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## **A Word from Robin Ross**

Executive Director

### LIES versus TRUTH

"You will know the truth and the truth will set you free." (John 8:32 NIV) The deceptive assertion that abortion is not killing a fetus, but only destroying unwanted "tissue" has now been replaced by the notion that unwanted infants undermine the welfare of children that are wanted. Even further, now supporters of Roe vs. Wade proudly wear T-shirts reading, "I had an abortion." Alexander Sanger, the grandson of Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger, has written a book entitled *Beyond Choice* that argues for elimination of unborn children without a guilty conscience.

January 22, 2005 marked the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade decision. By now, over 45 million children have been sacrificed on the altar of egocentric convenience. We have now lost the equivalent population of PA, MD, VA, WV, CT, RI, OH, NH, and DC combined!

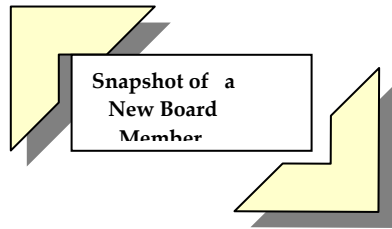
Praise God, there has been some positive progress with the passage of the late-term abortion ban in 2003 and the Unborn Victims of Violence Act in 2004. However, a major setback was California's recent passing of Proposition 71 that directs \$3 billion to do "clone and destroy" research on human embryos to obtain embryonic stem cells. Not only will this be a tragic loss of more human life, but there is no evidence that the use of miracle healing and restoration which is

claimed by advocates. Interestingly, little has been reported about the successes being experienced with the use of readily-available adult stem cells, or the potential for using stem cells extracted from the umbilical blood of newborn infants.

Laura Bush has said that embryonic stem cell research gives false hope to many who are suffering with terrible diseases. In contrast, stem cells can be safely harvested from adult bone marrow and adult fat cells, as well as from placental tissue and umbilical cord blood of newborn infants. Research has confirmed that these stem cells produce human fat, bone, cartilage, and muscle tissue, and can help certain diseases such as diabetes.

President George Bush has said, "We believe in the promise of modern medicine, but we also believe in the principles of ethical medicine." Yet our own PA Senator Arlen Specter supports "therapeutic cloning."

Teachers Saving Children® Director, Connie Bancroft, states in our brochure that "Support for the intentional abuse or destruction of children at any stage of development contradicts the high ideal of our profession." One might add that to deliberately create life by cloning and then destroying that life is a flawed and immoral concept. The Bible warns, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil." (Isaiah 5:20). Will you continue to speak out against these evils in our society and protect our children, both born and unborn?



### ...Meet Patricia Yamrick

Currently living in Ernest, a small coal-mining town in Western PA, Patty Yamrick has recently joined our Board of Trustees. She has been a learning support teacher with the Armstrong School District for the past 25 years. In 1977, Patty earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Music Education with an emphasis on Music Therapy. She continues her love of music by playing a cello with a piano trio. Patty also received a Master of Education degree in Special Education, and is currently working on a MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh. In the past, Patty volunteered for several years at Birthright, a pro-life pregnancy support service in Indiana, PA. She is a member of St. Jude's Byzantine Catholic Church. Concerning pro-life matters, Patty's philosophy is that "I believe that the protection of all children born and unborn has been entrusted to us as teachers and it is important that we work together to see that all children receive the care and resources that are necessary to survive in this world." We extend a warm welcome to Patty!

#### TEACHERS SAVING CHILDREN® of PA, INC. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

If you have questions regarding Teachers Saving Children® of PA, Inc., please feel free to call the board member that lives nearest to your area.

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- Patricia Yamrick, Indiana County 724-349-7489

The next PA board meeting will be on May 21, 2005 and National board meets on April 2, 2005. Please keep us in your prayers, and let Robin know if you have concerns for the attention of either board.

### Assistant Executive Director, Jeff Remington, Reports. . .

The National Education Association (NEA) has long claimed to maintain a position of neutrality on the abortion issue. Will the NEA give equal support to both sides of the abortion issue when given the chance?

In 2004, the NEA headquarters in Washington, D.C., served as a hospitality center for teachers participating in the spring "March for Women's Lives" pro-abortion march. Some teachers in attendance wore T-shirts in support of the pro-choice march, with the NEA logo on the back of the shirt. In addition, the New Jersey Education Association sponsored buses for state members to attend the event.

Seeking equality, some courageous NEA members from Ohio and Pennsylvania have requested that the NEA reciprocate and provide the same service for the January "March for Life" in Washington, D.C.

The Ohio Delegation voted down the proposal in the fall, but it is being appealed on the grounds of fairness. In Pennsylvania, the item was referred to the NEA Executive Committee. The NEA has not yet made a decision. This contributes to the body of evidence that the NEA holds a pro-abortion position.



#### We Need You. . . To Help Promote Teachers Saving Children® of PA, Inc.

The PA Pro-Life Federation has set a goal "to attract a million supporters, and to develop chapters in all 67 counties." Should we set any lesser goal??

Well, realistically, not a million. . .but we would like to enroll at least hundreds of members, and to have local chapters in the future. We would be

delighted to have regional chapters working and meeting together to promote pro-life issues. Please encourage your friends and co-workers to join our Pennsylvania Chapter. Remember, membership is open to everyone, not only to educators. Call or e-mail Robin Ross for brochures or extra newsletters. Please also consider becoming involved, perhaps as a board member or helping to organize regional or local chapters.

### *This 'N That*

Did you know that the United States approves RU-486, but China does not? China, with a strong one-child family policy and its many thousands of abortions annually, considers RU-486 to be too dangerous to use. Incredible!

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There will be a "City on the Hill" Youth Conference at Lebanon Valley College on July 18-23, 2005. It is open to high school students, ages 15-18, and focuses on leadership training and learning the governmental process. Information is available at either [www.pafamily.org](http://www.pafamily.org) or 1-800-FAMILY-1.

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The U.S. House of Representatives has voted "No" to abortion on military bases, refusing to adopt an amendment that would have authorized abortion on demand at U.S. military medical facilities overseas. Current law prohibits abortions from being performed in these facilities (even if the client pays the direct costs), except to save the life of the mother, or in cases of rape or incest. During consideration of the Fiscal Year 2005 Defense Authorization bill (H.R. 4200), Congresswoman Susan Davis (D-CA) offered an amendment to repeal this ban for overseas facilities. The amendment failed, 221-202 (Roll Call Number 197). Thus, the pro-life law was preserved. To see the voting records of all members of Congress on this or other pro-life issues during the current or previous sessions of

Congress, visit the Legislative Action Center at the National Right to Life Committee website at [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org). (*National Right to Life News*, Vol. 31, No. 6, 2004)

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While over one out of every three pregnancies ends in abortion in our country, recent years have shown a slow but continual decline in the rate of women choosing abortion. In addition, with the passing of the late-term abortion ban in 2003 and the Unborn Victims of Violence Act in 2004 (which recognizes unborn children as legal victims of federal crimes), as well as the introduction of a new bill for the Unborn Child Pain Awareness Act and a ban on patenting of human embryos, it shows us that God is working through his persistent and prayerful people, who faithfully strive to provide alternatives to abortion, to reach out to women in need, and to raise awareness and promote a culture that values life. (*Pennsylvania Citizen*, Vol. 17, No. 1, 2005)

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Executive Director, Robin Ross, and her husband will be making their third mission trip to the Ukraine in May. They will be located in the Odessa region. They ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they travel and serve there.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

What if. . . .God decided to stop leading us tomorrow  
because we did not follow Him today?  
What if. . . .God could not take the time to bless us today  
because we could not take the time to thank Him yesterday?  
What if. . . .we never saw another flower bloom  
because we grumbled when God sent the rain?  
What if. . . .God didn't walk with us today  
because we failed to recognize our need to walk with Him?  
What if. . . .God stopped loving and caring for us  
because we failed to love and care for others?  
What if. . . .God would not hear us today  
because we would not listen to Him?  
What if. . . .God answered our prayers  
the way we answer His call to service?