

CALENDAR of EVENTS

• 2010 •

- April 22 Bid For Life Dinner,
Vintage House – Call Kathy
at (586) 774-6050
- April 28 RLM Legislative Day, Lansing
- May 8-9 Mother's Day Flower Sales,
area churches
- May 31 Memorial Day
Sterling Heights Parade
- June 19-20 Drop-off Baby Shower
for Compassion Pregnancy
Center, St.Thecla
- July 6 Last day to register for
Aug. primary
- August 3 Primary Election
- August 16-22 Armada Fair



(L-R) Jay Cella, Carol Washington, Dorothy Gibbs,
Susan Viviano

A View of the March

BY JAY CELLA

Leaving Warren, Michigan, on Thursday, January 21, 2010 we boarded the "RED EYE" bus headed for the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

We were pro-lifers from all walks of life as we introduced ourselves on the microphone on board the bus. It was obvious our common goal was to make our presence known on the 37th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade the next day.

The bottom line was that like the Crusaders of long ago, fighting to take back the Holy Land, we were the Crusades fighting to take back the rights of the unborn.

When we arrived at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in D.C, it was amazing to enter the large vestibule and see so many people of all ages who had spent the night in sleeping bags on the floor!! They were there too, for the celebration of the Right to Life mass at 7:30 a.m.

The Rally was to begin at 12:00 noon and last until 2:00 p.m. Speakers of political, religious and lay backgrounds came to the defense of the unborn and our obligations to protect them.

Compelling, and front and center, were the "Silent No More" men and women who testified about their abortions or having been part of the decision. This testimony told of their grief and suffering because they were told a lie about the consequences to come after the procedure.

At 2:00 p.m "Silent No More" victims headed up the March to the Supreme Court Building holding a white large banner which read, "The March for Life." Once there, and on the steps of the Supreme Court, more men and women gave witness of their losses to persuade political leaders to reverse Roe vs. Wade from America's future.

Once again, after the March we boarded the "Red Eye" to arrived in Michigan , the following morning.

We were renewed in our quest that the work will continue everyday with our prayers and persistence. 🙏



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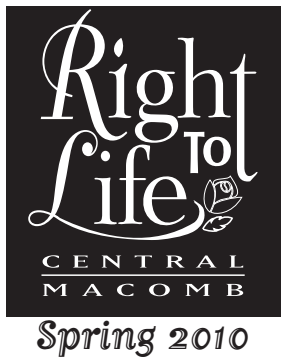
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Miracles DO Happen!


BY DIANNE BARTOLOMEO

This story began on Monday, September 28, 2009, when a desperate young woman went to the WomanCare Clinic in Sterling Heights to abort her baby. She was unwed, homeless, unemployed, and already the mother of a 10-month-old daughter. All of this compounded by another pregnancy...and alone again. Thinking she would go to the clinic and find a quick resolution to her "new problem", what she found instead was divine intervention.

On that Monday, two prayer warriors were praying outside of the WomanCare Clinic for an end to abortion, taking part in the Fall 2009 **40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign**. On this fateful day, unlike so many other days when those who are present stand quietly by praying and watch as women go into the clinic and come out hours later, this young woman stopped to speak with them before she went inside. They offered her support and an alternative to abortion, and showed her the way to the nearby crisis pregnancy center. We at the Divine Mercy Center received an urgent e-mail that afternoon asking for prayers. And pray...we all did! What unfolded over these months has

been a journey of the heart for one young woman from despair at the abortion clinic to a life filled with new hope... and new life!

The outpouring of prayers and generous response to her needs can only be described as overwhelming! Through the COTS program she found a place to call home, is enrolled in college, and prays for us! We don't always know the outcome of our prayers, but in this one instance God has allowed us the gift of seeing what our prayers, compassion, and unconditional acceptance of another can do. Also, out of the collaboration of the Divine Mercy Center, 40 Days for Life Sterling Heights, Right to Life Central Macomb, Right to Life Northwest Macomb, and Helpers of God's Precious Infants a new ministry evolved....Hearts of Mercy!

This is why we stand outside the abortion clinic and pray. For women like LaKisha and her beautiful baby boy, born on January 22nd, 2010! 

(For more information on the Divine Mercy Center, go to www.sjdivinemeracy.org)

Welcome To Right To Life Central Macomb

I would like to personally welcome anyone receiving this newsletter for the first time, to our Right to Life Central Macomb Affiliate! Right to Life of Michigan is made up of many local affiliates throughout the state; Macomb County has 4 affiliates. You are invited to become a member of our affiliate, which helps Right to Life on the state and local level (see membership form, pg.3). Here are just a few things we are doing locally that need your support:

- **Fairs and Festivals** – Set up booths at local festivals, including the Armada Fair and Richmond Good Old Days Festival.
- **Community Assistance** – Assist area Crisis Pregnancy Centers by sponsoring baby showers.
- **Memorial Services** – Hold memorial services for the unborn at local churches.
- **40 Days for Life** – 40 days for Life prays in front of the abortion clinic at Dodge Park and 15 Mile Rd. We support the fall and spring campaigns by helping to buy signs, publicize it, and get our area churches to adopt a day.

- **Speakers** – Provide speakers for any local groups to share our pro-life message.
- **Oratory Contest** – Sponsor an oratory contest for high school students. The winner has the chance to go on to compete at the state and national levels.
- **State Conference and Legislative Day** – Sponsor people to attend these events in Lansing. Please contact us if you are interested.
- **Bus Trip to Washington DC** – This year Right to Life had 5 buses go to the March for Life, 1 from Macomb County.
- **Regional Dinner** – The 4 Affiliates in Macomb County have a Regional Focus on Life Dinner yearly. We award people that have been a great pro-life example, and feature local and nationally known pro-life speakers.

To help with any of these events or those on our calendar (pg.4), please contact Susan at 586-596-7430 or www.rtlcentralmacomb.org

Thank you for your support!

Susan Viviano, PRESIDENT, RTL CENTRAL MACOMB AFFILIATE



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RIGHT TO LIFE OF MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE DAY 2010

Wednesday, April 28 • 9am - 2pm • Lansing

The Lansing Center – 333 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing • 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (Optional Capital Tours at 2:00 pm)

Keynote Speaker – Abby Johnson

Abby Johnson quit her job as director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas. She said she experienced a “change of heart” while participating in an abortion procedure. She knew it was time to leave after she watched the baby “crumple” while being vacuumed out of a patient’s uterus. “And then I thought, never again. I looked out the window and saw a couple of people praying and I thought, that’s where I need to go.”

Legislative News

BY SUSAN VIVIANO



STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

There has not been very much action on the state level, due to budget issues taking most of their time. Here is the only package of bills that we expect some action on soon.

SB 647-652, HB 5129-5134 – Embryo Research Transparency Sponsors: S.B. 647 Sen. Tom George, S.B. 648 Sen. Mark Jansen, S.B. 649 Sen. Roger Kahn, S.B. 650 Sen. Dennis Olshove, S.B. 651 Sen. Jud Gilbert, S.B. 652 Sen. James Barcia, H.B. 5131 Rep. Richard LeBlanc, H.B. 5132 Rep. Eileen Kowall, H.B. 5133 Rep. Jeff Mayes, H.B. 5134 Rep. Joel Sheltroun, H.B. 5130 Rep. Arlan Meekhof, H.B. 5129 Rep. Wayne Schmidt

Proposal 2 of 2008 contained a series of requirements for allowing embryos created for infertility treatment to be donated for research. This legislation moved by the committee January 20, 2010, ensures that those requirements are backed up in law with definitions and penalties. Some Cosponsors that are from Macomb are Senators Olshove and Sanborn, Representatives Lund and Meltzer.

There is one package of bills that we oppose 3 of the 9 bills.

H.B. 5156-5157, 5164 Women's Health/Prevention First Sponsors: H.B. 5156 Rep. Pam Byrnes, H.B.5157 Rep. Sarah Roberts, H.B. 5164 Rep. Lisa Brown. They require pharmacies, hospitals, and insurances to fill all prescriptions (this would include contraceptives and abortion pill). This would be against our con-

science clause legislation (Employee Accommodation Act). From Macomb County, Sarah Roberts and Fred Miller are cosponsors of all of these, and Jon Switalski has cosponsored H.B. 5164. All these bills have been introduced and are in Judiciary Committee.

FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Health Care Reform – The U.S. House of Representatives on Sunday, March 21, gave final approval to a massive health care restructuring bill, H.R. 3590, strongly opposed by Right to Life of Michigan and National Right to Life Committee. It was signed by the president the next day. Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing said, *"We are deeply disappointed and dismayed that Rep. Bart Stupak (D) approved of a compromise in the form of an executive order. With the compromise, some prolife U.S. House Democrats supported the health care bill."* The executive order promised by President Obama was issued for political effect. It changes nothing. It does not correct any of the serious pro-abortion provisions in the bill. The president cannot amend a bill by issuing an order, and the federal courts will enforce what the law says. We, now more than ever, need to continue to express our views to our legislators in word and in our voting. ♡

For further pro-life state legislation, go to www.rtl.org or for federal legislation <http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/home/>

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