

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

- August 12-14, 2005** St. Ronald's Fair,  
Freedom Hill
- October 1, 2005** RTL-MI Annual State  
Conference, Lansing
- October 2, 2005** Life Chain, Gratiot Ave.
- October 20, 2005** Macomb Regional Dinner,  
Barrister Gardens,  
St. Clair Shores

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sponsored by Congresswoman Mary Bono, which is falsely labeled as a human cloning "ban," but which in fact would promote the creation of human embryos by cloning and then prohibit their survival." The similar bills in the senate are the Human Cloning Prohibition Act (S. 658), sponsored by Sens. Sam Brownback and Mary Landrieu, which should not be confused with the Hatch-Feinstein bill (S. 876), similar to the Bill introduced by Bono. If you would like more information about these bills or would like to email your representative a letter, you can go to the National Right to Life Committee's website at <http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/home/>.

It is the unwavering diligence of our supporters and allies that will eventually lead to the reversal of Roe v. Wade. I will do my best to keep you informed of these important issues in our future newsletters so that you may take action wherever you are able. 🌹

*How can there be  
too many children?  
That's like saying there  
are too many flowers."*

- MOTHER TERESA

## DID YOU KNOW? Still #1 when it comes to aborting children

Planned Parenthood's most recent annual report is out and no one in the pro-life movement is surprised that the number of abortions performed at Planned Parenthood abortion clinics has again increased. In 2003, Planned Parenthood performed 244,628 abortions. That's up 6.1% from last year and up 48.1% from 1997 when they performed 165,174 abortions.

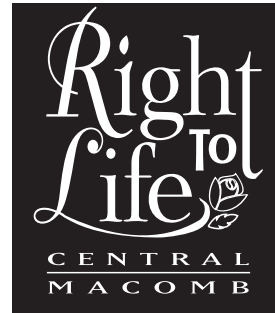
Their number of adoption referrals again decreased from 1,963 to 1,774. Since 1997, when Planned Parenthood referred 9,381 women to adoption agencies, their number of adoption referrals has gone down 81.1%.

Planned Parenthood, a very profitable "nonprofit" also raked in \$35.2 million dollars in profit (excess of revenue over expenses).



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## The Faces of the Pro-Life Movement

🌹 The middle-aged women who collect gently-used and new baby and maternity items from their neighbors, families and churches and take them to crisis pregnancy centers to replenish their layette supplies.

🌹 The scared, unwed 19 to 22-year-olds who unselfishly choose a couple to give their babies a loving family.

🌹 Young fathers with kids in tow who take petitions door-to-door when pro-life legislation is under attack or needs to be brought to the forefront.

🌹 The clergy who lead prayer vigils outside of abortion clinics to remind us of the sanctity of each and every life created by God from the moment of conception until natural death.

🌹 The 30-something moms who, after the kids are in school, volunteer 2-3 hours a week, counseling and giving hope to young women in crisis pregnancies.

🌹 The grandfathers who help paint and repair women's shelters and homes that offer safe havens for those without family support.

🌹 The doctors who lovingly will not refer for abortions but explore life-giving options, such as adoption, with their patients.

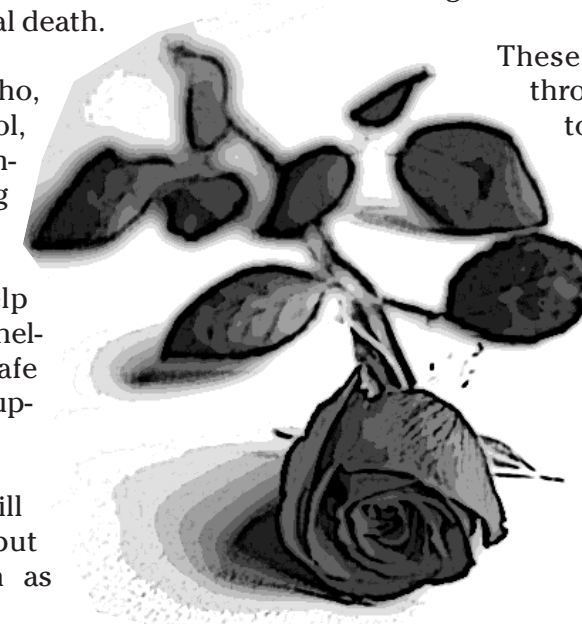
🌹 The legislators who bravely draft and stand behind laws to protect the unborn and ensure the safety of women's health.

🌹 The teen-agers who help senior neighbors by doing lawn work, shopping, or visiting.

🌹 The pregnant mom with 3 youngsters in line at the grocery store who smiles and nods that "Yes, life is a blessing!"

🌹 The couple who patiently deal with a handicapped child and witness to the beauty of each special life.

🌹 The elderly man who sits by his wife's side each day in the nursing home, even when she no longer knows him.



These unsung heroes, scattered throughout our days, are what Right to Life is all about. You probably already are among our ranks, but please help support our organized efforts to educate others on the life issues and exert change in our communities. By filling out the membership form inside, you can help us ensure the protection of all human life!

*Thank you and God bless you!*  
- Your Central Macomb  
Board of Directors

### HELP US UPDATE OUR MEMBER DATABASE!

Please fill out the membership/subscription information form on Page 3 and send it with your membership fee to the address indicated. The membership will entitle you to this semiannual local affiliate newsletter of Right to Life-Central Macomb, plus the state's bimonthly newsletter from Right to Life of Michigan!



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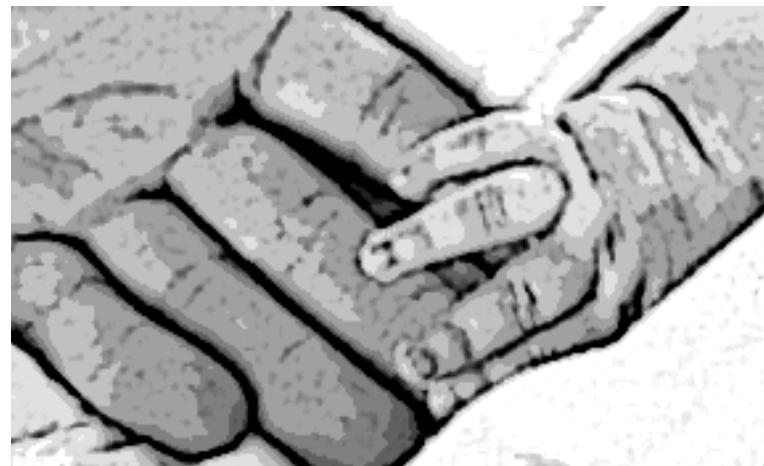
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**V.P.'s letter**

SUSAN VIVIANO

Dear Central Macomb Prolifers,

Hi! My name is Susan Viviano, and I'm the new vice-president for our Central Macomb Right to Life Affiliate. Although new to the board, I have long been a supporter of Right to Life of Michigan. I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to fight for the rights of the unborn. If you have any questions or suggestions for our Central Macomb Affiliate please feel free to email me at scviv@comcast.net.

We can, and have, made great progress by encouraging our legislators to protect the unborn. Earlier in the year, we saw the strength of our voice. Our legislators overrode the governor's veto, because of our petitions, and made the Birth Definition Act a law. Despite the lawsuit pending to block this law, I am confident we will prevail. Also, effective March 30, 2005 is the Pregnant and Parenting Student Services Act, which will enable Colleges and Universities to offer pregnancy and parenting centers that will give woman support and alternatives to abortion. There is currently no funding provided for this.

With your vigilance and firm resolve, we continue to make inroads into the legislature. There are many amendments to bills that have been introduced this year to protect the unborn. Examples of pending legislation that need your support are:

- S.B. 9 was introduced by Sen. Cameron Brown on 1/12/05 and H.B. 4675 was introduced by Rep Bill Caul on 4/26/05, both of which are still in their respective Committees on Health Policy. These

bills would prohibit researchers from using tissue, etc. from aborted babies for research.

- H.B. 4446 was introduced by Rep. David Robertson on 3/3/05 which requires the health-care providers to do an ultrasound, and give the woman the option of seeing the images and then getting a picture of it before an abortion is performed. On 5/24/05 this bill passed. There is a similar version of this bill in the senate, S.B.0307, which was introduced by Sen. Bill Hardiman on 3/15/05 and was referred to the Committee on Health Policy.
- Two bills were introduced by Rep. Scott Hummel, H.B. 4246 and 4247. These bills would ensure that insurance companies would cover abortions only if the patient purchased an optional rider. They were referred to the House Committee on Insurance on 2/9/05.

If you want more information on these and other bills you can go to either www.rtl.org and search under prolife legislation, or www.legislature.mi.gov and search under Bills by category - Health. It is vital that you contact your legislator to request their support of these bills.

On the national level, H.B. 810 passed in the house on 5/24/05. This bill would authorize federal funding of research that requires killing human embryos, and overturn the president's pro-life policy. It now goes to the senate, (S. 471/H.B. 810). According to the National Right to Life there are two other bills to be aware of: the "Human Cloning Prohibition Act (H.R. 1357), sponsored by Congressman Dave Weldon and Congressman Bart Stupak (he's from MI), which would prohibit the cloning of human embryos. This bill should not be confused with H.R. 1822,

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