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## **Incineration of aborted babies**

In March and April of 2014, the public was dismayed to learn that aborted babies bodies were included in medical waste that was incinerated to provide power.

It was reported in March that in England more than 15,500 aborted babies had been incinerated as medical waste, some of which was to have been used to provide power to British hospitals. Barely a month later, it was reported that aborted babies from British Columbia had been sent to a waste-to-power facility in Oregon in shipments of "biomedical waste."

Assemblyman Joseph Borelli, of Staten Island (R-South Shore), has submitted Assembly bill A.9448A to make such practices illegal in New York State.

"Outraged." "Disgusting." "Horrifying." These were some of the words used by people in authority to describe the incineration process. In both cases, the authorities have said the process will stop immediately.

Interestingly, there were no expressions of outrage, disgust, or horror over the fact that the children had been killed, but only over the treatment of the dead bodies.

www.lifesitenews.com/news/oregon-county-puts-stop-to-incinerating-aborted-babies-for-electricity-we-a \( \sqrt{\text{www.lifesitenews.com/news/thousands-of-aborted-babies-bodies-incinerated-to-heat-uk-hospitals} \( \sqrt{\text{www.nydailynews.com/blogs/dailypolitics/si-assemblyman-joseph-borelli-block-nys-facilities-burning-human-tissue-generate-energy-blog-entry-1.1792054} \( \sqrt{\text{www.nydailynews.com/blogs/dailypolitics/si-assemblyman-joseph-borelli-block-nys-facilities-burning-human-tissue-generate-energy-blog-entry-1.1792054} \)

## Don't sign a "living will"

A living will specifies treatments you do not want under certain circumstances. Unfortunately in today's cultures, such a document can be used to deny you treatment you do want.

One elderly veteran had been taken by his wife to VA hospitals multiple times for back pain. On what proved to be his last hospitalization, there may have been some crucial treatment problems and he was not doing well. Then, said the wife, "When they found out that he had a living will from the VA they stopped everything." He died six days later.

Sean Hannity show segment on:: www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\_embedded&v=txUfsvwFBIo

## A better alternative - the "will to live"

When you are unable to speak for yourself, you need a person who has been designated to be your health care agent, duly appointed on a health care proxy form. With the proper documentation, this person can make sure your expressed wishes are carried out.

National Right to Life's "Will to Live" protects your right to food and water, as well as adequate medical care. It makes the presumption that you want to live. Go to <a href="https://www.nrlc.org/medethics/willtolive/">www.nrlc.org/medethics/willtolive/</a> (the National Right to Life website) for more information and to download the document designed specifically for New York State (or whatever state you need). Alternatively, you can call RARTL and we will send you the forms.

## **Unilateral DNRs at Mass General**

Thaddeus Pope's "Medical Futility Blog" says, "Unilateral Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) orders are a specific type of medical futility decision in which clinicians withhold advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in the event of cardiopulmonary arrest, despite objections of patients or their surrogates."

Pope says the policy has been in effect at Massachusetts General Hospital since 2006.

From the study cited, it appeared that 38% of the affected patients were not "at the end stage of a terminal disease." Perhaps, then, it was a so-called quality of life issue.

A note on the concept of futile care: Some treatments are withheld because they will not help the patient's physical condition. However, some treatments would be helpful but are deemed "futile" and therefore withheld by medical authorities, frequently the ethics committees of hospitals.

Pro-life lawyer Wesley J. Smith says, "Futility is not a medical determination; it is a value judgment. Treatment is refused based on 'quality of life' judgmentalism and/or 'cost-benefit' analysis."

www.medicalfutility.blogspot.com/2014/05/unilateral-do-not-attempt-resuscitation.html?utm\_source=twitterfeed&utm\_medium=twitter

♦ www.nationalreview.com/human-exceptionalism/377745/unilateral-non-resuscitation-massgeneral-wesley-j-smith

## **Happy Fathers Day**

Fathers' Day in June is a happy day for many men, but for others it is a day of pain.

There are men who have lost children to abortion, often through circumstances beyond their control. A woman in New York considering abortion is not required to consult with the father, and as a result some men carry a lifelong bitter regret that they had no opportunity to save their children. Other fathers let the opportunity go by and later regret their lost fatherhood.

It is impossible to turn back the clock, but men whose lives have been touched by abortion can find help.

In the Rochester, NY, area **Project Rachel** pairs post-abortion men and women one-on-one with a minister of their faith to work through abortion issues to healing. They can be reached at 1-888-9RACHEL or through their website <a href="https://www.projectrachelrochesterny.org/">www.projectrachelrochesterny.org/</a> Local pregnancy help centers may offer other local programs.

Some other sources of information and potential programs are: **Fatherhood Forever**, a part of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign (<a href="www.fatherhoodforever.org/">www.fatherhoodforever.org/</a>) 

Men and Abortion Network – Reclaiming Fatherhood (<a href="www.menandabortion.net/">www.menandabortion.net/</a>) 

Rachel's Vineyard - weekend retreats (<a href="www.rachelsvineyard.org/men/">www.rachelsvineyard.org/men/</a>) 

Life Issues Institute referrals for men (<a href="www.lifeissues.org/men/referral.html">www.lifeissues.org/men/referral.html</a>)

#### **Effects of Abortion on Men**

By Susan LeDoux

In his article "Remembering Thomas: Responsibility, Guilt and a Child Who Never Was," Phil McCombs admitted he chose to be out of town on the day his child was aborted. "I turned my face away. My behavior was in all respects craven, immoral."

Men are discovering that, like women, Post Abortion Syndrome is very real, despite what the secular experts would have people believe.

In his article "Abortion: the Impact on Men," Bradley Mattes write, "In many ways men and women respond very differently to the loss of a child from abortion." In order to understand, we need to "understand what motivates the human male of the species...Men are often defined by their ability to (enjoy) pleasure, procreate, provide, protect and perform. ... When a man experiences abortion, these key elements of life are seriously damaged, or often totally obliterated."

A man often experiences anger and may act upon that anger in harmful ways, perhaps using drugs or alcohol. The relationship often fails. Because women have total control over whether or not to have an abortion, men experience loss of control with no legal recourse. Not wanting to be in that situation again, some men experiment with homosexuality or suffer various forms of sexual dysfunction.

Other symptoms include insomnia, panic attacks, flashbacks, nightmares, or self-imposed isolation. Poor coping skills or decision-making may interfere with a man's job, or he may become an excessive risk taker.

A male counselor is most effective at assisting another man. Ultimately, recognition, grieving and seeking forgiveness will lead to healing.

www.priestsforlife.org/postabortion/rememberingthomas.htm  $\Diamond$  www.afterabortion.com/men.html

## **Overpopulation! Starvation!**

Do you remember the massive famines in the early 1980s? Neither does anybody else.

They were predicted by Paul Ehrlich, who wrote "The Population Bomb," which described how rampant population growth would overcome available food resources. He didn't predict Japan's and Europe's birth dearth.

Recently, Ehrlich was asked about the ethics of meat consumption. He referred again to global problems of hunger caused by overpopulation, saying that we may be so hungry we'll decide in favor of cannibalism.

Erlich and others have cited massive population growth as justification for population control methods that include abortion. Population expert Steven Mosher has said repeatedly that population decline is a much more real problem.

http://pop.org/content/population-research-institute-responds-paul-ehrlich%E2%80%99s-claims-cannibalism

## **Pro-life docs must emigrate**

The Catholic Medical Association heard speaker, Charlie O'Donnell, an emergency and intensive care medicine consultant, assert that someone with sound Catholic and/or pro-life principles would find it impossible to train in obstetrics and gynecology in England.

They would simply have to emigrate.

However, the issue may be where they could go, as the same mentality is endemic in the Western world.

www.thetablet.co.uk/news/840/0/catholic-doctors-who-follow-church-teaching-advised-to-emigrate-rather-than-train-in-Britain

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on abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia, which are all immediate threats to innocent human life.

## Since you asked – no wonder abortion rates are high

by Deacon Dennis Lohouse

**Question:** No wonder abortion rates are so high. Why do men refuse to take responsibility for their own actions? They have to be dragged into court to get them to help support the children they have fathered!

**Answer:** We complain bitterly that so many men do not stay with the mothers of their children. We wonder why it is that child support goes unpaid. Yet our laws do not support fatherhood. Try to get an abortion stayed by a court if you are a father who wants to keep his child, especially an unborn child. The judges will tell you that you have no parental rights. I know people will say that these laws recognize that the burden of parenthood falls heaviest on the mother.

So, the father is completely disenfranchised. No questions asked. His child can be aborted without his permission or input. I recently worked with a grandmother whose son wanted to raise his unborn child. His girlfriend refused to carry the baby to full term and had an abortion, partly to spite her now ex-boyfriend.

Sadly, we cannot have this both ways. If we want to teach young men to be careful, and to respect women and the responsibilities of fatherhood, we cannot take away their rights as parents.

Men have rights regarding their unborn children, just as they have rights regarding their children after birth. Our legal system has denied these and has exalted the "right to privacy" over the rights of the child and the father.

No wonder the bonds of family life have been so badly shredded.

## Walking is good again – another win for adult stem cells

Eight years ago, Kay Jarrett received a diagnosis of MS (multiple sclerosis). The disease left her exhausted after doing things she had always thoroughly enjoyed. Even just walking wasn't much fun because she tended to stumble and fall.

Then she was treated with adult stem cells taken from her own abdominal fat. It was a seven-hour procedure that included separating out her stem cells from the fat and then giving them back to her in an intravenous drip.

Now she not only walks but goes to the gym regularly. She said, "It's like I had new batteries put in." <a href="http://www.repairstemcells.org/Resources/Stem-Cell-Articles/Kay-s-New-Lease-on-Life-after-Stem-Cell-Therapy-fo.aspx">http://www.repairstemcells.org/Resources/Stem-Cell-Articles/Kay-s-New-Lease-on-Life-after-Stem-Cell-Therapy-fo.aspx</a>

## Seniors finding potholes in the road to health care

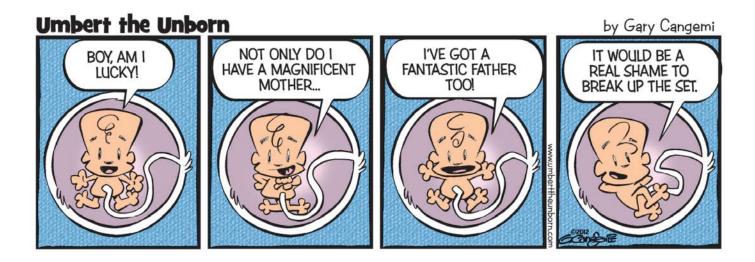
BySusan LeDoux

Seniors are discovering serious threats to their lives and pocketbooks since the advent of Obamacare. Medicare budgets have been reduced to allow funding of health care coverage for other groups.

The government penalizes hospitals that readmit seniors within 30 days of discharge, assuming that the need for readmission was caused by poor quality of care. To avoid the penalty, hospitals treat the returning patient under "observation" status – a status that leaves the patient, not Medicare, on the hook for the bill.

In her blog, former Lt. Governor Betsy McCaughey, PhD., notes that many top academic hospitals have high readmission rates because their patients have serious illnesses and complications needing repeated stays. Dr. Ashish Jha, professor at the Harvard School of Public Health, says, "By most standards, the readmissions metric fails as a quality measure."

www.humanevents.com/2014/05/21/obamacares-dangers-for-seniors | http://blogs.sph.harvard.edu/ashish-jha/the-30-day-readmission-rate-not-a-quality-measure-but-an-accountability-measure/



## New York State: Women's Equality Act stopped for the moment

On the last day of this session, the Senate urged the Assembly to vote on the individual planks of the Governor's bill, in order to pass legislation on the nine planks on which they can agree. However, the Assembly leadership, focused on the abortion plank, insists on passing the original ten planks as a whole. Therefore, there was no effective action in this session.

Pro-life organizations are grateful for the strength of character shown by the members of the Senate who are protecting innocent unborn human life and the members in the Assembly who are standing up for pro-life principles. <a href="https://www.legislativegazette.com/Articles-Top-Stories-c-2014-06-20-88361.113122-Abortion-measure-stalls-Womens-Equality-Act-again.html">https://www.legislativegazette.com/Articles-Top-Stories-c-2014-06-20-88361.113122-Abortion-measure-stalls-Womens-Equality-Act-again.html</a>

## Washington: Senate urged to vote on Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection

House Representatives Diane Black and Trent Franks led a bipartisan effort of 105 Representatives to ask Majority Leader Harry Reid to allow a vote in the Senate on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Senator Lindsey Graham had earlier requested that the Senate consider the bill, but his request was blocked.

The act would protect babies from being aborted at a stage when they were capable of feeling pain.

Trent commented, "Had Kermit Gosnell agonizingly dismembered these babies before they had traveled down the birth canal only moments earlier, he would have, in many places nationwide, been performing an entirely legal procedure." <a href="https://www.black.house.gov/press-release/black-franks-lead-bipartisan-effort-call-harry-reid-bring-pain-capable-unborn-child">www.black.house.gov/press-release/black-franks-lead-bipartisan-effort-call-harry-reid-bring-pain-capable-unborn-child</a>

## Washington: Radical new pro-abortion bill

The "Women's Health Protection Act" (S. 1696, H.R. 3471) would eliminate nearly all state and federal laws that in any way limit abortion. This dangerous bill already has large numbers of co-sponsors in both houses.

Call your Representative and your two Senators to voice your (polite) opposition. More information can be found on the NRLC website. <a href="https://www.nrlc.org">www.nrlc.org</a> Under "Recent Updates" about halfway down the page, "Action Alert" on radical new abortion bill. <a href="https://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2013/11/pro-abortion-coalition-unveils-sweeping-new-national-abortion-on-demand-legislation-in-congress/">www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2013/11/pro-abortion-coalition-unveils-sweeping-new-national-abortion-on-demand-legislation-in-congress/</a>

## NY abortion facilities uninspected

Chiaroscuro Foundation President Greg Pfunderstein asked why the Health Department does not require inspection of all the approximately 200 surgical abortion facilities in New York. Pfunderstein noted that some had not been inspected in more than a dozen years. Even NY tanning salons are required to be inspected "at least once every other year."

Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell's facility had not been inspected for 15 years; the horrible conditions would not have been uncovered except for an unrelated prescription investigation. Inspections are important tools.

NYS Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis has introduced legislation (A.9538) requiring regular inspections, saying, "Whether pro-choice or pro-life, we can all agree that the health and safety of women is paramount and this is an issue that needs to be addressed." Assembly Members Corwin, Borelli, Fitzpatrick, McDonough, Goodell, Tenney, DiPietro, and Montesano are co-sponsors of the bill.

The former State Health Commissioner, Dr. Nirav Shah, has been criticized for the lack of action. He has taken a position with Kaiser Permanente Southern California.

## Narrow health care networks shut out the top cancer centers

Breitbart data says hospital restrictions are significant. They say:

"Obamacare's narrow networks have also shut out access to top cancer centers. The Associated Press <u>says</u> just 4 of 19 nationally recognized comprehensive cancer centers offer Obamacare access through all insurance plans in their state Obamacare exchanges, and a McKinsey and Co. study revealed 38% of all Obamacare plans only allow patients to pick from just 30% of the largest 20 hospitals in their areas."

This bodes ill for cancer patients.

Currently, according to multiple studies, patients in the U.S. diagnosed with cancer fare better, i.e. live longer, than anywhere else in the world. The US health system, with all its drawbacks, has done the best for patients in the past. "Narrow networks" will not be helpful for those patients of today.

## **Garage Sale – Come shop! August 6!**

It's time!
RARTL's garage sale is coming!
And this year we won't get rained on!

Do you have things lying around the house that

**need to go away?** We would love your gently-used items for RARTL's garage sale. We can pick up between now and then or you can drop it off, whatever works best for you. Marylee and Tom will accept donations at 2148 Norton Street, but do call them at 342-1177 to make sure they'll be home.

**Volunteers are welcome** to help during the sale hours. We could also use help during the setup Tuesday, August 5, 10 AM - 2 PM. Call the office at 621-4690 to volunteer.

The sale this year will be in the basement of Annunciation Church at 1754 Norton Street. It's very close to the intersection of Norton and Goodman. (It is officially named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish at Annunciation Church.)

## Called to the ditch ministry?

A small but enthusiastic group met with New York State Right to Life's Lori Kehoe on April 26 to learn how to speak persuasively about prolife topics. In a single day, Kehoe covered the standard abortion/euthanasia topics, including stem cell research, and also the legislative background of each issue. Each participant found information



that suited her current needs. Participants had the opportunity to record a short talk, to see how competent they looked and sounded.

Kehoe urged people to get involved whenever there was an opportunity. She said that when the good Samaritan found the injured man lying in the ditch, he didn't first sit down to consider whether he was called to the ditch ministry.

RARTL hopes to bring Lori back again sometime in the future.

### **Oratorical Contest**

RARTL's Oratorical Contest was held April 12 at the Greece Assembly of God Church. High school juniors and seniors competed for the first prize, which was won by Jacob Brown, a home-schooled senior from Pittsford. He then went on to win first place in the state level contest in Albany. Congratulations to Jake!

Other competitors were: Joshua Lee, Brianna Fallis, and Monika Gauer. Younger students (no age limit) were allowed to participate for practice. They received feedback just like the older students. They were Jaedon Brown, Catherine Stence, and Paul Nichols. Our thanks to all the students (and their parents) for participating.

#### Sale hours are:

Wednesday, August 6 10 AM – 6 PM
Thursday, August 7 10 AM – 6 PM
Friday, August 8 10 AM – 6 PM
Saturday, August 9 9 AM – 1 PM
(Note the EARLY CLOSE on Saturday! There



won't be much left. but it will be cheap.)

## Attendees say: Watch your language!

There was agreement on the need to be prepared with information on the issues, especially for the hard questions. That probably means some reading time to keep up with the issues.

However, in a discussion, we also need to be careful about our words.

- For instance, the term "abortion clinic" is not an appropriate description as a "clinic" is a place where people get better; "abortion facility" is a better fit.
- Even the phrase "pro-choice" itself is empty, as it simply refers to one's ability to make decisions. Didn't Hitler make over 11 million "choices?"
- We can refer to "those who are pro-life and those who are not."
- In discussing legislation, we should say that we encourage "protections" versus "restrictions" or "prohibitions."

Lori got rave reviews on her presentation, and the attendees would like to see her back again.

#### **Got bias?**

A Connecticut high school student working on a research paper found that his school computer was blocked from accessing websites belonging to the National Right to Life Committee, the state Republican Party, the Vatican, "Christianity Today," and the National Rifle Association.

However, it allowed access to Planned Parenthood, NARAL Pro-Choice America, the state Democratic Party, and sites that support gun control.

The student has contacted the school board. www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/06/school-computersystem-blocks-nrlc-ready-access-to-ppfa-and-naral/#more-35225

#### Peace Parade endorses some kinds of violence

On Memorial Day this year, the Peace Parade marched without pro-life feminists for the first time in their 30 years of existence.

Metro Justice, the organizing body of this year's peace parade, made the decision that "peace" mandated the endorsement of abortion, and disinvited the pro-life groups.

Carol Crossed, who had helped to organize the Peace Parade 30 years ago, decided to get her own parade permit so that Feminists for Nonviolent Choices (Feminists Choosing Life) could march. She said, "Pro-life people care about all violence, including the violence to the unborn."

About 80 pro-lifers turned out for FFNVC's parade. Sandy Arena's Silent Dancers for Life danced the route while one pro-lifer walked along the edge of the street to greet the crowd, carrying her beautifully dressed small



Olya Gillaspy, Victoria Tucci, Rachel Peller, and Grace Rieck, interns with FFNVC

daughter. People all along the parade route ooh-ed and ah-ed, wanting to touch the child who for the moment was the embodiment of the reason pro-lifers were marching.

It's inconsistent that Metro Justice has chosen to welcome the unseen violence of abortion in their "Peace" Parade. <a href="http://liveactionnews.org/feminists-for-nonviolent-choices-excluded-from-peace-parade-for-being-pro-life/#more-49942">http://liveactionnews.org/feminists-for-nonviolent-choices-excluded-from-peace-parade-for-being-pro-life/#more-49942</a> and local reporting

## Thank you, Jann! And welcome, Suzanne!

Jann Armantrout has retired from her position of Life Issues Coordinator with the Catholic Diocese of Rochester. She has served admirably those most vulnerable among us, those who have no voice of their own and who rely on us to speak for them. For all of RARTL's issues -- abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research -- Jann has provided able and energetic support. Jann, may you enjoy your retirement!

Taking Jann's place is Suzanne Stack, who comes to this position from The Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Brockport where she was the Director of Faith Formation. She is also a member of Feminists for Non-Violent Choices of New York (formerly Feminists Choosing Life). Welcome, Suzanne!

# Crowdfunding: a new resource for pro-life groups near and far Local "Life Ballet" Gosnell film raises over \$2.2 mil

Sandy Arena's "Life Ballet" is the story in dance of abortion, regret, and forgiveness. It has been seen in many places. However, valuable though the ballet may be, transporting dancers, costumes, and props across the country is expensive and cumbersome. A professionally-made film with professional sound recording seemed like a better option and Arena is hoping that Indiegogo will help her do it.

Auditions will take place Sunday, July 13, for both vocalists and dancers. Anyone interested in auditioning should contact her at <a href="mailto:sandyarena@thelifeballet.org">sandyarena@thelifeballet.org</a> for information on how to prepare. Rehearsals are in July and August and the first filming date will be in late August in Rochester.

The Life Ballet is the newest artist signed to Verb Records, which will oversee the production of the film.

Arena is working to raise \$14,000 via Indiegogo for part of the expenses. You can see more of her project at <a href="http://igg.me/at/thelifeballet/x/7760296">http://igg.me/at/thelifeballet/x/7760296</a>



Indigogo crowdfunding raised over \$2.2 million for a projected film on Philadelphia abortionist Kermit Gosnell. A total of 26,574 donors contributed \$2,241,043, which exceeds the required minimum of \$2.1 million. The final \$100,000 was raised in just 24 hours as the campaign came to a close.

"I've been overwhelmed," Phelim McAleer told TheBlaze. The filmmaking team members were elated, both at the dollar total and that so many people stand behind their effort. They are convinced that America needs to publicize that which the mainstream media

ignored.

Gosnell, whose abortion facility was a filthy horror story, was convicted of murder in cutting the spinal cords of three babies born alive. Kudos to the producers of this film.

#### Suggested prayers

Please become a **prayer partner**. Spend 5-10 minutes daily in prayer about life issues to provide a 24-hour prayer shield over our area. Join in the following monthly prayer themes:

**July:** That the freedoms we celebrate, the rights to LIFE, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, will be extended to the unborn.

**August**: That society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.

**September**: That the media will respect all innocent human life.

**October**: That the mentally disabled of all ages will be accorded full human dignity.

#### **In Memory**

**Edwin 'Ed' Oftedahl**by RARTL's Board of Directors

**Thomas and Christopher Dugan** by Mary Dugan

Salvatore DiSchino

by Marcia and Nicholas Mendola

Agnes B Valenti

(mother of James Michael Valenti)

**Marjorie Murphy** 

(passed in 2012)



#### In Honor

**Wilda and Henry Liana** by Wilda Yakish

#### In Gratitude

**Deacon Dick Lombard**by Carol and John Leary

## **Events of interest to pro-lifers**

**Sunday, July 13** vocal and dance auditions for The Life Ballet Film Project. Contact Sandy Arena at <a href="mailto:sandyarena@thelifeballet.org">sandyarena@thelifeballet.org</a> for more information.

**Friday, August 1 Camp Esther** beginning of weekend for pro-life teen leaders.

www.nysrighttolife.org/camp-esther

Friday, August 1 5K race at Powder Mills Park Rand Lodge to benefit the Gerhardt Neighborhood Outreach Center, which will help the Place of Hope Pregnancy Resource Center. Early packet pickup encouraged, Thursday July 31<sup>st</sup> from noon to 7 PM. Registration information through a link at http://gnocrochester.org/index.html

Wednesday – Saturday, August 6 – 9. RARTL Garage Sale. See page 5 for details.

#### **Save the date:**

September/October Walk for Life to benefit Birthright October 22 RARTL Annual Meeting at Our Mother of Sorrows on Mt. Read Blvd.

**November 7 Musical fundraiser** for Embracing Options. 7 PM, hosted at the Brighton Presbyterian Church.

## RTL MEMORIAL/HONOR TRIBUTE You are welcome to remember an event/achievement or a

deceased loved one with a memorial/honor/tribute, tax-

deductible donation to the RARTL Education Fund. A card in your name will be sent to the family/person you designate; contribution amount is confidential.

Mail form & check payable to RARTL Education Fund to RARTL; 675 Ling Road; Suite 3; Rochester, NY 14612

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## **Snippets world-wide**

Midwives in England now legally allowed to "administer the drugs used for medical abortions."

www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2645575/Midwives-carry-abortions-shake-prompts-fury-pro-life-groups.html#ixzz33nXsKGAy

Doctors in Belgium euthanize five patients per day. About 25% of patients dehydrated to death in Belgium are so killed without consent. Wesley J. Smith Blog of May 28, 2014 http://www.nationalreview.com/human-exceptionalism

Belgian deacon charged with the deaths of at least 40 patients in a Catholic hospital did it "out of compassion."

www.bioedge.org/index.php/bioethics/bioethics article/11004

Assisted suicide group in Switzerland, Exit, decided to now include elderly healthy people.

www.alexschadenberg.blogspot.ca/2014/05/swiss-group-to-assist-suicides-of.html#more

Reminder: RARTL will print out specific references for you if you do not have access to a computer. Call Pat at (585) 621-4690. Rochester Area Right to Life Committee, Inc., Education Fund 675 Ling Road; Suite 3 Rochester, New York 14612

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## Maya Angelou's legacy

Maya Angelou, a poet celebrated by the public, died in May at the age of 86. Much of her adult life had been on display since her first book.

Part of her life, however, is not as well known – her decision as a 16-year-old not to abort her child.

After discovering that she was pregnant, she didn't dare tell her family. However, she "couldn't deal" with the idea of abortion. As she said in a Family Circle essay, "I knew there was somebody inside me. So I decided to keep the baby."

When Angelou finally divulged her secret, her mother welcomed the grandchild who was on the way.

Not only that, but her mother offered generous and loving temporary periods of refuge as Angelou made her way into adult life and a career.

Years later, as a married woman unable to conceive, Angelou knew her son would be her only child. And she was so grateful for the wise decision she had made at age sixteen. <a href="http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/05/maya-angelous-prolife-journey/#.U4uWwCil7\_U">http://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/news/2014/05/maya-angelous-prolife-journey/#.U4uWwCil7\_U</a>

Congratulations to Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Lumber, their legal counsels, and all those who filed an amicus brief, for their 5 – 4 win in the Supreme Court!

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# Miss Pennsylvania says she is a "product of rape"

Valerie Gatto's mother was raped by a stranger. She first considered adoption, but then changed her mind when her own grandmother commented on the availability of God's help. With family help, she kept her baby.

Gatto commented, "Being a voice is life-changing. I'm not sharing this story for publicity. I'm not doing this for any selfish reasons. I truly am doing this to change the world and make a difference."

Research in the book "Victims and Victors" bears out the wisdom of the family. It says that women who are the victims of this terrible crime fare better later if they choose life for their babies. They tend to think of themselves as victors, who thwarted the evil wish of the rapist to destroy. The beautiful baby is their victory.

Bravo for Valerie Gatto's mother!

"Victims and Victors: Speaking Out About Their Pregnancies, Abortions, and Children Resulting from Sexual Assault" by Makimaa, Sobie, and Reardon

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