



*Transforming society to respect and protect all innocent human life.*

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## Missouri House Votes To Expand Women's Right To Information Before An Abortion

### *Act Now: Call Your State Senator Today!*

Imagine if you can.

March 30th, hundreds of people at the State Capitol attending Missouri Right to Life's Pro-Life Action Day, and the Missouri House of Representatives passes a bill expanding protections for women and their unborn babies.

It happened! Joy, gratitude, relief -- what a wonderful day for those valiant pro-lifers who made the trip to Jefferson City!

With the passage of HB 1327 & 2000, the pro-lifers who filled the Capitol rotunda for the noon rally erupted in cheers and applause. This legislation requires that mothers are offered an ultrasound 24 hours before an abortion, learn of their child's ability to

feel pain, and protects minors victimized by incest or rape.

"This legislation will expand the informed consent laws and save the lives of unborn children and protect their mothers," said Pam Fichter, President of MRL. "We commend the Missouri House members who voted for this important pro-life bill," she said.

A woman's choice to abort her child should not be made without full and complete consent, and this bill will assure that women receive all available information and that their choice is made freely and without coercion.

*Please call your State Senator* and ask him/her to pass HB 1327 & 2000 as it came out of the House, or the Senate version as it came out of committee, to protect women and their unborn children.

## Obama Imposes Pro-Abortion Health Care Reform

### **"Executive order" changes nothing**

In spite of President Obama's claim to the contrary, the health care reform bill he signed into law on March 23 requires federal agencies to subsidize and administer health plans that will pay for elective abortions and undermines long-standing pro-life policies.

The executive order issued by Obama that would supposedly ensure all pro-life Hyde Amendment protections will apply to the health-care reform bill changes nothing. The Hyde Amendment is a rider that must be lobbied and attached each year to the annual Labor/Health and Human Services appropriations bill. Obama's executive order was issued for political effect and does not correct any of the serious pro-abortion provisions in the new health care reform law. The president cannot amend a law by issuing an executive order, and the federal courts will enforce what the law says.

The bill contains seven pro-abortion provisions:

(1) **Direct funding of abortion through the Community Health Centers program.** The bill appropriates \$7 billion for Community Health Centers with no re-

strictions on the use of the funds for abortion. The Hyde Amendment doesn't apply because the new law creates a funding pipeline untouched by the Hyde Amendment.

(2) **Other direct appropriations not covered by abortion restrictions.** The law contains additional directly appropriated funds not covered by abortion limitations.

(3) **Federally administered abortion plans.** The law creates a new program under which the Office of Personnel Management will administer two or more national ("multi-state") insurance plans stipulating that "at least one" could limit abortion coverage. By implication, the other plans could cover elective abortions.

(4) **Federally subsidized abortion plans.** The law allows for private plans that cover elective abortions to qualify for the federal subsidy. Every enrollee in such a plan would be required to make a separate payment into a fund used exclusively for elective abortions or lose their coverage.

(5) **Authorities for pro-abortion mandates.** The law contains provisions granting authority to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and other federal en-

ties to issue regulations on various matters. These provisions could be employed as authority for pro-abortion mandates, requiring plans to cover abortion and/or provide expanded access to abortion, unless there is clear language to prevent it.

(6) **Open door to future abortion funding in Indian health programs.** The law revamps and reauthorizes all Indian health programs and contains no language that would bar these programs from providing elective abortions.

(7) **Missing abortion nondiscrimination (conscience) language.** The so-called conscience protections in the new law are exceedingly narrow and do not include language that would prevent government penalties for health care providers who refuse to participate in providing abortions.

#### **Missouri Congressional Votes**

Voted "No" (*with* MRL position)

Todd Akin (R-2)

Ike Skelton (D-4)

Sam Graves (R-6)

Roy Blunt (R-7)

Jo Ann Emerson (R-8)

Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-9)

Voted "Yes" (*against* MRL position)

William Clay (D-1)

Russ Carnahan (D-3)

Emanuel Cleaver (D-5)

## Don't Drop the Baby!

Like many of you, my heart sank on Sunday night, March 21, when Bart Stupak succumbed to pressure to abandon his opposition to the pro-abortion health care reform legislation. Like many of you, I had been praying for him to be strong in his defense of the unborn. Sadly, he agreed to vote for the legislation in exchange for a meaningless gesture from the most anti-life president in our country's history. As columnist Kathleen Parker wrote about Stupak, "The man tried to be a hero for the unborn, and then, when all the power of the moment was in his frail human hands, he dropped the baby."

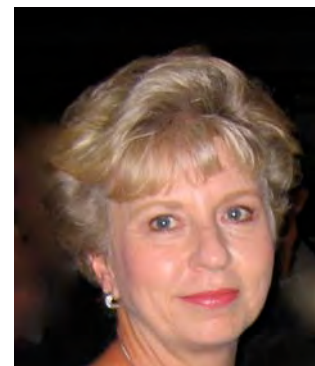
What is there to learn from Stupak's actions? Certainly, that the success or failure of our efforts to protect innocent human life cannot be won or lost at the hands of one would-be hero. Today, when "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" - or Jefferson City - he often disappoints those who sent him.

There's a sweet irony developing with the election of the most anti-life administration in history and the passage of this monstrous health care legislation.

Americans who have never wanted anything to do with politics, never wanted to discuss the position of candidates or the platforms of parties, never or rarely voted, are waking up. They're shedding their apathetic skins and wanting to get into the game. Others, who looked at candidates with rose-colored glasses, are determined to dig deeper and learn more about the heart of the candidate and not rely on campaign rhetoric. Politics is no longer a necessary evil of our republic, but a way for concerned citizens to join together and elect Representatives who are truly committed to the values that made this country great and to hold them accountable when they fail to do so.

With this great awakening of the American voter, the election this November promises to be a game changer. Missouri Right to Life is determined to do our part. We are first of all committed to increasing our membership. I hope that everyone who reads this will help with the "Angels Among Us" campaign to increase our membership this year. By inviting ten of your friends to join MRL, friends who share your passion for life and commitment to making a difference

with their vote, you strengthen the pro-life voice in Missouri.



Pam Fichter

We are also committed to educating more Missouri

voters on life issues, on federal and state legislation, and most importantly, on candidates' positions and actions. Our Political Action Committee is gearing up for the upcoming elections. Candidates will be asked to complete a survey of their position on the core life issues. We will interview candidates and examine their voting records. Our PAC must be convinced by word and deed that a candidate truly shares our pro-life values before making an endorsement.

Missouri Right to Life is committed to working tirelessly, with optimism and conviction, to make a difference in Washington D.C., in Jefferson City, and in the hearts of Missourians.

We won't drop the baby.

## Words of Thanks to You

**To all of you who have responded to Missouri Right to Life's membership renewal plea, we offer sincere thanks! We are often reminded -- and remind you -- that with you, we change the world. With you, we restore our nation's respect for life. Without you . . . we can't do it. Remember, we're a family working together toward a magnificent goal!**

**And for you who have recently made your first gift, we send our deepest thanks and welcome you warmly into the Missouri Right to Life family.**



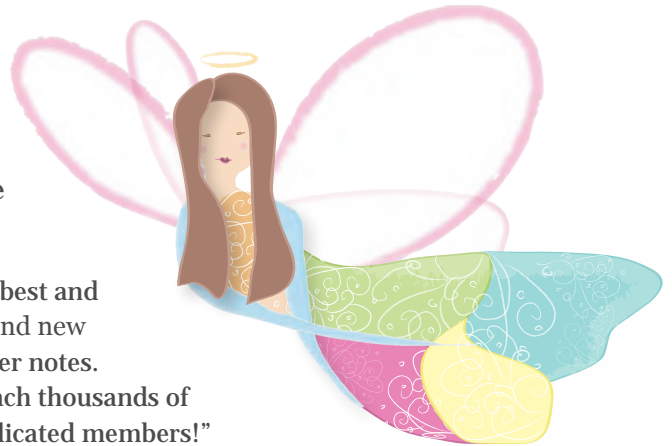
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## ***You could be an “Angel”***

Missouri Right to Life is issuing a special invitation to you to be part of our “Angels Among Us” campaign. Reach out to your pro-life friends, introduce them to MRL’s work, and invite them to join our family.

“Statistics show that a ‘*Dear neighbor*’ campaign is the best and most cost-effective way for organizations like ours to find new members,” Missouri Right to Life President Pam Fichter notes. “We’re excited about this pilot program and hope to reach thousands of potential new supporters at the request of our own dedicated members!”



### **You are encouraged to participate in the “Angels Among Us” membership blitz.**

“It takes just a few minutes and a few postage stamps to participate,” Fichter notes. As an “Angel” volunteer, you receive a kit with simple instructions, along with ten pre-printed letters and mailing and return envelopes needed to contact your pro-life friends, neighbors, family, and fellow church goers. All donations are returned directly to Missouri Right to Life.

*Please take part in this exciting effort!* Request your “Angels Among Us” kit online at [www.missourilife.org](http://www.missourilife.org), or call 573-635-5110.

*From the Vice President -*

## **“I’m Pro-Life Because....”**



Steve Rupp

Okay, enough is enough. We have got to change the radical pro-abortion leadership in America. Here’s the plan:

From now until the elections in November, we need **you** to call the candidates in your area who call themselves pro-life. Your message is this:

“You have asked for my vote. Now I propose this: I want you to stand up and tell the truth about what happens in an abortion. In every interview, in every debate, and in every speech that you

make, when abortion comes up, I **urge** you to say, *‘I’m pro-life because I know that in a suction aspiration abortion, the one most often used in the first three months of pregnancy, the abortionist inserts a suction tube into the mother’s womb. The suction and cutting edge dismember the baby while the hose sucks the body parts into a collection bottle. That’s why I’m pro-life. I’m not okay with that.’* Will you have the courage to do this?”

There are other abortion descriptions that they can use. We’ll have them posted on our website at [www.missourilife.org](http://www.missourilife.org). You can refer your candidate to them.

We need to call every candidate at every level of government in America, again and again and again. We need to **flood** their campaign headquarters with phone calls. We need you to send this message to **every** pro-life person that you know, including your entire e-mail list, facebook friends, church bulletins, twitters, blogs, websites and any other media you can think of. Call your local radio talk show hosts and tell them what we’re doing. Ask for their help. We’ll contact every national pro-life website, talk show host, blog and website.

We need to create a firestorm of truth. When candidates from every corner of this country stand up in the public square and tell Americans what actually happens in an abortion, America will be shocked. The press will not be able to ignore such a powerful campaign. What you will be doing will be news. The press, though some of them may hate the message, won’t ignore news. When Americans hear the horror that is abortion, hearts will change. They will not vote for someone who would do those horrible things to an innocent child. And then America will change.

Some people will say that this won’t work. Well, if we do nothing, then nothing will change. We’d rather fail while trying mightily, than fail for not having tried at all. Please dare to dream big with us. We can and **will** change America!

God bless!



## Contact Missouri Right to Life

573-635-5110 or [www.missourilife.org](http://www.missourilife.org)

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or blog with us at

[missourilifenews.wordpress.com/](http://missourilifenews.wordpress.com/)

## A reward for those at “Show Me Life” Pro-Life Action Day

On Tuesday, March 30, pro-life Missourians from across the state filled the State Capitol for the annual “Show Me Life Pro-Life Action Day.” Dressed in their traditional red, they came by the hundreds to call on their legislators and urge them to support pro-life positions on legislation.

Their presence was affirmed by the MO House of Representatives with the passage of HB 1327 & 2000 that occurred during Pro-Life Action Day. This bill would expand the protections offered to unborn babies and their mothers in Missouri’s informed consent law.



(Above) The pro-life crowd fills the first-floor rotunda at the State Capitol for Pro-Life Action Day.

Missouri Right to Life members and friends called on their state representatives, state senators, Speaker of the House, President Pro-Tem of the Senate, and the Governor delivering a signed statement in support of MRL’s pro-life position on several pieces of legislation. To showcase their work, crisis pregnancy centers from around the state were invited to participate in the event and had information about their life-saving work available for the attendees.

Participants filled the first floor rotunda for the noon rally. The keynote speakers for the rally were Bridget Van

Means and Sarah Oldham from Thrive Pregnancy Resource Center in St. Louis. They spoke to the crowd about the power of the ultrasound in helping mothers make life or death decisions for their unborn children.

For the second year, the contemporary Christian group “Renaissance,” performed songs of inspiration during the rally, including one written especially for the event called “Show Me Life.”



(Above) The Grand Staircase at the State Capitol provides seating for the overflow crowd at “Show Me Life” Pro-Life Action Day.

(Right) Bridget Van Means, President of Thrive Pregnancy Resource Center in St. Louis, speaks to the attendees at Pro-Life Action Day as Sara Oldham, ultrasound volunteer at Thrive, looks on.



## Legislative Challenges

The legislators are frantically working to choose the legislative priorities that will make it to final passage by Friday, May 14. The state’s budget crunch has been front-page news, and at the Capitol many “special interests” are vying for limited state funds.



While these budget woes make headlines, we must stay focused on the priority to save babies. The need to be fiscally wise cannot supersede the need for protection of innocent babies in their mothers’ wombs.

Missouri Right to Life has been working to maintain the funds for the Alternatives to Abortion program. This program ensures that pregnancy resource centers will receive state funds to help women in crisis situations to choose life for their babies. At this writing those funds are still in the budget.

Another Missouri Right to Life priority is the passage of HB 1327 & 2000 or SB 793 & SCS SB 792. These bills ensure that women will be given the opportunity to view ultrasounds and hear their babies’ heartbeats 24 hours before having an abortion. After seeing and hearing it, our prayer is that they will choose life for their baby instead of abortion. The House version passed the House on March 30 by a vote of 113-37 and now awaits movement in the Senate. The Senate versions are on the Senate calendar.

With the state financial crisis and the recently passed Washington health care reform package that mandates access to elective abortions, the time is now to pass ultrasound legislation. We are moving dangerously down a path that could see abortion numbers skyrocket.

While we fight the federal health care package and also try to balance the state budget, don’t let anyone lead you to believe that we cannot afford to act. We cannot afford *not* to act.

*Call your State Senator today* and ask him/her to pass HB 1327 & 2000 as it came out of the House, or SB 793 as it came out of committee or SCS SB 792.

# Abortion Is Devastating the African American Community ... Is Anyone Noticing?

by Deal W. Hudson

**According to the Centers for Disease Control,** African American women have 40 percent of the nation's abortions, but make up only 13 percent of the population. That black children are being aborted at such a high rate has not been a subject of discussion among the Democrats in the Congress and the White House, who insist on leaving the door open for abortion funding in the health care bill.

But a recent article in the *New York Times* suggests that the disproportionate price being paid in the African American community for the pro-abortion advocacy of Planned Parenthood is beginning to be noticed. According to the piece, Georgia Right to Life changed its tactics last year by having minority outreach coordinator Catherine Davis visit black churches throughout the state, "delivering the message that abortion is the primary tool in a decades-old conspiracy to kill off blacks."

## The "eugenics value" of abortion

Pro-life activists have long known that Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, explicitly recommended the "eugenics value" of abortion as a means of suppressing minority populations. But now the story of the nefarious roots of the abortion movement are gaining traction among the African Americans that Davis met with. As a result, Georgia Right to Life expanded its outreach effort by leasing space on 80 Atlanta billboards, all bearing the message, "Black children are an endangered species," along with a special Web site, [www.toomanyaborted.com](http://www.toomanyaborted.com).

Another abortion opponent, Mark Crutcher, president of Life Dynamics, has

produced the film *Maafa 21*, documenting the roots of the abortion-rights movement in America and its impact on the African American community. According to Crutcher's Web site:

## It was time for them to disappear

When slavery ended, their welcome was over. America's wealthy elite had decided it was time for them to disappear and they were not particular about how it might be done. What you are about to see is that the plan these people set in motion 150 years ago is still being carried out today.

The film's trailer opens with chilling quotes from American eugenicists like Sanger. Her attitude toward the "inferior" black race is startling for a woman born in Corning, New York, to a devout Catholic family of eleven children.

Priests for Life has kept a close eye on this issue for many years. Rev. Frank Pavone's African-American outreach is led by Alveda King, a niece of Dr. Martin Luther King. King and Day Gardner, head of the National Black Pro-Life Union, are the country's most visible black opponents of abortion. Their combined efforts had been slow-going until this recent breakthrough by Georgia Right to Life and the inroads made by Crutcher's film.

A telling detail at the end of the *New York Times* article helps illustrate just how much progress has been made on this front. *Maafa 21* was shown at the historic Morris Brown College in Atlanta, which has been graduating black leaders in business and politics for decades. It made an impression.

"Before we saw the movie, I was pro-



choice," said Markita Eddy, a sophomore. But were she to get pregnant now? "It showed me that maybe I should want to keep my child no matter what my position was," Eddy said, "just because of the conspiracy."

Not long ago, I listened to a lengthy discussion among several pro-life leaders about abortion in the African American community. Some believed that this was where the pervasive culture of death could actually be turned back. I responded that winning that battle, given the alignment of African American leadership with the Democratic Party, would take a very long time and had a low probability of success.

Maybe I was wrong.

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## Is This What You Mean?

We offer another statement from the Priests for Life project, "Is This What You Mean?" It makes use of the words of the abortionists themselves. Quoting these words, simply ask abortion supporters, "When you say the word 'abortion,' is this what you mean?"

Those who engage in this project are not being asked to debate the morality or legality

of abortion, nor to refute any slogans or arguments. Rather, this project seeks to establish the starting point. "What are we talking about when we say abortion?" The whole effort is as simple as reading an abortionist's quote and asking, "Is this what you mean?"

Here's this issue's question for pro-abortion advocates you may encounter:

**Ask, "When you say the word abortion,**

**is this what you mean?"**

**Then read:**

**"Typically the skull is brought out in fragments rather than as a unified piece..."**

*(Sworn testimony given in US District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin by Dr. Martin Haskell, an abortionist. He describes legal activity.)*



## THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW . . .

. . . **The Girl Scouts' reputation took a hit** recently when it was revealed that the group hosted a "no adults allowed" meeting at the United Nations where a graphic sex guide was distributed. The guide advocates "different types of sex," that people with HIV not tell their sexual partners of their condition, and that being drunk or high while having sex "is your choice." The manual was produced by a partner of the Girl Scouts, the International Planned Parenthood Federation.

The sex guide is titled, "Healthy, Happy and Hot — a young person's guide to their rights, sexuality and living with HIV."

The World Association of Girl Scouts and Girl Guides held the session during the U.N.'s annual Commission on the Status of Women meeting. The sex guide was obtained by Sharon Slater, president of Family Watch International, who attended the meeting. When C-FAM, a pro-life group that monitors the U.N., reported on it, the Girl Scouts denied the brochure was "handed out" at the meeting. Yet the group has not denounced the brochure or the irresponsible advice that puts adolescents at risk of abuse and disease and advocates abortion.

The relationship of the Girl Scouts with Planned Parenthood made national news in 2004 when a local pro-life group in Waco, Texas, called for a boycott on their local troop's annual cookie drive. The troop's leaders had sponsored Planned Parenthood's "Nobody's Fool" event for teens and pre-teens.

At that time, Kathy Cloninger, CEO of the Girl Scouts of America, appeared on NBC's "Today Show" to reaffirm their relationship with Planned Parenthood. She stated, "We partner with many organizations. We have relationships with our church communities, with YWCAs, and with Planned Parenthood organizations across the country, to bring information-based sex education programs to girls."

Concerned Women for America (cwa.org) 3/17/10

. . . **Women who donate eggs** for use with in vitro techniques aren't supposed to be compensated more than \$10,000. And the amount paid isn't supposed to vary based on characteristics of the donor, according to guidelines from the American Society of Reproductive Medicine (ASRM). But a new study, published in a report from the Hastings Center, a nonpartisan bioethics institute, looks at egg-donor advertisements placed in 306 college newspapers for a glimpse of what actually is going on.

The results show that nearly a quarter of the ads placed by egg-donation agencies and private couples violate the \$10,000 guideline. Compensation also goes up with SAT scores of the average incoming student at the colleges where the ads were published. For each 100-point increase in scores, compensation offers increased by \$2,350, the study found.

Sean Tipton, a spokesman for ASRM, told the Health Blog that the group doesn't have any problem with compensation under \$5,000, or under \$10,000 if it's justified. "Our guidelines start with the premise that it's perfectly acceptable to compensate for the time and trouble associated with egg donation," he says.

Tipton notes that the cap exists partly so donors aren't coerced into donating by larger payments. But egg-donor recruiters aren't part of ASRM so the group has no direct sway over them.

Wall Street Journal Health Blog 3/24/10

## Memorials

*In memory or in honor of a loved one or a friend, these gifts were made to Missouri Right to Life.*

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*Missouri Right to Life encourages you to consider a gift in memory of or to honor a family member or a friend.*



# What does your child's textbook say? Misleading? Wrong? Could be!

by Deanna Sporleder  
Tri-County Chapter-MRL Vice Chairman

Remember, in April 2009, when Dr. Mehmet Oz announced, "I think, Oprah, the stem cell debate is dead, and I'll tell you why."?

He continued to explain about the great advancements in adult stem cell (ASC) research using induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cells. Using guest star Michael J. Fox's hand, he stated that ASCs from the skin could be... "ultimately used to cure Parkinson's."

Imagine my surprise to find the opposing information in my son's textbook. Let me call your attention to some statements put forward in the freshman high school *Modern Biology* (2009. Holt, Rinehart and Winston, pg. 160):

**"Embryonic stem cells seem to show more promise in medical treatment than do adult stem cells."** With 73 adult stem cell treatments and NO embryonic stem cell treatments available to date (<http://www.stemcellresearch.org/facts/CheckTheScore.pdf>), I'd say that statement is extremely misleading (and "seems to" be opinion, not scientific fact):

With increasing frequency, American citizens and others from around the globe are experiencing newfound freedom from disease, affliction, and infirmity. Individuals' lives are forever changed with the strengthened faith and renewed hope that arise from healed bodies and physical restoration. These seemingly miraculous cures are the result of adult stem cell treatments. Yet the debates in the popular media tend to ignore and obscure the medical breakthroughs made by adult stem cell research, success that has conspicuously eluded embryonic stem cell treatments. (Dec. 1, 2004. Hughes, Jr., B.R. *Real-World Successes of Adult*



*Stem Cell Treatment.* Retrieved Jan. 7, 2010 from <http://www.cogforlife.org> Search: Adult Stem Cell Success)

**"Embryonic stem cells are easier to find than are adult stem cells."** Not only is it rhetorical considering the failure with embryonic stem cells, it is, at best, misleading:

"...adult stem cells that are found in adult tissues..." (Wikipedia. Retrieved Jan. 7, 2010 from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stem\\_cell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stem_cell)) You can't just run to the human tissue store for samples, but you can ask the adult standing next to you for one. Better yet, research has used a person's own "reprogrammed" cells in the aforementioned treatments.

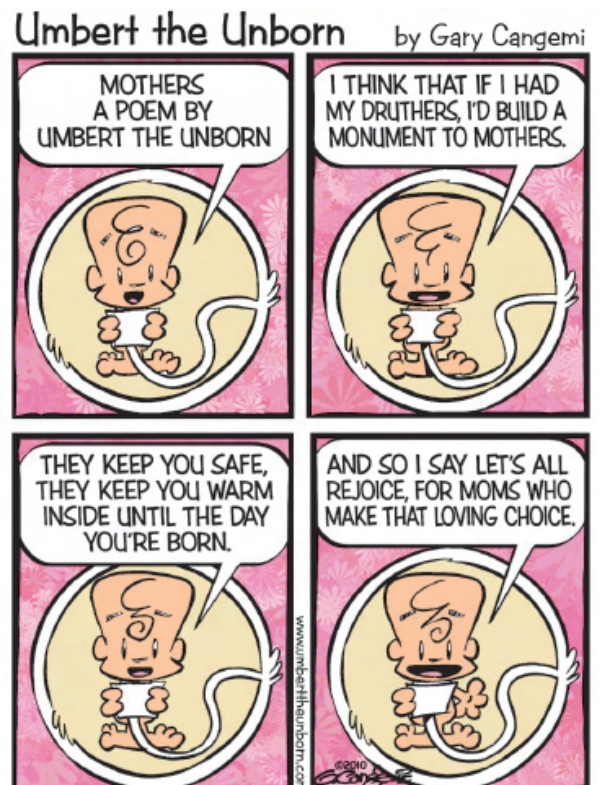
*Note also that the only photo on the page -- Mets coach Don Bator -- fails to mention that his multiple myeloma cancer treatments were from his own ASCs.* From an August 15, 2004 article in *USA Today*, "For

him, the best treatment was a stem-cell transplant in which cells were removed, cleansed, and the good ones put back into his system."

**"...However, because there are so few adult stem cells, they can be difficult to find. And adult stems cells also have a limited life span in the lab, which gives rise to questions about the span of any transplant done with adult stem cells."** It's much more complicated than this, of course, but adult stem cells are found in your own body -- not a fertility lab embryo.

**"Embryonic stem cells are harvested from human embryos that are unused for fertility treatment. When embryonic stem cells are harvested, the embryo is destroyed. Many people believe it is unethical to destroy embryos that have the potential to develop into babies."** Where to start with this one? Embryonic stem cells are from unused embryos ... yep. Fertility treatments are for what? Babies! So, either way, "potential" to become a baby? Don't be fooled by what other scientists call this type of denial; "splitting hairs." You can find more information at the National Right to Life website.

Need I say more? I truly urge you to check your children's textbooks.





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### **Thanks to all of you who were there for 40 Days for Life**

The largest spring 40 Days for Life campaign has just wrapped up in 167 cities.

And the national 40 Days for Life director reports 526 babies saved!

God's providence provided many blessings and many wonderful stories in the cities where the spring 40 Days for Life was held. The coordinated international campaign began on February 17 and ran through March 28.

People from coast to coast in the United States – as well as locations in Canada, Australia, and Northern Ireland – took part in this mission of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. And two communities in Missouri were included. Both the St. Louis and the Columbia Planned Parenthoods were sites, and the faithful participants at both are reporting blessings and lives saved.

### **BLESSINGS FROM 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PARTICIPANTS...**

“The faithfulness of God. Nothing is impossible for Him. The faithfulness of the people defending the most helpless in our society.”

“We took a lot of flack from passers by, but it gave me new hope for all of us and the work we do.”

“Hearing the stories about the babies being saved and how God is working in the lives of those who chose to keep their babies.”

“Seeing a young woman leave the clinic because our sidewalk counselor convinced her abortion was the wrong choice.”

“There were some pretty awful weather days and people would be there through it all. You have no idea what kind of impact that is making on people.”



40 Days For Life participants at the St. Louis MO Planned Parenthood (above) and the Columbia MO Planned Parenthood (below).