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The Hippocratic Resource

(A Louisiana Non-profit Corporation of Life-respecting Physicians, Dentists, Nurses, Therapists, Scientists, and Other Health Professionals)

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"I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked ... I will not give to a woman an instrument to produce an abortion"

Dear Colleague!

January, sometimes referred to as "Sanctity of Life Month" in memory of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions that were promulgated on the 22nd of the month in 1973, has passed, and with it the 37th anniversary of those fateful decisions. According to best available estimates, gleaned from data compiled by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the pro-abortion Alan Guttmacher Institute (AGI) and the National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), 50 million unborn American children have been killed in the womb (or even birth canal!) by unfettered abortion. By current CDC statistics – corrected for non-reporting states, particularly California – approximately 1.1 million prenatals are killed annually, of whom, until recently, 1% were from Louisiana; there have also been 3.6 maternal deaths reported as due to legal abortion for every one due to *illegal* abortion. Nevertheless, the good news is that Louisiana reported a dramatic reduction in abortion numbers, from 11,224 in 2004 to 6,833 in 2007 (*see published letter, p.6*), and retained its No. 1 pro-life status in the U.S. by continuing to earn an "F" and 51st place from NARAL (in juxtaposition to California's "A+" and 1st place)!

Our annual report for 2009, to be mailed to members shortly, will detail some of the contributions of *The Hippocratic Resource* to Louisiana's happy state of affairs. At that time we will also be asking members for their voluntary annual contributions, vital to keeping *The Resource* operating. Despite the fact that we have a few extraordinarily generous members who go above and beyond any norm, keeping our organization functional is proving to be an increasingly expensive proposition. We are hoping that our practising doctoral-level members can contribute generously, while all others (excepting clergy) are being asked for less; this is considerably below requests to their members from similar organizations in neighboring states. Nevertheless, we welcome and thank you sincerely for anything you can provide! We also give thanks to and for those of our members who are able to contribute of their time and energy to our Hippocratic agenda and activities in the service of promoting and increasing a respect for all human life from fertilization until a natural death. May God bless our efforts in 2010 A.D.!

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Forthcoming Events

Governor's Prayer Breakfast: Wednesday, March 31st, at the Crowne Plaza Premier Ballroom, Baton Rouge. Doors open at 6:30 a.m.; event begins at 7:30. The Featured Speaker is Carey Casey, CEO of the National Center for Fathering, and author of the book, *Championship Fathering* (2009). He also serves as a member of the National Fatherhood Leaders Group, which promotes responsible fatherhood policy, research, advocacy and practice. Participation costs are \$50 per person. We have reserved a 10-person table, and need *you* – with spouse or alone – to join us "to pray for guidance for all leaders and citizens of our State, as we try to live as a responsible community of faith," and to 'fly the flag' for Hippocratic medicine. Please contact me to complete your plans to attend!

New Roster

An updated membership roster for 2010 is attached. Please let us know as quickly as possible of any changes that may be required for "pen and ink" corrections that we can communicate to the membership. Also, if you can provide us with an e-mail address for more rapid (and less costly) occasional communication, it will be appreciated. The easiest way is to log onto our website (top of page), and click on the "Contact us" button (bottom of first page). We do **not** share this information with anyone, and ask our members to be very judicious should they choose to do so.

Federal Non-profit Status Follow-up

We are continuing to communicate with the I.R.S. regarding formal 501(c)(3) non-profit status. Communications from them in response to our submissions of previously requested information are unfortunately received after about half-year delays, and each new assigned agent usually requests yet-additional information. Our last response can be found on pp.3-4.

"Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution"

-- President Ronald Reagan, *Human Life Review*, 1983

Healthcare Reform

The Obama administration's efforts to re-make the U.S. Health care system have ground to a halt following the historic election of Republican Senator Scott Brown to replace recently deceased Sen. Ted. Kennedy (D) in Massachusetts. Although Sen. Brown is not completely pro-life – he is pro-abortion-choice, though against partial-birth abortion – he does say that more effort needs to go into reducing the number of abortions in the U.S., appears to favor health professional conscience rights, and opposes federal funding for abortion, i.e opposes the Senate's health reform bill. His election broke the formerly filibuster-proof

Democrat majority in the U.S. Senate, thus dooming an extraordinarily expensive health care package that would have permitted abortion funding; would have given the federal government the power to determine what services would be provided and quality standards utilized; and would not have protected conscience rights. The House also chose not to accept the Senate bill. Nevertheless, we must remain fully alert to prevent piecemeal inclusion of Hippocratically incompatible measures and erosion of health professionals' rights in other legislation.

Abortion, Oral Contraceptives & Breast Cancer Link

(From *Alabama Physicans for Life*, January 2010 Newsletter)

"NCI researcher Dr. Louise Brinton, who was the chief organizer of the National Cancer Institute [NCI] workshop in 2003 that persuaded women that it was "well established" that "abortion is not associated with increased breast cancer risk," **has reversed her position and now admits that abortion and oral contraceptives raise breast cancer risks** [bold mine – Ed.]. An April 2009 study by Jessica Dolle et al. of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center examining the relationship between oral contraceptives [OCs] and triple-negative breast cancer [TNBC], an aggressive form of breast cancer associated with high mortality in women under age 45, contained an admission

by Dr. Brinton and her colleagues that **abortion raises breast cancer risk by 40%**. The study found that "a statistically significant 40% increased risk for women who have abortions" exists, and that a "270% increased risk of ... [TNBC] among those who use oral contraceptives while under 18 and a 320% increase of ... [TNBC] ... among recent users [within 1-5 years] of oral contraceptives" also exists. This means that women who start using OCs before age 18 multiply their risk of TNBC by 3.7 times and recent users of OCs within the last one to five years multiply their risk by 4.2 times.

Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev 18:1157-1166, 2009"

March for Life 2010

The 37th annual March for Life that took place in Washington D.C. on January 22nd was clearly one of the largest and most successful. Although no governmental figures are available for the number of participants (due to sometimes acrimonious disputes over attendance figures with other groups), estimates range from 250-400 thousand marchers, mostly late teens through young adults – a clear sign of hope for the culture of life. As always, the March

proceeded in a peaceful, respectful, often prayerful manner. Despite the youthfulness of the crowd, there were no confrontations. The State of Louisiana provided some 1,000 participants, including many clergy; about 2/3 were from the New Orleans, Lafayette and Baton Rouge areas. Some photos from the March are on *p. 5*, but are far more colorful on the website!

Members' Published Letters

Three Letters to the Editor by *Resource* members published in *The Advocate*, Baton Rouge, LA on January 22 and February 1, 2010 are re-typed, directly from the published version, below and on *p. 6*.

Cassidy, Mass. Voters applauded (published January 22)

I applaud the efforts of U.S. Rep. Bill Cassidy, R-Baton Rouge, a medical doctor, and others who have helped to reveal the sham of Obamacare.

The people of Massachusetts have spoken in Tuesday's special U.S. Senate election and are a microcosm of the entire country – the Boston Tea Party has been revived!

We're all for health-care reform that includes better access to quality care, financial management and tort

reform.

Join many of us conservatives also in advocating protection for the unborn in a Rosary for Life, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, to be held on Friday (the unfortunate 37th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision), from 11 a.m. until noon, at the Louisiana State Capitol.

Godspeed!

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Regarding EIN Number 68-0669129: your letter dated January 6, 2010.

Please see ending statement and signature; "hard" copies will be in today's USPS dispatch.

Thank you for the clarification regarding direct and grassroots lobbying.

As stated in our response of 2008, "*The Hippocratic Resource* is not principally a "social welfare organization that conducts legislative activities," but, more realistically, a health professional organization with the wider purpose of promoting the principles of the Hippocratic Oath, and of fostering a greater and deserved respect for *all* human life among both our members and society at large, as consistent with those principles.. Specifically, it is an organization of *bona fide*, credentialed Louisiana health professionals, including physicians, dentists, nurses, therapists, scientists and allied health professionals who subscribe specifically to the life-respecting principles identified in that Hippocratic Oath, as submitted with an earlier response (copy attached). As health professionals, our goal and responsibility is to practice our allied arts, based on factual, scientific (biology, chemistry, pharmacology, psychology, etc.) and medical facts, and to promote that factual basis, within the context of public advocacy *for the common good, to our patients and to the wider community*; the word "doctor," for example, means "teacher." *The public health education aspect is considered obligatory*, and is most often practiced in the community without monetary recompense (except by those identified specifically as public health professionals). A physician, in particular, who did not take this public health aspect into consideration in his/her practice would be considered derelict in his/her duty, and would not only be severely criticized by his/her peers, but, in many instances, would be subject to legal sanctions for not providing sufficient information of a public health nature to governing bodies.

Matters of life and death are considered the purview and responsibility of health care professionals, although to varying degrees, depending on actual profession and training. Health care professionals are considered partners to public health bodies, and are expected to communicate back-and-forth with them and, in case of need, with the general public, e.g. by means of broadcast and print media, when necessary, and without recompense. When the public health is threatened, e.g. by incorrect or insufficient health and medical information, it is a physician's moral responsibility to pursue such avenues as necessary to provide the necessary information for the common health/medical good. Thus, cooperation with public health departments and other governing bodies is a *sine qua non* of responsible health professional practice, a fact generally recognized by governing bodies and legislative entities. This cooperation extends to providing information to such bodies when asked to do so. Without such cooperation, these bodies may remain blind to the facts, or may be hampered by their own imperfect interpretation of published materials that may be so technical as to require interpretation.

Few lawmakers have had the personal experience of diagnosing disease, looking through a microscope, performing surgery, or assisting at childbirth. With its membership of diverse health professionals representing a broad range of medical and health specialties, *The Hippocratic Resource* is particularly well-constituted to respond to requests for information and/or analysis, whether from legislators, attorneys, judges, etc., or, in matters of often obscure, specialized legislation, of the public at large. Nevertheless, we confine ourselves largely to requested consultation, advice and similar communications with other health, legal, judicial and legislative professionals, with a minimum of such activity involving the public, all such consultations, etc. being *pro bono*. Thus, *when we were requested to participate* in the Louisiana Senate's Women's Ovarian Health Task

Force in 2007-8, we did so as health professionals, not as lobbyists. The purpose of the Task Force was to explore whether or not any legislation was needed; other organizations were also involved, and, not surprisingly, different points of view were presented to the body. The final decision, in fact, was that no legislation was necessary at that time in Louisiana. Nevertheless, in support of the scientific/medical/ethical nature of our presentations, the researched material was published in a medical ethics journal, *The Linacre Quarterly* in 2008.

Insofar as our member newsletter, the *Resource Roundup*, is concerned, inasmuch as most health professionals are simply too busy with their practices and patients to be intimately aware of legislative issues, we strive to keep them abreast of such issues as may intimately impact the Hippocratic principles on which the *Resource* is based. As professionals, they have no obligation to act in accord with our editorial positions, but wish to be informed as to whether or not there exist any conflicts with those principles. To that extent, these activities are analogous to those of a religious body with a core set of principles adhered to by its members, but looking for interpretation and guidance as to specific issues. Furthermore, the bulk of information provided regarding Hippocratically related issues clearly exceeds the bulk of any urging that may be present. Our goal and obligation as physicians and other health professionals, among others, is to disseminate the objective truth regarding the impact of legislative decisions on those Hippocratic principles by which both health professionals and patients are safeguarded.

Copies of billboards "published" by *The Hippocratic Resource* were accessed earlier by a previous IRS reviewer from newsletters available on our website, specifically V7N8-9 (before 501(c)(3) application), and V9N1-2. Shown are reproductions of billboards intended to alert the general public to the factual, updated, best-available estimates regarding abortion in the year(s) posted, generally in accord with those reported by the Alan Guttmacher institute (a pro-abortion arm of Planned Parenthood, U.S.A.), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the National Right to Life Committee. According to the CDC, between 1.1 and 1.2 million abortions are performed annually in the U.S.A. *currently* (annual abortion statistics published by the Alan Guttmacher Institute estimates are somewhat larger), lower than earlier, for a total of 50 million performed as of 2010. By all medical and scientific, biologic and embryologic *factual data*, each abortion destroys (kills) a very young human, as supported fully by microscopical, anatomical, physiologic and DNA evidence; *no* embryologist can scientifically dispute that fact. Given the source of these statistics, one can only accept that they are accurate; we posted them in a public advocacy posture, as the public deserves to be aware of such factual figures about abortions in the U.S. ...

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have examined this information, including accompanying documents, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contains all the relevant facts relating to the request for information, and such facts are true, correct and complete.

(Original, signed copy placed in USPS Mail on January 27, 2010)

(S/s)

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Abortion decision 37 years ago (published January 22)

Today is the anniversary date of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions that legalized unfettered abortion in the USA, and imposed it on all 50 states, including Louisiana.

Medically and/or scientifically speaking, abortion is nothing more than the "termination" of the life of an unwanted human baby while in his or her mother's womb

or birth canal.

By 2010, the 37th anniversary of that infamous decision, best estimates obtained from the National Right to Life Committee and the pro-abortion Alan Guttmacher Institute indicate that 50 million abortions have been done since 1973, i.e. 50 million American children killed *in utero*.

Thanks to its active promotion and performance by

Planned Parenthood, a “child” of overtly racist Margaret Sanger, abortion has become nothing more than an alternate and ultimate method of preventing live births, any medical indications (excuses) therefor having long been abandoned. Ironically, as reported by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there have been 3.6 times as many maternal deaths due to legal abortions as illegal abortions since 1973, although the numbers in either category are far lower than the “good, round number picked totally out of thin air” originally claimed by Bernard Nathanson, M.D. (a co-founder of the then-National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), but since becoming pro-life, totally ignored by that organization).

The most recent, officially reported annual abortion rate in the U.S.A., corrected by historical reporting data for states that now refuse to provide such information to the CDC, was a relatively stable 1.06 million in 2006, with an annual mean of 1.1 million from 2001-2005.

Louisiana's abortion rates, as reported by our Department of Health and Hospitals vacillated between 10,000 and 11,500 in the same period, but experienced a dramatic drop in 2005: 11,224 abortions were reported in 2004; 8,220 in 2005, a 23.8% reduction; and 6,204 in 2006, a 30.0% drop. These reductions were doubtless due mostly to Katrina-caused out-migration of the most abortion-susceptible population and to closure of the major abortion facilities in the affected area. Unfortunately, re-opening of some of the latter has been accompanied by a resurgence to 6,833 in 2007, a 10.1% increase, although the overall reduction from 2004 to 2007, 39.1%, is equivalent to some 12,415 Louisiana babies *not* having been aborted.

All in all, given the *de facto* net emigration of our younger people, and the forthcoming serious “graying” of our population, this is a very positive silver lining to the cloud that was Katrina. Let us pray that it remains in place!

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Letter used pro-abortion rhetoric (published February 1)

This is concerning a recent letter from a reader named Rhonda Browning concerning pro-life and health care.

This letter is typical of pro-abortion rhetoric. For her information, the fetus in the womb is not a potential baby, it is a baby! It is a living human being just at his or her earliest stages of development.

At the moment of conception, the baby has 46 chromosomes and is a completely unique individual. At 21 days after conception the heart is beating. At seven weeks, the brain waves are detected, and the baby can feel pain.

Ms. Browning says she doesn't want to fund abortion. The pro-life community, which by the way is the majority in this country, also does not want to fund abortions, and if we have to oppose health care to stop the funding, so be it.

The current administration has the ball in its court with this issue. It would rather keep abortion funding and spend millions of dollars on an elective, unethical, immoral procedure instead of funding real health care. All it has to do is completely exclude abortion funding

and protect conscience rights.

I agree with Ms. Browning, let's spend that money on helping living people, but not at the expense of the living, unborn child.

To clear up another misconception, the pro-life community strongly opposes the death penalty, and believes in life from conception until natural death.

Ms. Browning also is concerned about the crosses we put up to remember those innocent lives.

Don't you mark your graves when family members die? Well, these children's graves are trash bins and incinerators. We believe they deserve to be acknowledged, and we all need to be reminded by the number of these crosses, the enormous amount of lives lost, now more than 50 million.

Just think, any one of these children could have been the loving foster-care parent, the compassionate mental health counselor, the business owner willing to hire that ex-con, or maybe a governor Ms. Browning could agree with.

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