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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!

This issue is coming with but a short "Dear Colleague" segment, as the remainder of the material is pretty straight forward. A final summary of this year's respect-for-life legislation is included, and we also received updated final DHH data on abortions in Louisiana for 2009. A summary of the latter is attached, together with a tabulation of trends for both the State and the U.S.A. The Louisiana trend is not surprising, but still a bit disappointing. On the other hand, the respect-for-life movement here seems to have acquired a major asset in DHH Secretary Bruce Greenstein, who is actively pursuing his legal options to keep some degree of control over abortion facilities; although DHH has received an application for a new facility in New Orleans, it is our understanding that two, or maybe even three current ones are on the way to being closed down! We shall see ...

For an ever-greater respect for all human life, from fertilization until natural death,

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2011 Louisiana Legislative Final

Although three "respect for life" bills were introduced by pro-life legislators during the 2011 regular "fiscal-only" Legislative Session, only one, HB 636, passed both chambers. Following an excellent presentation by Rep. Hoffman (D - Monroe), plus similar support and defense by Dorinda Bordlee, Esq. of the Bioethics Defense Fund, and Ben Clapper, Exec. Director of the Louisiana Right to Life Federation, their bill passed the House, 96-0-9, with 74 co-sponsors, and the Senate, 30-5-4, with 23 co-sponsors. On July 6, Governor Jindal signed the bill as **Act 411**, to require the posting of specifically designed signs in abortion facilities to inform women presenting for abortion that it is unlawful for them to be pressured or coerced in any way to abort their child, and for DHH to establish a user-friendly website with information on abortion issues, including complications, etc. This law is effective August 15, 2011.

Our testimony regarding this, and also the unsuccessful bills for 2011, is on our website under Legislative Testimony.

Latest Abortion Statistics (Updated August, 2011)

For Louisiana (See attached "Trends" and also current "Abstats" on website). Due to Hurricane Katrina's and Rita's visitations in 2005, plus the resultant closure of the Orleans parish abortion facility, there was a dramatic drop in abortions reported in the Pelican State, first to 8,860 for 2005 (21% reduction), then to 6,204 in 2006 (30% further reduction), with a subsequent 'stabilization' at just over 6,800 (2007-8). Orleans parish, with the highest state abortion numbers in 2004, gave way to Caddo and Jefferson parishes in 2005, then to Caddo and East Baton Rouge (E.B.R.). In 2009 (latest available), Caddo Parish reported 3,385 abortions (41% of total), while recently re-opened Orleans Parish facilities resurged to 1,996 (24%), displacing E.B.R. from 2008's second place to third (1,872 abortions, or 22.9%). Overall, teenage mothers constituted 17% of all abortees. **Of particular note is the virtual absence of rape/incest as the reason given for the abortion; a total of four were reported from 1999-2009, for a rate of fewer than 0.004% among the 103,521 aborted for all other reasons during the 11 years.**

The latest-available statistics for Louisiana for 2009 depressingly show that Katrina/Rita-caused reductions in abortions in our state have come to an end. In fact, **DHH figures show a resurgence of 19% from 2008-2009, i.e. to 8,167, while preliminary figures for 2010 showed a further increase to 8,867 (almost 43%), from the 2006 level; however, as is the norm, none (0) were reported for rape or incest after 2005 (when one was so reported) from 2006 through 2009.**

For the U.S.A. The number of abortions reported to the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) during 2007 (last available), and corrected for California's refusal to report abortion data (24% of total, with several other states' minor contributions), was 1,026,236. This is 29,158 (2.8%) fewer than the 1,055,394 reported for 2006. (Continued, over)

Forthcoming Meetings:

August 31- September 4. MaterCare International: "The Dignity of Mothers and of their Obstetricians. Who on Earth Cares?" Istituto Maria Bambina (literally across the street from St. Peter's Basilica), Rome, Italy. [This is an extraordinary opportunity also to visit Rome and the Vatican with extremely low accommodation costs!] www.matercare.org/news-publications/latest-news/mci-s-8th-international-conference/.

October 6-8. Catholic Medical Association: "The Formation of Physicians," Phoenix, AZ. www.cathmed.org/events/

However, taking a five-year average of such CDC statistics for the period, 2003-2007, the mean national abortion tally for the U.S. was 1,065,767 per year. When corrected further by the CDC's own estimate of at least 11% under-reporting, that tally **grows to 1,183,000 per year, i.e. 3,241 per day, 135 per hour, or one abortion every 26 seconds.**

Since 1973, over 53,000,000 abortions have been done in the U.S.A. Just under one of every five U.S. children conceived is being killed! Blacks had a 3-fold greater

national abortion rate than Whites, and Hispanics, 1.3 times greater. Put another way: **nationally, of Black children conceived, 1 in 3 is aborted; of non-White, non-Hispanic, 1 in 4; of all U.S. children, 1 in 5; of Hispanic, 1 in 6; and of White children, 1 in 7.** Also, of abortions done nationally, 1.4%, or 14,502 per year, were done with the unborn baby 5 months or older, i.e. after "quickenings." And maternal deaths due to "legal" abortion outnumber those due to *illegal* abortion by 3.6 to 1!

Planned Parenthood and Taxpayer-funded Abortion

In Louisiana, we are fortunate that Planned Parenthood (PP), founded by racist Margaret Sanger at least partly to reduce the black population, does not directly do abortions. Nevertheless, it is a principal provider of these shameful baby "terminations" outside the Pelican State. In 2009, PP reported doing 332,278 abortions in the U.S.A., or 28% of the 1,183,000 done annually in this country. As reported by *Our Sunday Visitor* (July 24, 2011 issue), citing a report by Americans United for Life, PP receives at least one-third of its clinic income from taxpayer dollars, yet is not accountable to the taxpayers or even to Congress for how it spends that money! Still, PP is fully in the abortion business, and its bottom line depends on performing more and more abortions. Ninety eight per cent of pregnant women who visit a PP clinic, ultimately have an abortion.

Furthermore, according to the report, PP endangers women's lives by referring them to affiliated, substandard clinics that are currently under investigation in 14 states, and has a record of violating state sexual assault and child-abuse-reporting laws, encouraging young girls to lie about their ages to circumvent reporting laws. In 2009, abortion represented 97% of Planned Parenthood's pregnancy-related services nationwide. Moreover, although officially prohibited from using federal funds for abortions, pregnancy terminations accounted for at least \$119 million of Planned Parenthood's \$404.9 million "clinic" income currently supported by \$317 million of taxpayers' Title X funds. Is this where our hard-earned tax dollars should go? You do the math!

The Sebelius (D/HHS) Obamacare Contraception Mandate

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (D/HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, a former Governor of Kansas notorious for her comfortable relationship with partial-birth abortionist George Tiller, and who vetoed her state legislators' ban on that unconscionable and brutal procedure in 2009, issued a new mandate to violate the consciences of ethically inclined health insurers and employers, including religious organizations, on August 1, 2011. Sebelius accepted an Institute of Medicine (IOM) recommendation that "preventive services" mandated by Obamacare must include a full range of FDA-approved contraceptive methods, likely to include abortifacients and/or embryocides like RU-486 (mifepristone) and "ella."

By normal definitions, "preventive services" would include such measures as screening for serious illnesses or diseases. Contraception, in contrast, is not "health care;" pregnancy is a normal, healthy state. In fact, it is hormonal contraception that produces a "disease" state, taking a

healthy woman, with her own, exquisitely tuned, feedback balance of hormonal levels, and making her unhealthy, by upsetting that normal balance; it changes the physiologically "normal" into the abnormal. This is shown by the increased risk, even if mercifully small, of adverse side effects of hormonal contraceptive use, from blood clots in legs and lungs to heart attack and stroke, as well as up to a doubling of the risk of cancer of the cervix, and possibly, of the breast. Furthermore, as is still acknowledged by contraceptive manufacturers, "[A]lthough the primary mechanism of this action is inhibition of ovulation, other alterations include changes in ... the endometrium (which reduce the likelihood of implantation)," i.e. produces early abortion. Moreover, RU-486 is a deliberate abortifacient, while "ella," sold as an "emergency contraceptive," is no less so, as its mode of action is that of as an embryocide, or embryo killer.

Fathers for Life Breakfast

Shortly after Father's Day, Baton Rouge Right-to-Life, a chapter of the Louisiana Right to Life Federation, held a very successful Benefit Breakfast honoring Fathers on June 25th. Several of our members attended, and enjoyed the fellowship of like-minded attendees, a great, full breakfast accompanied by good music, and an excellent keynote speaker in the person of Chad Judice, author of the book, "Waiting for Eli." The latter, published by Acadian House Publishing of Lafayette, LA, is a very moving, personal account of a father awaiting the birth of his first son, already determined *in utero* to be suffering from spina bifida. At a time when abortion of children, whether for convenience or for physical abnormality, is almost the norm, this was a most appropriate and timely topic for the event, and provided some wonderful insights from a hurting, but loving father's point of view!



L to R: Dr. Francis & Mrs. Janet Rinaudo; Keith Horcasitas, LCSW; Dr. Keith Lorio; and Judith Krotoski, OTR. (Not in picture: Dr "Al" Krotoski)

ABORTION TRENDS, U.S.A., Selected, 1997-2007

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Annual Surveillance Summaries

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u> ¹	<u>No. Per 1,000 Live</u>	<u>Baby > 21 Weeks</u>	<u>Married (%)</u>	<u>Mother =/<19 (%)</u>	<u>No. "Medical"</u> ²
1997	1,184,760	274	16,590	19.0	20.1	-
1998	1,168,128	264	16,354	18.9	19.8	-
1999	1,074,650	256	16,120	19.2	19.2	6,278 (25)
2000	1,128,257	245	15,790	18.8	18.8	6,895 (28)
2001	1,123,006	246	15,722	18.4	18.1	20,093 (32)
2002	1,123,845	246	15,734	18.1	17.5	36,297 (34)
2003	1,116,562	241	15,632	17.9	17.4	55,408 (36)
2004	1,104,797	238	15,467	17.4	16.9	66,033 (35)
2005	1,025,847	233	14,362	16.9	17.1	66,485 (35)
2006	1,055,394	236	13,720	16.5	16.8	72,403 (39)
2007	1,026,236	233	13,341	16.3	17.0	134,437 (38)

¹ For 1998 and subsequently, totals have been statistically adjusted to correct for refusal/failure of CA, AK, NH and/or OK to report the numbers of abortions performed. These states, almost exclusively CA, accounted for over 24% of all U.S. abortions done during each of their last reporting years, 1995-1997. Numbers *not* adjusted for CDC's estimate (11/27/09) of 11% under-reporting.

² "Medical" as defined and reported by the CDC. Number of states reporting in (). Note that the number of reporting states is not constant.

ABORTION TRENDS, LOUISIANA, Selected, 1999-2009

Source: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Annual Reports

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>No. for Rape/Incest</u>	<u>Baby =/>21 Weeks</u>	<u>No. Mother =/<15</u>	<u>% Mother =/<19</u>	<u>% for Physical Health</u>
1999	12,008	1	326	103	19.4	0.13
2000	11,384	1	309	115	19.0	0.12
2001	10,932	0	293	85	17.9	0.07
2002	10,451	0	262	97	17.8	0.03
2003	10,642	0	275	103	17.6	0.05
2004	11,224	1	358	103	17.4	0.08
2005**	8,860	1	299	76	16.5	0.2
2006	6,204	0	180	55	17.5	< 0.1
2007	6,833	0	134	67	17.1	< 0.1
2008	6,816	0	127	61	17.0	0
2009	8,167	0	127	62	16.4	< 0.1
2010 (prelim)	8,867					

ABORTION TRENDS, LOUISIANA, by Parish Where Done, 2004-2008

Source: Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Annual Reports

	<u>Bossier</u>	<u>Caddo</u>	<u>E. Baton Rouge</u>	<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>Orleans</u>
2004	949	2,651	1,443	2,575	3,404
2005**	1,067 [^]	2,818 [^]	1,006	1,922	2,047
2006	684	1,946	911	2,660 [^]	< 5 [†]
2007	636	2,606 [^]	1,730 [^]	1,271	590 [^]
2008	746 [^]	2,957 [^]	1,919 [^]	704	490
2009	725	3,385 [^]	1,872	189	1,996 [^]

** Hurricane Katrina struck SE Louisiana August 29, 2005, followed by Hurricane Rita in the SW a month later.

† Orleans parish facility closed during 2006. Actual number suppressed by DHH to maintain privacy.

[^] Total number increased over preceding year