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WORDS TEACH

Creating an Image for Life

Those who govern the culture's language govern the culture. Why so? Because words shape ideas and form the way people think. Unfortunately, many who govern the language today are in the mass media. Their anti-life semantics have caused many to think that destroying life is a human "right." At least five different uses for the term "right" exist in their lexicon (e.g. "right" to abortion, "right" to the body, "right" to choose, women's "rights", privacy "rights", and reproductive "rights"). At the same time the most fundamental right of all - to life itself - is completely ignored by them, thereby erasing its value in the minds of many.

Verbal engineering precedes social engineering. If you want to change the way people think, change the words. No one knows this better than the mass media, who use verbal engineering to bring acceptance of whatever they please, up to and including utter evil. Yet verbal engineering also applies to restoring the Right to Life. Creating the proper image for life is needed to overcome America's abortion mentality. Using honest semantics is vital in this regard. Terminology that devalues life will be explained and honest phrasing given to restore life's dignity.

Don't use anti-life imagery: **Abortion Clinic**
Do Use Pro-Life Imagery: **Abortion Site/Mill**
Reason: Clinics are for health care and health care excludes killing. Calling the place where someone is killed a "clinic" assaults the dignity of the one who is killed. Instead, the places where unborn people are killed are abortion sites, child killing sites, abortion chambers or mills, and abortuaries. Proper phrasing disconnects killing from health care and instills sensitivity for unborn people.

Don't use anti-life imagery: **Abortion "debate" or "issue"**

Do Use Pro-Life Imagery: **Abortion problem**

Reason: Murder is not an issue or debate. Instead, life is the most basic human right. As a human right an obligation exists to defend it, even by those who advocate its destruction. The term abortion problem is correct wording because it is the problem of murder itself.

Don't use anti-life imagery: Abortion "rights"

Do Use Pro-Life Imagery: Killing unborn children

Reason: When pro-life people use this term they use a term that abortion advocates use for themselves to promote the crime of abortion. Since killing can never be a human right, calling it such can never make it so. Instead, it's like calling a wolf a sheep to gain acceptance of the wolf. It epitomizes the prophets words - *Woe to you that call evil good, and good evil: that put darkness for light, and light for darkness: that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter. Is.-5:20.* No one who calls abortion a "right" would want to have been aborted, which demonstrates its hypocrisy. Killing unborn children is the correct term.

"The moral conscience, both individual and social, is today subjected, also as a result of the penetrating influence of the media, to an extremely serious and mortal danger: that of confusion between good and evil precisely in relation to the fundamental right to life..."
Evangelium Vitae 24 - John Paul II

In the News

Life Dynamics uncovers true nature of LifeChecks

LifeChecks are personalized checks emblazoned with pro-life sayings and images, and thousands of Americans use them as a way to advance the pro-life cause. The parent company of LifeChecks, Custom Direct LLC, also markets checks with other Christian, patriotic and pro-family themes under the name, The Check Gallery. Custom Direct says its products are intended to "help you express your faith." Now, Life Dynamics Incorporated — a pro-life organization in Denton, Texas — has revealed that Custom Direct has another subsidiary called Message Products, which makes checks for Planned Parenthood, among others. See <http://www.prolifeamerica.com/LifeChecks/>

Now for the good news – a new source for checks:

Sanctity of Life personal checks are available online at Promise Checks

(<http://www.promisechecks.com/display.asp?category=1#supervalue>).

READERS' CORNER

AROUND THE OFFICE

In our last newsletter we shared a recent Sunvalley Mall Table was staffed entirely by students from St. Patrick/St. Vincent High School in Vallejo, California. Below is the text of a letter we received from two of the students, thanking us for giving them the opportunity and sharing what they learned that day.

Dear Right to Life:

Your effortless attempt to try and end abortion is greatly admired and is truly inspired. This organization has helped many people in making probably the hardest decision of their life. The educational works that this organization provides is so admired, especially for young teens today, it helps us become more aware about the risks we are taking.

This past month, my partner and I sat at an informational table, pro-life. It truly helped us, now we have more knowledge on the risks of having an abortion, not only is it wrong, it is also very dangerous.

We would like to thank you for letting us be part of the great event, in hope that we were making a difference.

Thank you for giving us the time to help make a difference.

*Michaela Tantoco & Catherine Ganzon
St. Patrick's / St. Vincent's High School – Vallejo, CA*

If you have a youth, or know of any high school or college student (or perhaps yourself) who would be interested in doing a mall table, contact Cecelia Cody At our office 925-944-5351

Do you know someone who might be considering abortion?

Make sure they get the facts first!

A LIFE depends on it...

1-800-395-HELP (4357)

You're Not Alone: Healing Through God's Grace After Abortion by Jennifer O'Neill

"The devastation of abortion claims victims of all ages, from all walks of life, immediate and extended families, as well as friends and society as a whole."

Jennifer O'Neill shares the story of her own abortion and the path she has followed to find emotional and spiritual resolution, along with shorter stories of the experiences of more than 25 other women. Ms. O'Neill also talks about the steps that are important in healing after abortion, and about the Silent No More Awareness Campaign a group of women speaking out about their own abortions in order to raise public awareness about the negative emotional aftermath of abortion. www.silentnomoreawareness.org

This book:

- presents the symptoms of the post-abortion syndrome, experienced by 80 percent of post-abortive women
- incorporates a step-by-step process for healing, taking the woman through a series of feelings, from guilt and shame to honesty, grieving and ultimately personal and divine forgiveness
- provides over 25 true stories of women (and men) who have struggled with the effects of abortion
- includes a comprehensive listing of resources for help and support.

This book is not just for the woman herself, it is a wonderful guide for all of us who may have friends or family members who are struggling with the effects of an abortion, whether a recent event or the memory of an abortion many years ago. The book is a pleasure to read: comforting, informative, and well-written.

Quotes from the book...

Women may have the right to choose abortion, but I know with everything in me, abortion is not right for women. -*Georgette Forney, President of NOEL; Co-founder of "Silent No More Awareness Campaign"*

The Negro cannot win... if he is willing to sell the future of his children for his personal and immediate comfort and safety. - *Martin Luther King Jr. quoted by Alveda King, his niece, a post-abortive woman*

Calendar of Upcoming Events

If you have any pro-life events you would like us to publicize, send the announcement via e-mail to callife@calright2life.org or fax to 925-944-95351

Mall Table for LIFE

Saturday June 18, 2005 10:00AM-4:00PM
Sunvalley Mall Concord

One Saturday a month, members of California Right to Life Education Fund staff a table for life outside JC Penney's on the upper Level of Sunvalley Mall. Our next scheduled table will be Saturday June 18.

A special thank you to the few faithful volunteers, and a call for more to help in the worthwhile project. Each month we reach over 100 people with the message that life is precious from fertilization to natural death. Call this office if you would like to volunteer for an hour or more either on June 18, or be included in our list for future mall table days.

Women Deserve Better: The Long Term Effects of Abortion on Women's Physical and Emotional Health, and on Society

Speaker: Mary L. Davenport, M.D.

Sponsored by Catholics for the Common Good
Tuesday, June 7 @ 7 PM

Ss. Peter & Paul Church Parish Center
620 Filbert St. San Francisco (between Stockton and Powell) Free, well-lighted parking available in parish lot at Filbert and Powell

It has always been obvious that abortion is harmful to unborn children. But until recently, abortion has been promoted as beneficial and essential for the health of women. In the last decade large studies have shown that abortion can cause profound psychological, medical and economic damage to women, their families, and society.

Mary L. Davenport, M.D. is an obstetrician-gynecologist in the East Bay. She graduated from Smith College, Tufts University School of Medicine, and completed her residency at UC San Diego. She is a member of the American Association of Pro-Life Obstetrician Gynecologists (AAPLOG) and is on the Board of Advisors of the California Association of Natural Family Planning (CANFP). She has undergone a transformation in her medical practice, stopping providing abortions in 1984 and in 1998 fully embracing the teachings of the Catholic Church. She is a member of the Catholic Medical Association.

For more information, contact Catholics for the Common Good, 415-651-4171 or

www.catholicsforthecommongood.org.

CENTER FOR BIOETHICS & CULTURE PROPOSITION 71 ROUNDTABLE

Friday, June 10th from 10 AM to 4 PM
The Crowne Cabana Hotel in Palo Alto
Sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Culture

This Roundtable on Politics, Ethics and Science will include internationally renowned speakers like William Hurlbut, President's Council on Bioethics; Nigel Cameron, Chairman CBC; Dana Cody, Life Legal Defense Foundation. Highly recommended to find out about the aftermath of Prop 71, Stem Cell Research. For more information and registration, go to www.thecbc.org. Cost \$75 includes lunch.

Parental Notification Initiative Update

California's Secretary of State has confirmed that a ballot initiative would appear on the ballot the next time state voters head to the polls. The initiative would allow California parents to be informed when their teenager daughters are at an abortion facility considering an abortion. The abortion business must make sure parents are informed about a teen's abortion consultation 48 hours before the abortion can be performed. Secretary of State Bruce McPherson said organizers of the ballot proposal obtained the necessary 598,105 signatures to qualify for the next election. Gov. Schwarzenegger is planning to call a special election in November if he can't reach agreement with Democrats in the state legislature on unrelated issues. If the election is held, the parental notification measure will appear on the ballot. Schwarzenegger has not taken a stance on the parental notification proposal.

Physician Assisted Suicide – AB654

We continue to track the progress (and hopefully the demise) of the Physician Assisted Suicide Bill currently in the California Assembly (AB654.) On Wednesday May 18 over 100 people picketed outside of the State Capitol building in Sacramento and another estimated 100 picketed outside Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez' district office in downtown Los Angeles to protest AB 654 as members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee met to consider AB 654. A few key points to consider:

- It is less expensive to prescribe a lethal drug than to pay for patient care—AB 654 would save money for insurance companies and HMOs.
- AB 654 does not require a psychiatric evaluation of the patient requesting “assisted suicide”...yet depression is the most common reason for seeking death.

We will keep you advised of upcoming developments in the fight to protect life in its final stages.

What you can do for Pro-Life

Wear your precious feet (or hands) pin EVERY day, EVERYWHERE you go. People will ask about the pin and what it means. It is a perfect opportunity to speak up for the humanity of the unborn. Even that elegant evening gown will be enhanced by the “precious feet” jewelry!

I was at the bank the other day and the banker asked what my pin was. I had a chance to explain the precious feet pin is an exact representation of the feet of a 10-12 week old baby in the womb. I’ll never know; however, I’d like to think a heart was touched in the exchange.

Recently we were able to get “Precious Feet” bracelets. Similar to the rubber bracelets of various colors other causes have, we in pro-life now have a white one that proclaims, “Life is Precious” and has the precious feet emblem. These bracelets were a hit with the youth that came to our recent Mall table.... We ran out by 3:00! Your donations allow us to order more of these notable items. *If you need a precious feet pin, or would like one of the newly minted “Life is Precious” bracelets, contact this office.*

WHO IS CALIFORNIA RIGHT TO LIFE?

This is the newsletter of California Right to Life **Education Fund**, 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 to the EDUCATION FUND are **tax-deductible** and can be sent to P.O. Box 4343, Walnut Creek, CA 94596-0343.

California Right to Life **Committee, Inc.** is a 501-c-4 organization providing information on legislative issues affecting the right to life; and pro-life political advocacy. **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.

Both share the same “no-exceptions” beliefs and the same dedication to promoting the Culture of Life, respecting all innocent human life from the single-cell stage to natural death.