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Baby Number 7 Billion Not An Overpopulation Concern

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Sometime late this year a baby will emerge from the womb of its mother, draw its first breath, and announce its arrival into the world with a tiny cry. Thus will Baby Seven Billion be born. Everyone agrees that Baby Seven Billion's birthday—the day that our planet becomes home to seven billion human beings—marks an important milestone. But is it a milestone on humanity's upward path that we should celebrate, or a warning sign of impending catastrophe? The prophets of doom and gloom, of population bombs and the baby booms, would have preferred that Baby Seven Billion had never been born. We believe that the birth of Baby Seven Billion is cause for celebration. He or she has been born into a world that is more prosperous than our forebears could have imagined. As our numbers have climbed so has our well-being. In 1800, when there were only 1 billion people, per capita income was a mere \$100. By 1900, as the population was closing in on 2 billion, it reached \$500. Currently, with 7 billion people, per capita income has soared to over \$5,000. In 2100, when the population is projected to be between 7 and 8 billion (and falling), it will be \$30,000 in current dollars. Driving the so-called "population explosion" has been a real explosion in health and longevity. As late as the 19th century, four out of every 10 children died before reaching age five. Today under-five mortality is under 7 percent. Two hundred years ago, human life expectancy was under 30 years. Today it is closer to 70 years. As people live longer, naturally there are more of us around at any given time. This is cause to celebrate, not to despair. By nearly every measure of well-being, from infant mortality and life expectancy to educational level and caloric intake, life in Africa, Asia, and Latin America has been getting dramatically better. According to the World Bank, the average income in the developing world has more than doubled since 1960. Enough grain is produced for every person on earth to consume 3,500 calories daily. There is no need for anyone to starve in the midst of this plenty. Population has doubled since 1960, but world food and resource production has never been higher. Economies continue to expand, productivity is up, and pollution is declining. The human race has never been so well off. In fact, under popula-



tion, not overpopulation, is the biggest threat facing the world today. Over eighty countries representing well over half the world's population will have below replacement fertility—defined as 2.1 children per woman. The populations of the developed nations today are declining. The UN predicts that, by 2050, Russia's population will have declined by 25 million people, Japan's by 21 million, Italy's by 16 million, and Germany's and Spain's by 9 million each. Europe and Japan will lose half their population by 2100. Countries with below replacement rate fertility will eventually die out. It's just a matter of time. Even in the developing world family size has shrunk, from around 5 children per woman in 1900 to well under 3 today. And the decline continues. According to the UN's "low variant projection"—historically the most accurate—the population of the world will peak at 8 billion in 2040 or so, and then begin to decline. By 2050, persons aged 65 and above will be almost twice as numerous as children 15 years and younger. The economic consequences of population aging will be closing

schools and declining economies. Ignoring these facts, the population controllers continue to spread their myth of overpopulation. The UNFPA and other population control organizations are loath to report the truth about falling fertility rates worldwide, since they raise funds by frightening people with the specter of overpopulation. They tell us that too many babies are being born to poor people in developing countries. This is tantamount to saying that only the wealthy should be allowed to have children. We should stop funding population control programs, and instead turn our attention to real problems like malaria and AIDS. Let us also join together in celebrating the birth of Baby Seven Billion. He or she is a sign of our future, our hope and our prosperity. People are our greatest resource. But the fact is, everyone, rich or poor, is a unique creation with something priceless to offer to the rest of us. Baby Seven Billion, boy or girl, red or yellow, black or white, is not a liability, but an asset. Not a curse, but a blessing. For all of us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April

- 5th Monthly Meeting
- 18th Deadline to Place Rose Orders

May

- 3rd Monthly Meeting
- 7th Rose Sale
- 8th Mother's Day

Monthly meetings are open to the public and are held at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at :

Holy Family Catholic Church
126 West Daisy Lane
New Albany, IN 47150

**We Invite YOU
To Join US!**

We meet in the Parish Office Building, which is located to the left of the church

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The Girl Scouts Promoting A Pro-Abortion Agenda

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Recently the Boy Scouts of America distanced itself from the Girl Scouts and entered into an agreement with American Heritage Girls to provide mutual support to one another.

The mission of Boy Scouts has always been to prepare young men to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Okay, but where are the Girl Scouts in this picture and who are American Heritage Girls?

American Heritage Girls was founded to offer faith-based leadership and character development programs to girls age five to eighteen. Its mission is to “build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.” The small all-girl troop structure provides a nurturing environment for learning and building positive relationships, character development and spiritual enrichment.

At this point you may be thinking this is what Girl Scouts have been doing. Well, the Girl Scout’s Executive Director, Marty Evans, has boasted, “We’re not your mother’s Girl Scout troop.” How true! Let’s take a closer look at why this is the case.

It is quite obvious that Boy Scouts are now considered a controversial group because they won’t allow homosexual troop leaders. You may also be thinking that the Girl Scouts aren’t controversial. These cute little girls who sell you cookies are all sugar and spice and everything nice? Well, not if the current generation of Girl Scout leaders has anything to say about it. For they hope to make these little girls the “shock troops” of an ongoing feminist revolution.

Let’s look back on the history of Girl Scouts, for change has been slowing coming for years. In 1972, they dropped loyalty to their country from their oath in favor of “I will do my best to be honest and fair.” In 1975 the first Catholic Archdiocese cut off all support for the Girl Scouts because of their sex-ed program.

During 1993, the Girl Scouts made “God” optional in the Girl Scout promise. “On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help all people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout law.” But the Scout manual notes that the word “God” can be interpreted in a number of ways depending on one’s spiritual beliefs. “When reciting the Girl Scout Promise, it is okay to replace the word God with whatever word your spiritual beliefs dictate.” Note that Boy Scouts have been sued over keeping God’s name obligatory in their oath.

Central to these changes has been achieving affirmative action for girls. **They are taught to support a decision to pull a life support system from a dying relative and (here it comes) given information and justification for “ending a pregnancy.”**

They still sell cookies, but here are some **new badges** to earn: “domestic violence awareness, stress management, girl power and **decisions for your life**” (teen pregnancy, etc.). Let’s note a few examples of these changes:

- In Pennsylvania, Junior Girl Scouts (age-12) can attend a workshop on puberty designed by Planned Parenthood to earn their “becoming a teen” badge.

- In Connecticut, Girl Scouts honored a Planned Parenthood official for promoting “healthy practices” in local troops.
- In Amarillo, TX, Girl Scouts have sponsored Planned Parenthood sex-ed seminars for 4th through 8th graders.

The following quotes indicate the Girl Scouts are abandoning their original foundation on biblical principles consisting of definite moral rights and wrongs:

- “You can rarely state that something is definitely right or wrong.” (See Exploring Spirituality—WAGGGS 2000)
- “There is no right way to live, look, talk, dress, eat, or act.” (See Brownie/Girl Scout Handbook—1993)

Many troops affiliate and work with Planned Parenthood, which is the largest provider of abortions in the United States. Further, their sex education programs are obviously aimed at young people and getting kids into sexual situations, which of course means more abortions for Planned Parenthood.

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts promoted their **participation in a march advocating “sexual and reproductive [abortion] rights.”** The participants demanded the following rights.

- All young people must have access to comprehensive sexuality education and sexual and reproductive [abortion] health services, including contraception and emergency contraception, in order to avoid unintended pregnancies.
- **Accessible, affordable and safe abortions should be made part of the minimum packages of sexual and reproductive health services.**

The Girl Scouts allowed Planned Parenthood to distributed a booklet entitled, “Healthy, Happy and Hot” at The World Association of Girl Scouts. It purports to be a sex guide, advocating every imaginable kind of sexual activity stating, “There is no right or wrong way to have sex. Just have fun, explore and be yourself.” They also allowed their councils to distribute a book entitled “It’s Perfectly Normal” nationwide. Planned Parenthood believes that sexual activity of any kind is a human right at any age. It is never too early to start.

In one of their scouting books, there are coming-of-age stories such as an essay entitled, “All I really needed to know about being a lesbian, I learned at Girl Scout Camp.” And then there is the Covenant of the Goddess. This is a Wiccan “witch” website that describes their awards program. There is an Over the Moon Award, age 8 to 11 and a Heart and Crescent Award, age 12 to 18. These are offered to “any young person who is a member of any nature-oriented religion (Wicca, Druid, etc.) These award patches are to be worn on the Girl Scout uniform.

So if you think that your 12-year-old daughter, who joined the Scouts to go hiking, collect leaves, make candles and do bird-watching is in safe hands, it may be time for you to investigate what your Girl Scout troop and council are doing. We certainly should emphasize that there are hundreds of troops that still observe the traditional family-centered, God-centered practices of the original Girl Scouts. But they are now fewer and fewer, for the philosophy coming down from national is spreading.

STATE NEWS

Indiana Pro-Life Bill Protects Women

The Indiana Senate has passed two critical pro-life provisions contained in a single piece of legislation (S.B. 328). The first requires that information provided to a woman before an abortion be done in writing, which helps make the informed consent law enforceable. According to Mike Fichter of Indiana Right to Life, the second provision contains a requirement that "any itinerant abortionist who comes into Indiana to do abortions one or two days a week must maintain local hospital admitting privileges." "And that's key," he continues, "because it now subjects abortionists to peer review at a local hospital -- and of course those privileges could be denied, which means the abortionist at that point can no longer operate in Indiana." At present, a patient is told after an abortion that if there are any problems to dial 911 for help. Four counties have passed laws similar to the proposed state bill. "The message that state legislators will be sending by passage of this bill is that there will now be a uniform standard in all 92 Indiana counties," Fichter said. Pro-abortion forces are fighting hard against the bill, although Fichter says it just makes sense and is needed for the sake of the patient. The Indiana House is currently considering S.B. 328.

Kentucky OKs Secret Abortions for Hoosier Teens

In a ruling with significant ramifications for Hoosier teens and parents, the Kentucky Court of Appeals ruled 2-1 on January 16 that minors from Indiana or any other state may ask Kentucky judges to give them permission to have abortions without their parents' knowledge or consent. The ruling is especially alarming for residents of Southern Indiana where teens are more likely to seek abortions in Louisville as opposed to Indianapolis or Bloomington. The state appellate court reversed Jefferson District Court Judge David Bowles, who ruled he had no jurisdiction to consider an Indiana girl's petition under Kentucky bypass law. As a result of the ruling, a minor who is denied a judicial bypass for an abortion in Indiana, need only to cross the state lines to seek judicial permission for a Kentucky abortion. If granted, her parents will not be notified in any form. Judge Joy Moore in her dissenting opinion noted that Kentucky judges have no "business making any decisions regarding a minor from another state seeking an abortion without parental consent."

LOCAL NEWS — 2011 Value of Life Contest



This year's contest included 167 students representing 13 schools. We awarded \$1,580 in prizes. Our contest began in 2003, as a means of educating our youth concerning LIFE issues. Over the past 8 years, a total of \$16,500 has been awarded in prizes and scholarships to over 2,400 students.

Congratulations to our 2011 Winners

Poster

Kindergarten—4th Grade

Holy Family Catholic School

Griffin Grannan—Jensen Dunn—Laiken Lancaster

St. John's Lutheran School

Molly Smith—Courtney Warren—Clara Hooper

St. Joseph Catholic School, Corydon

Tabitha Travis—Tessa Travis

St. Paul's Catholic School

Evan Spear—Luke French—Aidan Garrison

Essay

Level I (5th-6th grades)

Christian Academy

Rachel Courtney

St. Anthony's Catholic School

Gino Sartini III

St. Joseph Catholic School, Corydon

Trinity Travis

St. Joseph Hill Catholic School

Rebecca Reynolds

St. John's Lutheran School

Alex Woertz—Lukas Fielder—Jonathan Holsapple

Level II (7th-9th grades)

Christian Academy

Leah Smith—Belen Gregory—Abbie Adwell

Corydon Central High School

Jacob Smith

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

Tori Quinn—Nathan Shumate—Ryan Didat

Silver Creek High School

Rachel Cristiani

St. Anthony's Catholic School

Nicholas Richard—Mary Nokes—Rebecca Hellinger

Level III (10th-12th grades)

Eldridge Christian Academy

Rachel Eldridge

Oratory

Amanda McCauley, Providence High School

Scholarship

Rachel Eldridge, Indiana Wesleyan University

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MISSION STATEMENT

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

Mother's Day Rose Sale

It is time once again for our annual **MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE**. Mother's Day is May 8th. This is our primary fundraiser. We do receive some donations, but the support for most of our work comes directly from the sale of these roses. Profits from this sale help to purchase educational brochures and DVDs, pay for local fair booths, cover the expenses of operating our office, and pay for printing and mailing our newsletter. What better way to honor mothers and grandmothers on this special day than to make it possible for the work of protecting the pre-born and promoting the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death to continue.

For complete information, visit our website

www.rtlsoin.org

DEADLINE TO PLACE ORDERS – Monday, APRIL 18th

The cost per rose is \$2.00 (\$50.00 per bundle of 25)

If there is not a liaison at your church, we urge you to volunteer to coordinate this event for us. Please encourage your church to participate. We appreciate your prayers and on-going support as we work together to protect life.

