

## CALENDAR of EVENTS

- January 22, 2006** Memorial Mass for Women & Unborn Children, 9:50 a.m. St. Thecla Church, Clinton Twp.
- January 23, 2006** March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- March 16, 2006** Knights of Columbus RTL Benefit Dinner Burton Manor, Livonia
- April 27, 2006** RTL Dinner Auction, 5:00 p.m. Ukranian Cultural Center, Warren
- May 13-14, 2006** Mother's Day Flower Sales, local churches



### Hop on the Bus!

To attend the March for Life 2006 in Washington, D.C. on January 23rd, contact Juliana Darrah at (734)930-7474 or [jdarrah@rtl.org](mailto:jdarrah@rtl.org).

## Please Attend! January 22 Memorial Mass for Women and Unborn Children



A memorial Mass will be held at St. Thecla Church in Clinton Township on Sunday, January 22, 2006 at 9:50 a.m. The year 2006 marks the 33rd anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton abortion decisions. The January 22 service will be offered for the unborn children who have died and for all women who have suffered as a result of an abortion decision.

At 9:50 a.m., a brief "rose ceremony" will be conducted prior to the celebration of the Mass. Thirty-two volunteers, ranging from 1 to 33 years old, will bring up a red rose to the altar, in memory of the unborn children who have died from abortion during the past 33 years. If you were born between 1973 and 2005 and would like to participate, please call Susan Viviano at 586-226-1863 or Mary Rupinski at 586-286-3989.

This memorial Mass is being sponsored by St. Thecla and St. Claude Parishes, Right to Life Central Macomb, and St. Thecla Knights of Columbus Council #12403. A complimentary brunch will be held after Mass in the St. Thecla gym.

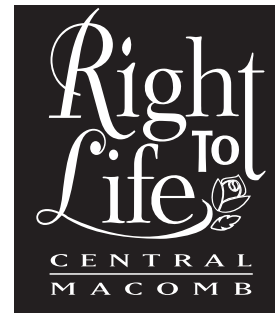
## STATISTICS TO GIVE US HOPE!

Through the work of organizations such as Right to Life of Michigan, the total number of abortions performed in Michigan has fallen 46.5 % since the peak year of 1987. There are now only 34 free-standing abortion clinics in this state, down from 72 in the late 1980's.



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## New Leadership in the New Year


SUSAN VIVIANO, PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! We have had some changes on the Central Macomb board. When our past president, Paul Moses and his wife Joan, moved a year and a half ago Jon Boutorwick became president. Unfortunately, recently he decided to step down due to other commitments. I would like to personally thank him for his leadership and for making such a transition possible. Also, I would be remiss if I didn't thank Joan and Paul for their many years of leadership to the Right to Life Central Macomb Affiliate. Their contributions on behalf of the unborn have made a difference in our community and will always be greatly appreciated.


It is with great excitement that I step into the Presidency of the affiliate to continue the great works of my predecessors. Thank you to the board members for their support and trust in me. The rights of the unborn have always been of special interest to me and I look forward to advancing our cause. If you have any questions or suggestions for our Central Macomb Affiliate please feel free to email me at [scviv@comcast.net](mailto:scviv@comcast.net). (Please put Right to Life Central Macomb in the subject.)

It is important that our affiliate continue to grow in order for us to spread our message of life to even larger portions of our community. If you are not already, please become an official member of the affiliate. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to join as well. Even if you are a member of another Pro-Life group, I urge you to also join our affiliate.


Becoming a member ensures that you are kept abreast of the latest developments in the following areas:


 **Education** – We participate in local events, speaker's bureau, county fairs etc.


Brochures and other educational material to educate the public on the life issues are available for you and your group from the affiliate.

 **Legislation** – Grassroots participation is crucial for the advancement of pro-life legislation and the defeat of pro-abortion legislation.

You will receive updates in this semiannual affiliate newsletter as well as from Right to Life of Michigan in their bimonthly newspaper.

 **Community assistance** – We contribute to crisis pregnancy centers and adoption agencies that serve central and northeastern Macomb throughout the year.

 **Prayer** – We have an annual Memorial Service in January to mourn the legalization of abortion in 1973 after the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision. (See details pg.4)

 **Public Relations** – It is important to have a positive local presence and example of what it is to be pro-life.

If you, or someone you know, would like to join the Central Macomb Affiliate, please fill out the membership/ subscription form and send it with your membership fee to the address indicated (see p.3). If you've been a member in the past please help us update our member database. I look forward to working with you to fight for the rights of the unborn!

Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 22, 2006

Order bulletin inserts for your church! "Life is Love" glossy, half-sheet bulletin inserts available @ [rtl.org](http://rtl.org).



**Right to Life Central Macomb is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, all-volunteer organization that works within the law to help protect the unborn, the handicapped and the elderly through education, legislative action and community assistance.**

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# Legislative News



**MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

- S.B.9 and H.B. 4675 –would prohibit researchers from using tissue, etc. from aborted babies for research; both still in committee.
- H.B. 4446– requires healthcare providers to do an ultrasound, and give the woman the option of seeing the images and getting a picture before an abortion is performed. Senate passed slightly amended version (36 to 0); House must re-vote; Granholm expected to sign.
- H.B. 4246 & 4247–ensure that companies would cover abortions only if the patient purchased an optional rider; still in committee.
- H.B. 4775, 4741, 4745-46 (Rep. Brian Palmer) - allow health care facilities, health care provider, insurance companies, respectively, conscientious objector status; all in committee.
- H.B. 4777 – Clarifies that civil lawsuits can be brought for causing the death of an unborn child prior to viability under the Wrongful Death Act. This bill passed both the House and the Senate and is currently awaiting the Governor’s signature.
- HB. 4752 – Law to prohibit a person who is the guardian of his/her incapacitated spouse and who is in a current, openly acknowledged extra-marital relationship, from making decisions regarding withdrawal of life sustaining treatment. On 5/10/05 it was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary.

**FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

- H.B. 810 – Would authorize federal funding of research that requires killing human embryos. The house passed it on 5/24/05; senate to vote soon. President Bush to veto.
- S. 658 – Human Cloning Protection Act. Senate to vote soon. This bill should not be confused with S. 876 or S. 1520 labeled ‘human cloning bans’, but they promote cloning of human embryos and then prohibit their survival.
- S. 403 Child Custody Protection Act - Would make it a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion without fulfilling the requirements of a parental notification law in effect in the home state; to be voted on soon.
- S. 51 – Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act. Requires an abortionist to provide a woman seeking an abortion past 20 weeks, specified information about the capacity of her unborn child to experience pain during an abortion. Then the woman must accept or refuse administration of pain reducing drugs directly to the unborn child.

If you would like more information about these bills you can go to [www.rtl.org](http://www.rtl.org) or [www.capwiz.com/nrlc/home/](http://www.capwiz.com/nrlc/home/).

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*"I believe that life is valuable, even when it is unwanted, even when it is physically imperfect. I believe our society has a responsibility to defend the vulnerable and the weak. And I believe our nation should set a goal: that unborn children should be welcome in life and protected in law. This is the ideal: a generous society that values every life." GEORGE W. BUSH*