

**SANCTITY OF LIFE RESOURCE  
PACKET**

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Sanctity of Life Sunday  
*January 18, 2009*



Dear Pastors:

It is my prayer and hope that you will join pastors all over America in standing for the value of every human life from conception until natural death by actively promoting Sanctity of Life Sunday on January 18, 2009. Never has it been as vital that we restore the respect for human life in a nation that has increasingly devalued it.

We cannot begin to know how grieved the heart of our God must be due to the “legal” murder of at least **49 million unborn children** since the U.S. Supreme Court – the judicial arm of the citizens – overturned restrictions on abortion in every state in the union through *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe V. Bolton* in 1973.

The reality is that neither Christians in general nor pastors in particular have done enough to stop this tragedy that has not only taken innocent lives but inflicted traumatic spiritual, emotional and physical damage to the girls, women – and even the men – involved in the act. Just a few examples ([www.anglicansforlife.org](http://www.anglicansforlife.org)):

- 60% of abortions are coerced
- 70% of abortive women say it’s immoral; 43% claim Protestant affiliation, 18% call themselves evangelical or born again
- 80% of post-abortive women said they would have chosen life if supported by family, friends or others

In addition, the wave of other issues such as *embryonic stem cell research*, *euthanasia* and “*designer babies*” have made it more critical than ever that we once again reaffirm the sacred nature of the creation, protection and completion of every life. We must pray and we must act.

Pastor, our role as shepherd in leading, teaching and discipling every man, woman and child in our care to value human life cannot be over-emphasized. Again, please join me in using the resources available to make the 2009 Sanctify of Life Sunday one that inspires and challenges everyone in your church of every age to be part of recreating a nation that will choose life!

Your Servant in Christ,

Dr. Sonny Foraker  
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***P.S. Please join us for a special press conference with pastors at the new Planned Parenthood late-term abortion clinic, 4600 Gulf Frwy., on January 22 at 1:00 p.m.! Call 832-688-9166 or go to [www.texasfamilies.org](http://www.texasfamilies.org) to RSVP or for more information.***

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## More about the Problem:

It can be seen from the example of slavery in history that whenever great evil is institutionalized, a dense moral fog permeates the landscape. This moral fog makes it difficult for many people to think clearly. It even affects Christians and their pastors inside of churches. It is only after the fog has lifted that everyone is able to see clearly. For example, everyone alive today knows without a doubt that slavery is evil.

The same is true about abortion. A dense moral fog has been created over the years by a relatively small group of passionate pro-abortion activists. The fog has even settled among Christians and their pastors. Our light has been put under a basket (Matthew 5:15). This has resulted in the 36-year status quo of legalized abortion where over 49 million American babies have been killed. If not for the dense moral fog, everyone would instinctively know that abortion is evil.

One of the deep problems with the abortion debate is that confused people try to create a moral good on top of an immoral act. Abortion on its face is an immoral act. Any objective person knows it is wrong to kill a baby, either born or unborn. Morally confused people try to turn it into a moral good by ignoring the act and highlighting the result. They convince themselves with exaggerated arguments that everyone is better off if a Mother is free to choose to kill her baby.

God's truth can lift this moral fog that blankets the Church. Lifting the fog is essential in overcoming legalized abortion. Lifting the fog is also essential in reviving the Church in America. Christians, if they speak with one voice, really do have the political power to rid our nation of legalized abortion.

## Action:

With this in mind, we have created a free **Sanctity of Life Sunday Resource Packet** for pastors. The packet can be viewed or printed at [www.abortionessay.com](http://www.abortionessay.com). It is our hope that the packet will enable church leaders to present the Sanctity of Life message with skill and enthusiasm. We also want church leaders to understand that Sanctity of Life is not just another cause. It is not like a blood drive or a food pantry collection. It is an integral part of the Gospel message for our age. Houston is the nation's fourth largest city. We are sending this letter to all the church leaders in Houston. Imagine the impact if all the church leaders in our city spoke with one voice on this matter.



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**Dear Youth Pastor,**

There is a problem in Houston, Texas and the United States, and you can help fix it. That problem is abortion. For some reason the youth leaders in our churches are not adequately teaching their students about the Sanctity of Life. Perhaps it is because most youth pastors are young men, and young men naturally don't like to talk about such things as abortion. Or perhaps the moral fog created by the ideological and political battles about abortion over the past 33 years has crept into the church and made abortion into a taboo subject. Whatever the reason, the fact remains that not teaching the truth about abortion sets up a great number of our precious girls to be hurt by Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics.

Did you know that 43% of all girls who have abortions identify themselves as Protestant and 27% as Catholic? This means that a total of 70% of all girls who have abortions identify themselves as Christian and have some connection to a church. These statistics are not ours. They are from a recent study by the Guttmacher Institute, an organization supported by Planned Parenthood.

So what can you do about this problem? Most likely, some of the girls that you minister to have had abortions. Others will have abortions this year or the next. You can help by aggressively teaching young people about the Sanctity of Life. Talk to them individually. Engage them in discussion. Most young people do not realize that human life comes from God. They do not know that abortion is never the right answer, and that there are always good alternatives to abortion.

One of the best things that you can do is to involve your young people in an activity that will teach them firsthand about abortion. We invite you to bring your young people to join with other Christians to Stand and Pray in front of the Planned Parenthood Facility in downtown Houston. Address of the facility is 3601 Fannin Street. The Houston Coalition for Life is organizing Christians to Stand and Pray continually during the business hours of the Facility. They are asking Churches to commit to only 3 or 4 hours each month. Please go to the website at [www.houstoncoalition.com](http://www.houstoncoalition.com) to find a time for your young people to Stand and Pray. I assure you that the planned campaign is completely legal. There will be no confrontations, only peaceful prayer. Your young people will have the opportunity to reflect about the Sanctity of Life as they watch girls streaming in for abortions, some their own age.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need any resources. If you would like to have an outside Pro-Life speaker come to your church, let me know. I look forward to talking to you.

For the Glory of Jesus Christ,

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# Sanctity of Life Scripture\*

## God is the creator of Life

Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Job 33:4 - The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Psalms 95:6 - Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Psalms 100:3 - Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his, we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalms 119:73 - Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands.

Acts 17:24-25 - The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

## God creates and fashions life within the womb

Genesis 25:21 - Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The Lord answered his prayer and Rebekah became pregnant.

Genesis 29:31 - When the Lord saw that Leah was not loved, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren.

Job 10:8-12 - Your hands shaped me and made me. Will you now turn and destroy me? Remember that you molded me like clay. Will you now turn me to dust again? Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese, clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews? You gave me life and showed me kindness, and in your providence watched over my spirit.

Job 31:15 - Did not he who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one form us both within our mothers?

Psalms 139:13-16 - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. God is the creator of life God creates and fashions life within the womb.

Isaiah 44:2 - This is what the Lord says — he who made you, who formed you in the womb, and who will help you.

Isaiah 44:24 - This is what the Lord says — your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb:

Isaiah 49:1.5 - Listen to me, you islands; hear this you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. And now the Lord says — he who formed me in the womb to be his servant . . .

Jeremiah 1:5 - Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.

### **The incarnation of Jesus begins with conception**

Luke 1:31 - You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

Matthew 1:20 - But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Ghost."

### **The unborn are treated as persons in the Bible**

Psalms 51:5 - Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Psalms 58:3 - Even from birth-the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward and speak lies.

Psalms 139:13-16 - For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Luke 1:41.44 - When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed, ". . . As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."

### **Conception is a gift from God**

Genesis 25:21 - Isaac prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was barren. The Lord answered his prayer and Rebekah became pregnant.

Exodus 23:25-26 - Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you, and none will miscarry or be barren in your land. I will give you a full life-span.

1 Samuel 1:1-20 - (Hannah praying to the Lord because she was barren, and the Lord granting her request.) The incarnation of Jesus begins with conception.

### **Children are a gift from the Lord**

Genesis 33:5 - Jacob answered, "They are the children God has graciously given your servant."

Psalms 127:3-5 - Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are sons born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.

### **Children are a gift from the Lord**

Psalms 51:5 - Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

John 3:6 - Flesh gives birth to flesh.

Romans 5:12 - Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned.

### **Our life is our time of grace**

Isaiah 55:6 - Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2 - As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Hebrews 9:27 - Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.

### **God forbids the taking of human life**

Genesis 9:6 - Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.

Exodus 20:13 - You shall not murder.

Exodus 21:22-25 - If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

### **We are to defend and protect life**

Deuteronomy 27:19 - Cursed is the man who withholds justice from the alien, the fatherless or the widow.

Psalms 10:17-18 - You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry, defending the fatherless and the oppressed in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.

Psalms 41:1 - Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the Lord delivers him in times of trouble.

Proverbs 31:8-9 - Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Matthew 25:35-36.40 - For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. . . I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.

### **Rape, incest, and birth defects do not justify taking the life of the child**

Deuteronomy 24:16 - Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor children put to death for their fathers; each is to die for his own sin.

Isaiah 45:9-10 - Woe to him who quarrels with his Maker, to him who is but a potsherd among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, "What are you making?" Does your work say, "He has no hands?" Woe to him who says to his father, "What have you begotten?" or to his mother, "What have you brought to birth?"

1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you

are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Ephesians 2:10 - For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

### **God forgives the sin of abortion**

**Roman 5:20-21** - The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Galatians 6:1 - Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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# Abortion Facts

1. A conservative estimate of the number of abortions in the United States using figures from the Alan Guttmacher Institute from 1973 to 2009 is **49 million**.
2. The number of live births per the United States Department of Health and Human Services from 1973 to 2006 is **128 million**.
3. Using those two numbers, **27%** of all pregnancies in the United States excluding natural miscarriages end in abortion. This number is the abortion rate.
4. An estimated **43%** of American women will have at least one abortion by the age of 45
5. The number of abortions in 2004 in the State of Texas per the Texas Department of State Health Services was **75,053**.
6. An abortion during the first three months costs about **\$300**. Abortions during the fourth month cost approximately **\$400-700**; after that, the cost goes up about **\$100** a week.
7. Planned Parenthood performs one third of the abortions in the United States, with 6,876 in Houston and Southeast Texas alone, and receives about **\$55 million** per year from Title X and about **\$50 million** from Medicaid.
8. Planned Parenthood receives **40%** of its funding from the Federal Government through Title X and Medicaid.
9. There are only **1,819** (as of 2000) abortionists who perform an average of **660** abortions per year.
10. These evil people are currently killing **1.2** million babies per year. This is **3,288** per day.
11. Radical Islamists killed **2,792** innocent people on September 11, 2001.
12. The number of American families who would like to adopt babies is simply not available. However, there is antidotal evidence that this number is huge. I believe that if we had no legalized abortion, most babies would end up being cared for by their natural Mothers or by their extended family. The rest would be adopted by noble strangers. There is no doubt that legalized abortion affects the incidence and the cost of adoption.. A private adoption of a newborn baby costs around **\$20 thousand**. If there were no legalized abortion, the supply of adoptable babies would be much higher and therefore the cost of each adoption would be much lower.
13. Each abortion is an individual tragedy.
14. Each abortion is a failure of family, church, community, and the will of God.

# **Bulletin Insert**

## *What Can I Do??*

- 1. Form an opinion – Stand up and Speak out.**
- 2. Register to vote and vote pro-life.**
- 3. Discuss abortion with your children.**
- 4. Financially support pro-life organizations. A little donation each month will make a big difference.**
- 5. Volunteer at a Crisis Pregnancy Center.**
- 6. Join with other pro-life members at your church and beyond. As an individual, we can do little. As a group, we can do much.**
- 7. Pray for our nation.**
- 8. Place a pro-life bumper sticker on your car.**
- 9. If you know any woman who is struggling with an abortion decision, give her the phone number for the Foundation for Life – 713-682-5433.**
- 10. Encourage Christian families to adopt children.**

## Over-Population Myth

The next time you hear people talk about the over-population of the world, you may want to share some simple statistics with them.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Square Miles of Land in Texas       | 261,914       |
| Acres per Square Mile               | 640           |
| Total Acres in Texas                | 167,624,960   |
| Population of the World (6 Billion) | 6,000,000,000 |
| World Population per Texas Acre     | 36            |

**It would be possible to fit the entire population of the world comfortably within the State of Texas. Most people in the world live cramped together in densely populated cities. This would actually be a vast improvement for most people.**

**Everyone has been taught in public school and the media that there is an over-population problem. The world is running out of land and food and etc. We have heard it all before. This idea has become common knowledge and most people believe it to be truth. This is the reason that many people and governments support abortion.**

## Two Worldviews

### Traditional Values

Christians  
Conservatives  
The Right  
Believers  
Believe in God - Family - Country  
Marriage - Children  
Patriotism  
Pro-Life  
Individual Responsibility  
Optimism  
Solid Rock of Truth  
Purpose in Life  
Creation by Intelligent Design  
Abstinence before Marriage

### Nontraditional Values

Secularists, Atheists  
Liberals  
The Left  
Unbelievers  
Cynicism  
Homosexual Marriage  
Hate America  
Pro-Choice, Abortion  
Big Government  
Pessimism  
Shifting Sand of No Absolutes  
No Purpose in Life  
Evolution - It Just Happened  
Sexual Revolution  
Drugs - Pessimism - Despair  
Pornography  
Gay - Lesbianism  
Bi-Sexual - Transgender  
Pedophiles  
Code Word - Diversity  
Code Word - Inclusiveness  
Code Word - Multiculturalism  
Radical Feminism  
Socialism, Communism  
Nazism, Fascism

### Questions:

*Which worldview do you have?*  
*Which worldview would Jesus have?*  
*As followers of Christ, what should we do?*

### Solution:

*Keep informed.*  
*Stand up and speak out.*  
*Teach your children, family, and friends.*  
*Vote carefully.*  
*Pray for our nation.*

# Pro-Life Speech: National Sanctity of Human Life Day

*A speech by Larry Bohannon*

*delivered 01/17/2003 to Garden Oaks Baptist Church: Houston, Texas*

On behalf of the Salt & Light team, I would like to speak to you about a subject that is near and dear to our hearts. Today is National Sanctity of Human Life day. Perhaps you have noticed the pro-life sign in front of our church. If not, I invite you to look at it after the service this morning.

Thirty years ago, the United States Supreme Court made up a constitutional right to abortion in Roe v. Wade. Since then there have been 44 million abortions. There have been 112 million births. Using those two numbers, one can calculate that 28 percent of all pregnancies have ended in abortion. Everyday the number of babies killed by abortionists approximately equals the 3,000 killed by terrorists on September 11, 2001.

Now I believe that I do not have to convince anyone here in this church about the evilness and tragedy of abortion. But, if anyone remains unconvinced, go over to our nursery, pick up a little baby, hold it in your arms and gaze into its eyes and you will know the truth. All the pro-choice pro-abortion rhetoric that you have ever heard will just melt away.

The real question to be asked is why, in this predominately-Christian nation, do we tolerate this practice? I have spent several years trying to answer that question. I must tell you that I am totally amazed. There really should be no debate at all about abortion. The truth should be clear to everyone. It should be a slam-dunk that abortion should not be tolerated. It should not be legalized. And it should not be a choice. After studying this issue, I now understand how Adolf Hitler was able to pull off the holocaust. It took a tremendous amount of propaganda, lies, and deceit. The Nazis were able to morally confuse many people. It took many good Christians in Germany closing their eyes and remaining silent.

Well the same thing is true today in the United States of America. There are a relatively few passionate activists who loudly spread pro-choice pro-abortion propaganda, lies, and deceit. They are able to morally confuse many people in our country. It is a sad truth that most Christians in all denominations have closed their eyes and have remained silent.

The abortion struggle has corrupted our politics. Legalized abortion is so entrenched in our government because one of our two major political parties has embraced it. To even be considered a viable candidate in that

party one must blindly accept the doctrine of legalized abortion. This has made it difficult for the Christians who are traditionally members of that party. Every election cycle, pro-choice candidates try to give Christians reasons to vote for them on other issues. And so, too many Christians forget about abortion as they go vote. They often provide the margin of victory for pro-choice pro-abortion candidates. If a miracle were to happen and those Christians were to hold a little baby in their arms and gaze into his or her eyes just before stepping into the voting booth, our system of abortion would disappear after the very next election.

In conclusion, the most important thing I have learned is that the future of abortion is totally in the hands of Christians. We really do have the political power to solve this problem. Our cultural enemies know this and they are scared. This is why they so desperately work to demonize and marginalize us.

We do not have to convince the sinful pro-choice activists that they are wrong about abortion. We do not have to convince the radical feminists, the biased news media, or the morally corrupt politicians. To win, all we have to do is convince our fellow Christians to truly follow Christ and there is no doubt that they will vote pro-life. We will then finally rid our nation of this great evil, which has divided us for so long.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you all.

## Earthly (Physical) Adoption

***"This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father, to visit orphans ..."* James 1:27**

Millions of children around the world are waiting, hoping desperately for loving families to come and rescue them from orphanages and abandonment. The numbers are staggering. According to the United Nations, there are more than:

- 5.5 million orphans in Africa
- 3.5 million orphans in Asia
- 1.5 million orphans in Eastern Europe
- Nearly 400,000 orphans in Latin America
- Over 500,000 children in the US foster care system!

Unfortunately, year after year only a few thousand of these children are adopted into Bible-believing, Christ-honoring homes. Throughout Scripture, God shows us His heart for orphans and for adoption. The psalmist says of God: ***"...You have been the helper of the orphan."***  
**Psalm 10:14**

*"It is not adoption that is a problem" a 10 year-old told the Institute for Adoption Information, "but what everyone thinks about it."* The same can be said of nearly all non-traditional families.

- There are 100 million Americans touched by adoption within their immediate families – one third of the nation.
- There are approximately seven million adopted persons in America today.
- Each year 120,000 adoptions are finalized in the United States

## Eternal (Spiritual) Adoption

***"... but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons and daughters by which we cry out, 'Abba! Father!'"*** Romans 8:15

God gave us life and the opportunity to enter into a permanent relationship with Him as our Spiritual Father. He came from a far distance in heaven to show Himself: ***"and the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory as the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth."*** (John 1:14) He chose us and at great personal sacrifice bore our sins on the cross so that we would be held blameless through Him. When we choose Him: ***"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved."*** (Romans 10:9) He adopts us permanently into His home.

***"He predestined us to adoption as sons and daughters through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will..."***  
**Ephesians 1:5**

Not all of us may be personally affected by physical adoption, but we all are given the choice to be spiritually adopted.

Have **you** been adopted into God's family?

As adopted children in God's family, believers should be the first to reach out to orphaned and abandoned children around the world. Yet many are unaware of the great need or of God's call on the church to be actively involved in helping the fatherless.

Adoption matters because:

- Hundreds of thousands of children in the U.S. still don't have permanent homes. Until we address the social bias against adoption, the barrier to helping these children remains very high.
- Teen parents are at greater risk of neglecting or abusing their children, contributing to a crisis in foster care. Half of the children of unprepared teenaged mothers enter foster care.
- Birth parents report intense criticism for having made adoption plans.
- Professionals – educators, doctors, social workers, journalists and nurses – encounter adoptive and birth families every day and make inappropriate remarks.
- Media depictions, fact or fiction, are overwhelmingly positive or negative, not realistic.

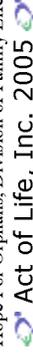
The reality is...

- Day in and day out, the joys and challenges of adoptive parenting are the same as those of biological parenting.
- Birth parents, in deciding that the best they could do may not be what is best for the child, have met the strictest definition of what it means to be a parent. They have put the welfare of their children above their own.
- Study after study shows that the negative stereotypes about adopted persons, from their emotional bonding and identity issues to psychological development, are simply wrong. They are as well adjusted and normal as their non-adopted peers.



# A Case For Adoption

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Institute for Adoption Information, 2004.  
Hope For Orphans, Division of Family Life  
 Act of Life, Inc. 2005

**PRO-LIFE DRAMA**  
For Sanctity of Life Sunday  
By Al Atkins

**Act 1**

Mary (dressed in Biblical garb for young virgin): Oh Diana, I am so frightened – I talked to Joseph last night and he is so angry. He keeps laughing about my “stupid angel” story. He doesn’t believe a word that I tell him, and I don’t know what we’re going to do...(weeping softly)

Diana (older “friend”, hugging Mary): Mary, Mary, it’s OK- I’ve got an idea. I have a friend who told me that something like this happened to her and her cousin’s uncle took care of it.

Mary (looking puzzled and then suspicious): Took care of it? What in the world are you talking about?

Diana: Mary, Joseph is going to have you put away if we don’t do something! You’ve got to listen to me! Remember our friend Elizabeth? Have you ever seen her again? She disappeared! Now here’s what we need to do...(they huddle and whisper)

Softly then louder in the background the song - “Mary, Did you know?”, with haunting flute melody on the refrain.

**Act 2**

An off screen voice: “somewhere in America, in the year 2005”

Mary: thank you doctor, yes, I’m sure you’re right. I’ll just lie down for a few minutes to rest while you and the nurses get ready for the “procedure”

Mary has a “visitation” from an angel. Mary is laying down resting, preparing for her abortion, and her visitor shakes her awake.

Visitor (older person, dressed in a sleeping robe): Mary, wake up – I’ve got someone I’d like you to meet.

They walk slowly across the floor and look through a window.

Mary: who is that beautiful little girl?

Visitor: look closely – I’m sure you can figure it out...

Mary: why, that's my niece Alexis; no, no, it's my cousin Charlotte, no, wait a minute, that's.....she's beautiful! She's got wavy dark hair, deep dark eyes, an incredible smile, lovely skin.....(puzzled) – just who is she??

Visitor (after a prolonged pause, softly): she's your daughter, Mary. The one that the doctor is getting ready to kill with this "procedure".

Mary (shrieking): No, No, No, .....STOOOOOOOOOOOOOPPPPPPPPPPPPP!!

### Act 3

Cutaway to party, where two demons are toasting one another:

Demon1 (with an evil hearty laugh): Well, Beezie, I've got to hand it to you – you have outdone yourself this time. We thought no one could top your Nazi "disinfection" campaign, and that just on the heels of your brilliant Darwinian "evolution" promotion, which was so outlandishly foolish and patently asinine, yet incredibly successful.

Your "Choice" strategy has the Most Evil One so pleased that he is promoting you again, this time to Lucifer, Jr, second only to him. Those humans never learn, do they??

## **Pro-life Music**

Through the ages, song has come from the hearts of men. David sung of his love and even despair, yet always turned to his Lord. Over two millennia later a woman, Hildegard von Bingen, twined theology and music to compose canticles and antiphons that are as fresh and inspiring today as when she first braided them.

Music continues to reverberate in our hearts today. We believe that pro-life music can dig in far deeper into some hearts than words and syllogisms. We hope you appreciate and share the pro-life music we have collected at [www.abortionessay.com/files/songs.html](http://www.abortionessay.com/files/songs.html).

### **Deliver Me**

A song written by Marie Morrison who, with Mark Hall, sings from her heart. The song introduces us to the voiceless, hopeful unborn child to then sweep us to the conflicted and brokenhearted. "Deliver Me", the last plea we hear, helps bring a voice to the voiceless. The song can be downloaded and, with its lyric sheet and testimony, sung across the nation. We are honored to have this song, Marie and Mark worked hard to complete this song in time to share it with you in this packet.

### **Pink or Blue?**

In 1996, Sherry Jones wrote a poem and shared it with her friends and family. The poem was an expression of her struggles after finding herself pregnant, and one day she gave a copy to David Bendixi. David read the poem and inspired, crafted music around it. It is from this craft that we give you the song "Pink or Blue?". It is a charming song, one we hope will twang the hearts of women who find themselves where Sherry Jones once was.

### **Why Call it Choice?**

A song by Al Atkins that calls those with open ears to see the unborn as little babies, not fetuses nor 'lumps of cells'. Calling us to put aside our selfishness, Al points us to the true value of life; with their little toes, fingers, and even their heartbeat, the unborn deserve life. With this song, some may realize how precious life is. Feel free to share this song and the other music here with others.

## Internet Source of Pro-Life Materials

Victory Won  
[www.victorywon.com](http://www.victorywon.com)  
PO Box 101  
Davenport, NE 68335  
800-767-7258  
402-365-4414 (fax)  
[info@victorywon.com](mailto:info@victorywon.com)

This company prints a lot of pro-life materials such as buttons, posters, billboards (up to 9'6" x 21'), and bumper stickers.

The following are examples:

Buttons:



Banners or posters:



BB4

And even bumper stickers:



# Reasons to Avoid Planned Parenthood

## 1. Planned Parenthood = Abortion.

Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas (PPHSET) reported performing 6,376 in one year while only providing 278 prenatal visits. Approximately 95.8% of the pregnant women Planned Parenthood saw that year ended their pregnancy through abortion. It's clear that Planned Parenthood is pro-abortion, not pro-choice. <sup>1</sup>

## 2. Planned Parenthood Hurts Women.

Houston 9-1-1 records show at least two recent cases of women physically injured by botched abortion procedures at the Houston Planned Parenthood affiliate. Don't assume this won't happen to you. <sup>2</sup>

## 3. Planned Parenthood Experiments on Women.

In March of 2006, the FDA announced that RU 486 had claimed two more lives, bringing the death-toll of the abortion drug to six mothers in less than a four-year time span. The FDA issued new warnings about the use of the pill, and rather than stopping its use of the pill altogether, Planned Parenthood has stated that will merely stop its unapproved vaginal use of it. All six deaths occurred after visits to Planned Parenthood.

## 4. Planned Parenthood Condoms are Ranked Dead Last.

Condoms typically have a 16% failure rate according to Consumer Reports. Planned Parenthood's condoms were ranked dead last in a recent review, with "poor" ratings in both strength and reliability. Condoms are risky as it is... Using Planned Parenthood's poorly rated condoms is asking for trouble. <sup>3</sup>

## 5. Planned Parenthood Distributes Medical Misinformation.

Planned Parenthood continues to misrepresent its morning after-abortion pill to women calling it "Emergency Contraception," while failing to inform many clients that they may experience early chemical abortions with the use of this drug. Get the facts for yourself before taking their word for it. <sup>4</sup>

## 6. Planned Parenthood Offers NO Free Services.

Many customers use Planned Parenthood because they think it's the cheapest place in town. However, women and men can receive FREE services such as pregnancy testing and STD screening at various local pregnancy centers. Contact healthcare providers that offer a better value before settling for Planned Parenthood.

## 7. Planned Parenthood Celebrates its Racist Roots.

Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood wrote, "We do not want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population," when describing her plans for The Negro Project. <sup>5</sup> Additionally, Sanger wrote in her autobiography of the glowing reception she received when she spoke for a women's gathering of the Klu Klux Klan. <sup>6</sup> Instead of condemning the philosophies of this woman, Planned Parenthood gives an annual award in Margaret Sanger's honor.

## 8. Planned Parenthood Protects Sexual Predators.

News outlets reported on how Planned Parenthood has failed to report the sexual abuse of minors more than 85% of the time. These stories revealed that in many cases, the Planned Parenthood workers coached minors on how to get around notification laws and offered suggestions to help keep hidden the identity of a pedophile. Never trust an organization that won't protect vulnerable young women. <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Planned Parenthood of Houston and Southeast Texas Annual Report 2004-2005; <sup>2</sup> Recording of 9-1-1 calls from PPHSET, 10:47am, October 5, 2002, & 12:01pm, November 13, 2003; <sup>3</sup> Retrieved on April 5, 2006 from <http://www.consumerreports.org/cro/health-fitness/health-care/condoms-and-contraception-205/ratings.htm>; <sup>4</sup> *The Annals of Pharmacology*, Chris Kahlenborn, Joseph B. Sandford, and Walter Larrimore "Postfertilization Effect of Hormonal Emergency Contraception," March 2002.; <sup>5</sup> Sanger, Margaret. Letter to Dr. Clarence Gamble. 10 December, 1939.; <sup>6</sup> Sanger, Margaret. *Margaret Sanger: An Autobiography*. New York: W.W. Norton and Co., 1938.; <sup>7</sup> *WORLD Magazine*, July 27, 2002.; <sup>8</sup> Gonzalez v. Planned Parenthood of Las Angeles, 2005.;

# Pro-life Websites

## **Abortion Essays**

A website that seeks to communicate the value of life through various essays, songs, and historical perspectives.

[www.abortionessay.com](http://www.abortionessay.com)

## **American Life League**

A grass-roots pro-life educational organization that seeks to teach the reality of the child living in his mother's womb during pregnancy.

[www.all.org](http://www.all.org)

## **Baptists for Life**

BFL helps pastors and churches to form biblically centered, evangelistic pro-life ministries

[www.bfl.org](http://www.bfl.org)

## **Euthanasia**

One of the best collections of essays and information on euthanasia can be found on the U.S. Catholic Bishops' website. (An alternative source can be found at [www.euthanasia.com](http://www.euthanasia.com), but this website has a lot of pro-euthanasia material.)

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/prolife/issues/euthanas/>

## **Family Research Council**

An organization headed by Tony Perkins that promotes traditional values through lobbying elected officials and publishing information that helps Christians win the war of ideas against the entrenched secularists.

[www.frc.org](http://www.frc.org)

## **Focus on the Family**

Dr. Dobson's non-profit Christian international organization dedicated to "comprehensive, rational and biblically-based conception of the family for those in greatest need"

[www.fotf.org](http://www.fotf.org)

## **Life Advocates**

Foundation for Life's website that seeks to connect young mothers, expectant women, and teens at risk to their caring counselors and volunteers. Either through their helpline or various life center classes, Life Advocates seeks to help those in need.

[www.lifeadvocates.org](http://www.lifeadvocates.org)

## **Priest for Life**

Fr. Frank Pavone's organization that seeks to empower priests and laymen with an understanding of the life debate. Fr. Pavone's bi-weekly column is sent to millions of inboxes across the world.

[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)

## **Texas Right to Life**

The largest pro-life organization in Texas, their website is an information portal, bringing the latest news of the group's activities in Austin and pro-life messages from its director.

[www.texasrighttolife.com](http://www.texasrighttolife.com)

## HOUSTON AREA CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS

### **BAYTOWN**

Pregnancy Resource Center East  
**281-427-2273**  
3013 N. Main St.

Birthright Humble  
**281-540-1123**  
1502 First Street, Ste G

Birthright  
**713-465-4058**  
1200 Blalock, #280  
Spring Branch

LifeHouse  
**713-623-2120**

### **DOWNTOWN AREA**

Project Gabriel  
**713-225-5826**

Birthright Montgomery County  
**936-756-3220**  
1300 South Frazier, #214  
Conroe

### **SOUTHWEST AREA**

Care Net Pregnancy  
Center of Houston  
**713-780-0030**  
6009 Richmond, Suite 130  
At Fountainview

Women's Pregnancy Center  
**713-774-0126**  
8300 Bissonnet, #160  
At Gessner

Care Net Pregnancy Center  
West Oaks  
**281-531-5655**  
13155 Westheimer, #136  
At Synott

Center for Pregnancy Friendswood  
**281-482-5683**  
217 East Parkwood, Ste C

Crisis Pregnancy Center  
**409-495-2888**  
PO Box 164  
Texas City

Women's Pregnancy Center  
**979-245-9900**  
Matagorda County / Bay City

Pregnancy Help Center  
**979-297-3622**  
Brazosport / Lake Jackson

### **KATY AREA**

Pregnancy Help Center  
**281-599-0909**  
1450 E. Summitry Circle - Park Row

Fifth Ward Pregnancy Help Center  
**713-675-2800**  
743 Shotwell

Bates Pregnancy and Family Counseling  
**281-208-1705**  
3371 Dixie Drive

Pregnancy Resource Center  
**281-232-2375**  
Rosenberg

### **NATIONAL HOTLINES**

Care Net  
**1-800-395-HELP**

America's Crisis  
Pregnancy Helpline  
**1-800-672-2296**

### **NORTH AREA**

Care Net Pregnancy Center  
of Houston - Northeast Office  
**713-633-2828**  
9608 Mesa Drive  
off I-59 N. near Tidwell

Pregnancy Assistance Center North  
**281-367-1518**  
26402 I-45 N.  
Woodlands / Spring

### **NORTHWEST AREA**

Care Net Pregnancy Center of  
Northwest Houston  
**281-477-8200**  
17776 Tomball Pkwy #35B  
at Willowbrook Court

New Life Pregnancy Center  
**281-955-1001**  
19911A Tomball Pkwy - SH 249

Bates Pregnancy and Family Counseling  
**281-208-1705**  
3371 Dixie Drive

Pregnancy Resource Center  
**281-232-2375**  
Rosenberg

Pregnancy Assistance Center Conroe  
**936-441-6442**  
115 N. San Jacinto St., Conroe

**Foundation for Life**  
Maternal Assistance Program  
**713-263-8400**  
10900 Northwest Frwy., Ste 112  
near Northwest Mall

### **SOUTH / SOUTHEAST**

Crisis Pregnancy Center Southeast  
**713-944-1730**  
1028 Edgebrook - off I-45 South

Crisis Pregnancy Center Beltway 8  
**281-484-0005**  
10851 Scarsdale off Beamer near I-45

Birthright  
**1-800-550-4900**

National Life Center  
**1-800-848-LOVE**

# FEEDBACK REQUEST

And Description of Project

Dear Pastor,

We would very much appreciate your feedback. Please email your comments to [larryboh@gmail.com](mailto:larryboh@gmail.com). Alternately, you may mail them to:

Attn: Larry Bohannon  
Foundation for Life  
10900 Northwest Freeway, Ste. 112  
Houston, TX 77092

The name of this project is the "Area Church Coordination Project". The cost of the project was paid for by the Foundation for Life. Texas Right to Life and the Coalition for Life supported the project with material and their endorsement. We sent out 1,500 letters to churches in the Houston area. We told the church leaders that we they could access a free Sanctity of Life Resource Packet on the internet at [www.abortionessay.com](http://www.abortionessay.com).

If you or your church would like contribute to a fund to cover the costs for next year, please send a check to the Foundation for Life.

Thank you,

Larry Bohannon  
Education Committee Chairman  
Foundation for Life