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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:

With apologies for not having our annual report for last year ready yet – these past two months have been among our busiest – here is a brief outline of some of *The Resource's* activities in 2006; these are in addition to publication and distribution of the "Resource Roundup" plus a variety of "alerts" (a full report will be in the next *Roundup*):

January – Shreveport radio interview on *The Resource*; talks to the Baton Rouge Bishop's Annual Respect Life Rally and a Knights of Columbus (KC) Council on stem cell research and cloning (the former televised and re-played several times, including in February); participation in the 33rd annual March for Life in Washington; participation in a KC Respect Life Action Committee and their billboard activities; 3rd *Hippocratic Resource* Lunch Gathering.

February, March – participation in Louisiana Family Forum's (LFF's) Capitol Coalition, and Catholic Respect Life Advocates' meetings to plan for Louisiana's annual legislative session; attendance at Life Honors banquet in Lafayette and LFF's Family Advocates' Award Banquet.

April, May – participation in Louisiana Students for Life Conference at LSU; planning and action meetings with Senator Ben Nevers and staff regarding abortion ban bill, SB 33; lobbying and testimony for SB 33 and other House and Senate respect-for-life bills; attendance at State Oratory Contest finals; participation in MaterCare International informational meeting, Trenton, ONT.

June – final lobbying, etc. re Sen. Nevers' **successful (!)** SB 33; legislative appointment of *The Hippocratic Resource* to the Women's Ovarian Health Task Force (per SR 125); attendance at LFF's legislative wrap-up luncheon. *Resource* Website launched.

August, September – participation in Baton Rouge diocesan Respect Life Board meeting; talk to LSU student group on embryonic stem cell/cloning issues.

October – participation in 4th Annual Workshop for Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Rome, Italy.

November – attendance at presentation on embryonic stem cells, Archdiocese of New Orleans.

December – service on Louisiana Senate's Women's Ovarian Health Task Force began. (See website)

All in all, it was a busy year for *The Resource*!

For an ever-greater Hippocratic respect for all human life,

W. "Al" Krotoski, M.D. and Francis Rinaudo, Jr., D.D.S.

Legislative Update:

Since my last update, principal issues in the national legislative arena that stand out for comment include:

The *Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act, H.R. 6099*, which would have required that a woman seeking abortion be notified that her child would experience severe pain during his or her abortion. In a last-ditch effort to have it considered by the 109th Congress, it was brought to the House floor last December under a special procedure requiring 2/3 majority for passage. The vote in favor, 250-162, sadly was not enough to get this very sensible bill passed. Congressman Chris Smith (R-NJ) and **presidential candidate Senator Sam Brownback** (R-KS) plan to re-introduce it in the 110th Congress.

The *Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003* was challenged by pro-abortion forces immediately upon passage, and was then declared unconstitutional in three federal jurisdictions, *despite judicial acknowledgement of the depravity of the procedure*. It is currently before the reconstituted U.S. Supreme Court, with a decision due shortly. **Let us pray** that the Roberts court rules on the side of reason and humanity to overturn the lower courts' decisions.

A bill to extend federal funding of *Embryonic stem cell research, HR 3*, beyond the rational ethical limits set by President Bush in 2001, was taken up by the Democrat-controlled 110th Congress within its 100-hour agenda. The bill passed, 253-174, with the help of two Louisiana congressmen, Jefferson (D-2) and Melancon (D-3). Fortunately, President Bush has promised a veto, should it also pass in the Senate as **S.5**. **Please contact our two Senators, Landrieu and Vitter, to oppose S.5!**

Welcome to New Member: (Information deleted to protect promised members' privacy)