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"The Pill Kills" Day

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On Saturday June 7, the 40th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision Griswold vs. Connecticut American Life League sponsored a "The Pill Kills" day. Ron Maxson of our board shares his experience.

At 11AM on Saturday June 7th two-dozen pro-lifers gathered in front of the Napa Planned Parenthood to provide a local witness to the fact that birth control kills babies in the earliest stages of life. As part of American Life League's "The Pill Kills" day they prayerfully testified to the facts of death regarding the pill for over an hour, offering prayers for the staff and many uninformed patrons who come asking Planned Parenthood to provide chemicals, hormones, and sex-education as an answer to their problems with the natural consequences of our society's abuse of the gift of human sexuality.

Attractive literature detailed the devastating effects of the various methods of birth control: the pill, the patch, the shot, and the IUD on women who will be chemically altered mothers even though they don't "plan" to be and probably don't even know it.

These women will be mothers of dead babies; the hormones, chemicals and sharp intra-uterine devices (IUD) will starve and kill these precious preborn in the secret warmth of sterilized wombs, preventing implantation and thus leading to the death of these wee ones at the very beginning of their life cycle. Several chartreuse attention-demanding signs and T-Shirts created by American Life League proclaimed: "THE PILL KILLS," as the praying continued outside the Planned Parenthood Napa facility, a location that does not do surgical abortions; however, it does provide chemical abortions through the distribution of birth control pills and Depo-Provera shots. The babies conceived but never implanted in the womb are aborted due to the inhospitable environment of the womb or the mere presence of the IUD.

Planned Parenthood Napa has a regular gathering of prayerful witnesses most weekday mornings. The "clinic" is located on one of the two north-south corridors through Napa, creating an almost constant stream of cars passing by. Signs and "Red Umbrellas" create a substantial interest and responses ranging from one or two one-finger salutes to 20-30 friendly toots and perhaps 50-60 waves in the course of an average week. Honorable mention must be made of the vigorous waves we get from most Napa school bus drivers, most disposal truck drivers and the several crews driving company trucks of the "Modern Method Roofing Company."

A group gathers each morning around 8:00AM, often staying until around 10AM. Tuesdays and Thursdays a group of ladies with red umbrellas come at 9:30 for a half hour rosary. When school is not in session, we are often gifted by the presence of a

youthful high school gal who has no fear about informing any and all patrons of the work of the killing center, giving out 10-15 brochures and a handful of holy cards with the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the front and a list of local help centers on the back.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the donors of California Right to Life Educational Fund for providing us with a beautiful little black velvet box with four tiny preborn models showing the earliest stages of life. The models are a powerful eye-catching aid, especially drawing the Hispanic ladies. It is often a struggle to get the delightfully curious children to give us back our models. The children insist on picking up the models to show them to Mommy. On more than one occasion we have had to trade one of our “precious preborn” 10-12 week baby models to get our velvet box back, and one little girl was so pleased she immediately sat on the curb and began picking flowers from the nearby garden and arranging them in a small crib form around her sleeping 10-12 week model baby and then brought her little sister over to coo and preen.

If you are interested in joining one of the many groups that regularly pray outside abortion centers, contact this office and we will put you in contact with a local coordinator in your area.

Safely Surrendered Baby Law

Recently there have been several news reports of newborn babies abandoned; sometimes the infant died before anyone discovered the precious little one. Contact this office if you would like additional information or color copies of the enclosed brochure.

The **Safely Surrendered Baby Law**, often called the “Safe Haven for Newborns” allows an individual to “surrender” an unwanted infant without fear of arrest or prosecution for abandonment. The law does not require that any names be given when the baby is surrendered. Parents are permitted to bring a baby within 72 hours (3 days) of birth to any hospital emergency room or other designated safe haven location in California. A bracelet is placed on the baby for identification and a corresponding bracelet given to the parent surrendering the baby. The baby is temporarily placed in a foster or pre-adoptive home. The law allows for at least 14-days to reclaim the baby. During this period, the person who surrendered the child can return to the hospital to reclaim the child. The bracelet will help identify the child if the parent returns to reclaim the baby.

For further information, please read the enclosed material. Information is also available at <http://www.babysafe.ca.gov/>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(For the latest information, see www.calendarforlife.org)

Humanae Vitae: Cornerstone of a Culture of Life August 9th, St. Mary's College Moraga Banquet August 8 Oakland

A Conference Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae
(See last month's newsletter for a full description)

For registration or for more information, please call 888-619-7882 or www.cornerstoneconference.org,

**Reclaiming Fatherhood: A Multifaceted Examination of Men
Dealing With Abortion
September 8-9 Chicago, Illinois**

The second conference on men dealing with abortion will be in Chicago, Sept, 8-9,2008. This is an important area of loss for men that is often overlooked. More than 40 million abortions have happened in the U.S. and always there is a male involved in some way in every abortion. The conference will have world experts in men's grief after abortion. This conference is for clergy, mental health professionals, chemical and sexual addiction counselors, grief facilitators, anyone seeking to know more about this phenomena, as well as those who have had the experience of abortion and those who care about them. (Note there is a special rate for couples.)

For further information call 414-483-4141. All conference details, including a list of speakers, are on line at www.menandabortion.info

Cecelia Cody attended the conference in San Francisco last November in San Francisco, and shared her experiences in our February 2008 newsletter, available on our website at <http://www.calright2life.org/CRLfeb2008.pdf>