

SUMMER 2009 Newsletter

The last several months have been busy ones:

- January 23-- The Mexico City Policy is rescinded by President Obama. This policy gives our tax dollars to organizations/countries that performed abortion. Now organizations like International Planned Parenthood Federation and UN Population Fund will have close to a half billion dollars (our tax dollars) for “family planning” in foreign countries.
- FOCA, Freedom of Choice Act --This piece of legislation has not gone through yet thanks to so many people speaking/writing on it—keep up the good work!
- March 20-- The University of Notre Dame announces that they are presenting President Obama an honorary law degree and that he will give the principal address at their commencement.
- April 27--Former U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican, Mary Ann Glendon announces that she will NOT accept the Laetare Medal that she was to be awarded at Notre Dame’s Commencement. Although she was honored, after much prayer & thought she stated that she needed to stand up for life and her values.
- April 22--U.S. District Judge Edward Korman ordered the FDA to allow 17 year olds to get Plan B **without** a prescription and directed the agency to evaluate whether all age restrictions should be lifted on the drug. Plan B, “emergency contraception” is a high dose of birth control drugs—higher than the prescription given for the “pill”.
- April 24-- Annual Respect Life Banquet--This year’s guest speaker, Kelly Hollowell, PhD, J.D., shared her knowledge and passion for God’s gift of life kept everyone’s attention as she outlined the key elements we need to work on to be a warrior for ‘life’. She said that a good fighter must: 1. Know the enemy, 2. Know the facts, 3. Know how to fight, and 4. Know why you’re fighting. Her facts and figures included statistics from Planned Parenthood, recent executive orders, FOCA, stem cell research and how your tax dollars are being used to fund abortions (facts, figures & myths that Dr. Hollowell discussed on our education page-www.chattanooga.org) She concluded by reminding us that we must always pray first and that we have a responsibility to see that **every** life is treated with respect—it’s not a disposable commodity for people to decide if it’s “worth” keeping.

If you were unable to attend or were eating while Tim Buckley’s 3 minute video was playing please go to our website (www.chattanooga.org) to see it—it’s a must see! We also have a few of Kelly Hollowell PhD, JD books for sale.

- June 19-20—National right to Life Convention, Charlotte, NC. This year Kristie Hopwood and I were blessed to take 8 great teens from the diocese. They had 2 full days of workshops with other teens from around the country and have great ideas for getting their schools, friends & YOU more educated and involved in pro-life.

We are a group of all volunteers and would love to have **you** partner with us in one of our activities:

Prayer Chain for Life--1 hr of silent prayer on Respect Life Sunday (10/4/09)—BRING the FAMILY!

March for Life in Washington D.C.—On anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, join thousands at our Nation’s Capital to support life as we peacefully march (Jan. 22, 2010)

Christmas Card Sale—Christ centered Christmas cards are sold at churches (Sept.-Dec)

Youth Speech Contest—High school students prepare a speech on God’s “gift of life” (February)

Annual Awareness & Fund Raising Banquet --Friday, April 23, 2010

Thank-you and God bless you!

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