

Lifelines



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2008 Precious Baby Contest Winners

First Place

McKenzie (Baby #25)



Second Place

Saylor (Baby #24)



Third Place

Kason (Baby #26)



Thank you all for entering your beautiful babies in the contest and for witnessing to those that visited our booth at the Midland County Fair that every baby is precious!

These three winners were awarded with \$\$\$ bonds. All the precious babies were given gift certificates donated from Image Photography.

If you would like to sign up for next year's contest, please send us an email at midlandrtl@yahoo.com with the subject "baby contest entry form" and we will add you to the list to receive an entry form early next summer.

Renew Your Membership: Online or Mail

Right to Life wants to keep sending you our newsletter. Please let us know that you want to stay on our mailing list. You can either fill out the form at the end of the newsletter, or you can go on our web site at <http://www.midlandrtl.org/Subscribe.html>. If you do not renew your membership, we cannot keep sending you newsletters and your membership will be terminated. Thank you!

Roe is 100% Pro-Life

By Jennifer Rey

Norma McCorvey was pregnant, alone and scared. She was desperate.

Her life of abuse, drugs and alcohol had brought her to this point. So, when two ambitious lawyers wanted to challenge the Texas state law prohibiting abortion, McCorvey agreed to be the plaintiff.

Norma McCorvey became Jane Roe of Roe v. Wade.

But McCorvey was just "a helpless pawn in a political game." The funny thing is: Norma McCorvey never had an abortion.

Still, McCorvey was swept up into the fight for a woman's "choice." In fact, she even worked at an abortion clinic.

"This issue is the only thing I live for. I live, eat, breathe, think everything about abortion," McCorvey once told a reporter.

But God worked in her heart, since even at the height of her fight for the "right" to abortion, she was unsatisfied.

"That is because even on my lowest days I always knew this: I am only searching—even in my wildest, meanest, craziest, saddest moments at the very bottom—for what everybody else is also looking for—happiness, security, love," said McCorvey in her book, *I Am Roe*, written before her conversion.

McCorvey's life was changed when Operation Rescue moved in next door to the abortion clinic. Through her interaction with Flip Benham, the leader of the organization, and especially with Emily, the 7-year-old daughter of one of the Operation Rescue volunteers, McCorvey's heart began to soften.

"Emily's blatant affection, frequent hugs, and direct pursuit disarmed me. ... This childlike faith cut open my heart, making me receptive to the truth being shared by the adult volunteers," said McCorvey in a written testimony.

After learning that Emily had almost been aborted, McCorvey placed a face in the abortion victims.

"All [of a] sudden, I saw *Emily's* heart in that sticker [Abortion Stops a Beating Heart], and it just about destroyed me when I realized that 'my law' (as I once fondly referred to *Roe v. Wade*) had almost snuffed out young Emily's life. ... I was forever changed by this experience. Abortion was no longer an "abstract right." It had a face now, in a little girl named Emily."

McCorvey continued to work at the clinic, but God continued to work in her life.

McCorvey's co-workers heard little babies running down the hall. McCorvey herself heard a little baby's laugh while in the garden.

Whenever McCorvey shoved hatred into the face of pro-life demonstrators, they showed her love in return.

Once, McCorvey spit in a demonstrator's face. The woman merely smiled and said, "Jesus loves you and so do I. And I forgive you."

Little Emily kept patiently asking McCorvey to come to church and finally McCorvey gave in.

"One sermon was all I needed."

McCorvey saw Jesus in the pastor's eyes and kept repeating how sorry she was for her sins and how she wanted to undo what she had done.

"Finally, I stopped crying and broke into the biggest smile of my life. I no longer felt the pressure of my sin pushing down on my shoulders. The release was so quick that I felt like I could almost float outside."

McCorvey was baptized a Christian in 1995.

She at first still supported first trimester abortions. But then, she saw a fetal development poster in the Operation Rescue offices, and it changed everything.

"It's as if blinders fell off my eyes and I suddenly understood the truth—that's a baby! ... Abortion—at any point—was wrong. It was so clear. Painfully clear."

After working for Operation Rescue for two years, McCorvey and Ronda Mackey, Emily's mother, organized the Roe No More Ministry to handle McCorvey's invitations to speak and appear at pro-life events.

After many meetings with Fr. Frank Pavone, the director of Priests for Life, McCorvey entered the Catholic Church on August 17, 1998.

"I think I was calmer that day than everyone else. I had peace, because I knew I had made the right decision," reflects McCorvey.

McCorvey is now "100% pro-life" and is working diligently for the cause.



Photo by Katie Rey

Her new ministry is called Crossing Over Ministry. The purpose is to promote the sanctity of life through her story. Since it started in 1997, McCorvey has visited over 40 states and 3 counties, sharing the truth she found.


McCorvey primarily gives speeches and participates in pro-life rallies. She is still somewhat involved with Operation Rescue, and she actively supports pro-life candidates.

McCorvey once filed a case with the United States Court of Appeals, *McCorvey v. Hill*, to reverse *Roe v. Wade*. Although it was unsuccessful, she is still determined to fight for life.

Recently, McCorvey made a pro-life commercial, produced by Virtue Media. (You can view it online at <http://www.virtuemedia.org/norma.htm>)

“I’m one hundred percent sold out to Jesus and one hundred percent pro-life,” I like to say. ‘No exceptions. No compromise.’ ”

Midland Area Catholic Churches



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3516 Monroe Road
Midland MI 48642
989 631-4447

Saint Brigid Parish
207 Ashman Street
Midland MI 48642
989 835-7121

Blessed Sacrament Parish
3109 Swede Avenue
Midland MI 48642
989 835-6777

Respecting Life from Womb to Tomb

Lifeline Pluses

- + Granton Bayless, of Bolivar, Missouri was born with a rare immune condition called severe combined immunodeficiency that prevents him from producing enough cells to fight off disease. Recently, he received an umbilical cord transplant. Granton was able to move out of the pediatric intensive care unit, where he spent more than three months, and is now a happy baby playing with everything he can get his hands on. “We are experiencing him growing up again,” said his father, Daniel Bayless. “He is able to move again. He is able to play. He is able to smile.”
- + Speaking about her Down Syndrome son, Republican Vice Presidential candidate stated: "We knew through early testing he would face special challenges, and we feel privileged that God would entrust us with this gift and allow us unspeakable joy as he entered our lives. We have faith that every baby is created for good purpose and has potential to make this world a better place. We are truly blessed."
- + A Planned Parenthood facility in Albion, Michigan, cannot afford to stay open and will thus close this month due to lack of customers.

Adopt-A-Highway

Come out and help at a highway clean-up on Saturday, September 13, from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. We are meeting at the Shell gas station at Meridian Rd and M-20.

We will clean the 2-mile stretch of M-20 from Meridian to 8 Mile, and this will be followed by a BBQ at the Hovings house (3200 Riggie St.) Bring work gloves and a water bottle. Vests and bags will be provided.

This event is sponsored by Right to Life of Midland County. For further information call Julia at 835-7691.

Know What You Believe

Anti-Life Argument: Embryonic stem cell research is ethical since the possible benefits of research outweigh the loss.


Practical Pro-Life Response: Embryonic stem cell research results in the death of the human embryo. These innocent human beings are thus killed without their consent, and research has yet to cure a single patient from any disease. Embryonic stem cells are also difficult to control and have resulted in tumors in animals. In addition, since the cells are embryonic, they grow at a much faster rate than those of adults, thus causing obvious problems. Finally, since they come from a different human body and have different DNA, embryonic stem cells are often rejected and risk Graft vs. Host disease.

Adult stem cells and umbilical cord blood have been used successfully. It causes no harm to the patient, and it has been used to help thousands of patients. Adult stem cells have been used to treat or help 73 different diseases, including Parkinson's, spinal cord injuries, various forms of leukemia, heart damage and various forms of cancer. Also, adult stem cells do not face the risks of embryonic stem cells since they usually come from the body of the patient. (www.stemcellresearchcures.com)

Voters in Michigan have the opportunity this November to say No to Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research and Human Embryo Research by voting **NO on PROPOSAL 2**. This is a dangerous proposal that would open the doors for human cloning and unrestricted research. Let your voices be heard - **VOTE NO ON 2!**

Tell everyone you know **2 goes 2 far!** For more information visit www.micause.com. If you are able to help defeat this proposal, contact us at 835-2222.

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St. Agnes Council No. 8043 of Sanford
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Cardinal Hickey Council No. 14056 of Midland
Support the work of Right to Life of Michigan!

Respect Life Mass:

Saginaw Diocese Bishop Robert Carlson will be celebrating a Respect Life Mass on Sunday, October 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary's University Parish, 1405 S. Washington St., Mt. Pleasant, MI.

YES! I want to be a member of Right to Life of Midland County, Inc!

Enclosed is payment for: New membership or Renewal:

\$5.00 Student, \$8.00 Senior, \$12.00 Single, \$18.00 Family,
 \$25.00 Silver, \$50.00 Gold, \$75.00 Platinum, Extra Donation _____

YES, make our Right to Life funds do more! Send my newsletter by e-mail to my address below.

I am not able to donate at this time, but I want to continue receiving Lifelines in my mail.

YES! I would like to volunteer my time!

Send me information on:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending monthly meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Roe v Wade Vigil (January 22) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being a public spokesperson for RTL | <input type="checkbox"/> High school oratorical contest (Spring) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making phone calls for membership drives | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-A-Highway cleanup (Apr, July, Sept) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making phone calls to lobby politicians | <input type="checkbox"/> Midland County Fair Booth (August) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making Get Out The Vote phone calls | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Chain (October) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Rummage Sale |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Shower for Pregnancy centers | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinating Community Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Being a church representative for _____ Church | |

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Memorable Quote

“It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.”

—Mother Teresa

Planned Parenthood Facts

- 32% of Planned Parenthood’s income, as of June 2003, comes from government grants and contracts—tax money—amounting to \$2,709,300,000 (<http://www.all.org/stop/rr0404.htm>).
- Eugenics was “absolutely essential to her [Margaret Sanger] understanding and propagation of birth control.” One of Sanger’s favorite slogans was “Birth Control: To Create a Race of Thoroughbreds.” This was later discontinued in 1929 and replaced with “Babies by Choice, Not Chance.” (taken from Donald de Marco and Benjamin D. Wiker’s *Architects of the Culture of Death*)

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 11, *Monthly Meeting*, 7:00 p.m., Library Conference Room C.

Saturday, September 13, *Adopt-A-Highway*, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Shell gas station at Meridian Rd and M-20.

Thursday, October 2, *Focus on Life Dinner*, 6:00-8:30 p.m., our speaker is Dr. Theresa Burke, from Rachel's Vineyard, a post abortive healing ministry. Held at the Senior Complex, Midland Community Center. To register, send \$30/person to Julia Hoving, 3200 Riggie St., Midland, MI 48640. Include your name, address, phone & note FLD dinner. Call 835-7691 for info.

Sunday, October 5, *Life Chain*, 2:30-3:30 p.m., pick up signs behind Pathways Bookstore.

Thursday, October 9, *Monthly Meeting*, 7:00 p.m., Library Conference Room C.

Thursday, November 13, *Affiliate Elections/Monthly Meeting*, 7:00 p.m., 2811 Canterbury Dr.