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January 2010

## 40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally

**Tues, Feb. 16, 2010  
5:30 PM  
DM Diocese Pastoral Center  
601 Grand Avenue  
Des Moines**

DES MOINES—Before getting down to the serious business of saving lives through **40 Days for Life**, we are having a big Kickoff Rally. You're invited!

40 Days is the peaceful prayer vigil where participants pray outside local abortion clinics during Lent. We pray not only for the



women going into the abortion processing center, but also for the employees who work there, that they may turn away from this terrible industry.

At the Kickoff Rally we will pass out signs, listen to featured speakers and lay out the plan. We are getting organized and bringing several new churches on board and many young people, too!

Come help us make a difference for life!

[www.40daysforlife.com/iowa](http://www.40daysforlife.com/iowa)

## Fr. Tad to Speak at DM Capitol

DES MOINES – Making sense out of the Embryonic vs. Adult Stem Cell Research debate will be the focus of this year's **Prayer for Life** at the Capitol in Des Moines on February 8.



**Prayer for Life  
February 8, 2010  
2:30—5:00 PM  
State Capitol  
Des Moines**

Pro-lifers from all over the state come to the Capitol to meet legislators, learn how to lobby and hear great speakers. This year the keynote speaker will be **Father Tad Pacholczyk** (pictured), Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center and an expert on Stem Cell Research.

Fr. Tad has some serious credentials, including a doctorate in neuroscience from Yale. His undergraduate degrees

include philosophy, biochemistry, molecular cell biology and chemistry. He also did laboratory research on hormonal regulation of the immune response.

But don't let that fool you—Fr. Tad's gift is in taking the complexities around the stem cell research and cloning debates and breaking it down for the lay person. IRTL is hoping that audience members will come away from the rally recharged for the stem cell debate.

He is a nationally known speaker who has testified on stem cell research and cloning before members of the Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Virginia and North Carolina State Legislatures.

There will be a workshop prior to the Rally at 610 Grand Avenue in the Pastoral Conference Center. Download the flyer or for more information: [www.iowaRTL.org/events](http://www.iowaRTL.org/events)

**RSVP by calling 515.244.1012 or by email at [iowa@iowaRTL.org](mailto:iowa@iowaRTL.org)**

## Shocking Truth About the Birth Dearth

DES MOINES—After your kids have been Al Gored to death in school with films about environmental collapse, it's time to give them the other side of the story.



Iowa Right to Life now has **Demographic Winter on DVD** available for purchase.

*Demographic Winter* is a shocking documentary that reveals that the declining birth rate across the globe may be leading to economic and social catastrophe.

Experts pose questions such as how the current decline in the birth rate in Mexico, unprecedented in history, will effect the U.S. economy. And how both poor and rich countries will be facing a disproportionate number of elderly people.

IRTL has an excellent selection of books, DVDs, CDs and pamphlets for classroom, pro-life groups, church groups, book clubs or individual study.

**For more information, visit: [www.iowartl.org/about/store-resources/](http://www.iowartl.org/about/store-resources/)**

## Mikulski Amendment: Abortion is Preventative Health Care

WASHINGTON D.C.—The abortion industry and their amen corner on Capitol Hill will do *anything* to keep from using the dirty word “abortion.” But now, Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) has stretched the limit.

For years, it has been “choice” or “right to privacy.” At the United Nations, “Reproductive Health Care” means abortion.

At Planned Parenthood, they advertise surgical abortions as “in-clinic procedures.” The RU-486/abortion pill at Planned Parenthood is a “medication” abortion. Medication — like cough syrup, right?

Pro-abortionists in Congress are playing with words once again to slide controversial abortion coverage under the wire into the current health care legislation.

On December 3, the Senate approved an amendment by pro-abortion Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) which could potentially classify abortion as “preventative health services” for women.

National Right to Life issued a statement prior to the vote opposing the Mikulski Amendment No.2791, on the grounds that it will “...empower political appointees at the Health Re-

sources and Services Administration (HRSA) to issue mandates that all health plans cover any service ‘with respect to women’ that is declared to constitute “preventive care.”

If Congress were to grant any Executive Branch entity sweeping authority to define services that pri-



vate health plans must cover, abortion could be included as “preventative care” and all health plans could be required to cover it.

This is not new. Prominent pro-abortion advocates are already on record discussing abortion as “preventive health care.” A 2009 publication cosponsored by the National Abortion Federation, Providing Abortion Care, explicitly stated that “APCs (Advanced Practice Clinicians) are especially well positioned within the health care system to address women’s need for comprehensive primary preventive health care

that includes abortion care.”

When Senator Mikulski offered a similar amendment in the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, it was backed by a long list of pro-abortion advocacy groups, including NARAL Pro-Choice America, Catholics for

Choice, Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health, Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Medical Students for Choice.

A July 8, 2009, letter from these groups asserted that by allowing the Health Resources and Services Administration to issue binding guidelines on preventive services, the “unique preventive health needs of women” would be addressed.

Anyone who genuinely believes that abortion properly will remain outside the scope of future “preventive care” mandates should have no objection to explicitly writing such a rule of construction into the legislation.

**The battle over the health care legislation is ongoing. For the latest updates from Capitol Hill, please visit: [www.NRLC.org](http://www.NRLC.org)**

## Abort Abortion: Iowa Priest Raises Funds for Life



GUTHRIE CENTER—Father Mike Peters wants to “Abort” Abortion and he plans to raise a billion dollars to do it.

The Catholic priest, who is pastor of

parishes in Guthrie Center, Panora and Bayard, is calling the program, *Abort Abortion*. The money raised will go toward creating factual, hard

hitting commercials before elections so that the ongoing legalized murder of millions of innocent children becomes the prominent issue for voters.

Fr. Peters wants the commercials to assist voters to come to the conclusion, “I cannot morally vote for any candidate who supports the legalized murder of the unborn - no matter how much I like their other ideas.”

Fundraising for *Abort Abortion* has a unique twist. Donors will not be asked to give more than a one-time donation of \$100. But each donor will be charged with finding two more

donors to contribute \$100 and commit to recruiting two others to do the same.

Since *Abort Abortion* is a non-profit chapter of Iowa Right to Life, donations are tax deductible.

**To help *Abort Abortion*, send a one-time contribution of \$100 to:**

**Abort Abortion  
PO Box 82  
Guthrie Center, IA 50115**

**Or visit: [www.iowartl.org/irlc/whats-new/hot-topics/abort-abortion/](http://www.iowartl.org/irlc/whats-new/hot-topics/abort-abortion/)**

## Get Ready to Caucus: Saturday, January 23, 1:00 PM

### How and When to Introduce a Pro-Life Resolution for Party Platforms

If you don't know where your precinct caucus is located, please call your County Auditor's office. They are in your phonebook under 1.) your local county seat 2.) your county name and then 3.) Auditor. Or visit the Secretary of State website at [www.sos.state.ia.us](http://www.sos.state.ia.us)

### Caucus Proceedings—General Outline

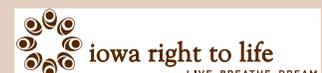
*It is possible that some items may be done in a slightly different order, depending on the caucus Chairman.*

1. **Sign In:** Caucus participants are asked to sign in upon entering. If you are not enrolled in a party, you may be asked to indicate it as your party preference and asked to fill out a voter registration form.
2. **Call to Order:** The caucus is usually called to order at 1:00 PM by a Temporary Chairman.
3. **Elect Chairman and Secretary:** The first order of business is to elect a Permanent Chairman and a Secretary who will run the proceedings from that point until adjournment.
4. **Nomination Papers:** At this point, the Chairman may circulate nomination papers for candidates running for federal, state and local offices.
5. **Elect Precinct Committee People:** The Chairman will read a description of the duties of these individuals and they will be elected.
6. **Elect County Convention Delegates and Alternates:** The Chairman will give an explanation of how many will be elected, the date of the County Convention, etc. Please consider being a delegate. You can have someone nominate you, or you can nominate yourself by saying, "I nominate (your name) for County Convention delegate." It is perfectly proper to ask anyone running where they stand on the right to life issue.
7. **Discussion of Platform Resolutions:** (see below) Resolutions passed by the caucus are forwarded on to the platform committee and may become a part of the Republican or Democrat state party platform.
8. **Other Business:** The Chairman will now ask if there is any other business to come before the caucus.
9. **Adjourn:** When there is no other business, the caucus will adjourn. Please stay until the end.

Please have the below pro-life resolution with you at the caucus on January 23 to submit to the Caucus Chairman when the discussion for *party platform resolutions* (see # 7 above) are to be discussed and voted on. When they begin to discuss the platform, just raise your hand to be recognized and say: "I propose the following resolution..."

### Pro-Life Resolution

We believe human life is a sacred gift from our Creator and is an inalienable right as outlined in the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence whereby its value cannot be decided by a legislative body or a judicial branch. This right is innately valuable from conception to natural death. This includes the unborn, the elderly, the terminally or chronically ill, and the mentally or physically handicapped. No human life should ever be diminished, or arbitrarily taken. Therefore, the government and its people must restore this right to life which was intended to protect all its citizens, including the child in the womb.



## Contestants Wanted for 2010 IRTL Oratory Contest

DES MOINES—We took a year off in 2009, but now the Pro-life Oratory Contest is back! The contest is open to high school juniors and seniors. The winner receives \$350 and a trip to compete in National Right to Life's Oratory Contest in Pittsburgh, June 24-26, 2010.

**Saturday, April 24, 2010**  
**Walnut Creek Community Church**  
**2251 Fuller Road**  
**West Des Moines**  
**9:00 AM—3:30 PM**

**1st Prize: \$350 and a Trip to Pittsburgh, PA, to compete in the Oratory Finals at the National Right to Life Convention**  
**2nd Prize: \$100**  
**3rd Prize: \$50**

Contestants are to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia or stem cell research. The speech should address one of these topics directly using other topics only as support.

The speech is to be 5–7 minutes in length. A contestant will be dis-

qualified if the speech is timed to be under 4 minutes or over 8 minutes in length. Judges are instructed to use their judgment regarding under or over time limit speeches. It is at the judges' discretion how the 4-5 minute and the 7-8 minute speech will reflect in the score.

Competition is stiff at NRLC's

National Competition. Finalists are polished speakers that usually operate without notes. They are very animated and give very positive speeches.

To promote the Oratory Contest in your school, church or community, download IRTL's Oratory Contest flyer: <http://iowartl.org/files/media/>



IRTL Oratory Contestants pose with their parents in 2008. IRTL did not have a contest in 2009.

**PDFs/OratoryContest\_2010.pdf**

See contest rules at: <http://www.nrlc.org/Oratory/index.html>

**For more information, please visit: [www.iowaRTL.org](http://www.iowaRTL.org) or contact us at 515.244.1012 or [iowa@iowaRTL.org](mailto:iowa@iowaRTL.org)**

## Pro-Life Friends Remembered in IRTL Memorials



The following are Memorial donations to Iowa Right to Life to remember loved ones and friends:

Lois Schallau in memory of Jim Schallau, beloved husband

John and Edna Brunkhorst in memory of Erin Delaney

### In Memory of James Daly

Ila Daly in memory of James Daly, beloved husband  
 James and Candy Plew  
 Katherine Lasnek  
 James and Lynn Guyer

### In Memory of Robert E. "Bob" Worden

Thelma Worden  
 L.E. and E.M. Overholser  
 Darrell and Neva Gass  
 Gregory Bentley  
 Patricia McCormick  
 Gerald and Lynore Pierce  
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 Michael and Conny Sheil  
 Carole Slump  
 Maj. Ret. Jeffery and Diane Showers  
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 M.T. and M.L. Phelan  
 Richard and Roberta Goodman  
 Jeanette Smith  
 Kenneth and Joan Limke  
 Mr. and Mrs. James Dressen

Consider a gift to Iowa Right to Life Educational Fund in honor or in memory of a friend or loved one.

**For more information on donating, <http://iowartl.org/about-us/donate/>**

## Taking Back the Culture: Responses to “Are You Done Yet?”

DES MOINES—A new baby should be a happy occasion. So we were surprised to hear from a number of moms about negative reactions or probing questions when they announce to family, friends and neighbors that they have a new baby on the way.

*“Are you DONE yet?”*

*“How many are you going to have?”*

*“Better you than me.”*

Sometimes the comments come from complete strangers in the grocery store or the public library. Sometimes they come from people in one’s church.

*“Don’t you know this world is overpopulated?”*

*“Ever hear of birth control?”*

We asked a few moms with more than two children, “How do you respond to people who say you have too many children?” Here are a few of our favorites:

1. I'm just getting warmed up.
2. You should meet the other ten at home.
3. You should be thanking me--they will be paying your social security.
4. Are you trying to tell me what to do with my body?
5. We didn't plan them, but God did.
6. If my parents had stopped at two children, I wouldn't be here.
7. Am I DONE? What do I look like? A ROAST?
8. Sure beats having multiple cats.
9. What do you mean overpopulation? Have you ever been to Nebraska?
10. Practice makes perfect.
11. We didn't plan any of them. They were all the result of wild, unbridled, spontaneous passion.



**Iowa Right to Life asked moms, “How do you respond to people who say you have too many children?”**

12. We're going for the *Guinness Book of World Records*.

13. We figure at least one of them will take care of us in our old age.

14. Let's line them up and you can tell me which one I should get rid of.

15. The response I was looking for was, “Congratulations!”

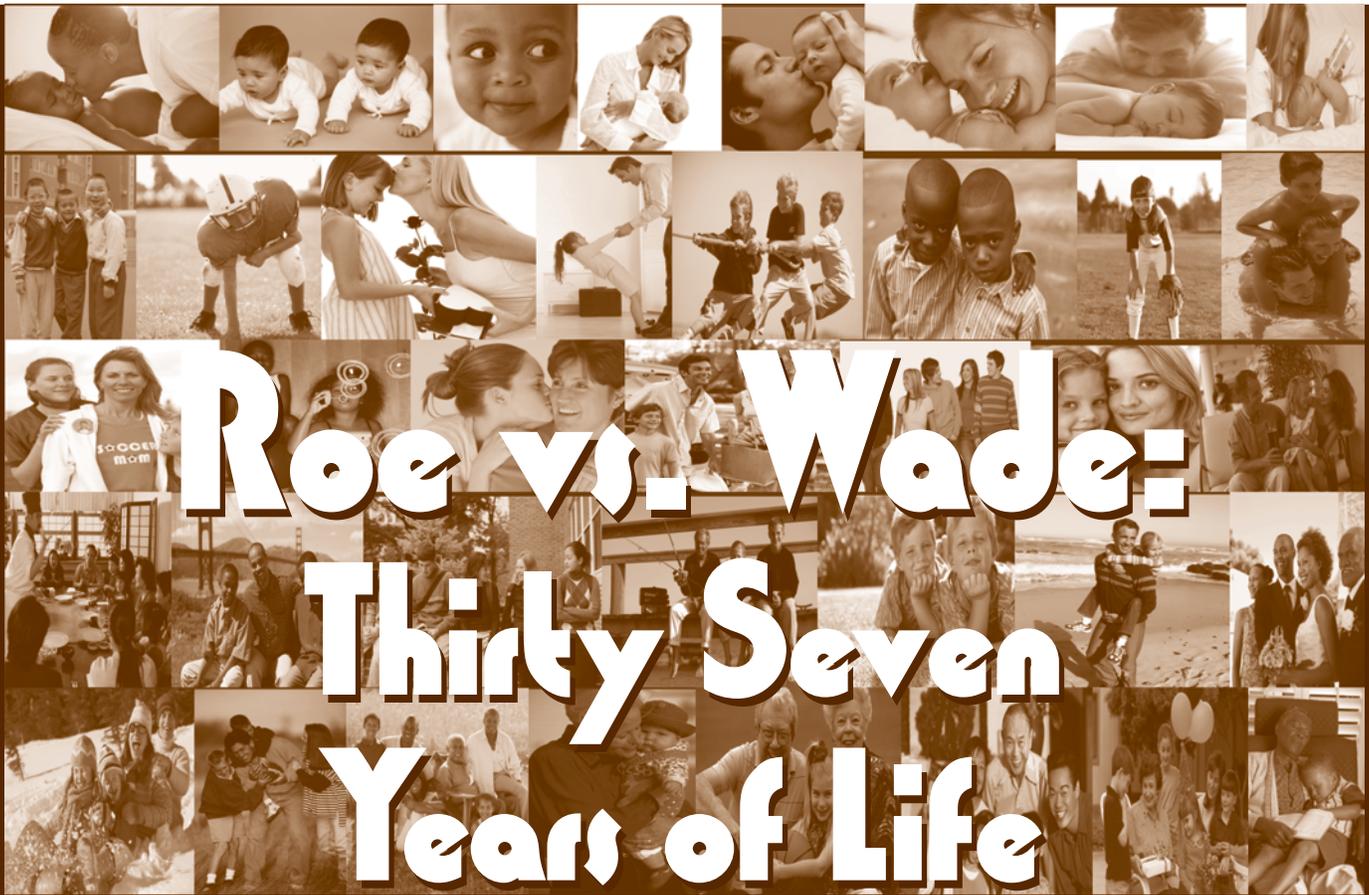
In truth, we believe in responding with Christian charity, because the people who make these rude comments are drunk on the Eugenics kool-aid and they don't even know it. Eugenics is the vile movement to “purify” the human race through birth control, sterilization and abortion. These people believe that families should have one or two children — or no children at all.

They have bought into the “lame-stream” media culture where children are not seen as a blessing, but a tax on the earth's resources. As one Planned Parenthood advertisement in Minnesota put it: “Babies are loud, smelly and expensive.”

It's time to take back the culture. Let them know that children are our greatest resource. They add to productivity, they keep the economy going. Sure babies are a lot of work, but they are worth it. Life is a beautiful thing. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

*Are you done yet?* We hope not.

**Do you have a good comeback for, “Too many children?” Send it to us at: [iowa@iowaRTL.org](mailto:iowa@iowaRTL.org)**



# ABORTED

Abortion takes the life of a living unborn child. They are not the only victims. The tragedy of abortion hurts mothers, fathers, siblings, aunts, uncles and grandparents.

**Abortion steals our tomorrows.**

Thirty-seven years and more than 50 million lives later, the legacy of Roe vs. Wade and the impact of abortion is still being felt by the next generation of Americans who now live with 50 million fewer brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, fathers and mothers. What does the loss of life on that scale mean?

- 50 Million fewer people in America's labor force who would have held jobs building, teaching and healing.
- 50 Million fewer taxpayers who would have contributed billions to Medicare and Social Security.
- 50 Million fewer people not making the market larger, more efficient and encouraging investment and innovation and buying homes.

**Countless lives of children...Lost Forever.**

# Prayer for Life Day 2010

*"Crying Out to God for Those Who Have No Voice"*

## Featuring

**Fr. Tadeusz  
Pacholczyk, Ph.D.**



"Fr. Tad," Director of Education at the National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, PA, is an expert in the areas of Bioethics and Neuroscience.



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## Reservations

**Reservations are required** to attend the Educational Opportunities and lunch. Please call 515.237.5016 by Feb. 3, 2010.

*Educational sessions will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Center at 6th and Grand Avenue in Des Moines.*

*No reservations are necessary for the Lobbying 101 presentation or The Prayer for Life Rally.*

**Monday, February 8, 2010**

**10:00 am - 4:00 pm**

## Educational Opportunities

601 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa

**10:00 am - Fr. Tad will discuss Stem Cell Research (Reservation required).**

**12:00 pm - Lunch with Workshop provided by Sponsors. (Reservation required and donations will be taken to help cover expenses).**

**12:30 pm - Fr. Tad will discuss End of Life Issues and Euthanasia. (Reservation required)**

## Rally At The Capitol

1st Floor Rotunda

**2:30 pm - Tamara Scott, Concerned Women For America, presents "Lobbying 101" in the Legislative Lounge in the Capitol basement.**

**3:30 pm - Prayer for Life Rally with prayer offered by Bishop Richard Pates and Rev. Keith A. Ratliff.**

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### Perform Service Hours with Iowa Right to Life!

Earn service hours for school or for a Confirmation program or just because it's the right thing to do!

For more information, e-mail us at: [iowa@iowaRTL.org](mailto:iowa@iowaRTL.org) or call us at 515.244.1012.

## Important Dates to Remember on the Iowa RTL Calendar!

### March for Life

Friday, January 22, 2010

Washington D.C.

### Iowa Caucuses

January 23, 2010

1:00 PM

Location by precinct

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Des Moines

Food and Fun!

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### Spring Book Sale

March 24-29, 2010 (Closed Sunday)

KJJY Events Center at 7 Flags

2100 NW 100th Street, Clive

Accepting book donations all year.

Contact Rhonda Phillips at 515.205.8024 or [rhonda@iowaRTL.org](mailto:rhonda@iowaRTL.org)  
[www.iowaRTL.org/events/book-sale](http://www.iowaRTL.org/events/book-sale)

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## DM Rotary Rejects Planned Parenthood Money Honey

DES MOINES—The Des Moines Rotary Club recently rejected the application for membership of **Susy**



**Robinette, Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa's chief Development Officer.**

Eleven members of the Rotary nixed Robinette because of her Planned Parenthood ties.

Robinette, a former TV news reporter, is not just PPGI's Chief fundraiser. She and her husband Ron Rosenblatt are big donors, giving between \$1,000-4,999 annually to PPGI in its fiscal years ending in 2006 and 2007.

*Des Moines Register* columnist Reka Basu wrote a column on December 18 lambasting the Rotary for rejecting Robinette. Basu parroted the Planned Parenthood man-

tra saying, "Even though it's (PP's) major mission is to prevent abortions through education and family planning."

If that is Planned Parenthood's major mission, they are miserably **ailing**.

The number of **abortions reported by Planned Parenthood of the Heartland has been increasing steadily for years, from 2,898 in their fiscal year ending in 2002 to 4,401 abortions in their fiscal year ending in 2008. That's an average of 12 children aborted in Iowa each day.**

Basu also writes, "Abortion is less than 2 percent of what it (PPGI) does." Another PPGI-fed line.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa performed 4,401 abortions in their fiscal year ending in 2008. Estimating the cost of an average abortion

pill/medication abortion to be \$500 and the average first trimester surgical abortion at \$625. **Planned Parenthood could rake in more than \$2.48 million annually from abortions in Iowa. 2 percent? Try closer to one-quarter of their medical services income.**

Lastly, Basu bleats, "...how intolerant our society has become when people won't even talk, but want to shut out those of different perspectives."

This is hypocrisy coming from a person who at last year's Prayer for Life, bolted out of the Capitol in Des Moines after her close friend tried to shut down Iowa RTL's guest speaker, Rep. Steve King. Where's the toleration?

We hope in the future, Basu won't shut out the pro-life perspective and practice the toleration that they demand of everyone else.