

# Right to Life Newsletter

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## Got a Vacuum?

The RTL office is in need of a new vacuum cleaner. If you've got an extra one laying around, please consider donating it. It doesn't have to be in mint condition; it just needs to pick up dirt!

## Mark your calendar

- 40 Days for Life: Begins September 23
- Life Chain: October 3
- Deadline for submissions to the September newsletter: August 25.
- Board meetings: August 3, September 7, 7 pm.

## Clothing center report

We served 163 people during the month of June, of whom 72 received free items, six took literature two were referred to the Women's Center.

## Summer hours

In addition to regular weekly hours, the thrift shop is open on Saturday mornings, 9-noon, through September.

## Remember RTL

Please remember the pro-life cause when planning your estate or making funeral arrangements for a loved one. Remittance envelopes for memorial donations to Right to Life are available by contacting the office.

Right to Life of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) educational and service organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

## Promoting Life at the Fair

We are grateful to chairpersons Karen and Les Berning and to all the volunteers who make RTL's Shelby County Fair booth a success.

This year RTL again presented an attractive and positive pro-life message to passersby at the fairgrounds' Merchants Building. The booth provided informative displays and brochures, as well as offering various complimentary and low-cost pro-life items such as magnets and t-shirts.



Thanks to more than three dozen volunteers, the booth was open and staffed all day for the entire seven-day duration of the fair, helping to give life issues the attention they deserve.

## Ella One Pill = Over the Counter Abortion

While watching the news one evening—something I rarely do because 1) I have small children who do not allow you the liberties to watch any kind of TV appropriate for ages 5 and above and 2) I become easily agitated by the negativity and liberal deliverance of the day's happenings—I viewed a segment on the new, FDA approved drug, Ella One. It was news to me that this 'morning after pill,' which is effective for up to 5 days after possible conception, unlike the Plan B drug that works for only 3, was even in existence. So, I chose to head upstairs to research this newly approved drug that society does not deem to be any kind of abortion. Here's what I found:

- A possible effect of the one-pill treatment is the prevention of pregnancy for up to five days after unprotected sex.
- In FDA tests, Ella One has caused no deaths and no harmful side effects were observed.

However, these two points do not tell the whole story:

- Were the FDA's tests sufficient? Some who oppose the drug say that "there have not been adequate trials done to find out what happens when women take it more than once." Also trials have not been completed to test girls under the age of 18 (heaven forbid they are given it). Cont. on page 3

**ACTION ITEM**

## Why We Pray to End Abortion

I recently began an online series of two-minute videos exploring in detail why and how we pray to end abortion. (These videos can also be seen on my You Tube channel, [www.youtube.com/frfrankpavone](http://www.youtube.com/frfrankpavone).)

I begin by asking the question, “Why do we pray at all, when God already knows his own will and intends to carry it out?” As we know, in the model for all prayer, the Our Father, our Lord taught us to pray, “Thy will be done.” All our prayer is based on that attitude. But certainly we don’t need to remind God to do things he’s going to forget.

So why do we pray? Because God wants us to be involved in what he is doing! Of course he’s going to do his will. But our prayers really change things, because God wills that his decisions will rely in part on whether we pray and act.

One of his firm decisions, which in fact represents the purpose of salvation history, is that he will destroy death. And we can actually hasten the process and spread the victory of life.

“The Lord will destroy death forever!” This marvelous declaration from Isaiah 25:8 should sustain us daily in our pro-life efforts. When we pray to end abortion, we are not just asking God to do us some favor or to grant a request. It’s much more momentous than that. When we ask him to end abortion, we are pleading for the fulfillment of his great plan of conquering death.

It was about this that God first spoke when he promised in Genesis 3:15 (the “first gospel”) that the head of the serpent would be crushed. It was for this that Jesus himself died and rose again; it is for this that every Church ministry exists. Proclaiming the Gospel means proclaiming life! As Paul explains in 1 Cor. 15, as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive, but each in his own order. Christ is the first to rise from the dead; then all things are to be made subject to him, and in him, all will rise at the end of time. “Then shall come to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory!” (1 Cor. 15:54).

When Scripture talks about the new and eternal Jerusalem, urging us to look forward to that day when we will all be gathered around the throne, it declares, “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying out nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away” (Rev. 21:4). That is why we pray to end abortion, because we are caught up in a mighty dynamic of history, over which God presides. Our prayers are a great Amen to a process in which we are all involved and which culminates in the eternal victory of life!

By Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life. Reprinted from [www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org).

**Prayer to End Abortion**

*Lord God, I thank you today  
for the gift of my life,  
And for the lives of all my  
brothers and sisters.  
I know there is nothing that  
destroys more life than abortion,  
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death  
by the Resurrection of Your Son.  
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.  
Today I commit myself  
Never to be silent,  
Never to be passive,  
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.  
I commit myself to be active  
in the pro-life movement,  
And never to stop defending life  
Until all my brothers and  
sisters are protected,  
And our nation once  
again becomes  
A nation with liberty and justice  
Not just for some, but for all,  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen!*

*- Fr. Frank Pavone  
[www.priestsforlife.org](http://www.priestsforlife.org)*

## Ella = Abortion continued from page 1

- The American Association of Pro Life Obstetricians & Gynecologists wrote in a letter to the FDA earlier this month saying, “There is no doubt that ulipristal acts as an abortifacient, because the drug blocks progesterone receptors at three critical areas,” an action that “interferes with the hormone action of progesterone to prepare the endometrium for implantation and to support the early pregnancy.”
- Because of this, pro-life groups argue that the drug is a “thinly-veiled attempt to get ‘abortion over the counter.’” I tend to agree. Why would a woman take this drug unless she wanted not to be pregnant? When the pill does not act as a contraceptive, it acts as an abortifacient.

To read more on this drug and to find links to more information, please visit: [www.cbn.com/cbnnews/healthscience/2010/June/Ella-One-Pill-Over-the-Counter-Abortion/](http://www.cbn.com/cbnnews/healthscience/2010/June/Ella-One-Pill-Over-the-Counter-Abortion/)

By Tricia Zimmerman

## Pro-Life Movement Persuades Future Doctors Not to Do Abortions

The Sunday New York Times Magazine featured an interesting article entitled “The New Abortion Providers,” which details efforts by supporters of legal abortion to cultivate a new generation of physicians who perform abortions.

Unsurprisingly, the article painted a very sympathetic picture, but it still makes interesting reading for pro-lifers, because it demonstrates that the pro-life movement has been quietly effective in ways that often receive little media attention. It also shows that the effort to encourage young physicians to perform abortions may well achieve little success.

One unheralded success of the pro-life movement is that it has convinced many Americans that abortion is wrong. For instance, as this article nicely demonstrates, ever since *Roe v. Wade*, abortion has been effectively divorced from mainstream medicine. Many hospitals will not allow abortions to be performed on their premises; a very high percentage of doctors have no interest in performing abortions at all; most abortions are performed in clinics away from doctor’s offices and hospitals. This has done some good things for the pro-life movement: It has further stigmatized abortion; it has made it easier for sidewalk counselors to identify and approach abortion-minded women; it has also made abortions more difficult to obtain in many parts of the country.

Supporters of legal abortion realize that abortion has become increasingly stigmatized and marginalized within the medical community—indeed, the number of abortion providers has fallen by over a third since 1982—and that younger physicians are less likely to perform abortions than their older counterparts. Furthermore, there are relatively few abortion providers in rural areas. The two programs this article highlights, the Kenneth J. Ryan Residency Training Program and the Family Planning Fellowship, are intended to reverse this trend.

But although both of these programs are well funded and have received generous donations from a foundation started by Warren Buffett, their efforts may not be effective at expanding access to abortion. The article cites a study of 30 OB-GYNs with abortion training: Of eighteen who wanted to perform abortions, only three were doing so. This is sometimes because of high malpractice-insurance rates, sometimes because hospitals or group practices will not allow it.

Every January, the media seems surprised at how many young people attend the March for Life; those of us in the pro-life movement are not surprised at all. The fact that supporters of legal abortion have to make such substantial investments on medical-school campuses is perhaps the best evidence of the gains pro-lifers have made among America’s youth.

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## Ohio Right to Life Sweepstakes

Don't forget to return your sweepstakes tickets, included with last month's newsletter. The tickets are 6 for \$5, so if you return all of the enclosed tickets (18), the donation would be \$15. Additional tickets are available at the RTL office.

Please send your check and completed tickets to: Shelby County RTL, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH, 45365.

Tickets should be turned in by October 1. Thank you!

## Russia Group Offers "Bulletin Book" for Churches

Over the past year, the Respect Life Committee at St. Remy's Church in Russia has created pro-life inserts for their parish bulletin. The group has collected these inserts and bound them into a single book, which they are offering for sale at their cost of \$15 per book.

"We hope that this book will encourage other churches to make a pro-life statement part of their weekly message," says committee member Jen Bohman. "It's been a great source of information and inspiration to the people in our church."

The book includes daily scripture readings as well as dozens of news items, reflections, prayers, and even pro-life cartoons.

Anyone interested in viewing or purchasing a copy may contact Jen Bohman at 937-526-3451 or stop by the Right to Life office.