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## **SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE**

### **Catholic Leaders Send Clear Message To Pro-Abortion Politicians**

Under pressure from Archbishop John J. Myers, New Jersey Governor James McGreevey has agreed to stop receiving Communion in public. In a paper titled, "A Time for Honesty," Myers wrote that no politician who supports abortion should seek Communion.

"I ask and urge that Catholic voters and Catholics in public life carefully consider their position if they find themselves in opposition to Church teaching in these matters," the Archbishop wrote. "Sadly, I must point out that to continue down this road places them in danger of distancing themselves even more from Jesus Christ and from His Church. On this grave issue, public officials cannot hold themselves excused from their duties, especially if they claim to be Catholic."

"The archbishop of Newark is clearly the leader of the Catholic community throughout the archdiocese. I will respect the archbishop's request," McGreevey said. The governor added, however, that he would accept Communion in private, despite the fact that Myers had made no distinction between public and private reception of the Eucharist. McGreevey, who divorced and remarried, has abandoned Christian teaching by endorsing not only abortion, but also domestic partnership status for homosexuals and embryonic stem cell experimentation.

At a Vatican press conference in late April, Nigerian Cardinal Francis Arinze said that politicians who unambiguously support abortion must forego Communion. He also said that priests must refuse to administer the Sacrament to them since those who support abortion are "not fit to receive the Eucharist."

In a letter to 48 pro-abortion members of Congress who claim to be Catholic, Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer,

president of Human Life International, said the lawmakers are bringing scandal to the Catholic Church:

The Lord Jesus had a term for those who professed to believe in sacred principles and then contradicted those principles by their public positions and actions: hypocrites. Every wretched sinner, public or private, who turned away from sin, always received the fullness of His mercy, but He could not and would not countenance the pharisaical posturing of those legalists who knew the meaning of the law and flouted it anyway. If terms like "white-washed tombs full of dead men's bones" and "brood of vipers" say anything, they express the Lord's perfect contempt for such hypocrisy and those who think they know more than God.

Euteneuer's letter came in response to a statement released by the 48 lawmakers in which they criticized America's Catholic bishops. Euteneuer said those who signed the letter deserve "our withering contempt. In fact, they merit an all-out prophetic rebuke." He also had some questions and other points to make:

Are the lost sheep to lecture the shepherds on how to pasture a flock? Are we to presume that they speak with infallible authority on this issue? Worse yet, in their statement, the pharisaical 48 have stepped over the line of public decency and insinuated that the bishops are casting out demons with the help of Beelzebub. Hypocrisy is no doubt alive and well in modern America, but those who persevere in it do so to the peril of their immortal souls.

Euteneuer urged those "'Catholic' Pharisees who want to be in the Church but not of the Church" to leave altogether rather than participate in "scandal mongering." LDI President Douglas R. Scott, who is not Catholic, agrees. "There is a word for people who

disagree with the Catholic Church. The word is 'Protestant.' It is inherently impossible to be Catholic and disagree with the teachings of the Catholic Church."

Scott said he wonders just how long this "cafeteriatype philosophy" will go one before it is vigorously confronted by *all* Christians. "Can a person who does not believe in the Holy Trinity be accepted as Christian? Can a person who believes that Jesus is the Messiah be accepted as Jewish? Can a person who believes Muhammad was nothing more than an average guy be accepted as Muslim? Can a person who does not believe in karma be accepted as Hindu? One can call himself anything he wants, but that does not make it true. If you do not believe that which is taught by the faith, you are not one in faith. As for Christianity, one who does not accept those things cherished by the Living God is acting in opposition to Christianity itself. Without clear standards, how are we to know the believer from the nonbeliever?"

In a subsequent letter to Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., Euteneuer wrote that her letter to Theodore Cardinal McCarrick of the Archdiocese of Washington "qualifies for what the Catechism...defines as the 'total repudiation of the Christian faith'...." He referred to Pelosi's poor understanding of Catholic teaching and said that her letter was "intellectually dishonest in the extreme." Euteneuer continued: "Your lip service paid to the...bishops while knifing their authority in the back is a treachery that deserves the scathing contempt of every honest person, Catholic or otherwise."

After urging Pelosi to just admit that she has lost her faith, Euteneuer wrote that, "All those who dare call themselves Catholic while shamelessly advocating the death of Christ's 'least brethren' will not have the Supreme Court to appeal to on the Day of Judgment." Yet Euteneuer wrote that he clings to the hope that Pelosi will someday want to reconcile with the Church that she has "so brazenly betrayed." He told Pelosi that if that day comes, he is willing to hear her confession. "But get ready to do some serious penance," he wrote.

Scott had an enthusiastic word to add: "Amen!" He also pointed out that Catholic Church leaders are becoming increasingly willing to confront pro-abortion parishioners. "And that can only lead to many blessings for the Catholic Church," he said.

## UPDATE: CORPORATE FUNDING PROJECT

A new *Boycott List* has been released. There are too many changes to list herein.

It appears that groups doing business with boycotted banks are feeling the heat. Amy J. Bednarcik, executive vice president of Association Services of America, contacted LDI to express her displeasure with the group's credit card being a boycott target:

I am writing with respect to your inclusion of two organizations in your list of boycotted credit cards. I am requesting that you immediately remove our organizations from this list—American Boating Association and World Travelers of America—as we do not, have never, and never will contribute to Planned Parenthood or any similar organization. While your website says "The boycott applies to the credit card(s) only..." the way you present the list, you make it appear that the organizations listed are the ones who are contributing to your "offending organizations."

We find this quite rather odd since Bednarcik had just quoted from LDI's website which *clearly* states that the boycott applies to the credit cards only and not the organization. But she made an attempt to back up her position: "You must realize that most visitors will not read this text and will simply scroll through the list to see if they recognize any of the organizations listed there. Even if the visitor reads your opening paragraph, it's still grossly misleading for you to list the organizations who [sic] are doing business with the financial institution. You should simply be listing the financial institutions who [sic] you have issue with."

We disagree. It is LDI's responsibility to include all appropriate information. We cannot police those reading our material to be sure they read every word. There is nothing misleading about the text on the website if a person simply reads the printed words. Listing the organizations makes it easier for the people we serve to find groups with which they are associated. They may then choose to decline the credit card issued by the group and administered by the boycotted bank. The alternative is to expect every pro-life person to order the card and hope it clearly indicates the bank that is administering the account. They would then have to go to the trouble of canceling it.

"It is offensive to us to be included in such a list as, again, we do not personally or as an organization support Planned Parenthood or any other similar organization," Bednarcik wrote. "This smacks of libel and we insist that you remove us from this list..." It is

interesting that Bednarcik believes an association with Planned Parenthood, no matter how remote, can be considered “libel.” We wish everyone thought so.

### STANDING ON PRINCIPLE

One of the first cancer patients given a new wig by The Susan G. Komen Foundation’s Quad-Cities affiliate has rejected the gift. “What began Thursday as a celebratory media conference announcing a program to help local women, turned unpleasant when [Joan] Archer gave back her wig and questioned the foundation’s affiliation with Planned Parenthood,” the *Quad City Times* reported.

Displaying literature citing a link between breast cancer and abortion, Archer said she believes the Foundation should have no connection with the pro-abortion group. Scrambling for a response, a spokesman with the local Komen affiliate said the foundation is not supported by Planned Parenthood. This is true; the Foundation supports Planned Parenthood. The spokesman conceded that the Komen Foundation has funded Planned Parenthood and she relied on the oft-used “the funds were earmarked” rhetoric.

The Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer applauded Archer’s courage and condemned the Foundation for its “ongoing financial support” of Planned Parenthood. “The cancer establishment has long recognized that childlessness, decreased childbearing, little or no breastfeeding and delayed first full term pregnancy contribute significantly to the breast cancer rates in industrialized nations,” said Karen Malec, president of the Coalition. “Komen can’t dodge the fact that the woman who aborts all pregnancies will be childless and will never breastfeed.”

Malec said the connection between Komen and Planned Parenthood is an economic plus for both. Planned Parenthood generates business for Komen and Komen generates business for Planned Parenthood.

Judy McFarlin, Race for the Cure co-chairman, told the newspaper that the organization has “not received any documented information” about a link between breast cancer and abortion. In response, LDI President Douglas R. Scott posed a question: “Just how long has McFarlin’s head been in the sand?”

**ACTION:** Write to Ms. Susan Braun, President & CEO, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 5005 LBJ Fwy., Ste. 250, Dallas, TX 75244; phone: (972) 885-1600.

### SENATORS BACK EXPERIMENTATION

Just days before the death of President Ronald W. Reagan, 58 members of the United States Senate wrote to President George W. Bush asking that he relax federal restrictions on embryonic stem cell experimentation. Their voices joined that of Nancy Reagan who endorsed such experimentation after her husband was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

Senator Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., said this issue “is especially poignant given President Reagan’s passing.” She said experimentation “might hold the key to a cure for Alzheimer’s and other terrible diseases.”

“We would very much like to work with you to modify the current embryonic stem cell policy so that it provides this area of research the greatest opportunity to lead to the treatments and cures for which we are all hoping,” the senators wrote in the letter to the President. It was signed by 43 Democrats, 14 Republicans, and the single independent, some of whom claim to be pro-life. In April 2004, 206 members of the House of Representatives sent a similar letter to the White House.

Bush signed an executive order in August 2001 limiting federal funding for embryonic stem cell experimentation to the 78 stem cell lines in existence. But the letter complains that only 19 lines are now available and they are contaminated with mouse feeder cells, which casts doubt on their usability. It is important to note that the President’s executive order does not outlaw stem cell experimentation. It concerns only federal funding of such work.

Among those signing the letter to the President were Senators Arlen Specter, R-Penn., John F. Kerry, D-Mass., Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, John McCain, R-Ariz., Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., Trent Lott, R-Miss., John Warner, R-Virg., Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., and Orrin G. Hatch, R-Utah.

“Maybe one of the small blessings that will come from (Reagan’s) passing will be a greater opportunity for Nancy to work on this issue, which of course means so much to her,” Hatch said. “I believe that it’s going to be pretty tough for anybody not to have empathy for her feelings on this issue.” The former First Lady is expected to spend the bulk of her time trying to change government policy relating to embryonic stem cell experimentation.

A White House spokesman said the President believes “we should not cross a fundamental moral line by funding or encouraging the destruction of human

embryos. The President does not believe that life should be created for the sole purpose of destroying it.” However, the spokesman also said the President “remains committed” to exploring the “promise and potential” of stem cell experimentation, which he believes can be accomplished using existing lines of stem cells.

Scientists who want taxpayer money continue to imply that the key to curing or treating countless numbers of diseases lies in embryonic stem cell experimentation. Yet there is absolutely no evidence—*none whatsoever*—to support such a claim. But LDI President Douglas R. Scott warned against overemphasizing this point. “What happens if true potential to cure or treat disease is eventually demonstrated? Even if there were positive proof, it would still be wrong to kill one living human being to help another. Was it acceptable for Nazis to use the parts of and experiment, or should I say ‘conduct research,’ on Jews? Of course not; anyone making such a suggestion, even in passing, would be vilified—and rightly so.”

“It was heart wrenching to see Nancy Reagan yearn for the Ronald Reagan she so fondly remembers,” Scott said. “We can all understand her pain and grief. We can certainly relate to her desire to do something about Alzheimer’s. But God clearly wants to teach us all something about caring for those with Alzheimer’s or any debilitating condition.”

“The disease brought the Reagan family back together, ending decades of rancor,” Scott said. “We can only pray that Mrs. Reagan and all Americans will open their eyes and ears to see what God wants to teach.” Scott said he does not believe that God *gives* Alzheimer’s to anyone, but He can teach us and show us His grace and mercy throughout the ordeal.

Scott’s grandmother suffered from dementia in her later years. “Her final years were difficult for everyone; we suffered from her dementia as well as she did. But we loved her no less, we visited her, we held her hand, we kissed her cheeks, and we learned so much—about our grandmother, about ourselves, and about our loving God.”

Scott noted that when Peggy Noonan, a Reagan speech writer, visited the ailing President in his last days, the only thing he could understand was the touch of her hand on his and the expression of love that came with it. “And isn’t that the most important thing of all? That is exactly what the President needed,” Scott said.

**ACTION:** If your state is listed below, let the Senator who signed the letter to President Bush know what you think about him or her doing so. Alaska: T. Stevens; Arkansas: B. Lincoln; Arizona: J. McCain; California: B. Boxer, & D. Feinstein; Connecticut: C. Dodd, & J. Lieberman; Delaware: T. Carper; Florida: B. Graham, & B. Nelson; Hawaii: D. Akaka, & D. Inouye; Iowa: T. Harkin; Illinois: R. Durbin; Indiana: E. Bayh; Louisiana: M. Landrieu; Massachusetts: E. Kennedy; & J. Kerry; Maryland: B. Mikulski, & P. Sarbanes; Maine: S. Collins, & O. Snowe; Michigan: C. Levin, & D. Stabenow; Minnesota: M. Dayton; Mississippi: T. Cochran, & T. Lott; Montana: M. Baucus; North Carolina: J. Edwards; North Dakota: B. Dorgan; New Jersey: J. Corzine, & F. Lautenberg; New Mexico: J. Bingaman; Nevada: H. Reid; New York: H. Clinton, & C. Schumer; Oregon: G. Smith, & R. Wyden; Pennsylvania: A. Specter; Rhode Island: L. Chafee; & J. Reed; South Carolina: E. Hollings; South Dakota: T. Daschle, & T. Johnson; Tennessee: L. Alexander; Texas: K. B. Hutchison; Utah: O. Hatch; Virginia: J. Warner; Vermont: J. Jeffords, & P. Leahy; Washington: M. Cantwell, & P. Murray; Wisconsin: R. Feingold, & H. Kohl; West Virginia: R. Byrd, & J. Rockefeller.

## **PRESIDENT CHALLENGED ON ALL LIFE**

The leader of the Republican National Coalition for Life (RNCL) has criticized President George W. Bush’s policies on life issues, particularly with regard to embryonic stem cell experimentation. “Despite his oft-stated desire to reestablish a ‘culture of life’ in this country,” wrote Colleen Parro, the President “seems to be as conflicted on the life issues as a large portion of the population.” Parro pointed to Bush’s support for the killing of unborn children conceived through a sex crime as an example, but she listed several others:

When the opportunity arose for him [Bush] to exercise presidential leadership by prohibiting stem cell research on human embryos, each of whom is a living human being—a human subject entitled to protection from harmful scientific experimentation as called for in the Nuremberg Code of Medical Ethics—he instead established a policy allowing taxpayer-funding of experiments on a limited number of stem cell lines derived from embryos who were already dead prior to August 9, 2001 and prohibiting the use of federal funds for the killing of more human embryos for experimentation. Despite his expressed conviction that human life “is a sacred gift from our Creator,” he arrived at the conclusion that those who were killed before August 9 had a lesser value than those who might be killed after that date. His decision opened the door to what is rapidly becoming an orgy of eugenic scientific license.

When there is no clear-cut standard by which human life is valued, when there is allowed to exist a debate over who has a right to live and who does not, when the prevailing attitude is pro-life-with-exceptions, decisions related to human embryo experimentation

and human cloning call for the establishment of...a commission.

Referencing the President's signing of the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, Parro pointed to his own words. At the bill signing ceremony, Bush said that "any time an expectant mother is a victim of violence, two lives are in the balance, each deserving protection, and each deserving justice...If the crime is murder and the unborn child's life ends, justice demands a full accounting under the law." Parro commented:

Well said, Mr. President. The Unborn Victims of Violence Act, while it applies only to federal crimes and exempts abortion, was a long time coming and the fact that it is now a law is a step, however small, in the right direction. But the question remains, what about protection and justice for the tiniest humans?

Does the killing of a human embryo not do violence to the tiny victim? Is that embryonic life not a gift of the Creator God? Is he or she not deserving of protection—of justice? Is that life somehow more valuable when made up of one hundred, or one thousand, or one million cells than at the very earliest stage of development? Does it really take a council or commission to figure this out?

Parro said there is "absolutely no evidence that stem cells from human embryos can or will cure any disease or treat any condition." She said "the positive results of stem cell experiments derive solely from... adult stem cells, or stem cells taken from umbilical cord blood, placentas, human fat and other sources."

Noting that it is legal to clone and experiment on human embryos in New Jersey and that California allows such experiments until 14 days after fertilization, Parro said, "The door that was cracked by the President's decision on August 9, 2001, has been blown wide open." She said the United States will lead the world in ethical and moral scientific research that is respectful of all human life "only if President Bush displays principled and determined leadership that stems from his stated belief that unborn babies deserve protection and justice under the law."

### **SHAMEFUL: NEW GROUP, STOLEN NAME**

LDI has learned of a new group calling itself "Family Life International" (FLI). This is the same name that Fr. Paul Marx, founder of Human Life International (HLI), often used to refer to his organization. It is clear that "Family Life International," a name even used by some HLI affiliates, is part of HLI's heritage.

"We wish to be clear that this new organization is in no way associated with HLI," said Rev. Thomas J. Euteneuer, president of HLI, in a statement released to pro-life leaders worldwide. "[W]e assure you that we are taking all steps necessary to diminish the confusion that this is already causing for the pro-life movement across the world."

What Euteneuer does not say is that the new FLI is trying to woo HLI's current affiliates, even those that have been with HLI for decades. The rogue group has swayed at least six HLI affiliates to abandon the organization started by Marx. The new FLI even placed a full-page advertisement in *The Wanderer* stating the need for another group and declaring that International Planned Parenthood Federation has been given a "free ride" by other pro-life organizations, which is utter nonsense. In the ad, the new FLI claimed that no other group is doing exactly the kind of work the new FLI would be attempting. In reality, HLI is doing *precisely* that kind of work—and doing it *extremely* well.

According to LDI President Douglas R. Scott, the creation of the new FLI and the use of the name is no accident. The person behind the new FLI is a former HLI employee who is determined to serve as a "competitor" to HLI. In fact, a fund-raising letter claims FLI is "nothing less than a rebirth of Fr. Marx's vision" as its leaders seek to cut into HLI's funding base and international network.

Always upbeat, Euteneuer said that despite the efforts of some to harm HLI, the organization "remains committed to carrying on the mission of Fr. Marx and building a culture of life in every nation of the world.... We at HLI know that the vision of Fr. Marx has never been extinguished; rather, it has always remained the vibrant and energetic pulse of *our* mission. It is within the heart of our extended HLI family that this vision lives and thrives."

"It is appalling when people who call themselves pro-life and Christian deem it necessary to build a personal kingdom rather than serve *the* Kingdom," Scott said. "This is just one more example of an individualist with a desire to destroy a well-respected institution that was successfully created and operated by others over many years. Those involved with the new FLI should be ashamed and the group will undoubtedly operate without the Lord's blessing."

"HLI's standard 'live and let live' policy applies to everyone who wishes to do honest pro-life work, but we do feel the need to advise you that there may be further efforts on the part of this group to capitalize on

the existing HLI network for its own purposes,” Euteneuer said. But Scott said HLI’s leader is being diplomatic and charitable: “Pro-life leaders need to speak up *any* time an injustice is done. The new FLI needs to be returned to the place where it originated, and that place is certainly not within God’s realm.”

“Please accept our gratitude for the support we have received from you in times past, and we pray that we may be able to return that support for your endeavors in the future. Know, at least, that we pray for all of our allies and collaborators each day at the altar of the Lord,” Euteneuer said.

### PLANNED PARENTHOOD TAKES CREDIT

Planned Parenthood says pro-abortion Republicans played a “decisive role” in defeating “anti-choice extremist” Pat Toomey’s bid to unseat Arlen Specter in Pennsylvania’s Republican primary for the U.S. Senate. The pro-abortion group claims that mail and phone calls to its supporters made the difference in Specter’s 51-49 percent victory.

Planned Parenthood Pennsylvania claims to have contacted more than 39,000 pro-abortion Republicans, urging them to support Specter in the primary. In a press release, Planned Parenthood said Specter defeated Toomey by an estimated 16,000 votes, “indicating the messages about Toomey’s anti-choice record may have been key to his defeat.”

LDI President Douglas R. Scott said that Planned Parenthood is well known for taking credit for every success, even when there is little or no evidence that the group had anything whatsoever to do with it. Nevertheless, Planned Parenthood hopes to use the unsubstantiated claim to frighten politicians. “Toomey’s defeat serves as yet another example of the resonance Planned Parenthood’s pro-choice, pro-family planning messages have with moderate Republican and independent swing voters,” its press release said.

Many pro-life people were appalled that President George W. Bush interfered in the primary by endorsing rabidly pro-abortion Specter, as did Senator Rick Santorum, R-Penn. It was these endorsements that probably made the difference for Specter. “No pro-life person with any sense of decency and justice would even think of trying to justify voting for Specter in November,” Scott said.

### SHAREHOLDERS KEEP THE HEAT ON

Pro Vita Advisors (PVA) announced that a record number of pro-family shareholder resolutions have been filed this year. “Beginning...at Johnson &

Johnson...nine different shareholder resolutions will be offered for voter approval at some of the largest and most influential corporations in the country,” read a PVA press release. Most resolutions concern support of Planned Parenthood.

Corporations targeted with shareholder resolutions include **Textron, Bank of America, Phelps Dodge, J. P. Morgan Chase, Prudential, and Merck**. PVA wrote and assisted with every resolution. “We need to tell corporate America that the taking of human life is obscene and can never be considered business as usual,” said PVA President Thomas Strobhar.

PVA confronts corporations on the leading issues of our day, including abortion, pornography and homosexuality, and so forth. It also assists pro-family investors.

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### QUOTABLE QUOTE

“You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We can preserve this, the last hope of mankind on earth for our children and our children’s children, or we can sentence them to take that very last step into a thousand years of darkness. If we do fail, at least let our children and our children’s children say of us, we justified our brief moment here; we did all that could be done.”

— President Ronald Wilson Reagan (1911-2004)

### IN YOUR OWN WORDS

LDI often provides space for its supporters (and detractors) to have their say about various issues:

“I am so thankful for LDI and *all* that you do. God is blessing LDI and I’m proud to be a part of LDI.”

— Carol A. Heckler

“I don’t know how you do it all but am sure thankful you do. God’s blessing and keep up the fantastic work.”

— John Hof

“I remain convinced that the mission of LDI is critical to building a Culture of Life, and I wish...LDI all the best, by the grace of God.”

— Stuart W. Nolan, Jr., Esq.

“Give to everyone that asketh thee; and from him that taketh away thy goods ask not again.” Luke 6:30

“Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.” Matt. 5:42

Could you please send me \$20,000.00? I could really use it. Thank You!

— Michael Ford

Please e-mail me with your answer, if yes I will provide my home address, if no I guess you don't really believe that old book after all.

— “Freddie”

“Freddie’s” harassing e-mails, most of which mock Christianity and Christians, began when Berkshire Hathaway stopped funding Planned Parenthood.

One confused pro-life person wrote to reprimand LDI:

I just received a copy of your *Boycott List* I had recently ordered. I notice on the very front page that you list Berkshire Hathaway as a sponsor of Planned Parent. This is important news, because of Berkshire’s ownership of so many major corporations. However, I noted on another website...that Berkshire stopped funding Planned Parenthood as long ago as last July 2003, and that LDI is aware of this; in fact, your president, Douglas Scott, states the following about Berkshire Hathaway:

Douglas R. Scott, president of LDI, released the following statement following the Berkshire Hathaway announcement:

“It is truly unfortunate that Warren Buffett (Berkshire Hathaway’s chief executive officer and chief shareholder) has chosen to end the entire program rather than stop funding pro-abortion groups with corporate dollars.

“The program itself was innovative and a good idea. It merely needed some fine tuning. But Buffett has chosen to cut off his corporate nose to spite his corporate face and many groups that are not controversial will suffer due to his stubbornness. It’s as if Buffett was saying, ‘If we aren’t going to fund abortion we aren’t going to fund anything! So there!’ All Buffett had to do was make pro-abortion groups ineligible for selection by shareholders, but he refused to take that step, which would have kept needed funds flowing to worthy charities.”

I then checked the date of the *Boycott List* you sent me. May 2003. The list is one year old. Despite the fact that on the front page you also print an “IMPORTANT WARNING” against using inaccurate and out-dated lists from other providers.

Needless to say, I am dismayed at the quality of the information you are putting into the hands of well-intentioned people seeking to do pro-life work. It does no good, and probably does harm, to boycott companies that are, in fact, no longer sponsoring Planned Parenthood. Indeed, it only serves to marginalize the efforts of pro-lifers, and confirm the media’s perception of them as being hysterical and out-of-touch.

I hope you will see fit to update your *Boycott List* soon (you might collect press releases from your own president if you need sources of information), and in the meantime, you might wish to advise potential users to proceed with boycotts at their own risk.

Mr. Ford had more to say in a follow-up e-mail:

By using a simple computer data base or word-processing program, it is very easy to maintain an accurate, up-to-date list.... You are charging money for these lists, and there is no excuse for providing year-old...copies in this day and age.

[Y]our boycott list is well-intentioned, but misleading and inaccurate, and therefore likely to cause harm to the movement by encouraging pro-lifers to boycott the wrong targets.

Needless-to-say, we were surprised to get these e-mails. But it did not take us long to discover the source of the problem. Ford did not receive *The Boycott List* from us. It came from a different group that was distributing outdated editions of our *List*. Yet somehow Ford thought he had ordered the *List* from LDI. All that chastising and he had the wrong target. LDI would *never* release outdated information.

### THE PRAYER PROJECT

Please join us in daily prayer for the men and women who are active in the Pro-Abortion Movement and those who have not been strong in their claimed pro-life convictions: *May*—Senator **Arlen Specter**, R-Penn.; *June*—Senator **Rick Santorum**, R-Penn.; *July*—presidential candidate Senator **John Kerry**, D-Mass.; *August*—former First Lady **Nancy Reagan**, who is campaigning in favor of embryonic stem cell experimentation (pray, too, that she be comforted); and *September*—Justice **Anthony Kennedy**, who betrayed the unborn by voting to reaffirm *Roe v. Wade*.

### PPFA: LIES & EXAGGERATIONS

Leave it to Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) to claim that “more than a million” people attended its April 25, 2004 march in support of the legal killing of unborn human beings. Even some of the most pro-abortion newspapers reported that “thousands” attended. But exaggerations and lies for their cause are commonplace, especially when it comes to statistics and rhetoric.

“We sent a message to Washington today: there is a war on choice in this country, but we’re going to win this battle,” said PPFA chief Gloria Feldt. “If this administration and Congress don’t get the message after today, they are deaf to a growing wave of outrage.”

Feldt spoke at the march, as did actresses Julianne Moore, Kathleen Turner, Whoopi Goldberg, and Susan Sarandon, along with Senator Hillary Clinton,

D-N.Y., among others. The “March for Women’s Lives” was organized by PFFA, the American Civil Liberties Union, Black Women’s Health Imperative, Feminist Majority, NARAL Pro-Choice America, the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, and the National Organization for Women.

“Today was proof of a realignment—reproductive rights are human rights, and threats to them will result in potent and widespread reaction,” Feldt promised. But LDI’s Douglas R. Scott, who has known Feldt for 20 years, met her declaration with a sigh. “Oh, Gloria, you may decree that ‘reproductive rights are human rights,’ all you like, but killing is not now nor can it ever be accepted as a ‘right.’ Reject death and join us in supporting positive, life-affirming and real solutions to the problems facing women.”

### **NON-COMPARISON BRINGS TANTRUM**

A recent rant by Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) President Gloria Feldt involved her demand that presidential adviser Karen Hughes apologize for saying the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, have led to an increase in the value people are placing on human life. Hughes made her comments on CNN after being asked if abortion would be a key issue in the presidential campaign:

Well...it’s always an issue. And I frankly think it’s changing somewhat. I think after September 11<sup>th</sup> the American people are valuing life more and realizing that we need policies to value the dignity and worth of every life. And President Bush has worked to say, let’s be reasonable, let’s work to value life, let’s try to reduce the number of abortions, let’s increase adoptions. And I think those are the kind of policies that the American people can support, particularly at a time when we’re facing an enemy, and really the fundamental difference between us and the terror network we fight is that we value every life.

It’s the founding conviction of our country, that we’re endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights, the right to life and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Unfortunately our enemies in the terror network, as we’re seeing repeatedly in the headlines these days, don’t value any life, not even the innocent and not even their own.

Feldt wrote to Hughes to say the comment was “an insensitive and divisive overreach.” She continued: “It is outrageous to suggest that those of us who challenge this administration’s attacks on reproductive rights and access do not value life and human dignity. Indeed, it is because we value life and human dignity that we support a woman’s right to choice.” Feldt told Hughes that, “The horror of 9/11 has been used

inappropriately too many times, and this is clearly such an incident.”

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., said that by implying that pro-abortion Americans “have the same values as terrorists, Hughes insulted millions of American men and women who believe women should make their own choices about their reproductive health.” She demanded an apology and expressed hope that President Bush would “disassociate himself” from the remarks.

Another call for Hughes to apologize came from Martha Burk, Ph.D., chairman of the National Council of Women’s Organizations. “She [Hughes] has called your mothers, your aunts, your grandmothers, your daughters, your sons and husbands terrorists...It is the worst kind of McCarthyism,” Burk said. “This must stop. She owes an apology, if not a resignation.” Now *exactly* where did Hughes call all of these people—or anyone, for that matter—terrorists? And the “McCarthyism” line is surely not unexpected. Should not we be outraged at such a comparison? Only if you wish to have a free forum for your ludicrous agenda. (If this is the “worst kind” of McCarthyism, what is the best?)

Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority, said, “We cannot have a time when those of us who are protesting current policies are going to be compared to terrorists or their values. We have to stand up now before we have a period of silencing all meaningful discussion in our country.”

In response to the demands for an apology, Hughes said the interpretation of her remarks was a “gross distortion” and that she “would never make such a comparison.” Maloney called Hughes’ response unfortunate and said the presidential advisor “still doesn’t get it.” According to Maloney, “The only gross distortion here is mentioning law-abiding, patriotic, pro-choice Americans in the same sentence as terrorists.”

“This is a common tactic of the pro-abortion lobby,” said LDI President Douglas R. Scott. “They make something out of nothing just so they have something to complain about. It is simple. Karen Hughes did not compare those who support the killing of unborn babies to terrorists—not even remotely. This is just the latest brouhaha started by those who really do not like to discuss the real issues.”

Scott said it is outrageous that pro-abortion groups would be so offended. “How many times have pro-abortion leaders compared pro-life people to terrorists?” he asked. “If pro-abortion people are

offended that's just too bad. They need to stop being so easily offended, stop making false accusations, and stop the hypocritical diatribes. And the media needs to stop covering such behavior as though it were news. Can it really be news when it happens all the time?"

As for the demands for an apology, Scott said that pro-abortion leaders, especially Feldt, "are always demanding something that is undeserved." He said that instead of twisting Hughes' words, pro-abortion leaders should apologize "for their role in the deaths of millions upon millions of unborn children and the corruption of the minds of millions of children who were lucky enough to escape the forceps of Planned Parenthood abortionists." Scott said Feldt and her ilk should cut their losses before someone does an in-depth, intellectual study comparing terrorists to pro-abortion leaders because "they may not like the results." After all, Scott said, "abortion is seen as the 'final solution' to a myriad of the world's problems, is it not?"

"Feldt and her legions claim they value life, but all evidence points to the contrary," Scott said. "Before attacking the innocent words of others they should search their own souls and examine their own deeds."

### **PPFA AWARDS PRESENTED**

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) has presented its annual awards to those who support its agenda. The Forum for Women, Law and Development (FWLD), television mogul R. E. "Ted" Turner, and K-MET received PPFA's top honor, the Margaret Sanger Award. Women's eNews and **Working Assets** won "the prestigious" Maggie Award.

FWLD was founded in Nepal to "protect and promote women's human rights." Due to its efforts, abortion is now legal in Nepal. K-MET is a community health organization in Kenya. It provides "safe abortion care and family planning...in a country where abortion is still largely illegal." Turner was called "a compassionate and committed philanthropist" for giving \$1 billion to the United Nations and more than \$3.5 million to PPFA for "pro-choice organizing and advocacy."

Women's eNews was recognized for "overall excellence of its reporting on...crucial issues and the impact that this reporting has on the growing visibility of the threats to reproductive rights." Working Assets makes a direct contribution to the pro-abortion cause by covering "reproductive health and rights issues" on its website and by donating \$1 million a year for

nearly 15 years to PPFA and its affiliates. Now that is worth a plaque.

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