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## THOUGHTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land...but if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will uproot Israel from my land, which I have given them, and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name..."*

-II Chronicles 7:14 & 19-20 (NIV)

### WILL OUR NATION TURN BACK TO GOD?

As a nation, we are at a crossroads. Our secularized culture has literally shaken its fist in God's face and rejected His very name. We have become an abomination before God. The Prophet Jeremiah warned the Judeans of impending Babylonian captivity. He repeatedly reminded them that their exile would take place because they had forgotten God (Jeremiah 2:32; 3:21; 13:25; 18:15).

Every day I received email messages about what is happening in Washington DC and the impact it is having on our lives and our families. I have also received articles through email and various other media which indicate to me that God is giving us warnings as a nation. We have been prosperous and a world leader for a long time, but these past four years have revealed our dependency on our *own* wisdom and our *own* strength. They have shown us the gods that are in our lives, such as Wall Street, our financial portfolios, greed, pride, power, and control ("reproductive freedom").

Recently, President Clinton said that President Obama "has a plan to rebuild America from the ground up." [Source: Decision, October 2012] When I think of the word "rebuild," I think of creating something new – like rebuilding a house from the ground up after a fire has destroyed the original structure. Rather than "rebuild," however, we must restore –

that is, we must "restore" godly principles upon which this nation was founded and for which our forefathers shed their blood. It is because we have been governed by a Constitution which was written with these godly principles in mind that God's blessing has been upon our nation for the past 236 years. But what lies ahead? Will God remove His blessing from America because we have turned our back on Him?

It is time for the American people to heed the warnings that the Lord is giving through many means and stand up for clear Biblical standards and for our freedom to live by those standards. Like Daniel and his three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, we cannot compromise our deeply held convictions about whom we worship. And as Peter and the other apostles in Acts 5, we need to obey God rather than men when government clashes with our obedience to God. An example lies in the fact that though Roe vs. Wade made abortion legal, our obedience to God tells us to stop the killing of innocent children. Most recently, regarding Obamacare, government tells us to provide women with abortifacients and surgical abortions with our tax dollars. In God's eyes, will our compliance to government rather than obedience to the Lord make us accomplices in the deaths of preborns? How long before the all-powerful and just God retaliates for the sinful direction our nation has taken?

There are things we can, and must, do. Christians need to carefully research the candidates and the principles upon which they stand, not only at the national level, but also at the state and local levels. We must also remember that no matter who is elected at each level of government, difficult times are ahead. Much systemic damage has been done these past four years and it will not be easily corrected. However, the first step is to elect candidates at all levels who will restore America back to godly principles, including the protection of innocent human life. Otherwise, along with the financial ruin that will surely come, a loss of freedoms, like no one can imagine, could lie ahead.

Once we have elected righteous men and women to office, we cannot expect them to handle their position seriously if we do not support them in prayer as commanded in I Timothy 2:1-4. Very likely, elected officials with strong spiritual foundations have already gone to Washington, but without our prayers, have faltered when faced with the lions of government.

Yes, it is a crucial time in our nation. Will we heed the warnings and turn back to God and His principles or will we continue to reject God and thus lose His blessing upon our land?

## EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

**Students for Life of America Conference 2013:** The Teachers Saving Children® Inc. – National Board of Trustees officially approved sponsorship of an exhibit table at the Students for Life of America Conference (SFLA), to be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013, in Bethesda MD. The cost is \$1000, which includes 2 passes to the conference for our volunteers overseeing the exhibit. We have a means to transport the exhibit to the conference site without expense. However, we will need to meet travel costs for our two volunteers. This sponsorship is a golden opportunity to reach 2,000 high school and college students with information about Teachers Saving Children® and to provide those going into education with options regarding union membership.

**NEA Expo 2013:** The Board of Trustees officially approved submitting an application for a Teachers Saving Children® exhibit at the NEA Expo 2013, to be held in Atlanta GA July 1-3, 2013. By submitting an application with a \$50 deposit in September, Teachers Saving Children® will be able to pay the same exhibit fee of \$1400 as last year under the condition that we pay the balance by February 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition, by submitting an early application, we are also able to secure a particular booth location which will provide Teachers Saving Children® with greater visibility to educators attending the Expo.

**Our Financial Need:** Our Educational Outreach fund is currently at a deficit. The sponsorship fee is paid for the SFLA Conference and the deposit is paid for the NEA Expo. We need your financial assistance in order to fulfill our financial obligations for these two great educational opportunities. Economic times are very difficult right now, but I believe that God is calling His people to a higher standard of sacrifice in order to get out the message of LIFE.

Through you, the Lord has each year miraculously provided the finances for the effective pro-life educational outreach ministry opportunities placed before us, and for that provision we are grateful. Thank you for prayerfully considering being a part of these special endeavors in 2012-2013 by sending in your contribution today.

**Note:** Please make checks payable to “TSC Inc. – National”. Carefully note how the amount given is to be designated

## ELECTION 2012 – BE INFORMED!

Dramatic changes within our government and economy continue to occur every day, bringing about unpredictable changes in national politics. Again this year, the general election in November is vital on all levels – local, state, and national – as decisions will be made regarding representation and critical issues. It is important for all eligible US citizens of voting age to know about the candidates and the issues. And today’s media sometimes makes it very difficult to discern the truth about candidates’ positions on many important issues. A reliable resource for receiving good, bipartisan information about the presidential candidates is through iVoters.com. We, the American people, need to become informed and voice our conscience at the polls this November! Our nation depends upon it!

(Educational Outreach) so that the contribution will be appropriately allocated. As a tax-exempt organization approved under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, contributions received are **NOT** tax deductible.

## AFFILIATE STATE CHAPTER UPDATE

**Michigan:** On July 8, 2012, the Michigan Affiliate State Chapter Board of Trustees’ unanimously approved a motion to dissolve the Michigan Board and the Michigan affiliation with the National Teachers Saving Children® organization. It was with regret that the National Board of Trustees accepted the dissolution of the Michigan Affiliate State Chapter.

The National Board of Trustees expresses their deepest appreciation of each board member who served on the Michigan Board of Trustees. These board members shared great ideas and worked very hard. Both Jacquelyn Bolander and Ron Cain served since the incorporation of the Michigan Affiliate in the Fall of 1997. Joan Stratman served for 9.5 years and Dennis Healy served for six years. Both Gayle Mazurkiewicz and Carl Lenze were newer members to the board and served about 3 years each.

In addition, Ron Cain served as their official representative to the National Board for six years and Dennis Healy served as their representative to the National Board for two years.

Over the 15 years of existence, there have been several other individuals who faithfully served on the Michigan Board of Trustees: Ted DeRose, Richard Hower, John Reutter, Edmund Starrett, Lois Wierenga, Dirk Koorstra, Joan Barrett, and Kevin Quinlan. We express our appreciation of these individuals as well and their time of service.

We are grateful for Michigan’s strong stand on the sanctity of life issue in which we are involved and highly respect and appreciate the time, talents, and the insights that they contributed as well as the seeds that they planted for Teachers Saving Children® in Michigan and across this nation. They have been partners in the Gospel (Philippians 1:3-6) and in being a voice for life.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

-Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

“All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent.”

-Thomas Jefferson

“Should things go wrong at any time, the people will set them to right by the peaceable exercise of their elective rights.”

-Thomas Jefferson

“If not us, who? If not now, when?”

-Ronald Reagan

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

**September 29, 2012:** The Teachers Saving Children® National Board of Trustees met in Alliance OH, for their regularly scheduled Fall meeting. The following are highlights of some of the items that were discussed.

1. The Board of Trustees approved establishing a Facebook account on a one-year trial basis.
2. The Board of Trustees accepted the reports of the Ohio and Pennsylvania Affiliate State Chapters. Both State Affiliates are actively involved in making an impact within their own states.
3. The Board of Trustees accepted *with regret* the dissolution of the Michigan Affiliate State Chapter (see related article).
4. The Board of Trustees made a decision to make application for a sponsor table at the Students for Life of America Conference on January 26, 2013 in Bethesda MD.
5. The Board of Trustees made a decision to make application for an exhibit at the NEA Expo 2013 in Atlanta GA, July 1-3, 2013.
6. The Board of Trustees approved the 2011-2012 fiscal report and the following 2012-2013 budget:

Affiliate State Chapters	0.00
Awards & Gifts	200.00
Legal & Accounting	1000.00
Office Administration	1000.00
Postage	2750.00
Public Relations	
Printing	2200.00
Promotion	1000.00
Telephone	800.00
Travel Expenses	<u>1000.00</u>
Total	\$ 9950.00

7. The next Board of Trustees meeting will be Saturday, April 6, 2013 in Columbus, Ohio. Any member interested in attending this meeting should contact the National Office for meeting details. The Board of Trustees will also be meeting in a work session on Saturday, November 10, 2012 in Alliance Ohio.

## TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® NATIONAL 2011-2012 FISCAL REPORT

Balance - September 1, 2011		\$4310.80
Receipts:		
ACH Activities (Holdings)	(-1.85)	
Contributions:		
Educational Outreach	4350.36	
Designated	215.00	
Undesignated	3024.59	
Memberships:		
2011-2012	1910.00	
2012-2013	4525.00	
Interest	2.22	\$14,025.32
Disbursements:		
Awards & Gifts	310.00	
Legal & Accounting	919.32	
Office Administration	1057.93	
ACH Fees	3.85	
Postage	2155.85	
Public Relations		
Advertising	858.00	
Printing	2043.62	
Promotion		
Ed Outreach*	4454.20	
State Affiliates		
Designated Gifts	215.00	
Memberships '11-'12	642.50	
Memberships '12-'13	1462.50	
Telephone	769.34	
Travel Expenses	636.89	\$15,529.00
Balance - August 31, 2012		\$2807.12

\*The Educational Outreach Line Item Balance is \$445.08

**Please note:** Thank you for helping the Board to have a better picture of what our finances will be like for the 2012-2013 fiscal year by paying your memberships prior to September 1, 2012. Reminder: All memberships are now being handled through the National Office. Teachers Saving Children® Inc. - National is very thankful for your membership and, also, for the additional contributions many of you have sent during the course of the year.

## MARCH FOR LIFE FOUNDER NELLIE GRAY PASSES AWAY

Source: LifeNews.com, Washington DC, August 14, 2012

LifeNews.com reported on August 14, 2012 that Nellie Gray, founder of the March for Life, and a tireless pro-life advocate for decades, passed away. The article quoted several pro-life figures who spoke highly of Nellie Gray's dedication to the sanctity of life. Father Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life, stated, "Every year since 1974, Nellie Gray has mobilized a diverse and energetic army for life. Her own commitment to the cause never wavered. She was a tireless warrior for the unborn and her motto was 'no exceptions.' As a colleague in national pro-life leadership, Nellie was always an inspiration to the rest of us." Every year since its founding in 2003, Nellie Gray invited the women of the Silent No More Awareness Campaign to stand on the rally stage holding signs that said, "I Regret My Abortion." Janet Morana, Executive Director of Priests for Life and co-founder of Silent No More stated, "We are so grateful that Nellie Gray shared our vision of Silent No More, and recognized that the women who have had abortions speak with the unquestioned authority about the ways they have been harmed by this choice." Gray is also credited with realizing that African-American pro-life leaders had to become more vocal and visible in the fight for life. Dr. Alveda King, director of African-American Outreach for Priests for Life, stated, "Nellie Gray knew that abortion took a heavy toll from the black community and she urged us to lend our voices to the fight against this terrible injustice."

The 2013 March for Life will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs Wade decision, and the 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the March. "It was an anniversary that broke Nellie Gray's heart every year, and every day," Father Pavone noted. "In January we will march in her memory, in her honor, to save the unborn children to whom she dedicated her life."



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**40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2013**

**WASHINGTON DC**

**Forty** years ago on January 22, 1973, the US Supreme Court handed down the Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton decisions that allowed abortion on demand in America through all nine months of pregnancy. Awareness of this tragic decision should spur us on to make this coming March for Life the largest one ever!

*The March for Life Benefits All*

For complete details concerning the events of January 25th, please contact your local Right to Life Chapter or State Right to Life office. For those pro-life teachers and school employees who cannot go to Washington DC, it is suggested that you attend the pro-life marches or rallies being held in your own local areas.

**Let's stand together for the Sanctity of Human Life!**

**NATIONAL 2012-2013 MEMBERSHIPS**

The National Teachers Saving Children® Board of Trustees would like to express their thanks to everyone who has taken the time to renew. As of October 15, 2012, there are 249 paid National Teachers Saving Children® members. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet done so, there is still time to join and receive full membership benefits. Membership cards will be mailed in early November.

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