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Thoughts from the Executive Director

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“I praise you for I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know.”

– Psalm 139:14

As we move through summer, and the new school year approaches, we prepare for the moments, those teachable moments for our students, whereby our words, actions and guidance instill in others a sense of awe and wonder at the beauty of life.

Every time we encounter another person, we are afforded the opportunity to make a positive impact on that person. That impact need not be through words, but can be equally or more effective in silent compassion and love (*Surely I have composed and quieted my soul; Like a weaned child rests against his mother, My soul is like a weaned child within me.* –Psalm 131:2)

As our nation experiences an increase in Covid-19 virus infections from the delta variant, I am reminded of sage advice numerous times in the bible to trust in the Lord, be not afraid (*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”* –Psalm 46:1)

In this issue you will find various articles, including: (1) the importance of fathers and the New Business Item I submitted at this summer’s National Education Association’s Representative Assembly; (2) Allyson Felix, Pro-life Mother and United States Olympian; (3) What are Embryonic Stem Cells? Are There Alternatives? (4) Abortion Pill Reversal.

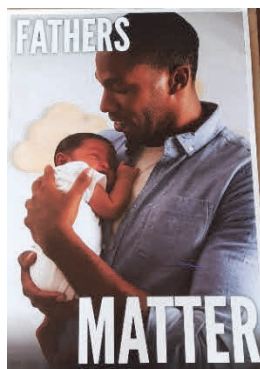
On page 4, read about our recommended pro-life book and upcoming outreach events Teachers Saving Children® Inc. members will be attending later this summer and fall.

I will continue to pray for each of you every day, and as the summer of 2021 winds down, my prayer is for peace, love and compassion in your families, schools, communities and our nation.

Thank you for speaking and witnessing to the truth about human life and the dignity of each human life. Blessings always.



*National Education Association Representative
Assembly (NEA-RA) 2021*



The National Education Association Representative Assembly (NEA-RA) is, according to the website, www.nea.org, “the highest decision-making body within the over 3 million-member NEA. With over 8,000 delegates, the RA is also the world's largest democratic deliberative body.” (This year, approximately 4,300 delegates attended). The NEA is the largest teachers union in the United States, and holds the annual Representative Assembly each summer to vote on policy decisions for the upcoming year. Representatives are delegates elected by teachers from their local or state affiliate.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year, for the second year in a row, the NEA-RA was held virtually from June 30th – July 3rd. During the NEA-RA, various policy decisions (Constitutional amendments, Legislative amendments, and New Business Items) are proposed, debated and voted upon by the elected delegates. Delegates can submit what is known as a *New Business Item* which is essentially a proposed policy endorsed by the NEA.

Frank Ebner, Executive Director for *Teachers Saving Children*® Inc. was an elected delegate from California. After having taught for 39 years, Ebner had taught and observed so many students growing up without fathers, struggle in the classroom. Data from the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Justice Dept. and the U.S. Census Bureau substantiated this fact, a growing trend over the past 60 years. So, to address this issue this year he submitted a New Business Item (**NBI-48**) with the intent to publicize the positive impact fathers have for students. The text of NBI-48 follows:

(NBI-48)

“NEA will, in accordance with Resolution C-26 (Family Stability for Children), pursue strategies to publicize the importance of fathers in the positive social-emotional development and greater academic success for students.

Beginning in the fall of 2021, using existing communication resources, NEA will publicize the positive impact fathers have for students. The NEA will publicize the following issues that the presence of a father during a child's life increases the likelihood of positive social-emotional development and academic success of students.

- 1. Less poverty*
- 2. Higher graduation rates*
- 3. Lower rates of incarceration*
- 4. Fewer teen pregnancies*
- 5. Fewer suicides*
- 6. Lower rate of drug and alcohol abuse”*

The California Teachers Association (CTA) caucus voted by 86% to oppose NBI-48 because, in their words, “*it was discriminatory*”. When it was time for Ebner to speak in support of NBI-48, he was not allowed to speak. Vice-President of CTA, David Goldberg, apologized, explaining it was due to technical issues, but nevertheless, did not allow any more debate on NBI-48.

The NEA-RA 2021 closed before NBI-48 came to the floor for debate and a vote. Ebner made a motion (and approved by the delegates) to refer NBI-48 to committee where the NEA will consider its support for fathers. It is unlikely, however, given NEA’s policy positions against the traditional family and unconditional support for abortions throughout the entire 9 months of pregnancy for any reason or no reason and at taxpayers’ expense.

It is with no small irony that **Barack Obama** stated in his 2008 Father’s Day speech, “*Fathers are critical to the foundation of each family. They are teachers and coaches; they are mentors and role models; they are examples of success. Children who grow up WITHOUT a father are five times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime; nine times more likely to drop out of schools and 20 times more likely to end up in prison. They are more likely to have behavioral problems, or run away from home or become teenage parents themselves. And the foundations of our community are weaker because of it.*”

Dedicated Mother and Pro-Life Olympic Athlete Allyson Felix Wins Record 11th Medal at Tokyo Olympics

For 17 days this summer, athletes competed in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, (postponed for a year due to the Covid-19 pandemic). Certainly one of the more inspiring stories was how Allyson Felix made history in setting the United States record for most Olympic medals (11) during her Olympic career that began in 2004 at the age of 18 in Athens, Greece.

Surpassing Carl Lewis, who garnered 10 medals in his Olympic career (1980-1996), Felix won her 11th career medal with a 1st place finish in the 4 x 400 meter relay on the final day of competition. Only Finland's Paavo Nurmi, who competed in the 1920, 1924, and 1928 Olympics won more track and field medals (12).

Felix is however, not only an inspiration to athletes but also a dedicated mother of a 2-year old daughter. According to LifeSite News (www.lifesitenews.com), "*Earlier this summer, the 35-year-old athlete established a fund to help Olympic athletes with childcare expenses. Many pro-life advocates have praised Felix for advocating for athletes who are mothers, noting how frequently female athletes face pressure to abort their unborn babies.*"

LifeSite News went on to state that Felix experienced a difficult pregnancy in 2018. Both she and her baby daughter's lives were at risk due to preeclampsia, resulting in an emergency C-section at 32 weeks. Both Felix and her now 2-year-old daughter, Camryn, are healthy.

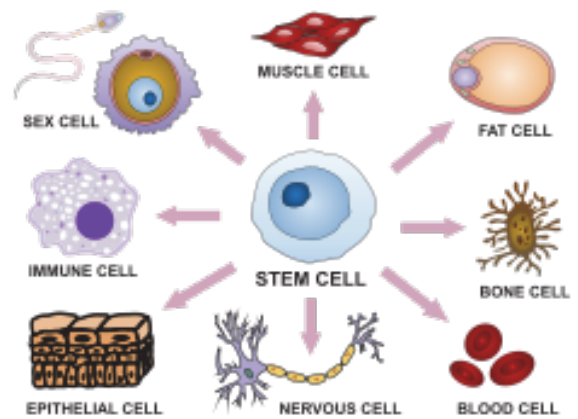
As a result of her experience, Felix established a grant program through the "*Power of She*" to help support mothers who are athletes. "Female athletes often face intense pressure to choose between their unborn babies and their careers." (www.lifesitenews.com)

Congratulations Allyson Felix. **Thank you** for being a positive role model in advocating for respecting the dignity of life!



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What are Embryonic Stem Cells? Are There Alternatives? (Part 1)



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Perhaps you have heard of stem cells. The following describes stem cells, types of stem cells and the ethics involved in the use of embryonic and non-embryonic stem cells.

Most of our body's cells produce 2 new cells from the original parent cell. So, a skin cell, for example, will produce 2 new skin cells, identical to the parent cell. This allows for growth and the replacement of worn-out or dying cells.

"Stem cells are special human cells that have the ability to develop into many different cells" (www.stanfordchildren.org). So, a stem cell could become muscle cell or a red blood cell or a bone cell, etc.

Stem cells, in terms of scientific research and medical treatment come from embryos or non-embryo sources (adult stem cells, umbilical cord stem cells, and induced pluripotent stem cells). Embryonic stem cells are "harvested" from leftover embryos from in vitro fertilization (IVF). Each embryo must be destroyed to obtain the embryonic stem cells, and therefore is deemed unethical, because it violates the principle that human beings should not be harmed or killed for the potential benefit of other human beings.

Using non-embryonic stem cells (adult stem cells, umbilical cord stem cells, etc.) in medicine or scientific research does not involve the destruction of the person from which the stem cells originated. (Next issue, ***Stem Cells Successes and Failures***).

For more information, go online to the following pro-life website: www.lozierinstitute.org and search "stem cells".

Abortion Pill Reversal

Next issue will have more information about *Abortion Pill Reversal*. Until then, information is available at www.abortionpillreversal.com and (877)558-0333.



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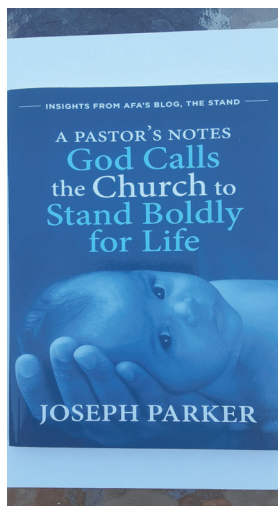
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RECOMMENDED BOOK

“*A Pastor’s Notes: God Calls the Church to Stand Boldly for Life!*” by Joseph Parker (pastor, Bible teacher and staff member with American Family Association). This book is a collection of Parker’s blogs on the sanctity of life as it relates to the unborn. “*A Pastor’s Notes* is a toolkit must for the discerning servant leaders of today.” –Alveda King, Civil Rights for the Unborn



UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

- *Great Homeschool Convention* (Ontario, California) August 26-28.
- *Illinois Retired Teachers Association Convention 2021* (Springfield, Illinois) October 18th: Exhibitors’ Day

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