

# RESOURCE ROUNDUP

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## *The Hippocratic Resource*

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### ***Dear Colleague!***

Forty years ago, on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court imposed abortion – on demand, for any reason, and throughout all nine months of pregnancy – on all 50 States of the U.S.A., with its 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions. By so doing, the Court ignored all rational thinking and biologic evidence on when human life begins, as well as the recognition of the obvious humanity of the offspring of human parents, and ruled unilaterally in favor of a mother's putative right to kill her own child. This macabre decision, so completely at odds with all earlier concepts in Western Civilization of what is moral, right and just, was based on one of the Justices having somehow 'discovered' that people had a right to privacy to do what is clearly against even the preamble to the Declaration of Independence – all within, as he called it, the "penumbra" of the Bill of Rights. It was, of course, a decision also completely antagonistic to our Hippocratic Oaths as physicians: *"I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked, nor suggest any such counsel. I will not give to a woman an instrument to produce abortion."*

The result of the ruling has been a dramatic decrease in respect for life in the U.S., not only in the womb (including, but definitely not limited to those diagnosed *in utero* as handicapped), but also beyond it, in everyday life, and for life nearing its natural end. Between 55 and 57 million unborn U.S. children have been brutally killed without their consent – including some 448,000 in Louisiana – while two states, Oregon and Washington, now allow so-called physician-assisted suicide. Our basic societal cohesion has been fractured by the politicization of the good-evil dichotomy, and at least one of our more-cherished social structures, Social Security, is financially threatened by the loss of an adequate contributing population. The U.S.' moral clout has been dramatically lessened worldwide by our government's activism overseas regarding abortion, and cultures other than Western are threatening our post-WW II secular ethical primacy!

Based on the above, it is no wonder that the alarm felt by Americans of good will is having its outlet in annual public demonstrations during the anniversary month of *Roe v. Wade*. January, long-designated Sanctity of Life month, is seeing more and more "marches for life" in cities around the country. In Baton Rouge, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Louisiana Life March drew between 2,500 and 3,000 participants, while the 40<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life in Washington drew an astounding number: various media outlets estimated this year's, mostly youthful, crowd at between 500,000 and 650,000! (*see photo pages*) So, despite the fact that the latest (preliminary) DHH estimate of abortions done in Louisiana in 2011 is 13.9% higher than in 2010, we can remain hopeful that, even with Obamacare setbacks, the awareness of the sanctity of life, especially by the next generation, will potentially remain strong. The rest is up to those of us in the health professions who recognize that "Where there is love of Man, there is love of the Art, also," and who practice, support, preach and teach the principles of the Hippocratic Oath! Let us pray for the strength we continue to need in order to prevail!

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### **Save the Date:**

- **American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists (AAPLOG):** 2013 CME Meeting (8 hrs.), Washington D.C., Sheraton Downtown Hotel, **Saturday, February 23.** [www.AAPLOG.org](http://www.AAPLOG.org).
- **National Association of Catholic Nurses (NACN):** Annual Meeting and Conference, "Catholic Nurses on the Front Lines: Christ's Ministry in Action," Nashville TN, Aquinas College, **March 1-3.** [www.nacn-usa.org](http://www.nacn-usa.org).
- **Christus Medicus Foundation:** "Make Straight the Pathway ... Catholic Healthcare Reform," Houston, Texas, **March 7-9.** [www.jpilifecenter.org](http://www.jpilifecenter.org) [or (713) 598-1675].
- **American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals (AAFPC):** 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and "Culture of Life in Medical Practice" seminar, New Orleans, LA, Hotel Monteleone (French Quarter), **Saturday, August 10.** [www.aafcp.org](http://www.aafcp.org).
- **MaterCare International (MCI):** 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference and Workshop. Rome, Italy (literally across the street from the Vatican). **September 18-22.** [www.matercare.org](http://www.matercare.org).

### **Roster Changes**

*(Information removed to preserve promised member privacy)*

### **Book recommendations**

- “*Adam and Eve after the Pill*.” Mary Eberstadt (Research Fellow, Hoover Institution), Ignatius Press, San Francisco, 2012 (also available through [www.osv.org](http://www.osv.org)).
- “*Girls Uncovered: New research on the Effects of America’s Sexual Culture on Young Women*,” Joe S. McIlhaney, Jr., MD, Freda M. Bush, MD, and Stan Guthrie, MA. AAPLOG recommended. <http://www.medinstitute.org/products/item317.cfm>

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Louisiana Life March**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual LA Life March, held on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, was well attended, despite the early date and an afternoon start. Between 2,500 and 3,000 life-respecting Louisianans from all across the State marched peacefully along 4<sup>th</sup> St. from the Old State Capitol to the New, led by a contingent of the Knights of Columbus and Baton Rouge Fife & Drum. Marchers were greeted on the steps of the New State Capitol by, among others, Catholic Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans, U.S. Senator David Vitter, State Senator Valerie

Hodges (R-Denham Springs), and Cindy Collins of SpeakHope. Many post-abortive women were on the Capitol steps as well, carrying signs clearly indicating regret for their abortions. A number of **Resource** members, including from Lafayette, St. Francisville, New Orleans and Baton Rouge, some with their wives, took part in the March, and helped carry our banner to the Capitol steps as March co-sponsors. The event was a great success again, drawing necessary attention and reasonable media coverage to the respect-for-life cause!

### **40<sup>th</sup> March for Life, Washington D.C.**

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, the Mall, Constitution Avenue and access streets to the Supreme Court and House Office Buildings in Washington, DC, were inundated by a crowd of peaceful marchers for life, estimated by various media organizations as from “hundreds of thousands” to 500,000 and even 650,000 strong, all there to memorialize the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragic Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* mandate of 1973. (An official crowd-size estimate has not been provided by Park Police since about 1995 due to disputes in which they found themselves in the uncomfortable middle).

Despite the freezing weather (29-30°), with some snow, the mostly youthful, bundled-up marchers, representing high schools and colleges from around the U.S., including over a thousand from Louisiana, marched peacefully from the Mall, along Constitution Ave., and to the Supreme Court, in a spiritually upbeat manner, often praying aloud. Many wore identifying, colored head gear, carrying banners identifying their universities, high schools, religious affiliations, etc., or signs expressing sentiments such as “Defend Life,” “Women Regret Their Abortions,” “Men Regret Their Lost Fatherhood,” “Life is Sacred,” etc., etc. After the March, throngs of marchers descended on the offices of their congressional representatives – many of whom had, however, already left Washington for the weekend.

From 1974 until 2012, the annual March for Life was under the direction of Nellie Gray, who died August 13, 2012 at age 86, after having been its president and MC for the four decades after *Roe*. Taking over her position is Jeanne Monahan, herself a strong pro-life advocate, who will continue the incomparable leadership of Nellie, and will continue to bring us closer to a culture of life. Speaking at the pre-March Rally were Senators, Congressmen, Boston’s Cardinal Sean O’Malley, representatives of several Christian Orthodox Churches, and Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council, among others. House Speaker John Boehner greeted the crowd with a video message asserting his solidarity and support. No more than a half-dozen pro-abortion youth were seen in front of the Court, mostly completely ignored by all but the media.

The tragic *Roe* decision, and its companion, *Doe v. Bolton*, have caused at least 55-57 million deliberate, prenatal deaths in the U.S.A. to date, including 448,000 in Louisiana, with gestational ages ranging all the way up to 40 weeks (9 months+). So thorough has been this infant holocaust for those identified as handicapped *in utero*, that an estimated 80-90% of Down Syndrome babies have been aborted! Of the overall abortion numbers, approximately 24% have been done in California. Planned Parenthood facilities currently do about 350,000 annually, or 25-30% of the annual U.S. total!

### **Latest Louisiana Abortion Statistics; Louisiana Remains No. 1 Pro-Life State**

The latest available statistics on abortion in Louisiana indicate that 448,000 unborn children were aborted in our State from 1973 through 2011. Since 2005, Caddo parish has been the abortion leader in Louisiana, Orleans plus Jefferson have been second (except in 2008), and E. Baton Rouge Parish, has been in third place (except in 2008, when it was second). As has been the case since the post-Katrina nadir of 6,204 in 2006, abortions have continued to rise every year, with 2011 reporting a 13.9% increase over 2010. Preliminary figures show that 8,955 prenatals were killed by abortion in 2011. While not much else changed in the preliminary breakdown, significant differences were seen in the reasons for abortion; without a doubt these were the result of better adherence to reporting rules since 2011, as we requested of DHH. Although “Unknown” and “Other” reasons remains at a ludicrously high 97.5%, “Rape/Incest” and “Physical Health” categories

increased 7- and 10-fold, respectively, while “Risk of Fetal Deformity” rose from 1 in 2010 to 53 in 2011! We continue to press for better reporting; but in the meanwhile, must wonder whether all of the “Rape/Incest” instances were appropriately investigated and prosecuted! When final data become available, they will be distributed to our membership.

Despite the above increases, Louisiana remains in first place where it really counts: abortions are routinely the *least* accessible here among the 50 states according to National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) reports, including in the latest (2012), in which we continue to receive a grade of “F” for accessibility. Additionally, Americans United for Life has named Louisiana the most pro-life state in the nation regarding legislation passed, indicating that we are doing the right thing!

## **New Orleans Abortion Business to Close – Only One Facility Currently Remaining in New Orleans**

At one time, New Orleans had seven fully-operating abortion facilities, but now it is down to just one, with the expected closure of another. Midtown Medical abortion facility is expected to close, following the death of abortionist Kiat Varnishung. According to a local pastor, “This [was] no ordinary clinic ... [it] used to be a church!”

In 2011, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) issued a notice of license revocation to the “Gentilly Medical Group for Women,” requiring it to cease operations

immediately, based on health and safety violations and the passage of Act 490 in the 2010 Louisiana legislative session. DHH Secretary Alan Levine indicated that the Gentilly facility operated without a trained nurse on staff, without a site-specific, Louisiana-controlled dangerous substance license, and without a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration-controlled substance registration. All three are required for abortion facilities in Louisiana. (Based on a LifeNews.com article by Steven Ertelt, 12/17/12).

## **Alabama Supreme Court Affirms that Unborn Are Children!**

In a great victory for rational, if rather obvious thinking, the Alabama Supreme Court, on January 11<sup>th</sup>, affirmed that, legally, the unborn are children! They observed that “the only major area in which unborn children are denied legal protection

is abortion, and that denial is only because of the dictates of *Roe*.” Hopefully, this is a first of the many nails that need to be placed in the *Roe v. Wade* coffin. The good Lord seems to be answering our prayers!

## **FDA o.k. with College’s Plan B Vending Machine**

Federal regulators have decided not to take any action against a public Pennsylvania university for selling the Plan B “morning-after” pill from a campus vending machine. Officials at Shippensburg University and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reviewed the dispensing method for the emergency contraceptive after concerns arose last year over its availability to students. According to FDA labeling, Plan B’s mechanism of action includes the prevention of implantation of the embryo by altering the endometrium, thus acting as an

early abortifacient. Some critics also claimed the vending machine would encourage more students to have sex. “FDA looked at publicly available information about Shippensburg’s vending program and spoke with university and campus health officials and decided not to take any regulatory actions,” Erica V. Jefferson, an FDA spokeswoman, said in a statement made available to MSN News. (Based on an MSN News internet article by James Eng, 1/29/13).

## **HHS Mandate changes insufficient, say religious liberty groups**

On February 1, an e-mail from the American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists (AAPLOG) regarding the proposed HHS mandate “accommodation” was forwarded to all our available member addresses. This e-mail contained comments from the Christian Medical Association, asserting that the new mandate terms were “unacceptable,” as “First Amendment rights must apply to all,” and “freedom of conscience applies to all Americans,” whereas “[i]t would appear that the administration is trying to diffuse the pressure from federal courts around the country by throwing a sop to religious groups.”

On February 2, a report from CNA/EWTN News also indicated that religious freedom advocates from around the country consider this “accommodation” to the federal contraception mandate disappointing, at best. According to the

cited Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, the proposals, issued in an 80-page document, do “nothing to protect the religious liberty of millions of Americans,” while the *Catholic Advocate* suggested that they are “a thinly-veiled attempt to silence us.” Non-religious groups, including Christian-owned businesses such as Hobby Lobby are not even included for any relief, prompting Marjorie Dannenfelser, president of the Susan B. Anthony List (which promotes pro-life politicians), to say that “[T]here must be no religious ‘test’ by the government as to who, and what type[s] of entities are entitled to a conscience.” This virtual unanimity makes it clear that we must “hang together, or we will surely hang separately!” (Based on a Catholic News Agency internet report by Adelaide Darling and Michelle Bauman, 2/2/13).

## **New Resource Billboard in situ**



I-10, East-facing, at Sorrento Exit



St. Francisville Democrat, 12/2012

Dear Editor,

This is a response to Ms. Diana Armstrong's letter that appeared in the Advocate Opinion's Page on Wednesday, October 31, 2012 (Halloween). The author freely admits to being angry over the possibility that both political parties and the media consider "reproductive rights" as the only issue that concern women. She also mentions that she is strongly "pro-choice!" If I knew what her definition of "reproductive rights" and "pro-choice" were then I feel certain I could help her with her "dilemma."

In order to assist Ms. Armstrong, I'll go out on a limb and assume that she understands "reproductive rights" to mean that a pregnant woman has the "right" to do what she wishes with her own body. And in that sense, she's correct. But I feel the confusion comes in because Ms. Armstrong thinks that a pregnant woman's

unborn baby is an integral part of her own body. And that is just not true! The pregnant mother and her unborn baby each have a "separate and unique" body that is connected only by the placenta and umbilical cord and that, not until several days after the new, initially independent human life has begun. The baby's tiny body actually controls the entire pregnancy.

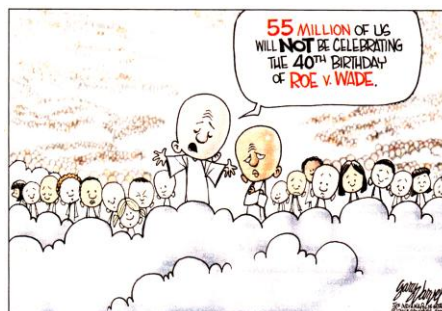
A pregnant woman retains her "right" to suicide (the taking of her own life) throughout her pregnancy, but she has never been granted the "right" to kill or murder her unborn baby (read Exodus 20:13). The same U.S. Constitution that protects her "right" to choose also protects her unborn baby's "right" to live. So if the stress from being pregnant with her "unwanted" baby is too much for her to handle and she opts for suicide, then the least that she can do is deliver her baby and not get an abortion. That way the blood of only one person (herself) will be

on her hands and her baby lives.

I'll also assume that Ms. Armstrong believes that "pro-choice" and "pro-abortion" are one and the same. This is simply not true! I'm pro-life and "pro-choice," but I'm strongly against "pro-abortion." I have to assume that Ms. Armstrong, by admitting that she is strongly "pro-choice," is also "pro-abortion," i.e. pro-abortion-choice. If that truly is the case, then she may be able to think for herself but she's not a very good thinker because abortion is the murder (killing) of an unborn child. So now her real "dilemma" surfaces! I would love to help her out but working from assumptions are risky. Ms. Armstrong must be given the opportunity to fully explain her position on abortion ("reproductive rights" and "pro-choice").

Respectfully,  
Dr. Francis Rinaudo, Jr.

The Advocate, Baton Rouge, LA, 1/28/13



## Pro-life more than anti-abortion

Your article in The Advocate regarding the Jan. 12 Louisiana Life March to the State Capitol was welcome coverage of the people's outpouring of demonstrative sentiment against our society's callous indifference toward human life.

However, it was sad to see how Baton Rouge's premier news outlet yielded to the standard Associated Press' glossary requirement that the term "anti-abortion" be substituted for "pro-life" in so literally vital an issue, thus coloring it in a negative way. In fact, those who are pro-life are pro-life during the entire period of a person's existence, from the very beginning of his or her life at fertilization until its end at natural death.

I was at the rally myself, and, although the word "abortion" was necessarily used in the wider context of being pro-life within our society's current antagonism to developing life in the womb, I do not remember anyone using "anti-abortion" during the talks given by the religious, legislative and other pro-life leaders present. Yet "pro-life" only appeared in The Advocate article in the context of an attempted criticism by the seven counterprotestors who were on the rally's sidelines.

There is no valid medical or biologic argument that a developing child in a human mother's womb is anything but human, yet 55

million-57 million such unborn children have been aborted in the United States since the Supreme Court's disastrous Roe v. Wade decision of 40 years ago — in Louisiana, over 448,000, including almost 9,000 in 2011. In that ruling, the court conceded that, upon establishment of the humanity of the child in utero, its Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton decisions would fall.

In fact, however, the earliest beginnings of human life began to be well understood scientifically as long ago as about the time of the Declaration of Independence, when Lazzaro Spallanzani first showed that both egg and sperm are needed to create a new life. All additional medical and biologic information acquired since, including, most recently, that from genetic and DNA analysis and even from the examination of aborted fetuses (Latin for "young ones"), has totally supported that earliest humanity.

In being pro-life, one necessarily has to be against abortion, but repeatedly casting those who are pro-life, and pro-life rallies such as the one Jan. 12, as only being against abortion, unfortunately promotes an anti-life agenda unworthy of a responsible press interested in presenting the truth.

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*Louisiana Life March Photos (1-12-13)*



Gathering ...



Proclaiming ...



Marching ...



Exclaiming ...



Inspiring ...



Rallying ...



Supporting ...



Arriving ...



Senator Vitter denouncing ...



*March for Life, Washington D.C., (1-25-13)*



Gathering on the Mall on a wintry day ...



Obama's abortion legacy on the giant screen ...



Some Louisiana Right to Life leaders ...



Cardinal O'Malley and Orthodox leaders ...



New Orleans Youth begin to assemble ...



"Geaux forth ..."



Louisiana on the March ...



On to the Capitol & the Supreme Court ...



Destination attained ...