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# Life Cycle

EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW

ABORTION:  
TEN YEARS LATER...

TEN YEARS LATER...

# From Abortion To Infanticide

*The following column by Stephen Chapman appeared in the Chicago Tribune, April 22, 1982, just after the starvation death of Infant Doe in Bloomington, Indiana.*

After losing in court last week, prosecutors for Monroe County, Indiana, tried to put a good face on things. True, the state supreme court had upheld a couple's refusal to allow surgery on their week-old infant, a victim of Down's syndrome, to repair his deformed esophagus.

is a continuum. It does not begin at birth or even at the start of the third trimester, Justice Harry Blackmun notwithstanding.

A living, unmistakably human organism exists from the moment the ovum is fertilized. It will not develop into a cat, or a plant, or a cyst — only a person, because it already is a person.

To draw an arbitrary distinction between a fetus and a baby to justify treating them in radically different ways is to invite similar distinctions, and different treatments, for children born with defects.

allowing an abnormal infant to die of starvation is, to put it charitably, an exceedingly subtle one.

Surely it is unreasonable to expect the parents to endure all the costs imposed by a handicapped child merely because they weren't lucky enough to know in advance. If a defect can't be discovered beforehand, why should the mere technicality of birth condemn parents and child to living with it?

Then there is the "unwanted child" argument: Better to dispose of a child in the womb than to face the future.

the home, denying any meaningful resemblance between today's infant and yesterday's fetus. But human life

(though they have not been heard to condemn it, either). But the difference between aborting a defective fetus and

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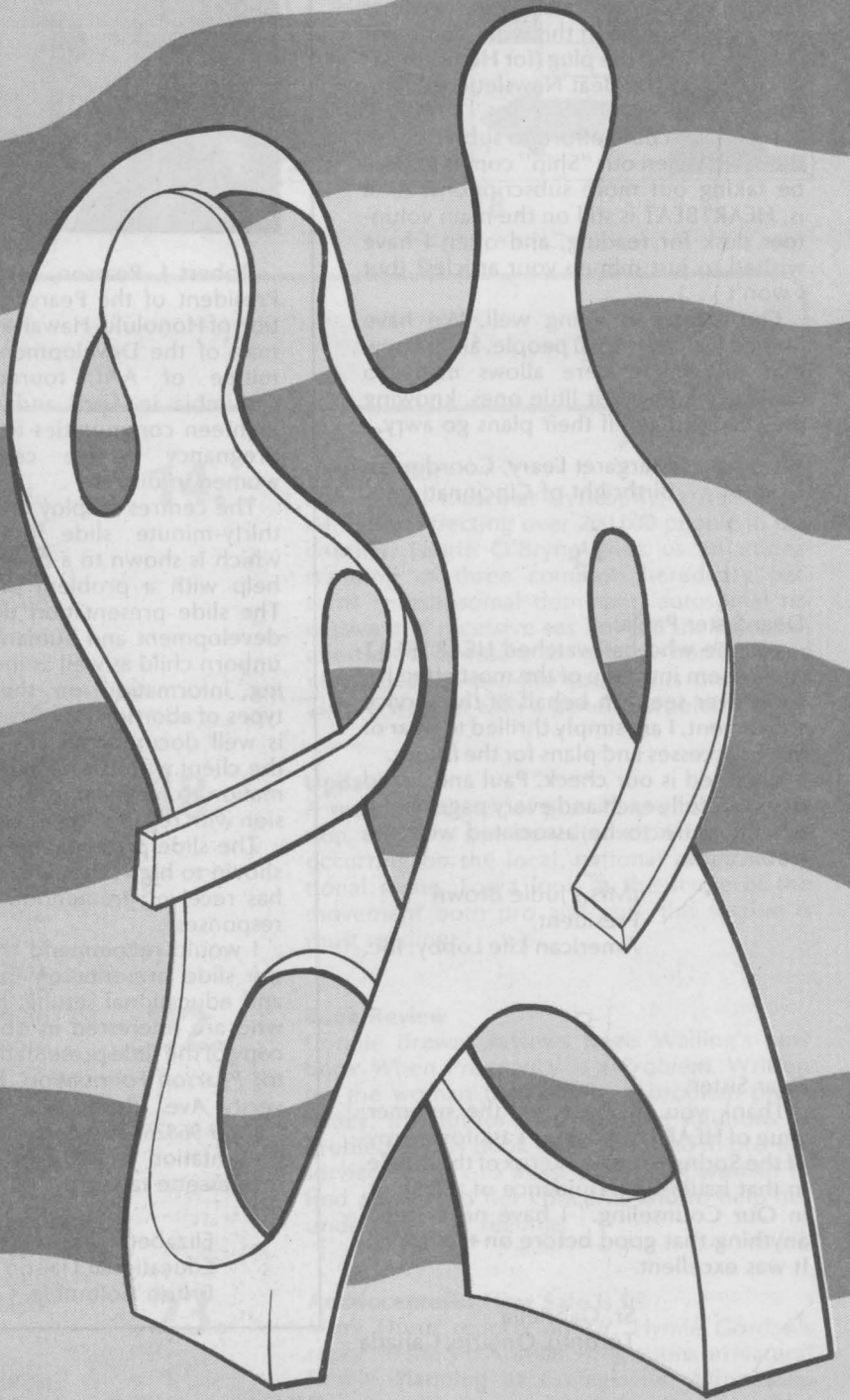
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**The positive future**  
**of pro-life**  
**in a new decade**





# Letters

Dear Sister Paula,

God love you — you write so beautifully — directly addressing our needs as only one involved in this work could do!

I recently put the plug (for HEARTBEAT) in our Keep the Beat Newsletter for our volunteers.

I wish we could afford to subscribe for them all. When our "Ship" comes in I will be taking out more subscriptions. As it is, HEARTBEAT is still on the main volunteer desk for reading, and often I have wished to just mimeo your articles! (but I won't . . .).

Our center is going well. We have helped well over 6500 people, and I know that just being here allows many to choose life for their little ones, knowing they can just call if their plans go awry.

Margaret Leary, Coordinator  
Birthright of Cincinnati, Inc.



Dear Sister Paula,

As one who has watched HEARTBEAT mushroom into one of the most effective tools ever seen on behalf of the service movement, I am simply thrilled to hear of your successes and plans for the future.

Enclosed is our check. Paul and I read very carefully each and every page, and it is a pleasure to be associated with the publication.

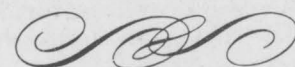
(Mrs.) Judie Brown  
President,  
American Life Lobby, Inc.



Dear Sister,

Thank you so much for the summer issue of HEARTBEAT. May I ask for a copy of the Spring issue or a xerox of the article in that issue "The Guidance of the Spirit in Our Counseling." I have never read anything that good before on that topic. It was excellent.

Sr. Gabriella  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada



Robert J. Pearson, founder and President of the Pearson Foundation of Honolulu, Hawaii and Chairman of the Developmental Committee of AAI, toured British Columbia in April and met with eighteen communities to establish pregnancy service centres for women in distress.

The centres employ the use of a thirty-minute slide presentation which is shown to a client seeking help with a problem pregnancy. The slide presentation details the development and humanity of the unborn child as well as incorporating information on the various types of abortion. The presentation is well documented and provides the client with the necessary information to make an informed decision with regards to her pregnancy.

The slide presentation has been shown to high school students and has received tremendous positive responses.

I would recommend the use of the slide presentation in a client and educational setting. For those who are interested in obtaining a copy of the slide presentation, write to: *Pearson Foundation, 1019 University Ave., Room 8A, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826.* The cost of the slide presentation is \$45, plus \$3.75 for the cassette tape.

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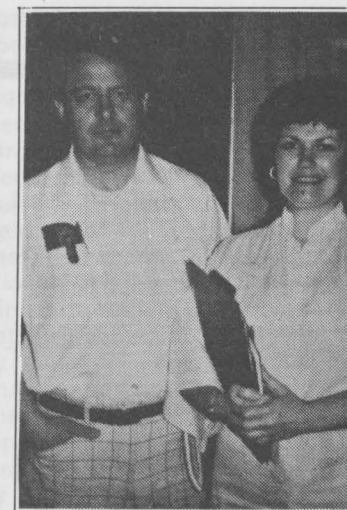
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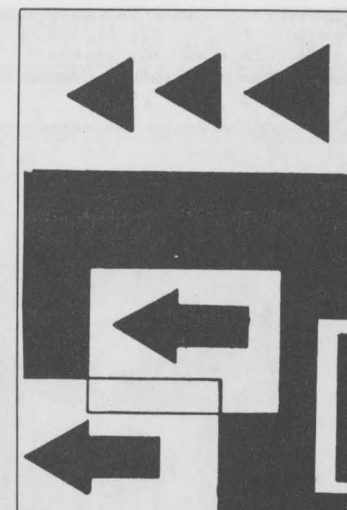
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What symbols, images and prophetic role do the elderly provide for us? Sr. Paula Vandegaer explores this question in the light of the life and death of Sr. Katherine. The power of her life and love in a totally helpless situation is a good testament to the value of all human life.

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### Voices of the 80's

Eleven pro-life people share their views and ideas on what is going on in the 80's. How effective is the movement? What are the trends that people are sensing? What moves people to be pro-life and what keeps them fighting?

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### The View from the Park

Anne Murray and Margaret Hatt interviewed four pro-choice demonstrators at the National Right to Life Convention. Their views on the abortion issue and some of the reasons they are involved were explored with them. Can the two sides ever get together, and what kind of healing is necessary to bridge a tremendous gap?

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### Abortion on Demand

Why would a group of extremely wealthy bankers, industrialists, and publishers desire to control population growth, and how did they succeed in influencing the United States government and particularly the Supreme Court. Political scientist Risdon explores the answers to these questions and reveals disturbing facts.

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### Paving the Road to Tomorrow

The words "I love you" are important words. When they are expressed by loving action they are even more important. The loving work of emergency pregnancy service center volunteers was apparent at the 9th Annual AAI Academy held in August, 1980 in Chicago.

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### Bobby's Story

Bobby had muscular dystrophy, a hereditary condition affecting over 200,000 people in this country. Laurie O'Bryne gives us an understanding of three common hereditary patterns — autosomal dominant, autosomal recessive and recessive sex linked. She discusses abortion as a means of "genetic control" and gives ideas to pro-life counselors on how to assist a woman with a genetic problem.

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### Update

A quarterly digest of pro-life events. This section contains summary items on happenings occurring on the local, national and international scene. For a look at the scope of the movement both pro and con, this section is must reading.

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### Book Review

Connie Brewer reviews Regis Walling's new book *When Pregnancy is a Problem*. Written for the woman troubled by a problem pregnancy, the author reviews some solutions to problems. This book might be used in pro-life service centers to assist the young woman to find answers to her concerns and to help her understand her feelings.

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### Amniocentesis: How Safe Is It?

Mary Dunn reports on Dr. Hymie Gordan's report at the 5th Annual Symposium on Natural Family Planning at Collegeville, Minnesota. He reveals the inaccuracies and medical hazards of this common procedure and points out that it is much more hazardous to the baby than the American public has been led to believe.



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These are some notes I took while listening to Annette (<sup>HUBBARD</sup>?) Hurd, a speaker from the Abortion Education and Referral Service. They send speakers to high schools and colleges. They also provide a telephone referral service for pregnancy testing, abortion referral, pre-natal care, and adoption referral.

There were 3 points stressed over and over:

- \*birth control is not 100% effective.
- \*that she is not there to change anyones beliefs; a tolerance for all view points.
- \*termination of a pregnancy.

The slide show contained these ideas:

Abortion as a rational approach  
Right to privacy  
Freedom of choice from government control  
Abortion being legal through out history  
Dangers of illegal abortions  
Illegal abortion is unfair to the poor who can not fly to a country where it is legal  
Deaths in early abortions only 1/100,000  
Complications less then 1%  
No increase in sterility or premature delivery after 1 abortion  
Slight increse in premature delivery after 2 abortions  
Pregnacy is the leading cause for female dropouts  
Teen brides usually divorce after 3 years  
60% of the children of teens are on welfare  
Higher suicide rate for teens with children

1st trimester abortions-90% of all abortions  
done by vacuum aspiration. Cost \$170-200

2nd trimester abortions-8% of all abortions  
D&E Cost \$250-800 Done at clinic or out patient at hospital

Pregnancy may be terminated in Mn. to the 22nd week; in Ca. & N.Y. to the 24th week.

Prostaglandin abortions have not been done in Mn. since 1976, though they are done in other states. They account for 1% of all abortions Cost \$1,500 and up.

There were 16,000 abortions done in Mn. in 1982.

20% of all pregnant women abort

25% of all pregnant teens abort

On the 1981 parental notification law.

Stessed this was not parental consent. A girl would not have to notify her parents if she were an emancipated minor; there was a documented history of physical or sexual abuse; after a two hour interview with a judge to see if she is mature enough to make this decision.  $\frac{1}{2}$  notify parents,  $\frac{1}{2}$  go to court. No judge in Ramsey or Henn. County has ever turned down a request.

One clinic reprted that 90% of fathers (of the aborted child) know about the abortion and 65% agree with the decision to abort.





The speaker asked many questions of the group to find out what opinions were held and asked the students to support their positions.

She said the Hyde amendment was not fair to poor women because abortion is a surgical procedure being denied to them.

She said there were many religions that did not believe abortion was wrong. We are restricting their religious freedom if we do not let them have abortions. This would be the same as forcing a Catholic woman to take the pill.

She admitted that abortion was ending a biological life, but this is not the same as killing because killing is associated with a crime. Ending a life is not the same as killing a life. There are women who have said they are killing their child but this is their personal, private decision.

The class had heard Shirley VanWambeek 2 days earlier. During the last 10 minutes of the period, they started to get on her case about the unborn child feeling pain. She said that there was no proof that the unborn child feels pain because it can not tell us. "If you stick an ameba with a pin it will move, but this is not proof that the ameba feels pain." The class did not buy this and continued to give her a hard time until the period ended.

(Notes courtesy of Linda Adams)