

The Salvation Army??!!!!??

This longtime Christian organization provides food, shelter, disaster relief, prisoner rehabilitation, services to the elderly and many other forms of aid. However, on December 17 WorldNetDaily (WND) reported that the Salvation Army has adopted a position statement that is a step toward abortion.

The bad news: Approved in November, 2010, the “International Position Statement on Abortion,” is linked to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute.

According to the Statement of Position “the Salvation Army believes that termination can occur only when

- Carrying the pregnancy further seriously threatens the life of the mother, or
- Reliable diagnostic procedures have identified a [fetal] abnormality considered incompatible with survival for more than a very brief post natal period.”

“In addition, rape and incest are brutal acts of dominance violating women physically and emotionally. This situation represents a special case for the consideration of termination as the violation may be compounded by the continuation of the pregnancy.”

The good news: On December 20, WND reported that the **Salvation Army USA’s** position statement is very different:

“The Salvation Army believes in the sanctity of all human life and considers each person to be of infinite value and each life is a gift from God. Therefore, when an unwanted pregnancy occurs, the Salvation Army advises that the situation be accepted and that the pregnancy be carried to term, and offers supportive help and assistance with planning.”

Major George Hood, chief communications officer for Salvation Army USA, said that though USA Army members were “blindsided” by the international position statement, they will work to make sure the Army’s position statement is “even [tighter], more anti-abortion.”

Thoughts to Ponder

In an e-mail dialog with Senator Bennet regarding Health Care, a local prolifer wrote:

In your response to my e-mail, you stated: “The Supreme Court’s *Roe v Wade* decision is the law of the land and I support preserving the right of a woman to choose whether to have an abortion...”

I wish to point out that previous Supreme Court decisions have been overturned by Congress. The one immediately coming to mind is the Dred Scott ruling.

Our country’s codifying abortion is analogous to first requiring the wearing of a badge, then removal of the right to own property, then removal of the right to life. It truly concerns me that our country is following the ways of Nazi Germany.

2011 Pro-Life Victories on Abortion

An explosion of life-affirming laws enacted in the States included:

At least 460 bills to protect women and their unborn children were considered in 47 states;

and more than 70 life-affirming, abortion-related bills were passed into state laws, 28 of which were laws protecting life.

The first ever congressional investigation of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America was begun by the Energy and Commerce Committee to examine PPFA’s “institutional practices and policies” and “handling of federal funding.”

Excerpts: Saunders, W. & Fiedorek, K.
“Giving Thanks for...” 20 Dec 11

Memorial Gift

Received from
Bob & Mary Payne

In memory of
their beloved son

Bobby

Thank you

An Ongoing Proposition...

If you have e-mail, would you like to receive your news-letter by that mode??

If so, e-mail your name and address (for positive identification) and your e-mail address to:

contact@ppcitizensforlife.org

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Abortion Statistics – 2011 – as Reported

1.21 million girls and women have [surgical] abortions every year.

- 44% are college-age.
- 61% already have at least one child.
- 69% are economically disadvantaged.
- 75% say they cannot afford a child.
- 75% say that having a baby would interfere with work, school, or the ability to care for dependents

According to the Guttmacher Institute (Pro-abortion) & Feminists for Life (Pro-life)

Of those numbers how many would change if, among other things,

- sex education promoted chastity before marriage;
- “family planning” would include abstaining from sex during the woman’s fertile period;
- and Planned Parenthood would be required to stop promoting teen (and adult) sex as the greatest way to spend an evening; celebrate holidays or eliminate boredom? [ed.]

40 Years Ago – December 13, 1971

Texas attorney Sarah Weddington testified before the U.S. Supreme Court in the class action lawsuit, *Roe v Wade*, for the legalization of abortion. The following are her responses to questions by the Court, and the reaction of Feminists for Life President, Serrin Foster.

Ms. Weddington: [The State of] Texas...would not allow any “relief” at all, even in situations where the mother would suffer perhaps serious physical or mental harm. If the pregnancy would result in the birth of a deformed or defective child, she has no relief.

Serrin Foster: *Why, Sarah? Why would you not choose to defend and protect the most vulnerable in society – both mother and child?*

Ms. Weddington: Regardless of the circumstances of conception, whether it was because of rape, incest, whether she is extremely immature, she has no relief.

Serrin Foster: *Why, Sarah, would you not advocate the prevention of violence – and the effective prosecution of the rapist – especially when a woman is young and “immature”?*

Thank you! Thank you!

We are most blessed to receive both prayer and financial support for the love of Life. Both are vitally important and most welcome.

A very special “thank you” to all who responded to our November letter with year-end gifts – both big and small!

Down Syndrome

Dr. Paddy Jim Baggot has researched the biochemistry of pre-borns with Down syndrome.

Taught in medical school that disorders such as Down syndrome were not curable,...

Baggot thought the “answer was to be found in pre-natal diagnosis and the... abortion of affected preborn children.”

He says this “health-by-death ethic” makes every disease “curable.”

Working with the Int’l Fdtn for Genetic Research, he now believes what once seemed impossible is now possible.

For more information, go to:
www.michaelfund.org

A Message from Oregon

I am a doctor practicing medicine in Oregon and Washington, where physician-assisted suicide is legal.

Despair, depression, and hopelessness are a part of assisted suicide. A few years ago, a patient of mine who was undergoing cancer treatment with a specialist became depressed and expressed a wish for assisted suicide.

In most [places], suicidal ideation is interpreted as a cry for help. *In Oregon, the only help my patient got was a lethal prescription.*

Don't make our mistake! Keep assisted suicide out of Massachusetts. [and Colorado! ed]

Excerpts of a letter to the editor of the Boston Globe, 4 Oct 11 written by Dr. Charles J Bentz, Portland, OR, an associate professor of medicine in the division of general medicine and geriatrics at Oregon Health & Science University.

End of Life "Care" - or "Death?"

Speaking recently about end-of-life care, Wesley Smith found the audience interaction after his talk became an intense debate on assisted suicide.

When the time came for audience questions, a self-described "mentally ill" woman took the microphone and strongly declared that she, too, should have the right to doctor-prescribed death.

More than half the audience applauded – validating the woman's potential suicide.

Why the change from an anti-suicide culture to one that is, at minimum, suicide-tolerant? Smith is convinced that the assisted-suicide movement has eroded society's commitment to suicide prevention.

Regardless of the legalities, accepting the taking of a human life by assisted suicide or euthanasia changes a society.

The values and perceptions of [our] society are distorted; the perceived intrinsic value of a human life is undermined.

Indeed, it leads to a culture in which a mentally ill woman can be applauded for wanting help in killing herself.

Excerpts: Smith, Wesley J. "Applauding Suicide..."; First Things; 22 Oct 11

Alzheimer's Emotions and Music

Last spring, a new University of Iowa study was published, that found patients with Alzheimer's-type memory loss can remember the emotional imprint of an experience even after they have forgotten the event itself.

Colleen Carroll Campbell speaks of her experience with her father who battled Alzheimer's for 15 years. She writes:

"Like millions of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease, Dad's failure to recollect names, dates and faces left him vulnerable to social isolation and to neglect from overworked aides in the nursing home.

"...his emotional acuity was keener than ever. Dad's mood was mightily affected by the tone of voice and gentleness or harshness of another's touch.

"I would find him singing and smiling in his chair, peaceful and jolly amid the dreary [humdrum] of nursing home life, after a visit, usually from my mom." Campbell, Colleen Carroll; www.stltoday.com

Caregivers have observed for decades that Alzheimer's patients can still remember and sing songs long after they've stopped recognizing names and faces.

Music therapy opens paths to the past for Alzheimer's patients. Studies have shown that music also can help...

...premature infants gain weight, autistic children communicate, stroke patients regain speech and mobility, patients control chronic pain, and psychiatric patients manage anxiety and depression.

The Institute for Music and Neurologic Function is working to bring music therapy into patients' homes. For more information, go to: www.imnf.org They accept outdated iPods or MP3 players that are still working and able to keep a charge.

Beck, Melinda; "A Key for Unlocking Memories:" online.wsj.com; 16 Nov 09

May all who are able and caring reach out with singing, music, and soft, loving language to old and new friends, spouses, and others with dementia.

Love is a gift never wasted, even if the one who received it forgets to say thank you.

Commemorating Roe v Wade

Sunday, January 22, 2012, is the 39th anniversary of the infamous U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing the killing of pre-born babies.

Pikes Peak Citizens for Life will be remembering in prayer the 55 to 60 million babies killed by surgical abortions since that terrible day – along with the estimated 150 million babies who have died from chemical abortions.

You are invited to join in an

Hour for Life
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

South of the old El Paso County Courthouse,
known as the **Pioneers Museum**, at
217 S. Tejon

Observe with us the

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Bring and share your thoughts and prayers.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Abby Johnson in the Springs

Former Planned Parenthood Director, Abby Johnson, will be speaking in Colorado Springs on

Tuesday, January 17, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Calvary Worship Center
501 Castle Road

Sponsored by Life Network, there is no cost to attend this event. A special offering will be taken during the evening. It is a wonderful opportunity to hear Abby's powerful story.

Abby Johnson joined Planned Parenthood as a college student because she wanted to help women in crisis – a goal she believed that PP shared.

In 2009, Abby left Planned Parenthood and joined the pro-life movement as a volunteer. She now works full time in our movement and has shared her story across the globe.