



# Life Times

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## On 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of “Humanae Vitae”... “Pill inventor slams...pill” *by Rebekah Meinecke [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com) published Jan. 8, 2009*

The co-inventor of the contraceptive pill, eighty five year old Carl Djerassi, is now condemning his creation saying that it has led to a “demographic catastrophe.” Djerassi says that his invention is partly to blame for the population imbalance occurring in most of Europe. He says that in Europe there is now “no connection at all between sexuality and reproduction.” This holds true in the country of Austria where the average is 1.4 children per family. The fall in birth rate is an “epidemic far worse than obesity,” Djerassi said. He also said that young Austrians were committing national suicide if they failed to reproduce.

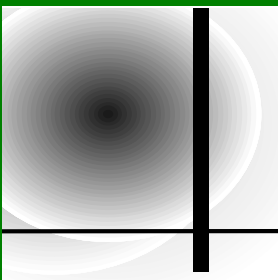
Cardinal Christoph Schonborn, the head of Austria’s Catholics, said that “the Vatican had forecast 40 years ago that the pill would lead to a dramatic fall in the birth rate in the west. Somebody above suspicion like Carl Djerassi...is saying that each family has to produce three children to maintain population levels, but we’re far away from that.”

Additionally, the president of the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, Dr. Jose Maria Simon Castellvi, pointed to “devastating ecological effects of the tons of hormones discarded into the environment each year” from pill users. “We have sufficient data to state that one of the causes of masculine infertility in the West is the environmental contamination caused by the products of the ‘pill’.” Castellvi noted that the International Agency for Research on Cancer reported in 2005 that the pill has carcinogenic effects. “The natural methods of regulating fertility are the ones that are effective and that respect the nature of a person,” Castellvi said. Furthermore, Castellvi states evidence “irrefutably shows that the most widely used anti-ovulatory pill in the industrialized world, the one made with low doses of estrogen and progesterone, in many cases works with an anti-implantation effect; that is, abortifacient [effect], because it expels a small human embryo. [T]his anti-implantation effect is acknowledged in scientific literature, which shamelessly speaks of an embryo loss rate. Curiously, however, this information does not reach the public at large.” So, the most widely used birth control pill is documented within the scientific literature to at times cause early abortions yet most people, especially the women who take it, are woefully unaware of this fact.

Castellvi goes on to say that “in celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Man we can say that the contraceptive methods violate at least five important rights: the right to life, the right to health, the right to education, the right to information (its existence causes information about natural fertility methods to be pushed aside) and the right of equality between the sexes (responsibility for contraceptive use almost always falls to the woman).”

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<b>May</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting	
11 <sup>th</sup> Mother’s Day Rose Sale	



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Value of Life Contest

**Thursday, March 5, 6:00-8:00 pm**  
**The Center @ Providence Retirement Home**  
 4915 Charlestown Rd., New Albany

## From the President: Sandra Naugle

When people consider the Right to Life movement, they usually think of abortion and saving the unborn, and that is the most prominent tragedy that we address. However, this movement also includes promoting the sanctity of life regarding the subjects of assisted suicide and euthanasia. Genesis 9:4a-6 states (NIV): 'From each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for in the image of God has God made man'. This verse not only states God's authority as

far as the taking of a human life, but many consider this verse the basis for establishing capital punishment as carried out by government. God's laws regarding the taking of a human life are very clear. There is no reason to believe they can be set aside for the purpose of 'helping' someone end his life, as in assisted suicide, or making the decision to end a human life, as in euthanasia. Physicians take an oath to 'do no harm'. Yet, we know that there are doctors who routinely perform abortions. There is also a growing movement to allow

euthanasia to become law in our country and we have seen the instances of assisted suicide in recent years. All of these are the taking of a human life and contradict God's commands concerning life. God has made it very clear when a human life begins and He alone has the authority to decide when a life ends. Psalms 139: 13 - 16 states: 'you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb' and 'all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be'.

Our mission is to educate people concerning the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Won't you help us do this with a financial contribution or by giving of your time? We would welcome you at our monthly meetings. Since the sale of Wesley Chapel's State Street property, Holy Family on Daisy Lane has graciously offered us space for our meetings. The only time this year we will not meet on the first Tuesday is in March for the Value of Life contest that will be held at The Center at Providence on Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Our life is a gift from God.  
What we do with it is our gift to God.**



## Biotech Firm to Provide Ethical Alternatives to Aborted Fetal Vaccines [www.LifeSiteNews.com](http://www.LifeSiteNews.com)

In a victory for pro-life families around the world, AVM Biotechnology LLC (AVM Biotech) announced their decision to provide ethical alternatives in the fields of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, and vaccine development. Dr. Theresa Deisher, AVM Biotech Research and Development Director and founder stated, "We will be working to bring commercially available, morally acceptable, vaccines to the US market and to use existing technology to produce new morally certified vaccines. Revenues from the vaccine business will also further the research, development and commercialization of morally certified therapeutics in other areas of medicine as well."

The announcement was an answer to years of hard work and prayers for Children of God for Life, a pro-life organization that has battled to bring moral alternatives to aborted fetal vaccines to the US market for nearly a decade. "There are no words sufficient to express our deepest gratitude to Dr. Deisher and AVM Biotech", noted the group's Executive Director, Debi Vinnedge, who was also named to AVM Biotech's Advisory Board for vaccine development. While most vaccines and medicines are produced in an ethical manner, several are manufactured using cell lines derived from aborted fetal tissue with no compet-

ing ethical products available. Vinnedge noted this has left concerned pro-life families in both a difficult and unjust position. Both organizations hope the news will spark Congress to move forward with their Fair Labeling and Informed Consent legislation, a bill that would require full disclosure from the pharmaceutical industry whenever aborted fetal or embryonic cell lines are used in medical products. "Every consumer, whether pro-life in philosophy or not, has the right to know if human fetal cell contaminants are present in the drugs they receive", noted Dr. Deisher. "Consumers should be informed and

empowered to make the best health care choices for themselves and their families. Surely, if we have the right to know what is in our fast food, we should also have the right to know what is in our medicine." AVM Biotech intends to further assist in this effort by certifying that its therapeutic products are not discovered, screened, evaluated, produced, or tainted in any way by the use of electively aborted human fetal material, human embryonic material, or any other unethically obtained materials.

## Elections Have Consequences: International Impact (Just One Example)

Obama's presidency isn't just a potential disaster for American babies if he keeps all his campaign pledges but is also a disaster for pre-born babies and their families worldwide. From LifeSiteNews.com on November 10, 2008 comes the following lament from Dr. Stephen Karanja, the head of the Catholic Doctor's Association of Kenya: "We in Kenya know him (Obama) as a person who is anti-family. A person who would support abortion. In America they can do all right killing their babies. But they must not associate with us with the people who would want our babies to be killed." Karanja says, "Africans are now under threat, with Obama having made his radical support for abortion without restriction a key point of his campaign.

"Now we are in big trouble because of these Americans." Karanja said Africa has been "saturated with contraceptives" by US-based aid agencies and organizations in the past but the Bush administration had "severely restricted overseas funding for contraceptives and abortion." However, Obama's election is viewed as a victory for those agencies and organizations, such as International Planned Parenthood, who expect to reap a windfall even with the US economy greatly struggling. Karanja says these groups bring condoms, abortion and population control but that Kenyans "don't need them. We don't need them at all. They come in our country for the purposes of trying to

sell an ideology to us, an ideology we do not need. There is something in Africa we have that they should come and learn. Something called 'respecting the family' (sic) respecting the elders, respecting the children, hoping for the best, and not being ruled. And people from the west have a problem with this. Karanja said the "one thing ... many Kenyans fear from Obama's presidency is the renewal of the attacks on the family and the unborn. 'The only resource we have that is truly ours is our people.' Don't attack them and we'll be alright. **And this administration of Obama, is going to be a nightmare for our people.**" (emphasis added).

Sadly, people in the third world who can use antibiotics and clean water are instead flooded with condoms and other anti-life measures such as abortion funding that they neither want nor need under anti-life American administrations such as former President Clinton's and in President Obama's. According to Dr. Karanja, 90% of those polled in Kenya over the last 20 years consider abortion an "abomination." So while we struggle to keep our home and national economy going, notice how Obama's administration is wastefully sending large amounts of our money overseas in anti-life activities that are resented and besmirch our great nation's name.

## Bayh votes to force taxpayers to fund abortions worldwide [www.irtl.org](http://www.irtl.org)

Indianapolis, IN -- Senator Evan Bayh yesterday voted against an amendment offered by Senator Mel Martinez (R-Fl.) that would have restored key restrictions, known as the Mexico City Policy, on taxpayer funding for groups that do or promote abortions in foreign countries. The amendment, which failed 60-37, offered the opportunity to

reverse President Obama's January 23 executive order dismantling the Mexico City Policy restrictions. "Hard working Hoosiers should not be forced to pay for abortions," states Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter. "Senator Bayh's vote may be popular with the United Nations Population

Fund, but it is out of step with the taxpayers of Indiana." The elimination of the Mexico City Policy opens a pipeline for millions of taxpayer dollars to flow to pro-abortion organizations such as Planned Parenthood while siphoning money away from overseas family planning programs that do not counsel or pro-

mote abortions. Senator Richard Lugar supported the Martinez amendment.

"It is distressing that in a time when Congress can't seem to spend our tax dollars fast enough, Senator Bayh and his colleagues are helping to funnel millions to efforts that will increase abortions worldwide," notes Fichter.

## News Flash: WE WIN!

As we prepare to enter a new era in politics and perhaps society in general, keep something in mind: WE WIN! No matter what political party is in power at a given point in time, in the end those that remain faithful to Jesus Christ win the war. We may have to fight many battles outnumbered and even despised and looked upon as criminals and outcasts by a society that is unraveling and degenerating into something no one could have imagined.

What matters is that we run the race to the finish line and fight the good fight. Don't go with the flow, for as the great Archbishop Fulton Sheen reminds us, "Dead bodies float downstream. More than ever we shall have to be strong in the faith. Regular and worthy reception of the sacraments, constant prayer, and rigorous study of the faith is now essential, not merely a luxury."

The front line and primary battle is going to be the fight for life: the dignity of every human life from the moment of conception to the last moment of natural life. If we lose that one, every other battle space will be compromised. If the government succeeds in establishing abortion as an inalienable right, then the elderly and sick will be next. It will then be a short and slippery step to the government deciding who lives and dies regardless of their inherent human dignity.

If you don't already pray the Rosary every day, please start at once. The prayer of the holy Rosary is the prayer of the holy Gospel, and that means it is the prayer of the Good News Who is Jesus Christ, the LIFE of the world. Many saints will be forged in the crucible of the coming years. Make sure you are among them. **God bless you, Fr. John Corapi**

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Join us for our Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Catholic Church, 129 W. Daisy Lane, New Albany. For information, please call the office at 812-945-1116.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

To educate citizens regarding the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death

#### THE CRISIS ....

**330 abortions** were performed at the EMW Women's Surgical Clinic in Louisville for January 2009.. The count listed below does not include the abortions performed at area hospitals.

For the year the number of abortions is **330**.

**1/3** of the women who enter EMW have cars with Indiana license plates. *Source: Right to Life of Louisville*

#### WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

#### Check out our new website.

Right to Life of Southern Indiana has a website. Our website will provide articles, student essays and pictures, links to other pro-life sites, legislative information, and a calendar of events. The newsletter will also be posted in full color.

<http://righttolifeofsouthernindiana.com>



"Happiness is... living a life of virtue"  
— Aristotle

"Pure Fashion" Fashion Show March 22<sup>nd</sup> at The Galt House! Come and enjoy a fashion show that features the latest spring fashions that respect the dignity of young women! This great event is appropriate for all ages and makes a wonderful grandmother/mother/daughter outing although dads are most welcome, too. The second annual Pure Fashion show features Brenda Sharman, the National Director of Pure Fashion, who is the 1990 Miss Georgia and one of the six finalists for Miss USA that year. Also featured is Tarek Saab, who made his TV debut on *The Apprentice* and Sarah Bauer, a Catholic-Christian singer. Tickets are just \$35 each or tables of 10 are available for \$300 and include lunch. Go to [purefashion.com](http://purefashion.com) and click on the Louisville link for ticket ordering or call the Right to Life office for more information.

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# INDIANA RIGHT TO LIFE

## 2009 Priority Legislation

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### **HOSPITAL ADMITTING PRIVILEGES**

SB 89 (Miller, Mrvan, Kruse, Hume)

Status: Passed Senate 44-6. Moves to the House; Sponsor Cheatham, Co-Sponsor Bell.

Requires a physician who performs an abortion to: (1) have admitting privileges at a hospital in the county or in a county adjacent to the county where the abortion is performed; and (2) notify the patient of the hospital location where the patient can receive follow-up care by the physician.

IRTL supports this bill because women who have complications after abortions and are admitted to the hospital deserve the same standards of care that other patients have, which begins with the ability of the hospital to locate and contact the doctor that performed her procedure and secure his or her involvement in critical aftercare.

### **WRITTEN CONSENT FETAL PAIN, ADOPTION, LIFE BEGINS AT FERTILIZATION**

SB 90 (Miller, Leising, Buck, Mrvan, Kruse)

Status: Passed Senate 39-11. Amended on the floor to include that “there are physical risks to the woman for carrying the fetus to term” (Errington). IRTL supported that amendment. Moves to the House; Sponsor Cheatham, Co-sponsor Bell.

Provides that for consent to an abortion to be voluntary and informed, a physician must inform the pregnant woman that there is differing medical evidence concerning when a fetus feels pain. Provides that notice must be given to a pregnant woman in writing at least 18 hours before an abortion: (1) concerning the availability of adoptions and that certain adoption-related expenses may be borne by the adoptive parents; (2) concerning physical risks to the woman in having an abortion; and (3) stating that an embryo formed by the fertilization of a human ovum by a human sperm immediately begins to divide and grow as human physical life.

IRTL supports this bill because women who are considering abortion should have information in writing. Currently, informed consent in the state of Indiana is verbal only. This bill would tell her certain key characteristics of the procedure she is considering, as well as options available to her.

NOTE: Pro-abortion advocates continue to attempt to use this and other bills to insert new language to have the state of Indiana adopt the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) definition of contraception. An amendment to insert a definition of contraception was defeated 6-5 in Committee. The FDA definition, however, includes abortifacients. Their purpose in getting this into law is to help Planned Parenthood continue to receive Medicaid dollars.

### **RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FEDERAL “FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT”**

To be authored by Representative Peggy Welch in the House of Representatives

No bill number yet.

IRTL supports this resolution because it will act as a communication from the Indiana General Assembly and Indiana’s elected members of Congress to ask them to vote “NO” on FOCA.

### **SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR FETICIDE**

SB 236 (Merritt, Delph, Steele)

Status: Heard in Senate Committee on Judiciary; referred to subcommittee for further work (date TBA). At issue will be the definition of how old the fetus must be (ex: in utero, 20 weeks, 28 weeks...or just tying it to the current, vague “viability” statute which is defined for abortions).

Provides that a person who, while committing murder or felony murder, causes the death of a child in utero may be sentenced to an additional fixed term of imprisonment that is equal to the advisory sentence for murder.

IRTL supports this language and will oppose any amendments to take the age of the fetus up to the current viability law (vague). That law is tied to abortion; we believe that when considering criminal or civil acts, the issue of life does not have to be tied to how life is defined as viable related to abortion. IRTL would support an amendment to expand the criminal actions to “violent crime” instead of only murder.

### **SENTENCE ENHANCEMENT FOR FETICIDE**

HB 1698 (Murphy, Yarde)

Status: Assigned to House Committee on Judiciary. No hearing set.

Provides that a person who, while committing a violent crime, causes the death of a child in utero may be sentenced to an additional fixed term of imprisonment that is equal to the advisory sentence for the underlying violent crime.

IRTL supports this language and will oppose any amendments to take the age of the fetus up to the current viability law (vague). That law is tied to abortion; we believe the issue of life when considering criminal or civil acts does not have to be tied to life defined (vaguely) related to abortion. IRTL also supports the language in this bill that defines criminal actions as “violent crime” instead of just murder.

### **ADOPTION OF ABANDONED EMBRYO**

SB 192 (Miller)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Judiciary. No hearing date.

Adoption of abandoned embryo. Allows an abandoned embryo to be adopted for implantation by another individual under specified circumstances. States that a person who knowingly or intentionally destroys or discards an abandoned human embryo commits unlawful destruction of an embryo, a Class A misdemeanor.

IRTL supports this bill because abandoned embryos won't be discarded but, rather, available for adoption.

### **ULTRASOUND BEFORE ABORTION**

SB 417 (Leising)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Health and Provider Services. No hearing date set.

Ultrasound before an abortion. Requires that at least 18 hours before an abortion that a pregnant woman seeking an abortion must obtain fetal ultrasound imaging, hear the auscultation of the fetal heart tone if audible, and view and receive a copy of the fetal ultrasound imaging. Specifies that the pregnant woman is responsible for the cost of the fetal ultrasound imaging.

IRTL supports this bill because research shows that women who see an ultrasound of their baby are less likely to choose abortion.

### **NEGLECT OF AN UNBORN CHILD**

SB 360 (Stutzman, Kruze)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Judiciary. No hearing date.

Specifies that, for purposes of the statute governing neglect of a dependent, a dependent includes an unborn child at any stage of development, and that a person "having the care of a dependent" includes a person carrying an unborn child. Makes conforming amendments.

IRTL supports giving unborn children the same legal status to not be neglected as older children are.

Indiana Right to Life Opposes the Following Bills:

### **DEFINITION OF 'CONTRACEPTION'**

SB 103 (Tallian)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Health and Provider Services. No hearing date.

Defines "contraception" as a drug or device that has been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy and provides that contraception is not subject to or governed by the abortion statutes.

IRTL opposes this bill because pro-abortion advocates continue to attempt to use this and other bills to insert new language to have the state of Indiana adopt the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) definition of contraception. The FDA definition, however, includes abortifacients. Their purpose in getting this into law is to help Planned Parenthood continue to receive Medicaid dollars.

### **MEDICALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION**

SB 309 (Tallian)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Education and Career Development. No hearing date.

Requires instruction in accredited schools on human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases to be based on information that is factual, medically accurate, and age appropriate.

IRTL opposes this bill because it would expand Indiana's current abstinence-based approach to include information about birth control, abortion, homosexuality and other sexual choices, etc.

### **PARENTAL NOTICE OF ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION**

HB 1317 (Lawson)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Education. No hearing date.

Requires a principal to send notice to parents if the school is providing abstinence-only human sexuality courses. Specifies the language of the notice. Allows a parent to have the parent's child excused from abstinence-only courses. Provides an appeals process for a parent who does not receive notice of the parent's right to address the governing body concerning curriculum.

## **PARENTAL NOTICE OF ABSTINENCE-ONLY EDUCATION**

SB 258 (Breaux)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Education and Career Development. No hearing date.

Requires a principal to send notice to parents if the school is providing abstinence-only human sexuality courses. Specifies the language of the notice. Allows a parent to have the parent's child excused from abstinence-only courses. Provides an appeals process for a parent who does not receive notice of the parent's right to address the governing body concerning curriculum.

While IRTL does not disagree with informing parents that Indiana has an abstinence-only policy, we believe they already understand this and we would not want these bills to pass to become 'live' vehicles for other types of amendments.

## **DISPENSING DRUGS BY PHARMACIES**

SB 20 (Errington)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Health and Provider Services. No hearing date.

Imposes a duty on a pharmacy to fill a contraceptive prescription drug or device in stock in a timely manner. Requires a pharmacy to take specified steps if the pharmacy does not have: (1) a contraceptive prescription drug or device; or (2) an over-the-counter contraceptive; in stock. Requires a pharmacy to ensure that the pharmacy's customers are not intimidated, threatened, or harassed in the delivery of services. Allows a person to file a complaint with the board of pharmacy or commence a civil action for a violation by a pharmacy. Requires the board of pharmacy to investigate a complaint and determine whether a violation has occurred. Allows the attorney general to file a civil action for a violation by a pharmacy, and sets forth the maximum civil penalties that may be awarded by the court.

## **DISPENSING DRUGS BY PHARMACIES**

HB 1238 (Summers)

Status: Assigned to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures. No hearing date.

Imposes a duty on a pharmacy to fill a contraceptive prescription drug or device in stock in a timely manner. Requires a pharmacy to take specified steps if the pharmacy does not have: (1) a contraceptive prescription drug or device; or (2) an over-the-counter contraceptive; in stock. Requires a pharmacy to ensure that the pharmacy's customers are not intimidated, threatened, or harassed in the delivery of services. Allows a person to file a complaint with the board of pharmacy or commence a civil action for a violation by a pharmacy. Requires the board of pharmacy to investigate a complaint and determine whether a violation has occurred. Allows the attorney general to file a civil action for a violation by a pharmacy, and sets forth the maximum civil penalties that may be awarded by the court.

IRTL opposes this bill because pharmacists should have the option to not dispense drugs or devices that go against their personal beliefs.

## **WRONGFUL DEATH OF A CHILD**

HB 1282 (Welch)

Status: Passed 10-0 House Public Policy Committee; Author withdrew the bill on Second Reading on the House floor when amendments were about to be offered to apply to a fetus in utero.

Specifies that the law concerning the wrongful death or injury of a child: (1) does not apply to a legally performed abortion; and (2) applies to a fetus that has attained viability. Provides that the law concerning the wrongful death or injury of a child does not affect or supersede any other right, remedy, or defense provided by any other law.

## **WRONGFUL DEATH OF A CHILD**

SB 341 (Becker, Steele, Young, Hume)

Status: Passed Senate 47-2. Moves to House; Sponsor Welch, Co-sponsors Lawson, Crouch.

Specifies that the law concerning the wrongful death or injury of a child: (1) does not apply to a legally performed abortion; and (2) applies to a fetus that has attained viability. Provides that the law concerning the wrongful death or injury of a child does not affect or supersede any other right, remedy, or defense provided by any other law.

Indiana Right to Life SB 341 and, subsequently, HB 1281, because they tie the age of the child to viability, rather than in-utero. While this would be a step in the right direction because Indiana currently does not recognize the death of a fetus in civil matters, tying it to the existing viability laws denies the life of the fetus before approximately 5-7months of gestational age.