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Pro-abortion extremist campaigns at Mercyhurst

Stridently pro-abortion presidential candidate Hillary Clinton conducted a full-blown campaign rally at Mercyhurst College on April 1 at the college's invitation.

An appearance by such a high-profile abortion extremist in the Erie area would be expected to generate a strong pro-life response in any case. The reaction in this case was especially strong because Mercyhurst, founded by the Sisters of Mercy, identifies with the Roman Catholic Church.

The Church expressly acknowledges the obvious fact that abortion is the intentional killing of an innocent human being and an absolute violation of fundamental human rights. Many people see the Church's leadership as essential to the success of the pro-life cause.

Thus, many Catholics were dismayed by what they considered a betrayal of Catholic principles and values by a Catholic institution.

The initial news about Mercyhurst's intention to facilitate a political event for a pro-abortion politician immediately raised two serious practical concerns. First, what conclusions would the public draw from Clinton's association with a Catholic institution? The radical nature of Clinton's abortion advocacy would be obscured, leading people to conclude:

"Clinton's true position on abortion can't be all that bad if the Catholic Church is working with her."

Second, Mercyhurst's actions would convey a sense of complacency about abortion that would completely misrepresent the Church's position, which correctly



Demonstrators at the Mercyhurst College main entrance

regards the protection of the unborn and all innocent, defenseless human lives as a singularly urgent priority. This would reinforce an already all-too-common attitude: "Ah! Intelligent people don't dwell on any

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CARNATION PROJECT

Date	Time	Main Activities
Thu., May 8	1 to 9 PM	Make corsages. Fill special orders.
Thu., May 8	3 to 5 PM	Set up small tents.
Busiest Day Friday May 9	1 to 9 PM	Make corsages. Unpack and sort carnations. Fill buckets with water and plant food. Bundle carnations. Assemble orders. Make special bouquets. Store filled buckets awaiting pickup.
Saturday May 11	8:30 AM to 9 PM	Fill orders. Prepare buckets. Make bouquets for special orders. Make corsages. Load and unload vehicles. Make deliveries.
Sunday May 11	7:30 AM to 9 PM	Make deliveries and pickups. Make bouquets. Count and separate returned carnations. Clean buckets.
Monday May 12	9 AM to 5 PM	Make bouquets. Clean and store buckets.
Days Following	Call for times	Clean and store buckets. General cleanup.
At the Jean & Ed Hammer Residence 2816 Florida Ave., Erie (814) 456-0376		

Mother's Day Carnation Project help needed

The Annual Mother's Day Carnation Project is People for Life's most important fundraising effort. It is a very large undertaking that requires a lot of volunteers.

Please look over the Carnation Project work schedule and set aside some time to do some pro-life volunteering.

Don't worry about bringing your lunch; lots of free food and drinks will be available.

Call Ed or Jean Hammer, our carnation project coordinators, at 456-0376. Feel free to call *anytime*, including evenings until 11:00 PM and weekends. If no one answers, leave your name and phone number, and someone will return your call.

If your church is not yet a Carnation Project sponsor, now is a good time to talk with the Pastor about getting involved. People for Life will be happy to work with you to make sure everything runs smoothly. This is an enjoyable and satisfying project. The carnations practically sell themselves!

HOW IT WORKS Churches typically make the carnations available for a suggested donation of \$1.00 each, \$5.00 a half-dozen, and \$10.00 a dozen. Additional donations towards the educational work of People for Life are, of course, gratefully accepted.

Other churches prefer different approaches. Some, for instance, take orders from members of their congregations ahead of time. Others buy an exact number of carnations and give one to each mother. Churches are welcome to tailor the project to best suit their particular needs and preferences.

Carnations will be available to purchase throughout the Mother's Day weekend at 2816 Florida Ave. and at the Community Booth in the Millcreek Mall.

Help will also be needed during the week following Mother's Day, especially for cleaning and storing the hundreds of buckets used to transport the carnations.

STUDENTS: Volunteer for the carnation project and earn service hours while contributing to a very important cause.

March for Life: Incredible!

By Marielle Lafaro

On behalf of the 7th and 8th grade students of St. George School, I would like to thank People for Life for an incredible experience at the March for Life in Washington, DC this year. Over 50 of my students along with many of their parents took the memorable March for Life Bus Trip.

Thank you for accommodating us so graciously and for all of your extra services. Thank you also to the generous donors who helped the students who needed financial assistance. Lastly, thank you to those who contributed snacks for our young, tired, hungry troopers! It was *very* much appreciated.

Every one of the students reported having



St. George students on the National Mall with Jacqueline Policastro, Washington correspondent for WSEE TV-35

a great time and learning a lot from the 27-hour trip. Overall, they were most affected by the large number of marchers. Their convictions about abortion were strengthened by what they witnessed.

These young people now have a meaningful memory that will stay with them their entire lives. To quote the personal reflections of one 8th grade boy, "My experience in D.C. is one that will last a lifetime.... If I ever have a chance to go on the March again, I will say 'yes' in a heartbeat!"

God truly blessed this experience from start to finish. May He continue to bless People for Life.

Marielle Lafaro teaches Religion and Spanish at St. George School. She is also the Education Director of People for Life.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS. . .

"What I thought was funny was that all the big people gathered to save the little people and the people that are not even born yet. Imagine all those people gathered to save something the size of a quarter but as



St. George students outside the Smithsonian Natural History Museum

big as life." (7th grade boy)

"The whole trip was very inspiring!... I will never forget this trip!" (7th grade girl)

"Anyways, I really enjoyed the trip and I thank you for giving us the opportunity to go. I really appreciate [it]. Thank you so much." (8th grade girl)

"I loved the March for Life. The March was the greatest experience ever." (8th grade boy)

"I loved the entire experience." (8th grade girl)

"This trip was definitely worth the two hours of sleep. The experience was incredible.... This was something that I will never forget." (8th grade boy)

"It was overall the best day of my life." (7th grade boy)

FROM PAGE 1 Pro-Abortion Extremist

single 'life issue' (legalized murder, in this case) when there are dozens, nay hundreds, of other 'life issues' that can be used to rationalize support for my favorite candidate, no matter his or her position on child killing."

Fortunately, a lot of confusion was averted when Catholic Bishop Donald W. Trautman publicly expressed his objection to Mercyhurst's involvement.

A sizeable pro-life demonstration on the day of the Clinton rally made it very clear that Bishop Trautman's stance had substantial public support.

The demonstration took place along East 38th Street at the Mercyhurst College main entrance. Approximately 150 people braved cold, wind, and rain showers from 4:30 PM until Clinton arrived at 7:30 PM to begin the rally.

The main message of the demonstration was, *Hillary: Pro-Abortion Extremist*. Although news coverage of the demonstration was sparse, signs bearing the "extremist" message did appear in some local reports.

Over a dozen Mercyhurst students attended the demonstration. There were also Catholic priests, Erie Catholic Diocese seminarians, members of Gannon Students

for Life, members of Crawford County Citizens for Life, and small groups from Titusville, Union City, North East, and various other outlying areas.

Pictures of the demonstration can be seen at www.peopleforlife.org.

Obama v. Hillary

Hillary got all the attention! Hillary Clinton's April Fools Day campaign rally at Mercyhurst College almost certainly caused some confusion about her position on abortion. The strong pro-life reaction to the event helped set the record straight. But putting Hillary in the pro-life spotlight all by herself may in turn have caused some confusion about Barack Obama's position.

Make no mistake, Obama's pro-abortion credentials are every bit as "impressive" as Clinton's.

Both candidates are outspoken supporters of *Roe v. Wade*.

Clinton vows, "When I'm President, I will appoint judges to our courts who understand that *Roe v. Wade* isn't just binding legal precedent, it is the touchstone of our reproductive freedom, the embodiment of our most fundamental rights, and no one – no judge, no governor, no Senator, no President –

has the right to take it away..." (Statement on the 35th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*)

Obama boasts, "I have consistently advocated for reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under *Roe v. Wade* a priority as President." (Statement to National Abortion Rights Action League)

Under *Roe v. Wade* abortion is readily available in the U.S. during all nine months of pregnancy. No restrictions of any kind may be imposed during the first six months of pregnancy. During the last three months whatever restrictions are imposed may be brushed aside whenever, in the opinion of one abortionist, an abortion will in some way enhance the woman's physical, emotional, financial, or social well being.

Both Clinton and Obama have maintained 100% pro-abortion voting records throughout their legislative careers.

Both have repeatedly voted against legislation that would prohibit the transportation of underage girls across State lines for abortions without their parent's knowledge or consent.

Many states have laws that the require parental consent or at least parental notification before an underage girl receives an abortion. If the currently proposed

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Local Democratic candidates for Congress asked about abortion

All four 3rd District Democratic candidates for Congress declared their positions on abortion during a debate held at Mercyhurst College on March 19.

After their opening statements, the candidates were asked to respond to written questions collected from the audience. The very first question was one of the four submitted by People for Life President Tim Broderick: "What is your position on the use of government funds to pay for abortion?"

All four candidates chose to address the broader issue of abortion legality rather than to simply respond to the narrower question of government funding. The candidates left no doubt about whether or not they would protect an unborn child.

Three of them are clearly pro-abortion. One is clearly pro-life.

MIKE WALTNER - pro-abortion

The question was first directed to Mike Waltner. He did not comment on government funding, but he was unequivocal in regard to legality: Waltner would not prohibit or restrict abortion. "The government should not dictate to doctors" and "the decision to have an abortion should be left to the doctor and the patient" were two of his comments.

TOM MEYERS - pro-abortion

Tom Meyers, a lawyer, wove the most polished, well-rehearsed (albeit logically incoherent) response, managing to pad his answer with not less than six banal, time-worn, pro-abortion clichés.

Myers began his sophistry by describing himself as "subtly pro-choice" (cliché # 1). The issue of abortion, he said, is really a question of "privacy rights" (cliché # 2). Abortion is a private matter between "the woman," "her family," "her doctor," and "her god" (cliché # 3). As for government funding, Meyers said he "would not deny" government money to pay for abortions. The obvious insinuation was that by failing to furnish the money for an abortion, the government is somehow actively *intruding* into a "private" affair. Thus, to follow his reasoning, it seems that abortion is such an intensely private matter that public funding is absolutely obligatory.

Weaving along, Meyers suggested that his support for government funding of abortion is somehow tied to his conviction that abortion should be "safe, legal, and rare" (cliché # 4). In the next breath he pledged his support for, of all things, *Roe v. Wade* (abortion for any reason throughout all nine months of pregnancy). In conclusion, Meyers hastened to add that he is "personally opposed" (cliché # 5) to abortion, but that he would not impose his "personal beliefs" (cliché # 6) on anyone else – except, of course, an unborn child, or 1.2 million of them every year.

KYLE FOUST - pro-abortion

Kyle Foust began with a blank-check endorsement of *Roe v. Wade*. He called the abortion issue "tricky" and "controversial" but did allow that the issue merits a "hard look."

Foust maintained that abortion could be the "only option" for some woman. He did not say why he felt this might be the case.

Foust relies heavily on the assertion that because he is a male, abortion is none of his business. He also seems to feel that any attempt on his part to protect an unborn child would amount to a sexist effort to, in his words, "deny women their rights."

KATHY DAHLKEMPER - pro-life

Kathy Dahlkemper turned Foust's rhetoric inside out. After noting that she is a mother of five and the only female in the race, she declared, "I am pro-life, from conception to natural death," and, "I believe in the sanctity of human life." Dahlkemper expressly stated that she was opposed to the use of government funds to pay for abortions. She received a strong round of applause when she finished speaking. In contrast, there was no audience reaction to the other candidates' statements.

Phil English: 100% pro-life voting record

Congressman Phil English, running for reelection in the 3rd District, is unopposed for the Republican nomination. Since he was first elected to Congress in 1994 English has cast scores of votes on abortion and other important human life issues and has maintained a perfect, 100% pro-life voting record, as compiled by the National Right to Life Committee.

PA Pro-Life Federation PAC releases candidate information

The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Political Action Committee has compiled information about the candidates running in the Pennsylvania primary election for statewide offices and for the State General Assembly.

STATEWIDE OFFICES

In the race for State Attorney General, John M. Morganelli is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination and Tom Corbett, the incumbent, is running unopposed for the Republican nomination. Both are pro-life.

In the race for State Auditor General, Jack Wagner, the incumbent, is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination and Chet Beiler is running unopposed for the Republican nomination. Both are pro-life.

In the race for State Treasurer, Tom Ellis is running unopposed in the Republican primary. His position is unknown. In the Democratic primary, Dennis Morrison-Wesley is pro-life and Jennifer Mann is pro-abortion. The other two Democratic candidates did not respond to the PAC questionnaire, and their positions are unknown.

PA SENATE

In the 49th District, pro-abortion

incumbent Jane Earl is running unopposed for the Republican nomination and Cindy Purvis is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination. Purvis did not respond to the PAC questionnaire, but her personal statements suggest that she leans pro-abortion. When asked about her position on legal abortion by a People for Life member, she was evasive, saying only that abortion is a very "complicated" subject. She told another member that the government should pay for abortions when they are "needed."

PA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The candidates for the State House of Representatives have been evaluated by the PAC as follows. All were sent questionnaires; an "unknown" designation indicates that the candidate did not respond.

District 1 Patrick J. Harkins (D) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed

District 2 Flo Fabrizio (D) Incumbent, Pro-Abortion

District 3 John Hornaman (D) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed | Jason Owen (R) Unknown | Joe Pfadt (R) Pro-Life

District 4 Rick Mitchel (D) Unknown | Curt Sonney (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed

District 5 John Alward (D) Unknown | John Evans (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed

District 6 Lester Lee Lenhart (R) Pro-Life
Kathy C. Licht (R) Pro-Life | Brad Roae (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed

District 7 Mark Longietti (D) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed

District 8 Dick Stevenson (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed

District 17 Donald Duke Whiting (D) Unknown | Michele Brooks (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed

District 64 Scott E. Hutchinson (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed

District 65 Kerry L. Gern (R) Pro-Life | Kathy L. Rapp (R) Incumbent, Pro-Life, Endorsed

New Group in Warren County

A new pro-life group, Warren County Right to Life, held its first meeting on March 8 at the Warren County Public Library in Warren, PA. The new group hopes to soon be recognized as an official chapter of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.

People for Life President Tim Broderick attended the meeting and talked to the group about the mission and day-to-day operation of a local pro-life organization. He stressed how important it is for pro-life people to work together and to speak with a unified voice at all levels of government: local, state, and national.

Abortion President visits Erie

Bill Clinton, America's first "abortion President," made a stop in Erie on March 12 to campaign for his wife Hillary at East High School.

Twenty people gathered outside the school for an hour-long pro-life demonstration to show that not everyone is impressed with the Clintons' single-minded dedication to promoting abortion both nationally and internationally.

The demonstrators were allowed to gather on the East High School parking lot, right beside the long line of people who had come to see the former President. The police eventually asked the demonstrators to move across the street to clear the parking lot for Clinton's arrival. From their new vantage point, the demonstrators looked on as Clinton arrived with his entourage of local Democratic politicians.

Among Clinton's most outrageous actions while occupying the White House were his two vetoes of bills to ban partial-birth abortion. He vetoed the bills despite polls showing that a large majority of Americans were in favor of banning the procedure.

A ban was finally enacted during the Bush administration.

Clinton's first official actions immediately after assuming the presidency in 1993, were to rescind the pro-life policies of previous administrations by issuing five executive orders:

- reversing *Title 10* regulations banning abortion referral by Federal employees,
- repealing the Mexico City Policy that prevented Federal funds from going to organizations that provided or actively promoted abortion in other countries,
- repealing the ban on Federal funding for fetal tissue transplants from aborted babies,
- ordering military hospitals to perform abortions,
- and instructing the FDA to "review" the import ban on the RU-486 abortion drug.

Pro-Life Bumper Sticker Day

Mark your calendar! On Saturday, June 7 you will be able to drive up to People for Life's main office on West 26th Street and have a free, pro-life bumper sticker of your choice put on your vehicle.

There will be pro-life balloons for the kids and free refreshments for everyone.

The main office is located at 1625 West 26th Street in the Oakwood Plaza. Volunteers will be there from 9 AM until 4 PM. They will help you pick out your

favorite bumper sticker, carefully clean the installation surface, and apply the sticker for you.

Our easy-to-remove vinyl bumper stickers come in a variety of sizes and styles. There are over 100 different designs and messages to choose from, including:

A person is a person no matter how small
Choose Life!

If it's not a baby, you're not pregnant!

It's easy to be pro-choice, when you're not the one being killed

Love them both, choose life

Mothering is a proud profession

Pro-Life

Smile, your mom chose life

Stop the real war: Abortion kills 3600
Americans every day

Take my hand, not my life

Vote pro-life

Women deserve better than abortion

Pro-life bumper stickers are an amazingly simple, economical and effective way to remind people about the need to protect innocent lives. It is vitally important that we continue to do this, especially in this crucial election season. So, drive on in Saturday, June 7 and bring the kids!

Let's be reasonable

Editorial by Tim Broderick

Let's consider some comments made on behalf of Mercyhurst College in defense of its decision to host a rally for pro-abortion extremist Hillary Clinton. The following comments were attributed by the *Erie Times-News* to Mercyhurst's Vice President of Student Life:

"This is a historic moment in a political light for the state and an incredible opportunity for our students...."

"Certainly as Catholics, we have our differences regarding the abortion stance of Senator Clinton, but we also have a responsibility to go beyond single-issue politics...."

"We would betray our own intellectual integrity if we went into this without an open mind."

Now, let's crack open our minds a little farther and apply this way of thinking to a few other "single issues."

"Certainly as Catholics, we have our differences regarding Senator Bin Laden's stance on beheading Christians, but we also have a responsibility to go beyond single-issue politics.... We would betray our own intellectual integrity if we went into this without an open mind."

Get the idea? Let's try a few more scenarios.

"Certainly as Catholics, we have our differences with Senator Milošević's stance on ethnic cleansing, but have a responsibility to go beyond single-issue politics...."

"Certainly as Catholics, we have our differences with Senator Hitler's stance on the Final Solution, but have a responsibility to go beyond single-issue politics...."

"Certainly as Catholics, we have our differences with Senator Hussein's stance on targeting civilians with chemical weapons, but we have a responsibility to go beyond single-issue politics...."

Certainly, as rational people, it would be very unlikely that we would keep an open mind about a candidate who stood for such things. And it is unlikely that we would be anxious to learn more about the rest of the candidate's political agenda.

Ah, you say, but these examples involve crimes! Abortion is legal; it's a woman's right to choose. Besides, there is no public consensus on the "issue" of abortion.¹

Certainly, abortion has been legalized, but it still amounts to a crime: the violent, unjust ending of a human life. You don't have to be a rocket scientist – or a theologian – to realize this. And the kinds of atrocities mentioned above have also at times been "legalized" by government leaders.

Regarding consensus, there have clearly been higher levels of agreement in favor of racism, genocide, and religious persecution at various times and in various places than currently exist in the U.S. in favor of partial-birth abortion or infanticide. As a matter of



Mercyhurst students disagree with Clinton's abortion extremism

fact, both of these barbarisms are recognized as crimes under current U.S. law.

Yet Hillary Clinton openly opposes any meaningful restrictions on partial-birth abortion, as does her opponent Barack Obama.

Obama, by the way, also defends infanticide when used as a backup for failed late-term abortions.

No one has an "intellectual responsibility" to be patient with such rubbish! Every intelligent person, on the other hand, has a duty to disavow such cold-blooded inhumanity.

¹ *However controversial abortion might be, opinion polls show that only about 13% of Americans favor abortion for any reason during all nine months of pregnancy, which happens to be our nation's current policy under Roe v. Wade.*

BISHOP TRAUTMAN

Bishop Donald W. Trautman of the Erie Roman Catholic Diocese took a clear stand against Mercyhurst's decision to host a political rally for Hillary Clinton. He expressed his objections in a public statement announcing the cancellation of his plans to attend the next Mercyhurst graduation ceremony.

The Bishop's actions were big news, even getting attention from the national media.

People for Life is grateful to Bishop Trautman for responding the way he did. His response is not very hard to understand when one considers Clinton's proven support for unlimited abortion and that abortion is the unjustifiable, intentional killing of an innocent human being – *murder*, to use the term applied by Pope John Paul II in his well-known encyclical *The Gospel of Life*.

No matter your religious persuasion or affiliation, please thank Bishop Trautman for

not only recognizing that abortion is murder but for *acting* like abortion is murder.

Most Reverend Donald W. Trautman
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"Laws which authorize and promote abortion and euthanasia are... radically opposed not only to the good of the individual but also to the common good.... Disregard for the right to life, precisely because it leads to the killing of the person whom society exists to serve, is what most directly conflicts with the possibility of achieving the common good."
– Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life* #72

"The moral gravity of procured abortion is apparent in all its truth if we recognize that we are dealing with murder and, in particular, when we consider the specific elements involved. The one eliminated is a

human being at the very beginning of life. No one more absolutely innocent could be imagined. In no way could this human being ever be considered an aggressor, much less an unjust aggressor! He or she is weak, defenseless, even to the point of lacking that minimal form of defense consisting in the poignant power of a newborn baby's cries and tears." – Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life* #52

Community Outreach

People for Life is looking forward to another busy and productive outreach season with pro-life educational booths at 10 or more community events this summer. Planning is already underway for the Erie Wild Rib Cook Off, the Lake City Fire Company Carnival, and Corry Fest.

People for Life Annual Election Meeting
May 19, 2008, 7:30 PM at the Main Office,
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People for Life is a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-sectarian, citizen's organization committed to affirming the intrinsic value of human life. We are dedicated to advancing true justice by working for the protection of all innocent human lives, whatever the age, race, sex, physical condition, economic status, or place of residence (including the womb). We encourage local involvement through

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Learn more about abortion

Here are the audiences that have seen People for Life's *Overview of Abortion* presentation so far this year: St. Joseph Church 10th-grade religious education class; Sacred Heart Church religious education classes grades 7-11; St. George School 7th and 8th grades; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church 10th grade religious education class; four 11th grade theology classes at Mercyhurst Prep; two Family and Consumer Science classes at Mercyhurst College; and the confirmation class (over 100 students) at Our Lady of Peace Church.

To find out more about *Overview of Abortion* or to schedule a free presentation for your school, church, group meeting, or other audience contact People for Life and ask for Marielle Lafaro or Tim Broderick.

FROM PAGE 2 Obama v. Hillary

Freedom of Choice Act ever becomes law, these State laws and virtually every other abortion regulation will be nullified – including the Federal law that currently bans partial-birth abortion.

Clinton and Obama are not only supporters of the *Freedom of Choice Act*; they are both cosponsors of the bill.

According to the bill's own words, it targets "every [abortion-related] Federal, State, and local statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action enacted, adopted, or implemented before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act."

Obama: "Well, the first thing I'd do as President is, sign the *Freedom of Choice Act*." (Speech to Planned Parenthood Action Fund, July 17, 2007)

Hillary voted against the Federal *Partial-Birth Abortion Ban*. Obama was not yet a U.S. Senator when that vote was taken.

In 2002, while he was an Illinois State senator, Obama voted against a bill to prevent

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doctors from murdering viable infants born alive during attempted abortions. Obama later told the press that he opposed the legislation *because it did not contain an exception for the life of the mother.*

The Congress of the United States had recently considered similar legislation, the *Born Alive Infant's Protection Act*. That bill was approved in the U.S. Senate by a unanimous voice vote (98-0). The House of Representatives approved the bill by a margin of 380-15. While the Federal bill was being debated, the National Abortion Rights Action League announced that it did "not oppose passage of the *Born Alive Infants Protection Act*." Thus, Obama has been aptly described as "more pro-abortion than NARAL."

Whereas many pro-abortion politicians claim to be "personally opposed" to abortion but unwilling to impose their "beliefs" on others, Obama shows no such reservations and is prepared to impose his beliefs on his own grandchildren. On March 29 at a town hall meeting in Johnstown, PA Obama had the nerve to say, "I've got two daughters, 9 years old and 6 years old.... if they make a mistake, I don't want them punished with a baby."

On a related subject, during a televised debate in Cleveland, OH on February 26 NBC's Tim Russert asked both candidates, Clinton and Obama, to look back over their "careers in public service" and think of any "words or vote that you would like to take back." The only thing that Barack Obama could think of was a vote that might have helped Terri Schiavo.

The U.S. Senate voted unanimously to allow Terri Schiavo's parents one last shot at having her case considered by the Federal courts before she was starved to death, and one of the votes was Obama's. Of everything he has done during his political career, his giving Terri Schiavo one last chance to live is this man's biggest or perhaps only regret.

FROM PAGE 3 Warren County Right To Life

meet at the Warren County Library, 205 Market St., Warren, PA, on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM.

If you live in or near Warren County, make a point to get to the meetings and get in touch with your pro-life neighbors. You will find exciting and rewarding new ways to make yourself useful as a defender of human life.

For its first project, the group hopes to have an educational booth at the Warren County Fair, August 4-9.

For more information call Ryan and Dawn Yost at 814-563-3502 or contact People for Life.

2008 PRO-LIFE DATE BOOK 2008

April 15	Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot
April 18	Last day for county election boards to receive absentee ballots
April 21	Regular Monthly Meeting - 7:30 PM, Main Office
April 22	Pennsylvania Primary Election
April 29	National Pro-Life T-Shirt Day
May 11	Mother's Day / Mother's Day Carnation Fundraiser
May 19	Monthly Meeting and Election of Officers - 7:30 PM, Main Office
May 28-31	Outreach Booth - Erie Wild Rib Cook Off & Music Festival
June 7	Free Bumper Sticker Day - 9 AM to 4 PM, Main Office
June 12-14	Outreach Booth - Lake City Fire Company Carnival
July 3-5	National Right to Life Convention - Alexandria, VA
July 4-6	Outreach Booth - Corry Fest, Corry PA