of the American Life League, headed by Judie Brown. Donations are tax-deductible and can be sent to P.O. Box 4343, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-4343. Current projects include: mall tables, media presence, assistance in pro-life research for students, billboard advertising, and maintaining our website at [www.calright2life.org](http://www.calright2life.org).

California Right to Life Committee, Inc. is a 501-c-4 organization providing information on legislative issues affecting the right to life; and providing instruction and guidance to citizens on becoming citizen lobbyists participating in protecting and defending the right to life against abortion, euthanasia and other related issues. CRLC, Inc. is not permitted, under IRS regulations, to offer a tax deduction for donations. \$24.99 annually is requested for a subscription to the CRLC legislative email updates list and can be sent to 1920 Monument Blvd #309, Concord, CA 94520.

We had previously shared the same umbrella name, address, and director of "California Right to Life," but for greater clarity of focus on the complementary goals of pro-life education and pro-life political advocacy, we are now working with more specifically defined missions under two directors: Camille Giglio is now specializing in the political goals of CRL Committee, Inc., while Cecelia Cody focuses on the Education Fund goals. Both directors have kept the same "no-exceptions" beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

In summary, we recommend the following, as you continue to support our important work:

- 1 send a **non-deductible** donation of **\$24.99** annually to CRL Committee, Inc. at 1920 Monument Blvd #309, Concord, CA 94520.
- 2 **receive a tax deduction for the balance** of your donations, sent to California Right to Life Education Fund at P.O. Box 4343, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-4343.
- 3 **pray** for an end to abortion, for the conversion of hearts, and especially for the correct understanding of God's gift of sexuality.

For Life,