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MINNESOTA CITIZENS CONCERNED FOR LIFE
A PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

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Dear Mr. Beckel:

Thanks in part to the generosity of the Minnesota Knights of Columbus, the MCCL Lifemobile will soon be available to tell the pro-life story across Minnesota. The Lifemobile will be an effective addition to the educational program conducted by our chapters and speakers. This program is not only helping to build and organize pro-life sentiment across the state, but is also saving lives by teaching many young women why they should chose life, not abortion.

I hope that you will be able to see the Lifemobile at St. John's this weekend. Although the interior displays and graphics are not yet completed, the work has progressed to the point where it will be easy to visualize the completed project.

MCCL would like to request of the Minnesota Knights of Columbus a donation of \$1500 for the MCCL Inc Education Fund. The MCCL Inc. Education Fund is a designated fund organized in accordance with section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and is fully tax exempt and tax deductible. The requested donation to this fund will be used to further our educational efforts within Minnesota.

The cost of completing the interior of the Lifemobile has been greater than anticipated, but we are determined that the finished vehicle be of professional quality. The photographic display for the "family of man" montage in the first part of the Lifemobile cost over \$1500 (over \$1000 of this is not yet paid). This particular display will be installed by the St. John's meeting. Although the design and script are complete, we must still raise funds for the remaining graphics, purchase audio-visual equipment for the continuous slide show which is to be installed in the exterior wall, and obtain a tow vehicle. There will also be continued costs associated with maintaining and transporting the Lifemobile and tow vehicle, as well as keeping the Lifemobile stocked with literature.

In addition, the MCCL Inc. Education Fund must continue to be able to supply the literature, films, tapes, etc., which are purchased or produced by MCCL, as well as the equipment necessary for their use.

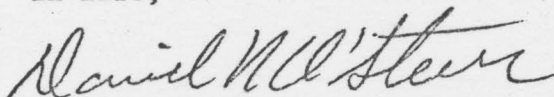
Clearly the struggle to restore respect for life will be a long one. On July 1 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that states could not require married women to obtain their husband's consent to abortion, or require minors to obtain their parents' consent to abortion. (See enclosed press release.) This shows how anti-life forces will continue to work to make the situation worse - not better.

Yet we are making progress in Minnesota. A recent Gallup poll shows that 52% of Minnesota would now ban all abortions except those necessary to save a mother's life. This compares to a national response of 45%. Also, the effort to urge pro-lifers to make their voices heard as citizens is also beginning to pay off. For example, at the DFL state convention in June, Carol Wold, an MCCL Board member, was chosen as one of four members of the Democratic National Committee from Minnesota.

MCCL has the organization and the plans to promote the pro-life cause in Minnesota, but we will continue to need the aid of our friends and allies. We sincerely appreciate the past help given by the Minnesota Knights of Columbus and hope that it will be possible for you to meet our present need.

Both our current president Leo LaLonde and I would be most happy to supply any additional information you might need concerning this request.

In life,



David N. O'Steen
Executive Director

cc. Gayne Maloney
Jim Campbell
Don Rausch



WELCOME

to the

MCCL LIFEMOBILE

The MCCL Lifemobile has been developed to carry the Pro-Life message across Minnesota - to teach the value of LIFE - to show the need to LOVE, RESPECT, and DEFEND ALL human life.

The MCCL Lifemobile is not yet completely finished. Still to be added are:

- * an expanded area on fetology - the facts on the growth and development of the unborn child
- * an expanded area on alternatives to abortion
- * a revised continuous slide presentation, especially developed for the Lifemobile
- * several new pamphlets further explaining the Pro-Life message
- * expanded lighting and sound equipment
- * exterior identification signs
- * a protective awning.

We are sincerely grateful to all whose generous contributions have helped to make this pro-life project a reality.

Would you share in the completion and maintenance of the MCCL Lifemobile by sending your tax deductible contribution?



Yes! I want to keep the Pro-Life message moving in Minnesota.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Amount \$ _____

I would like further information on the work of MCCL.

Please make checks payable to MCCL Lifemobile. Send to:

MCCL Lifemobile
Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life
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(Contributions to the MCCL Lifemobile are tax deductible.)