

PPC Family Life Committee

By Aimee Place

The Notre Dame Parish Pastoral Council Family Life Commission involves, as the name implies, family issues such as marriages, pregnancies, Baptisms, Communion, divorces, unemployment issues, etc. Currently we are trying to aid sick parishioners of the parish with prayers, visitations to the home or hospital, and bringing food to the family members if necessary. The CCW and K of C are doing this now for one family. It would be helpful if other people in the parish would let this committee know when there is such a need. If any person is interested in being on this committee or needs assistance from the Notre Dame Family Life Commission, please don't hesitate to contact me at 638-1951 or e-mail me at abplace@comcast.net. May God bless you in all your charitable work.

Adoration for Life

By Bev Reid-McFarland

After Easter, please join our adorers on the first Friday of each month beginning with the Sacred Heart Mass at 8:00 a.m. Following Mass, we are in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Notre Dame chapel until 10:00 a.m. We dedicate our prayers to the fulfillment of all human life, from conception until natural death.

Thanks to Peggy English for donating the beautiful Lenten pro-life prayer cards you will find in the pews. Please feel free to take one and pray daily for "The profound dignity of every human life, including the vulnerable unborn children." This prayer is from Fr. Frank Pavone, a tireless worker in our Lord's glorious field for the abundance of life. More information can be found at www.priestsforlife.org.

Also, in the National Catholic Register, I found this announcement entitled, Tomorrow's Abortions: "Please say one Hail Mary today for any girl or woman that is scheduled or intending to have an abortion tomorrow that she will be overshadowed by the power of the Holy Spirit and realize that what she intended to do was terribly wrong. Then say one Hail Mary tomorrow for the next day and every day thereafter, all for the same intention. Our goal is a million Hail Marys a day. Please help us expand this in any way you can." The contact information for this prayerful endeavor is John P. Linder, 16595 540 Ave., Wells, MN 56097, or email jkl2009@live.com.

At this writing, the national Healthcare bill has not passed. This legislation contains no abortion safeguards such as the Hyde Amendment, and would use taxpayer dollars to fund abortions. Pray the bill with the current language will not become law and force all Americans to pay for the destruction of innocent children in the womb.

"Silent No More" About What?

By Peggy English

The sanctity of human life...from conception to natural death - THIS is the priority that makes other social justice issues matter at all. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin made this point clearly in his speeches regarding the US bishops' pastoral plan for Pro-life Activities in 2001: The fundamental human right is to life - from the moment of conception until death. It is the source of all other rights."

Did You Know?

There have been over 51 million abortions in the United States since 1973. That's about 3,300 abortions daily.

Worldwide, approximately 42 million babies are aborted each year. That's about 115,000 per day.

One out of every 3 to 4 women in our church pews have had at least one abortion.

1% of abortions are for rape/incest victims. 3% are because genetic testing has revealed a possible abnormality such as Down Syndrome. 3% are reported as "health of the mother." 93% of abortions performed annually are for the "elective reasons" of lack of financial support and/or lack of emotional support.

Pressured or coerced? 65% of women report some level of pressure or coercion into having abortions.

The 40 Days for Life campaign is underway all over the United States. For general information about 40 Days for Life, go to <http://www.40daysforlife.com/>.

A vigil is taking place locally in Elizabethton on Hudson St. outside of the clinic of Dr. Perry, who has been performing abortions there for 30+ years. Come join with us in prayer! For more info call Greg or Peggy English 257-3595 or 741-7787.

Additionally, I am available to do a presentation about ***Silent No More Awareness Campaign***. (I am the TN Regional Coordinator.) This PowerPoint presentation is written by the co-founders of ***Silent No More Awareness Campaign***. Within the presentation I give my testimony about the abortion that I had 32 years ago, how it affected my life, and my experience of forgiveness and healing. For more info call me, Peggy English, at 257-3595 or 741-7787.

Silent No More Awareness is a Campaign whereby Christians make the public aware of the devastation abortion brings to women and men. The campaign seeks to expose and heal the secrecy and silence surrounding the emotional and physical pain of abortion. If you have regrets about involvement with abortion, call 1-800-395-HELP or go to www.SilentNoMoreAwareness.org.