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Local Pro-Life Member Receives 2011 Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award

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Being pro-life "just makes sense to me," St. Mary parishioner Dianna Meinecke of Navilleton said after learning that she was being honored by the archdiocese with the 2011 Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award on Oct. 2 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis.

Bishop Chatard High School senior and St. Pius X parishioner Victoria Nondorf of Indianapolis, who received the 2011 Our Lady of Guadalupe Pro-Life Youth Award during the Respect Life Sunday Mass, said she is determined to be a voice for the voiceless and cheerleader for the unborn among her peers as well as adults.

In the course of daily life, Meinecke and Victoria said they try to convey to others that it is important to be pro-life people. To do that, they recommend staying informed about all the issues, praying and volunteering for pro-life activities.



"I would just like to encourage people to become informed," Meinecke said. "I learned so much about pro-life issues simply from reading the mailings of pro-life organizations. Their mailings will go a long way to educate people on life issues. Also, with the Internet now, it is so easy to find good information as long as one takes care to make sure the source is solid."

Meinecke and her husband, David, are the parents of three grown daughters—Elizabeth, Rebekah and Johanna—and raised them to respect the sanctity and dignity of life from conception until natural death. "I would make a comment that we want to respect babies' lives," she said. "As they got older, we were able to go to the abortion clinic in downtown Louisville and pray outside there. We also did the Life Chain."

Meinecke founded a Confraternity of Christian Mothers chapter at her parish, and also is active in 40 Days for Life and Right to Life of Southern Indiana. "I've never been afraid to say I'm a single-issue voter for pro-life," she said, "because

everybody is a single-issue voter whether it is their pocketbook or something else."

A native of St. Louis, Meinecke said she is honored to receive a pro-life award named for the late Archbishop O'Meara, who also was born in St. Louis. "I was 13 when Roe vs. Wade was decided," she said. "... My parents must have contributed to National Right to Life, and they always gave me the paper that organization published to read. I learned so much from it." She also posted an educational brochure in her bedroom titled "The Diary of An Unborn Child," which explains the miraculous stages of fetal development. "It must have been a powerful influence," Meinecke said, "because I still remember many of the thoughts from it even now."

She is grateful for her Catholic faith and education, and founded the confraternity chapter at St. Mary Parish to help other mothers grow in their lives of faith and raise holy families. The confraternity's mission, under the special patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows, is to foster "the Christian home education of children by truly Christian mothers." Meinecke said her faith has helped her to support her husband on his cancer journey. Her favorite devotional prayers are the rosary and Seven Sorrows of Mary as revealed to St. Bridget. "It is pretty do-able for a mom to say just the seven Hail Mary's a day and reflect on the seven sorrows," Meinecke said. "Also, the confraternity has a short 'Mother's Daily Prayer for her Children.' "

"Abortion is murder," Victoria explains to teenagers, and people need to talk about that terrible reality. "It's so incredibly wrong," she said. "I think when you put it that way then that really starts to put things in perspective for teenagers who don't know a whole lot about abortion. When you explain what it is, ... that makes them see what an injustice it truly is."

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 1st Right to Life Meeting
- 14th Teens for Life Meeting

December

- 6th Right to Life Meeting
- 12th Teens for Life Meeting

Right to Life of Southern IN 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

Southern IN Teens for Life meetings are open to all pro-life middle & high school students (age 12 & up) and are held from 5–6 pm as scheduled at:

Choices for Women
2019 East Spring Street
New Albany, IN 47150

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How Do Pro-Life Parents Deal With Pro-Abortion Vaccines?

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One of the most asked about and difficult ethical issues for pro-life parents to deal with is the issue with vaccination. [Many vaccines are created with cell lines that originated from an aborted fetus.](#)

Cell lines MRC-5 and WI-38 are common cell lines used to produce vaccines for rubella, polio, hepatitis A and chicken pox. MRC-5 was developed from lung cells from a 14-week-old male fetus that was electively aborted in 1966. The WI-38 line was derived from a female fetus that was aborted in 1964. There are alternatives possible to using these cell lines that originated from abortion, but unless manufacturers are pressured to change to alternative cell lines, it is unlikely that they will.



Many people often argue that using fetal cells from an aborted fetus is morally acceptable because the fetus was going to die anyway. However, if an organism must be intentionally destroyed to harvest cells, then the cells are morally tainted. If these fetal stem cells had come from a natural miscarriage, then it would be morally permissible for parents to donate these cells to research.

The morality of fetal cell use is analogous to that of organ donation. If the patient died of natural causes or a traumatic event, then it is morally permissible to use their organs for the benefit of others. It is not morally permissible to intentionally and prematurely end a person's life and then take their organs for donation. Using fetal stem cells from aborted fetuses is analogous to using organs from death row inmates or victims of euthanasia.

[Sound Choice Pharmaceutical Institute](#) is a Seattle company that has "developed a certification program to let consumers know how their vaccines, drugs and cosmetics are manufactured so that they can make informed choices about what to purchase." You can contact them at www.soundchoice.org if you have questions about whether a certain vaccine or other drug is morally tainted.

Did You Know ...

over one million abortions are performed in the United States each year?

Pink Ribbon Scandal: Pro-Life Groups Speak Out Against Komen

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With October as the month for breast cancer awareness and Komen for the Cure, which donates to the Planned Parenthood abortion business, holding events across the country, pro-life groups are taking a more active stance speaking out about the problems with the organization. Texas Right to Life has launched a new effort, "Pink Ribbon Scandal", A warning to Pro-Lifers about Susan G. Komen's 'race against Life.'

"October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, and men and women clad in pink will gather to mourn, celebrate victories of healing, and express solidarity in their goal to eradicate breast cancer by participating in Susan G. Komen Foundation-sponsored races to fundraise for this worthy cause. Susan G. Komen, however, compromises its own mission to find a cure for breast cancer by associating with Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion provider," the pro-life group says. "Texas Right to Life urges Susan G. Komen Foundation to stop sponsoring Planned Parenthood immediately and to start benefiting real health clinics for women. Furthermore, Texas Right to Life calls on Pro-Life individuals to boycott the Susan G. Komen Foundation and its 'Race for the Cure' until Komen severs all ties and affiliations with Planned Parenthood."

The concerns over Komen are more than its donations to Planned Parenthood — which totaled \$730K in 2009 and \$569K in 2010. "Many studies have linked an increased risk of developing breast cancer after an abortion, yet both Susan G. Komen and Planned Parenthood deny the risk abortion poses to breast health," TRTL says.

0 mammograms
332,278 abortions
There is a better way to fight breast cancer.

According to the most recent data available from the Guttmacher Institute and Planned Parenthood, Planned Parenthood did over 25 percent of all abortions in the United States in 2008, a total of 324,008 abortions. In that same year, they performed zero mammograms.

"Brian Harris, the president of Tennessee Right to Life, also recently outlined the problems his group has with Komen in a recent email. "Some at the Komen Foundation have attempted to confuse pro-life supporters by claiming that Foundation funds distributed to Planned Parenthood are used only for mammograms. Sadly, Planned Parenthood doesn't even perform mammograms," he said.

"Funds should be directed away from Komen and given instead to research groups which do not promote or fund abortion facilities in any manner," Harris said. He recommends the [Breast Cancer Prevention Institute](#), [Polycarp Research Institute](#) and [Coalition on Abortion / Breast Cancer](#) as three organizations dedicated to stopping breast cancer as ones pro-life advocates can support.

STATE NEWS

Chemical Abortions Surge According to Latest Indiana Abortion Statistics

Indiana Right to Life is raising new concerns over the alarming growth of chemical abortions in Indiana in the wake of the latest posting of abortion statistics by the Indiana State Department of Health. According to the ISDH's (Indiana Induced Termination of Pregnancy Report), which represents the most recent official abortion statistics available for Indiana, chemical abortions increased by over 16% from 2007 to 2008, confirming fears that Planned Parenthood is more aggressively marketing chemical abortions in preparation for an expansion of the procedure to multiple areas of Indiana.

The 2008 stats also reveal a slight overall increase of abortions by .3% from 2007 to 2008, largely due to an increase in abortions done in Marion and Monroe counties in Indiana. Not surprisingly, Planned Parenthood is the sole abortion provider in Monroe County and does the majority of abortions done in Marion County.

"Abortions are on the rise in Indiana and Planned Parenthood is

the reason why," states Indiana Right to Life President and CEO Mike Fichter. "These latest statistics underscore why Indiana should not send one dime of our public funds to Planned Parenthood."

The 2008 Indiana statistics also reveal abortion's devastating impact on the Indiana's black community with a disproportionately high percentage of abortions, 29.8%, done on black women.

"The trends here are clear to see. Abortions are rising in the areas where Planned Parenthood dominates the market, chemical abortions are expanding, and the black community remains a target of Indiana's abortion business," notes Fichter.

In spite of the negative trends, Indiana Right to Life is applauding an abortion rate reduction of over 7% in Fort Wayne as well as slight reductions in Lake and St. Joseph counties.



LOCAL NEWS

2011 Fair Booths



*Heartfelt Appreciation
To Our Volunteers*

Thank You to the 82 volunteers who set-up, manned and dismantled our fair booths this year. These dedicated individuals put in over 200 hours to ensure that we reached as many people as possible with the pro-life message. The \$900 that was raised will help to offset the cost of operating the fair booths. 25 teens signed up for our local Southern Indiana Teens for Life group and our volunteers collected 1,437 signatures on our petitions that will be sent to our state and national offices for delivery to our legislators. Volunteers also distributed over 2,500 little baby models in our four county area of Clark, Crawford, Floyd and Harrison. A special note of appreciation goes to our photographer, Mackenzie Johnston, who is a senior at Lanesville High School. We are truly indebted to all our volunteers who give of their time and talents to assist us in protecting all human life.

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We Invite YOU to Join us for our Monthly Meetings, which are held at **7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month** at Holy Family Catholic Church — 125 West Daisy Lane — New Albany. For further information or directions, please call the office.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Southern Indiana Teens for Life



Our local chapter of the Teens for Life organization is open to all pro-life middle & high school students (age 12 & up) in Southern Indiana and the surrounding areas. Short monthly meetings provide teens with opportunities to encourage fellow teens in their stands for life, hear from guest speakers regarding current bio-ethical issues, and participate in service projects to aid pro-life organizations. Come help establish a culture of life in your community!

To learn more, please contact:

SouthernindianaTFL@yahoo.com

or visit

www.SouthernindianaTFL.blogspot.com

Teens can also find the group's page on

Facebook

Facebook.com/SoutherindianaTFL

Upcoming Meetings

Nov. 14th & Dec. 12th

Join us at

Choices for Women Resource Center
2019 East Spring Street, New Albany

5-6 pm

**Encourage your teen
to become involved!**

