



Want to end abortion?

If you do, the first thing you must do is pray.

Prayer is at the center of 40 Days for Life.

It is a call for prayer warriors around the world to fall on their knees before the Lord, asking Him to hear our plea and heal our land.

The most visible component of each campaign is peaceful prayer outside Planned Parenthood (PP) facilities.

The next campaign is Sept. 25 - Nov. 3.

You can make a life-saving impact by joining a local vigil at any of these Planned Parenthoods:

Columbia - 711 N. Providence Rd., Columbia MO. Daily 8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. Contact 573-821-5130 for information.

Kansas City - 4401 West 109th Street, Overland Park, Kansas. Contact 816-804-8956 for information.

Springfield - Contact Robert Stone at 417-669-8768 for information.

St. Louis - 4251 Forest Park Ave. Daily 7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Contact 314-827-4039 for information.

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You are making a difference, saving lives!

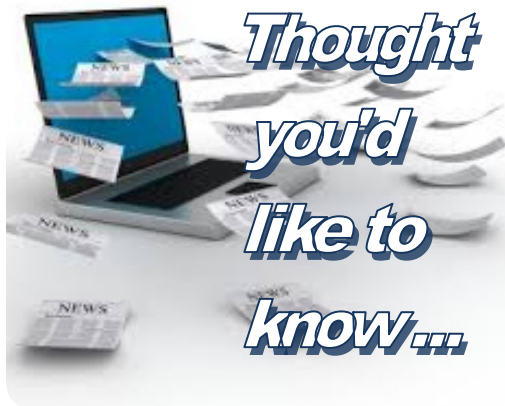
What a great year for pro-life legislation! We applaud the Missouri House and Senate Leadership, the bill sponsors, and the members of the House and the Senate who supported strong pro-life legislation this year.

The Governor had until July 14th to take action on these bills. His options were to sign the bill, to veto the bill, or to let the bill go into effect. The bills and the governor's actions are:

- Ban on Web-Cam Abortions - sponsors Rep. Jeanie Riddle and Sen. Wayne Wallingford. Governor's Action: did not sign nor veto. It went into effect on August 28, 2013
- Protection for pharmacy owners not to be forced to stock any drug or device, including abortion drugs - sponsor Sen. David Sater. Governor's Action: signed on June 27.
- Restoration of tax credits for donations to agencies offering alternatives-to-abortion - sponsors Sen. Bob Dixon and Rep. Eric Burlison. Governor's Action: signed on March 29.
- Extends the safe place for newborn drop-off from 5 to 45 days and expands the places for drop-off to include maternity homes and pregnancy resource centers - sponsor Sen. Ryan Silvey. Governor's Action: signed on July 9.
- Pro-life protective language on "Missouri Works" economic development program - sponsor Rep. Stanley Cox. Part of a larger economic development bill. Governor's Action: signed on July 11.
- Renewal of funding for alternative-to-abortion agencies. Part of the Dept. of Health and Senior Services Budget Appropriations - sponsor Rep. Rick Stream. Governor's Action: signed on June 28.
- Pro-life protective language on economic development appropriations ensuring the Missouri Technology Corp. will be unable to use these public funds on human cloning and research that destroys human life - sponsor Rep. Rick Stream. Governor's Action: signed on June 28. (The 2 parts of the bill vetoed by the Governor did not affect the pro-life protective language.)

Thank you to Missouri Right to Life's tremendous legislative team, to Missouri's pro-life House and Senate members, and to you for your prayers, calls, emails, donations and vigilance. Our pro-life family is making a difference and saving lives!

You make good things happen!



Attorney: Abortion Seller Owes More Than \$12.5 Million

There's more to come.

That's what Alliance Defending Freedom Senior Counsel Casey Maddox thought after he heard Planned Parenthood would be paying \$1.4 million in settling charges of "fraudulently over-billing" the Texas' Medicaid program.

He was right. The abortion seller will actually repay \$4.3 million to federal and state tax payers to settle the fraud claims, Maddox wrote on August 1st in an ADF blog. Some of the funds will also cover attorney's fees.

But it doesn't stop there.

"In just a handful of publicly disclosed and very limited audits of Planned Parenthood affiliates, federal and state government auditors in New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Washington, California, and a previous audit in Texas have documented approximately \$8.3 million in waste, abuse, and possible fraud by America's leading abortionist," Maddox reports.

Federal and state auditors and investigators have reported that Planned Parenthood affiliates owe at least \$12.5 million in waste, abuse, and fraud, he explained.

"In her complaint, which is unaffected by this settlement, Abby Johnson, the former director of one of the Planned Parenthood clinics that recently closed, claims that Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast officials acknowledged that they had received taxpayer reimbursements to which they were not entitled," Maddox said. "When pressed by Abby about what they were going to do with those funds, a Planned Parenthood official said, 'We're going to hope we don't

get caught.'

"\$4.3 million is still only a portion of what Planned Parenthood should be repaying to the taxpayers," he explains. "But it's a start."

CitizenLink.com 8/2/13

"Metrobaby" arrives ahead of schedule at crowded Metro Station

It was one of those feel-good stories that you don't read many of in our nation's capital. The best part? That Amir Mason Taylor was delivered safely August 1st in, of all places a crowded L'Enfant Metro rail station in Washington, DC, next to a broken escalator, and that both baby and mom are healthy, safe, and now at home.

Amir's birth -- two weeks ahead of schedule -- came just a few minutes after Shavonnte Taylor went into labor on a Green Line train. She got off at the platform of the L'Enfant Plaza station about 10:45 a.m. and cried out, "I'm having my baby," according to Station Manager Saa Alpha. "I've never seen anything like it, a baby being born, not even my own children," Alpha said.

Fortunately for Amir (born weighing 8-pound, 5-ounces) and his 23-year-old mom, "an EMT on the train also stepped off and helped deliver the baby," reported News4 (the Washington, DC NBC affiliate). "Another passenger offered the shirt off his back for the new mom; a third offered hand sanitizer."

Cameras were rolling at George Washington Hospital as Ms. Taylor and Amir (nicknamed "metrobaby") were discharged. According to News4: "Metro General Manager Richard Sarles penned a letter to Taylor, congratulating her on the birth of her son and gifting her with a \$100 SmarTrip card.

"Congratulations on the birth of your son!" Sarles wrote in a handwritten note. "I am sure that the delivery did not go exactly as you had imagined, but I hope that our employees and customers who assisted you were a source of support and comfort. Please accept the enclosed SmarTrip card worth \$100 in Metro fare... as our gift."

Her mother told News4, "this wasn't

Taylor's first strange birth experience -- her second son was born inside her bathroom at home."

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NFL player skips White House ceremony over abortion comments

Six-time Pro Bowl center Matt Birk chose not to attend a White House ceremony because of comments made by President Obama in support of Planned Parenthood.

Obama honored the Baltimore Ravens June 5th for their Super Bowl championship, but Birk did not join his former teammates for the event. Birk, 36, retired after February's Super Bowl win.

A pro-life Roman Catholic and father of six, Birk said his decision stemmed from the president's speech to Planned Parenthood's national conference in April. At the close of his remarks, Obama said, "Thank you, Planned Parenthood. God bless you. God bless America."

Planned Parenthood is the country's leading abortion provider, performing nearly 334,000 abortions in the most recent year for which statistics are available.

"I would say that I have great respect for the office of the presidency, but about five or six weeks ago, our president made a comment in a speech and he said, 'God bless Planned Parenthood,'" Birk told radio station KFAN-FM, according to The Baltimore Sun.

"Planned Parenthood performs about 330,000 abortions a year," Birk continued. "I am Catholic, I am active in the pro-life movement, and I just felt like I couldn't deal with that. I couldn't endorse that in any way. I'm very confused by [Obama's] statement. For God to bless a place where they're ending 330,000 lives a year? I just chose not to attend."

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In The Company of Heroes

I'm a bit of a history fanatic - especially about World War II. My dad was a member of The Big Red One (The First Infantry Division) and fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and his brother is buried at Omaha Beach in Normandy. I'm also a great fan of the HBO series "The Band of Brothers" documenting the experiences of Easy Company, of the 101st Airborne Division. In the final episode of the series, Easy Company's commanding officer, Major Dick Winters, a true hero of WWII and recipient of the Distinguished Service Cross, recounts a day when his grandson asked him, "Grandpa, were you a hero in the War?" This humble man's response was "No, but I served in the company of heroes."

I thought of that line this past June 15th at Missouri Right to Life's statewide meeting and again just recently with the passing of a devoted friend to the pro-life movement.

I won't attempt to list all the people who have been heroes to Missouri Right to Life and to the overall pro-life effort in Missouri, but the room was filled with them June 15th: past presidents who were critical to leading our organization and in passing ground-breaking, pro-life legislation; current long-time board members who have devoted time and passion to guiding MRL through great challenges and blessed victories; chapter heads and individual members who have kept the life issue alive in their communities; new members and chapter heads bringing energy and commitment to the MRL family. It was a great day -- a reunion of people of all ages from across the state who have and are contributing to our efforts. Don Parker, Director of Development for National Right to Life, reminded all of us of the important role Missouri has played in advancing the cause of life nationwide. If Missouri Right to Life had a "Distinguished Service Cross," there were many likely recipients with us that day.

Another pro-life hero is Mildred Tichacek who passed away last month and is generously remembered by her many friends in the Memorial Section of this newsletter. Mildred was one of the first people I met in my early pro-life days when I served as parish coordinator. At the monthly coordinator meetings, Mildred passionately encouraged all of us to organize groups from our parishes to stand in prayerful witness at the abortion clinic in mid-town St. Louis, something that Mildred had done countless times for forty years. Mildred exemplified the commitment, courage, and determination that is the lifeblood of Missouri Right to Life and the pro-life effort in Missouri. Mildred seemed to be at every lobby day, every pro-life Mass, in Washington DC, and standing -- or, in these later years -- sitting in a chair outside the abortion clinic saying her rosary. The years brought pain and disability to her body, but nothing could diminish the fire in her heart.

Countless people across Missouri have made a commitment to restoring legal protection for the lives of unborn children. With the collective efforts of all the pro-life heroes throughout the state working in the areas of education, legislation, grassroots activation, political action, advertising, and providing real alternatives and information to women in crisis pregnancies, abortions in Missouri have decreased by over 50% from a peak of 21,671 in 1980 to 9,284 in 2011, and all but one abortion facility in the state have been eliminated.

Missouri Right to Life members working within their local chapters educate and activate citizens and maintain a pro-life presence in their communities. Thousands of Missourians journey to Washington DC every January to join the annual March for Life. Missouri pregnancy resource centers offer thousands of women in crisis pregnancies real alternatives to abortion. Every day countless Missouri citizens are praying for an end to abortion and working in their own way to make that prayer a reality.

I am truly humbled by all of you, and proud to say that I, too, serve in the company of heroes.

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the Lord.

Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth..."

Jeremiah 1:7-9



Pam Fichter

*Blessings,
Pam. Fichter*

Umbert the Unborn by Gary Cangemi



*Loving God, Creator of all human life,
we adore You and worship You.*

*You create all human beings in Your
image. May we, Your people, dedicate
ourselves to defending the unborn, the
terminally ill, the disabled, and all those
threatened by the culture of death.*

*We ask You to touch the hearts of all
mothers considering abortion, the
abortionists, and those who support
killing unborn babies.*

*Help all people to realize that innocent
human life is precious and worthy of protection.*

*Give us courage and strength to follow
the example of Jesus, Our Savior, as we
defend Your precious gift of life.*

Amen.



KEY POINTS ON HEALTH CARE RATIONING

On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed into law an anti-life, unpopular health care restructuring plan, passed by the slimmest of margins. If the Obama Health Care Rationing Law is not repealed by 2013 before its most dangerous provisions come into effect, the result will be the rationing denial of lifesaving medical treatment, and consequent premature and involuntary death, of an unknown but immense number of Americans. The pro-life movement must devote itself over the upcoming critical years to ensuring that the American people are given the facts needed to counter the misinformation.

How Washington bureaucrats will limit your doctor's ability to save your life

Under the Obama Health Care Law, doctors and hospitals will no longer be free to determine, in consultation with the patient, what treatment and diagnostic tests are best suited to the patient's condition. Instead, as a condition of being allowed to contract with qualified health insurance plans, doctors will have to comply with quality measures imposed by Washington with the objective of forcing private health care spending below the rate of medical inflation.

Here's how it will work. A powerful "Independent Payment Advisory Board" is charged with the duty of bringing private health care spending below the rate of medical inflation. It is directed to make recommendations to achieve this on January 15, 2015, and every two years thereafter. Based on these recommendations, the federal Department of Health and Human Services is empowered to impose "quality and efficiency" measures on hospitals, requiring them to report on their compliance with them. Doctors will have to comply with such quality measures in order to be able to contract with any qualified health insurance plan.

In effect, there will be one uniform national standard of care, established by Washington bureaucrats and set with a view to limiting what private citizens are allowed to spend on saving their own lives. As the standard of medical care is strangled more and more year after year, involuntary denial of lifesaving treatment will become commonplace.

Limiting senior citizens' rights to use their own money to save their own lives

The multi-billion dollar cuts in Medicare to finance the new law have been well-publicized. Less well known is that the law actually empowers Washington bureaucrats to keep senior citizens from using their own money to try to offset these cuts.

Under the law previously in effect – as a result of 2003 Medicare amendments championed by National Right to Life – older Americans who chose to do so were permitted to add their own money on top of the government's Medicare contribution in order to purchase private insurance (known as Medicare Advantage private-fee-for-service plans) less likely to deny treatment. However, the new law empowers bureaucrats in the Department of Health and Human Services to refuse to permit such plans to be offered – preventing senior citizens from seeking to escape rationing by making up the shortfall with their own hard-earned and carefully saved funds.

For full details and documentation, along with the various other rationing concerns in the new law, please visit www.nrlc.org/HealthCareRationing.

Simon's story -- the power of love in every life

By Sheryl Crosier

Simon Dominic Crosier was born on September 7, 2010, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was diagnosed with trisomy 18, and lived for three memorable months before passing away on Dec. 3, 2010. Despite his disabilities, Simon had a huge impact on all who came into contact with him.

Before Simon's arrival my husband, Scott, and I lost six children through miscarriage. With each loss the sting of pain was greater. After we lost our daughter Faith in September 2008, we rid our home of most of our baby items.

Losing a child is a pain so deep that is difficult for anyone to grasp. It can be like falling down a chasm that seems to have no bottom. The chasm is lined with thorn branches that scrape and pull at your skin when you remember what you have lost.

When we learned we were expecting in early 2010, Scott and I, along with our sons Samuel, at the time age 7, and Sean age 5, were filled with joy and yet terrified at the thought of losing another baby.

On the day of Simon's birth we embraced our son with sheer happiness, despite his cleft lip and clenched fists. Although doctors were concerned, our family felt only hope.

On day two of Simon's life the echocardiogram revealed that his heart was broken . . . and so was mine. My son had major heart defects that prevented the efficient oxygenation of his blood, resulting in pulmonary hypertension and severe apnea episodes during which he would stop breathing.

On Simon's third day of life, he was diagnosed with trisomy 18, also known as Edward's syndrome. This condition involves an extra chromosome in the sequence of 18 -- just as trisomy 21 affects the 21st chromosome for people with Down syndrome.

I will never forget when the Neonatologist walked into Simon's room and said, "The results are in. Simon has full trisomy 18.



Sheryl Crosier, holding little Simon, with husband Scott, and Simon's brothers Sean (left) and Samuel.

special needs kids are not worth the effort. Ninety percent of trisomy 18 babies have heart defects and 95 percent aren't brought to full term. Many are aborted when their conditions are revealed during prenatal testing. Only one in 6,000 comes into the world.

After Simon was diagnosed with trisomy 18, his care and treatment changed dramatically. We began to hear doctors say "Not for Simon" when aggressive treatment options were considered.

Struggling with the fragility of Simon's life was one thing.

Fighting the popular, pragmatic culture that measures human life in terms of dollars rather than dignity, is quite another. As St. Louisan Dr. Steve Cantrell, a parent of Ryan, a deceased trisomy 18 child, stated, "Our kids are not disposable and deserve every consideration. The souls and spiritual essence of our children are not disabled. Their physical handicaps exist, but their desire to thrive is not diminished."

Physician Dr. Stephen Braddock, Director of Pediatric Genetics at Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in St. Louis, adds: "I always teach new physicians that children with chromosomal conditions haven't read the statistics. These families deserve an informed and thorough discussion of challenges and options they face."

Dr. John Carey, a pediatrician and specialist in medical genetics at University of Utah, believes: "It's important for those of us who have the privilege of caring for children with com-

plex conditions to stop, listen, contemplate, take off our shoes and walk with our fellow traveler."

Although we prayed Simon would become strong enough for surgery to repair his damaged heart, he spent the next 88½ days on a roller coaster of good and bad days. In retrospect, every one of those days was a blessed learning and loving opportunity for everyone who knew Simon. That includes his nurses who recognized his special qualities of peace and perseverance, many of his doctors, and our friends and family members who were privileged to meet this remarkable ambassador of love.

At 10:45 a.m. on December 3, 2010, the tears poured from our eyes as Simon left this world for his eternal home. In my struggle to deal with my grief and understand Simon's purpose during his short life, I decided to write a book to honor him. Simon's story is being revealed to people all over the world. The name of Simon's book is *I'm Not a Syndrome — My Name is Simon*. If you look closely at the cover, Simon says "I Love You" in sign language.

A friend and fellow trisomy mom, writer, and researcher, Pamela Healey, Ph.D., describes the book this way: "Sheryl Crosier's memoir, *I Am Not A Syndrome — My Name is Simon*, of her journey during her pregnancy and her infant son Simon's short but important life, is a story of the heart and spirit. It is also a story of the head that explores the capabilities and constraints of modern medicine and policy, parental rights, and ethical decision making."

God did not bless us with a syndrome. God blessed us with a son. His name was Simon. Simon's story is filled with compassion and outrage. It is a story of a child knit together by the hand of God. Each of his days was written and ordained.

I Am Not a Syndrome - My Name is Simon is available at All StarPress - Books that Change Lives. It's also available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Simon's website, www.simonismyname.com has information on the book and on trisomy conditions. A portion of proceeds from sale of this book will go to SOFT, Support Organization for trisomy 18, 13, and Related Disorders.

June Statewide Meeting A Great Success!

High praise came from Don Parker, National Right to Life Director of Development, for all that has been accomplished over the years by Missouri Right to Life and the pro-life community in our state.



Left to Right - MRL Vice President Steve Rupp (left) visits with guest speaker Don Parker. Longtime MRL volunteer Teri Simon attends the June meeting. MRL Legislative Liaison Susan Klein and Legislative Director Jerry Nieters update participants. Pro-lifers attend the June meeting honoring those who have been the backbone of MRL for countless years. Pam Fichter, President, recognizes the efforts of pro-life volunteers.

Memorials & Honorariums

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

In honor of *Frank Alcamo*

Given by Roy & Diane Key Family

In thanksgiving for grandson
Tyler Anthony Hronick

Given by Richard & Peggy Hronick

In memory of *JoAnna Baysinger*

Given by Paul & Brenda Rathmann

In memory of *Cherie Gillum*

Given by Ruth Gillum

In memory of *Frances McDonald*

Given by Ruth Gillum

In memory of
Walter & Julie Pieknik

Given by Olivia Pieknik

In memory of *Tom Snodgrass*

Given by Mary Beth Books

In memory of *Mildred Tichacek*

Given by Jerry & Dot Adlon, John Asbury, Jack & Mary Beth Bettag, Wendy Boenker, John & Debbie Borders, Jan Boyle, Judith Bresnahan, Katherine Brillhart, Frances Brown, Carol Christy, Vivian Cody, Athlyn Dew, Donna Dubinsky, John & Susan Dunn, Joanne Ferguson, Tom & Pam Fichter, Jeffrey Finnegan, Christine Foerstel, Theresa Forthman, Martha Foster, Walt & Mary Gerau, Erin Goedeker, Edward Goedeker, Mary Goedeker, Bonnie Hakenewerth, Lucy Hannegan, Clarette Harnich, Dorothy Jenkins-Hassler, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hoff, Dorothy Holland, Claire Husmann, Jerry & Kathryn Jacobsmeyer, Angela Juergensmeyer, Molly Corcoran Kertz, Victor & Joan Klutho, Jane Knobbe, Audrey Kohnen, Nancy Kyhl, Frank LaFata Family, Frank Laube, Mary Ann Lenau, Rosemary Littlefield, Anna Lively, James Mack, James Madigan Family, Elizabeth Manley, Dave & Susan Metherd, Janet Minor, Harry & June Nichols, Margaret O'Fallon, Patricia Orf, Kathleen O'Toole, Genevieve Ourth, Grace Padberg, Mildred Patterson, Mary Rasco Family, Robert & Margaret Rattini, Patricia Reinerman, St. Alphonsus Parent-Teacher Asso., St. Angela Merici Church Legion of Mary, Susan Schneider, Harold Schott, Helen Schott, Lorraine Sekarski, Donna Shilharvey, Mel & Carol Sitner, Margaret Smith, Mary Ann Steck, Virginia Steck, Walburga Steiner, Marian Stones, Angela Suellentrop, Ann Villhard, Betty Vogler, Eugenia Wappelhorst, John & Vicki Wiese



Did you know ...

that Planned Parenthood killed 333,964 unborn babies by abortion in the United States in 2011? They do 27% of all the abortions in the U.S.? That 55% of Americans do not know that Planned Parenthood performs abortions?

~ National Right to Life

*Your dedication helps.
Every day.*

*Please use the enclosed envelope to
send your gift to continue your
generous support for Life!*

Thank you!



“Mama, did you ever want to abort me?”

How my abortions hurt my family and made me pro-life.

By Karen Cross

As the political director of National Right to Life, most people are used to hearing from me about elections and political action. This year, in addition to the political workshops I took part in at the 43rd Annual National Right to Life convention in Dallas, I spoke at three workshops where I shared the negative effects my abortions had on my life and my family.

Who would have known the tragic choices I made as a young teenager to abort two children would lead me to a journey in the pro-life movement?

Nine years after my first abortion, just three years after the second, I began to have nightmares. I realized my abortions had nearly destroyed my life. I learned that my problems with guilt, low self-esteem, suicidal tendencies, nightmares, and alcohol are actually not uncommon with women who have had abortions.

Wanting to help women who were experiencing unplanned pregnancies, I got involved in the movement. I met other women who had abortions. As we shared our stories, we began to discover that while each of us felt very alone and guilt-ridden, our stories had something frightfully similar in common. We were experiencing what is now referred to as Post-Abortion Syndrome.

Fortunately, now there are post-abortion support groups that provide a woman with a safe place where she can discover that she is not alone and can deal with her grief, accept forgiveness, and finally forgive herself and others.

As I began to heal, I realized that not only had the abortions affected me and my life, they had a profound effect on those closest to me – my children and my parents.

Each of my children handled learning about my abortions differently.

When my daughter was nine she overheard me talking about my abortions. After the tears came the questions.

She asked, “Mama, did you ever want to abort me?” I was so thankful I was able to look into her precious blue eyes and say, “I never, ever wanted to abort you.”

While she found comfort in this as a child, unfortunately, as she grew older, she realized it just as easily could have been her. You see, I had five children: Brandi, Jami, Erik, Christopher, and Michael. When I had my abortions, I didn’t know who I was aborting.

Initially I was bitter toward my mother who took me to the first abortion. I wanted -- or should I say needed -- to blame her. For years I didn’t realize her pain. Sometimes she cried for me and the pain I endured, and sometimes for the grandchildren she’ll never hold.

Later I accepted responsibility for what happened and we forgave each other.

Even after all these years, it’s still not over. As I held my new grandson, I realized I didn’t abort two children, I aborted generations of children.

I share the stories of my mother and my children to help you understand that once I had the abortions, they became a permanent part of my life, my history.

Unfortunately, my story is not unique.

There have been more than 55 million abortions in the U.S. since 1973.

This means that everywhere you go, there are people who have participated in abortion. They may have had one (or more), paid for one, or maybe they have taken their sister, daughter, or girlfriend for an abortion.

In every convention I meet people who are in pain because of abortion. During this year’s 43rd annual convention, I met parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends of babies who were regretfully aborted.

Very often we hear statistical research about abortion. However, we must remember that behind each statistic is a real person – with a family forever changed.

Therefore, I would offer a word of caution to my pro-life friends. In your zeal to protect life, please be careful with the words you choose to use.

When someone hears, “I don’t see how anyone could ever kill their baby,” the one who has participated in abortion is not likely to feel they can turn to you. Keeping that in mind, when talking about abortion, make sure to remind people that there is forgiveness and healing after abortion.

We may never know the extent to which abortion has affected our culture. There are millions of women and families who need healing. We must be willing to reach out to them with unconditional love.

**Annual Meeting of the Membership
of Missouri Right to Life 9:45 a.m.**

Statewide Meeting Immediately Following

Saturday, November 9, 2013

Immaculate Conception Parish
1206 E. McCarty St.
Jefferson City MO

**Featured Guest ~ Sheryl Crosier
Simon's Mom!**

See Simon's story inside this *MRL News*

The opening session of the meeting will consist of the official Annual Meeting of the Membership of Missouri Right to Life. All official Members may attend the first session.

Pro-Life Across Missouri



As Sedalia Chapter volunteer Patsy Wickern waited to take (left to right) Mary Louise Dove's and Trudy Knight's picture in Missouri Right to Life's Missouri State Fair booth, these young men stopped at the display. Mary Louise and Trudy forgot all about the picture and started sharing the 12-week pre-born babies with them. They were so focused and enthralled with the information -- to see these young men engaged in this moment was perfect! And a moment such as this is why Sedalia Chapter has coordinated and manned this booth for countless years! Thank you, MRL-Sedalia Chapter volunteers.



The Shelby County Chapter-MRL held their annual garage sale on June 27-29 in Shelbina at the Father Buhman Center. What a success! Reports are in, and it was the best year ever -- thanks to many donations and to many pro-life volunteers. Keep up the good work!



(Left to right) Julie & Steven Ertelt of Life News, Missouri Right to Life Legislative Liaison Susan Klein, and National Right to Life Political Director Karen Cross enjoy some "down time" at the closing banquet of the National Right to Life Convention.