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In Retrospect: 40 Years of Abortion and What YOU Can Do

Over 40 years ago, three people were instrumental in changing the face of America and ushering in the wholesale killing of unborn babies.

- Dr. Bernard Nathanson was the head of NARAL, a group whose only goal was to make abortion on demand a reality in the U.S. He had a good reason: he ran the world's largest abortion clinic in N.Y., a state where abortion was legal. Expanding his abortion business was something he wanted to see.
- Norma McCorvey was on the other end of the social scale - she was a poor, backward young woman who found herself pregnant and didn't want to be. Through the orchestration of pro-abortion lawyers, Norma became the Roe in the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that ushered in legal abortion in America.
- While most people have heard of Roe vs. Wade, they may not have heard of the Doe v. Bolton Supreme Court decision of the same day – January 22, 1973. Sandra Cano's circumstances were much like Norma McCorvey's. She was the Doe in Doe v. Bolton. Her case established that abortions could be performed up until the day of birth for the "health" of the mother, regardless of state laws. The court then went on to define health as being physical, emotional, and financial. Factors such as the number of children and living conditions were also defined under the mother's "health." In other words, abortion is legal for any reason at all. Since

that time, over 50,000,000 babies have been aborted and the killing continues at a rate of approximately 3,000 a day.

California Right to Life Educational Fund is committed to protecting life from fertilization to natural death. One of our biggest commitments of time is in saving babies through education and referrals. Our education efforts include information tables at shopping malls and student quads, classroom presentations and media interviews.

Incredible as it seems, most people do not know that an unborn baby has a heartbeat at 23 days, brain waves at about 42 days, and is fully formed by 8 weeks. Most people don't know that at 10 weeks their little hands and feet are perfectly formed (do you have a "precious feet lapel pin" to wear to stimulate a conversation

wherever you go? Contact our office for a set in either gold or silver.) The fingers will curl around an object placed in their hands. The toes fan and curl. By 12 weeks they swallow, squint and swim around in their enclosed water world. Incredibly, this is when most mothers find out they are pregnant! At 4 months the baby has eye lashes and hair. The

baby can hear sounds including her mom's heartbeat and voice.

In the fifth month the baby is about 12 inches long. Fingernails are growing and the baby often scratches herself. She has fully developed vocal cords and uses them to cry, but the cries cannot be heard because there is no air. This was discovered when a doctor put air in a woman's amniotic sac and the baby's cries, exposed to the air, kept the mother up much of the night. Babies born at this stage have lived. From this point on, all a baby does is grow, much like a one year old grows into a three year old. The only difference between this wee

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the differences between a
preborn and a newborn:

- **Size**
- **Level of Development**
- **Environment**
- **Degree of dependency**

one and a newly born is SLED: Size, Level of development, Environment and Degree of dependency.

California Right to Life Educational Fund is part of a much larger family known as the Pro-Life movement. We care about the unborn child and also the pregnant mother. The Pro-Life movement, contrary to what is proclaimed by the media, is a movement of love. Through Pregnancy Care Centers, Maternity Homes and other ministries, women can find everything from free pregnancy tests to shelter and medical care. We are the ones who truly offer women an informed choice. We often receive phone calls from families in unwanted pregnancies and help them through referrals to one or more of these other organizations in the pro-life movement who can offer ultrasounds, housing, maternity clothes...whatever the women needs to make an informed decision, not one based on her perception of unfulfilled need.

Not everyone can be a sidewalk counselor or speak in front of a classroom or to the media in an on-camera or radio interview (If you feel called to any of these opportunities, please call our office. Training and materials will be provided.)

However, everyone CAN have a part in saving the lives of babies, through wearing a precious feet pin every day, everywhere you go. These Precious Feet on the pin are the exact size and shape of an unborn baby's feet at 10-12 weeks after conception. When you wear them on your lapel, people ask what they are, giving you the opportunity to share about the humanity of the unborn. You never know whom you will reach. I was a substitute teacher for several months, and one day one of the children asked what my feet were. When I explained the feet, that afternoon she just had to have her Mommy come "see my feet" and the little girl exclaimed "Look Mommy the baby even has toes!" This five year old "evangelist for Life" gets it! Another day I was in CVS pharmacy, and the checker asked me what my pin was. I explained it and then gave her a set – with the little brochure of fetal development attached (I try to keep an extra set in my purse to give to people who ask about the pin.)

Here are two actual stories of how a precious feet pin touched and saved a couple of lives:

Kathy in Phoenix, Arizona shared: "I am so overjoyed to have learned of the Precious Feet. I am 16 years old. One day I was in the library and saw a girl that had the cutest little lapel pin of baby feet that I was curious and asked her about them. She told me what they stood for...it touched me so dearly, and this girl was so sweet. I was even thinking about getting an abortion but now I will not. I will have the baby and give it up for adoption. Too bad I can't keep it...but I know this will be best for the child. I feel it was inspiration for me to go to the library that night."

Ray in Springfield, Missouri: "Recently one of our friends gave a pair of Precious Feet to a pregnant, unmarried girl she knew...An abortion was being planned and the girl was receiving pressure to carry out those plans. After seeing the feet she couldn't believe them. The usual, 'This can't be true,' and, 'I don't believe it,' led to further research and examination of just what would be happening if the abortion were carried out. In other words - a life was saved!"

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—Dr. Bernard Nathanson

Remember Dr. Nathanson, Norma McCorvey and Sandra Cano? The story does not end there. All three of these people are now Christians. Dr. Nathanson and Norma McCorvey joined the Catholic Church. Until his death in February 2011, Dr. Nathanson toured the country speaking against abortion, and wrote several books and directed and narrated the film Silent Scream showing an actual abortion. As Dr. Nathanson says, " We can see the child moving rather serenely in the uterus. The child senses aggression in its sanctuary. We see the child's mouth wide open in a silent scream."

Norma McCovey and Sandra Cano spend their time sharing the Pro-Life message and saving babies. You see, God loves everyone involved in this struggle - the women who abort, the abortionist like Dr. Nathanson, Norma and Sandra, who inadvertently opened the floodgate of death in this country. God has reached down and shown us once again that the greatest weapon we have in this battle is His love....He'll do the rest.

LIBRARY CORNER

Pro-Life Books Worth Reading

As I write this article it is near freezing outside, and all I want to do is curl up under a blanket and read a good book. I realize in a few months I'll be looking for a tree to sit under and read a book during the lazy days of summer. Below are some suggestions for books to consider enhancing your knowledge of the pro-life arena.

Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments

and **Why pro-life?** Both by Randy Alcorn

An easy-to-read logical book that walks you through the major arguments presented by abortion supporters. Learn logical ways to answer their arguments with truth.

unPlanned by Abby Johnson

As a former Planned Parenthood worker, Abby Johnson reveals her story behind her time at Planned Parenthood and the working environment she was in for years. Her conversion story inspires readers to reach out to clinic workers and get uncomfortable standing up for life. (Also available, Abby Johnson's story in DVD **Changing Sides.**)

Three Approaches to Abortion by Peter Kreeft

In a logical and philosophic way, Kreeft explores the abortion issue with three main approaches. Dr. Kreeft cuts through the nonsense of the "pro-choice" position. He shows in an irrefutable way why abortion is evil and why it's illogical to support abortion rights while claiming to be "personally opposed to abortion." His commonsense approach to the issue, his lucid arguments, easy-to-grasp illustrations and examples, and his thoughtful dialogue between a pro-lifer and a "pro-chooser" make this book an invaluable tool in the pro-life cause.

Fighting for Dear Life by David Gibbs

David Gibbs took a leap of faith in September 2003 when Bob and Mary Schindler, Terri Schiavo's parents, asked him to become the lead attorney in their frantic fight to save their daughter's life. Taking the case pro bono, Gibbs embarked on a compelling journey that would forever change his life. He watched Terri fade away in those last days, and was with Mary, her mom, the last time she saw Terri alive. Now, David Gibbs gives an insider's account of the story that tore

the heart out of a nation and which marked a watershed moment in America's judicial history. Gibbs shares as-yet undisclosed truths about the trial and error surrounding Terri's death, why it should never have happened, and why it matters so critically for us as we grapple with the value of life, and the question of who decides.

The Hand of God by Bernard Nathanson

A former abortionist who performed over 75,000 abortions, Nathanson discusses his story and what led to his conversion. Part spiritual autobiography, part political campaign and part history of abortion, Dr. Nathanson explores the factors that led him into and eventually out of the abortion business.

What books have you read that have affected you as a pro-life activist? Contact this office if you would like to recommend a book, or movie, or perhaps even a YouTube video, that you found especially inspirational or educational. Perhaps one of your students did a book report on a pro-life book he or she would like to share. We are always looking for newsletter article contributors.

Many of these books are available in our library. Contact our office if you are interested in borrowing a copy of one or more of these books. Or perhaps you might consider purchasing a copy and sharing it with several of your friends. Last year one of our members donated a dozen copies of Abby Johnson's unPlanned which we were able to donate to several school pro-life clubs; a few copies still are available in our library



**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)

Calendar of Events

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



Spring 40 Days for Life – begins Wednesday, February 13, and will continue until March 24. For more info, including a list of locations, visit www.40daysforlife.org

One more Book Recommendation... Just Released!

40 Days for Life:

Discover What God Has Done

By David Bereit and Shawn Carney

Available at: <http://premierecollectibles.com/40-days-for-life-discover-what-god-has-done/>

Or from Amazon.com (or Nook Book version available from BarnesandNoble.com)

40 stories based on 40 Days for Life, including the beginnings and current happenings at local vigil sites. Includes a reflection for each of the 40 chapters/days. A wonderful companion to the 40 Days for Life experience.

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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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