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MCCAIN'S VICE PRESIDENT ?

By J. C. Willke, MD

The battle for the presidency of the United States is in full swing. On one side, we have a solidly pro-abortion Democrat, Senator Barack Obama. On the Republican side, we have Senator John McCain, who has a fairly solid pro-life voting record. Most pro-lifers would agree that Supreme Court appointments probably are at the top of the list of what we hope to have from the next president.

Senator McCain has stated that he will appoint constitutional constructionist judges if any vacancies occur on the US Supreme Court, and has pointed to John Roberts and Samuel Alito as examples of such appointees. Senator Obama says, "With one more vacancy on the Supreme Court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's fundamental right to choose. . . The next president may be asked to nominate that Supreme Court justice. That is what is at stake in this election."

Senator McCain will be 71 when, and if, he assumes office. By many standards today, that is not very old. We recall that President Ronald Reagan was nearly the same age when he served as president. Even so, one cannot predict the longevity of any of us. That of course, is why we elect a vice president, to assume the top office in the event something happens to the president.

For this reason, in any election — but perhaps even more so this time — pro-life people are concerned about who might serve as vice-president in the event Senator

McCain is elected. Accordingly, let's alphabetically look at names that have been mentioned, and view them from a pro-life standpoint.

Ken Blackwell was the first African-American to be elected and re-elected to a statewide office in Ohio. He served eight years as secretary of state. Following this, he ran for governor, but had the misfortune of being on a ticket that was doomed to defeat. The retiring governor, Robert Taft, had been indicted for malfeasance in office, and his approval rating was in the teens. The entire state administration, with the exception of the treasurer, was replaced by Democrats. In a friendlier year, he very well might have been elected the third black governor to serve in the US. Mr. Blackwell has served in many capacities, beginning as mayor of Cincinnati, a UN ambassadorship to the Middle East and serving as an under-secretary at the US Department of HUD under Jack Kemp.

While the fact that he was recently defeated for state office weighs as a heavy negative, nevertheless, being an African-American might possibly serve as a counterbalance to Senator Obama. He is 100% pro-life and would probably swing Ohio into McCain's column.

Sam Brownback currently serves as the US senator from the state of Kansas. He is one of the pro-life leaders in the US Senate and has done an admirable job in that position. From a pro-life standpoint, he would certainly be a top candidate.

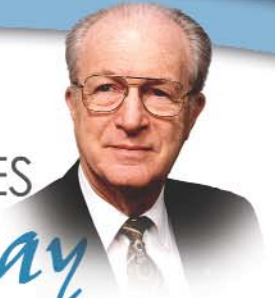
However, every senate vote in the next term will be crucial to maintaining the pro-life laws that now exist in the federal government. The present governor of Kansas is a radical pro-abortionist and would certainly replace him with a pro-abortion senator. This would be a terrible loss for unborn babies in the Senate.

Charles Crist, governor of Florida, has even been mentioned by Senator McCain himself. Putting this popular elected official on the ticket would probably guarantee the Florida votes in McCain's column, but there are several qualifications. One is that Florida is favored to go for McCain in any case, not the least factor being his strong support for the anti-Castro Cubans living in Florida. More importantly, Senator McCain must not alienate his Christian and conservative base and Crist would do exactly that. Crist was "pro-choice" but has switched — sort of. He wouldn't overturn *Roe vs. Wade*. In the primary, Florida Right to Life endorsed his pro-life opponent. He did nothing to prevent the starvation death of Terri Schiavo, and favors killing human embryos for embryonic cell research, including using tax money to pay for it. As a VP nominee, he brings more negatives than positives to McCain.

Rudolph Giuliani is a name known to everyone, especially in the pro-life movement. His position has been solidly pro-abortion, so the pro-life movement

A Miracle from Within

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Today



with J.C. Willke, MD

A story that I first heard 25 years ago is worth re-telling. It was from Dr. J A MacDougall of St. John's, New Brunswick. It happened right after World War II before we had any effective treatment for tuberculosis. Back in those days, when a person got active TB, we put them in a tuberculosis hospital and isolated them from the rest of the community, for they were contagious.

This story is about a 23-year-old woman. She was seriously ill with TB. Her husband had brought a mild case back home with him from the war and she had caught it. She had literally no resistance and now was rapidly losing ground as the infection took its toll. The lower lobe of her right lung had an enlarging tuberculosis cavity in it. She was weak and losing weight. The doctors had tried everything they knew and they had finally admitted that they were licked.

It was December. The doctor went in to tell her that medically there was no hope. The decision lay with God. She asked just one thing: "If I'm still alive on Christmas Eve, I'd like your promise that I can go home for Christmas." She had weighed 125 pounds, but was down to 87, and her fever ranged from 101 to 103. She looked terribly ill but always smiled.

The doctors had tried a new method of injecting air into her abdominal cavity in an attempt to push her diaphragm up so as to collapse that part of the lung. It was known then that if you could collapse the lung so that the cavity was compressed and closed, that sometimes nature would then take hold and the lung would begin to heal. The attempt to inject air, a so-called pneumoperitoneum, nearly killed her and they gave up for a bad try. With this, her last hope was gone, and they had told her that she was going to die.

But Christmas came, and a promise had been made, so, with great misgivings, they let her go home, instructing her to shield her mouth and her breathing from her loved ones. She came back to the hospital late Christmas Day. Every day thereafter her condition grew just a little bit worse and yet she didn't die. To the doctors' continuing amazement, she hung on. At the end of February, she was less than 80 pounds.

And then a new complication — she became nauseated, even without food in her stomach. And what did they discover? It was ridiculous, but she had become pregnant when home on Christmas Day. But she was so ill, so weak, she couldn't possibly have conceived — her body wouldn't have been up to it. But she *was* pregnant. The test was positive. There she was on the very outer frontier of life herself, and she now held within her body another life!

Legally, medically, an abortion could have been done back then, for it certainly imperiled her life, but she and her husband were against it; the doctors were against it. And, in this case, the abortion might well have killed her. Besides, the doctors thought her body would reject the baby.

But one week passed, and then another. Never once did the doctors doubt that she was dying. But, for some totally unexplained reason, she kept living and she stayed pregnant. March became April, became May, and became June. And then a totally unexpected and incredible thing happened. Her temperature began to go down. For the first time they noted some slight improvement in her condition, and then a little more, and a little more.

She began to eat. She gained a little weight, and then chest x-rays showed

that the enlargement of the cavity in her lung had stopped. More than that, another x-ray showed why. Her diaphragm was being pushed up against the lungs, collapsing the lower lobe. And who was doing the pushing? The baby in her womb!

Nature was doing exactly what the doctors had been unable to do. It was pressing the sides of the deadly hole together — the baby was saving his mother. The baby *did* save her, and at birth the baby was normal and healthy. By then the tuberculosis cavity had closed and the mother was markedly better. A few months later she was sent home.

Dr. MacDougall, who told this story and cared for her, said, and let me quote him: "That child didn't destroy his mother — he saved her. Call it the will of God, call it human love, call it the mystical quality of motherhood, the turning in upon her to fight still more because she still had more to fight for; call it what you will — it happened. I still wonder at what she did and at the unfathomable force it signifies." 🌀





would not support him. As VP he would probably sink the McCain ticket.

Mike Huckabee, former governor of Arkansas, is a name that's universally known in pro-life leadership circles. He would come with a pedigree of nearly a 100% pro-life record. His addition would certainly solidify the support of many Evangelicals. But there are two "ifs." Many pro-lifers and Republicans share a generally conservative philosophy, and they would be uncomfortable with many of his other positions, which range into the almost far-liberal columns. Secondly, from a purely political standpoint, yes, he would bring Arkansas, but McCain probably gets Arkansas in any case.

Governor **Bobby Jindal** of Louisiana is certainly a rising star. That's true for him as a Republican, and also as a pro-life person. There is no question but that he is 100% pro-life and would be completely acceptable for that reason. And what are the negatives? First and foremost in the minds of many, it is his youth and inexperience (although that does not seem to have cooled the ardor of many for Barack Obama). Even so, many think that Governor Jindal will be a savior and house-cleaner for the traditionally corrupt state of politics in Louisiana. Assuming that he serves out his term and is successful in that job, he will certainly rank very high as a prospect for a future presidential nominee.

Sarah Palin, the young governor of Alaska, is a new sensation. She not only decided to give birth to her fifth child recently knowing that "Trig" had Down syndrome; she used the event to emphatically speak out for life. Governor Palin is highly successful in her office and wildly popular. As a woman, independent Republican, strong pro-lifer and a fresh face, she would certainly help the McCain ticket.

Tim Pawlenty is the Governor of Minnesota; and his name has been frequently mentioned. He is strongly pro-life and has been successfully elected and re-elected in a state that is usually a "Blue" state. This popular governor has two years to serve in his second term and could run

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again. If elected vice president, his Lt. Governor, Carol Molnau, will succeed him and is also very pro-life.

Rob Portman has been a conservative, completely pro-life congressman from the Cincinnati area for many years. He's been consistently re-elected by two-thirds of the voters in his district. Appointed by President Bush to be Federal Secretary of the Office of Management and Budget, he has served with distinction. Many Ohioans think he would be great.

Mitt Romney is the former governor of Massachusetts and effectively the runner-up to the nomination for president on the Republican ticket. Governor Romney would bring a store of executive business and economic expertise to the White House if he were to serve as vice president. His record in business and in the Olympics was startlingly effective and he has instant name recognition.

And what are his negatives? While he comes from Massachusetts, it is highly doubtful whether he could deliver those electoral votes during the election. And while your writer doubts it, nevertheless, his Mormonism might well cool McCain's otherwise hope for enthusiastic support from many Evangelical voters.

Rick Santorum, a former senator from Pennsylvania, served two terms, but then was defeated by a generally pro-life Democrat, Robert P. Casey, Jr. There was no one in the Senate more pro-life or more effectively pro-life than Rick Santorum. As a VP who might ascend to the presidency, he would be a dream come true for pro-lifers. But, would he add to the electability of a McCain ticket, as he is now a former senator who was defeated by a Democrat? Would he in any case bring Pennsylvania into the McCain column? These are serious questions that will be asked.

Senator **John Thune** of South Dakota would be an excellent vice president. He has all of the values that we hold dear. He appeals to voters by being young, a good speaker, and handsome. His negatives? This would take him out of the position of being a senator from South Dakota, a vote that might be crucial to an incoming President McCain. South Dakota has a Republican governor, who would replace him temporarily. Then what happens when his replacement successor is elected? South Dakota has a record of sending Democrats who are quite liberal. That doesn't mean that they would do it again, but they certainly have in the past.

The above list may not be all inclusive. Other names will likely be added before the summer is out. If tradition holds, the Republican nominee for president often doesn't name his vice president until the convention, which is September 1. You can be sure that all kinds of names will be vetted during this time. Your writer's purpose in listing the above is quite clear. There is always a chance that a president might pass from the scene physically. In that case, the vice president becomes president. Our central concern for such a person would be that he or she is truly dedicated to advancing the cause of protecting human life from fertilization to natural death. 🌟



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Our Tax Dollars Fund the Abortion Industry

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According to a recent Guttmacher Institute report ¹, state and federal tax dollars paid for 177,404 abortions in 2006, at a cost of \$89 million. Also at taxpayer expense, a whopping \$1.85 billion was spent on family planning client services in the same year. Even more alarming is the rate at which these expenses are rising, primarily because of Medicaid expansions that have substantially increased the number of people eligible for Medicaid family planning services. And although taxpayer-funded abortions are limited by law in many cases, pro-abortion forces are working surreptitiously to render those laws useless.

The *Hyde Amendment*, implemented in 1977, restricts the use of federal funds for abortion. These public funds can only be used when an abortion is needed to save the life of the mother, or when the pregnancy results from assault rape or incest. In 2006, federal dollars paid for 191 abortions of low-income women at a cost of \$0.2 million. State governments, however, spent \$88.8 million on 177,213 abortions, primarily in states that have “nonrestrictive” policies for funding abortions. These states permit the use of tax dollars to pay for all “medically necessary” abortions provided to Medicaid clients.

While a disturbing amount of money was spent on abortions in 2006, it paled in comparison to the money that was spent on family planning services. Medicaid was the biggest spender, doling out \$1.3 billion of the \$1.85 billion. Much of the remaining amount was administered under Title X of the *Public Health Service Act*, which provides grants to state agencies and to organizations such as Planned Parenthood. The rest of the spending was by way of federal block grants provided to the states, and as state funds allocated for family planning services. “Family planning services” include contraceptive drugs and devices, related diagnostic tests (such as pregnancy, Pap, HIV and other STDs), treatment after diagnosis (such as urinary tract infections and STDs other than HIV), and client counseling and education.

Since 1994, the inflation-adjusted Medicaid family planning expenditures in 14 states have tripled. These states received federal waivers allowing them to raise the level of income eligibility for Medicaid family planning services, causing the number of clients they served to increase by 60% from 2000 to 2005. Federal legislation has been proposed that would make it easier for other states to do the same, potentially ushering in a huge increase in these expenditures.

One organization that has benefited tremendously from taxpayer funding is Planned Parenthood, an influential player in the family planning and abortion industry. Planned Parenthood received \$336.7 million in government grants and contracts in FY 2006-2007 ², meaning that taxpayers provided 33.1% of their total revenue of \$1.0 billion for that fiscal year. Not only that, but this

“not for profit” organization reported \$114.8 million in profit for that same period. With net assets of \$951.8 million, the leaders of Planned Parenthood continue to lobby for more tax dollars, claiming they will have to shut down essential services without this tax windfall. Their threats continue to convince the politicians holding the purse strings, since they received \$31.4 million more in tax dollars for FY 2006-2007 than they did in FY 2005-2006.

With such strong government support behind it, Planned Parenthood managed to kill 289,750 preborn babies in 2006 (9.4% more than in 2005), and generated an estimated \$105 million in income for these “services.” Their market share for abortions in the US has risen from 5.5% in 1984 to nearly 25% in 2006. They also dispensed over 1.4 million “emergency” birth control kits in 2006 (an increase of nearly 18% over 2005), causing an untold number of early abortions. Clearly demonstrating their priorities, they managed to refer only 2,410 women for adoption (less than 1 for every 100 abortions.) On another front, the CDC recently reported that 3.2 million teenage girls (1 in 4) have a sexually transmitted disease ³, and estimates that 19 million new infections occur each year in the population. ⁴ Planned Parenthood has been quick to blame and fight against “abstinence only” programs as a contributing factor. And yet, of their 2.5 million “family planning” clients in 2006, 65.8% were dispensed contraception that offered no protection to disease at all.

Even more threatening is a bill that has been quietly introduced in both the House and the Senate called the *Freedom of Choice Act*. ⁵ If pro-abortion advocates win a majority in congress and a pro-abortion candidate is elected as president, passage of this bill could be a frightening reality. It would nullify the *Hyde Amendment*, as well as any current restrictions on abortion such as the recently enacted *Partial-Birth Abortion Ban*. It would do this by invalidating any “federal, state, or local statute, ordinance, regulation, administrative order, decision, policy, practice, or other action” that would “deny or interfere with a woman’s right to choose.” ⁶ Abortions and the taxes to pay for them would essentially become unrestricted. Pro-lifers must do everything in their power to prevent this law from being passed by spreading the message about the critical nature of this upcoming election. Many lives hang in the balance. 🌀

¹ Sonfield, A., Alrich, C., Gold, R.B., *Public Funding for Family Planning, Sterilization and Abortion Services, FY 1980-2006*, Occasional Report No. 38, January 2008

² Planned Parenthood Annual Report 2006-2007, available at: www.plannedparenthood.org/files/AR_2007_vFinal.pdf

³ 2008 National STD Prevention Conference CDC press release, available at: www.cdc.gov/std/conference/2008/media/release-11march2008.htm

⁴ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention STD Surveillance 2006, available at: www.cdc.gov/std/stats/trends2006.htm

⁵ *Freedom of Choice Act*; pdf file available at this website: www.nrlc.org/foca/FOCA2007S1173.pdf

⁶ Ibid; p. 8





KCMH Radio Receives Grand Prize for Youth Outreach

KCMH staff: Saundra McNelley (Receptionist), Lorra Queen (Station Mgr.), Bradley Mattes & Kyle Sexton (Production Mgr.)

Life Issues Institute was searching for an innovative way to provide pro-life education to America's young people. Printed brochures had become a relic of the past, replaced by the World Wide Web. As a result, Bradley Mattes, Executive Director of Life Issues Institute, came up with the idea of *Truth Unmasked*, an interactive CD-ROM for computers.

The process took nearly a year to complete as he compiled research on how to most effectively communicate the pro-life message to the nation's teens, college students and young adults. The data showed they were comfortable obtaining information through their computers, but strongly felt the information must be factual and trustworthy. This, as well as other information, provided a blueprint to develop a script which would give today's youth a thorough education on abortion.

Truth Unmasked covers the topics of fetal development (complete with beautiful images), abortion statistics and techniques, the physical and psychological risks and, finally, links to the top websites designed exclusively for youth. Video clips, comprised of teens, introduce the CD-ROM and each individual segment. Graphics and music were designed to appeal to a younger audience, and each topic comes complete with documentation.

About 18 months ago, Life Issues Institute began to provide grants of large quantities of *Truth Unmasked* to individuals and organizations with access to youth. Our goal was to get *Truth Unmasked* into the hands of hundreds of thousands of young people. To encourage distribution, we asked for feedback and offered a grand prize to the organization providing the overall most effective distribution.

There was enthusiastic participation from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, 9 Canadian Provinces and various other countries, making it possible to reach our goal of the distribution of hundreds of thousands of pro-life educational CD-ROMs.

Life Issues Institute is pleased to announce the winner of the grand prize — KCMH Radio in Mountain Home, Arkansas. They won a laptop computer and a wall projector — both designed to be easily portable and accompanied by various pro-life educational presentations. This will enable them to expand their pro-life educational efforts. Bradley Mattes traveled to Mountain Home to personally present the grand prize to the winners. He said, "KCMH demonstrated creativity and true passion in their effort to educate the youth of their community. They stood out in the crowd, and I was very pleased to be able to present the prize to them with our sincere thanks."

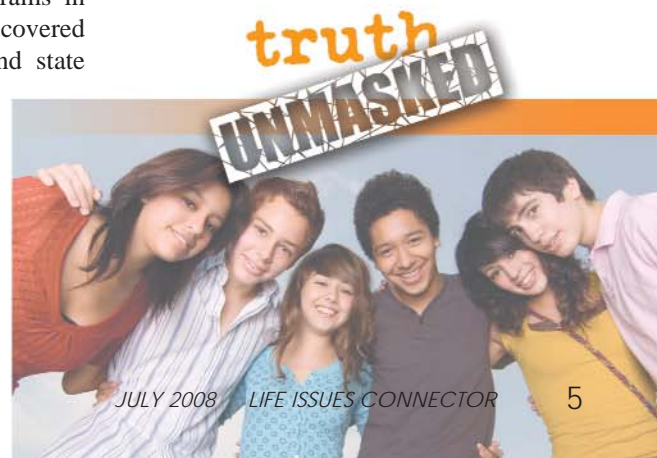
Judging the contest wasn't easy. Many groups proved their zeal in reaching out to youth with a pro-life message. Some of the ideas were what you would expect. *Truth Unmasked* was given to: Bible classes, churches, youth pastors and youth groups. Churches of all faiths participated. Crisis pregnancy centers represented a good number of distribution points, which included them in abstinence programs in high schools. Right to life chapters covered fair booths, men's conferences and state conventions, local libraries, college campuses and high school Bible clubs. Several groups promoted them on their websites. Teens gave them to fellow teens, and young adults shared them with

coworkers. Sidewalk counselors even handed *Truth Unmasked* to women going in for abortions.

Some organizations came up with more novel approaches such as: homecoming parades, football games and even distributed them to golfers. They were passed out at a special event called a "Safe Spring Break." Pro-lifers doing TV interviews offered them to viewers. Promotions were run on local cable TV shows and radio stations. Home schoolers got into the act, and even a business expo was on the recipient end of the CD-ROMs.

The response of America's youth to *Truth Unmasked* has been overwhelmingly positive. They enjoy the user-friendly format, which allows them to study it in the privacy of their home at their own pace. It's been used by youth to persuade their peers to be pro-life and has generated discussion on Facebook and YouTube. It's also reinforced the pro-life positions of others.

Complimentary copies of *Truth Unmasked* are still available. Go to www.lifeissues.org/truthunmasked/grant.htm to request yours. We'll send you as many as you can effectively put into the hands of youth. We'll even cover the shipping. Life Issues Institute thanks everyone who has partnered with us in this life-saving educational effort to reach the next generation. ☀



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with TV host Brad Mattes

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June 22 – 28 "Abortion Survivor"

Teresa Ippoliti, now 19, talks about surviving her abortion and getting a second chance at life.

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July 6 – July 12 "Legal But Not Safe"

One would presume legal abortion means a safe abortion. Not in the case of Laura Smith who died during an abortion procedure.

July 13 – July 19 "Be Relevant"

There's a battle being fought between Pregnancy Care Centers and Planned Parenthood, so one PCC is taking a new approach to meeting the needs of women and men.

July 20 – July 26 "The Pain That Follows"

The personal choice to opt for abortion haunted their thoughts and future relationships. Meet three women who share their emotional journey through healing.

July 27 – August 2 "The Option of Adoption"

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Bradley Mattes



So you want my pro-life vote . . .

An open letter to political candidates.

So you're running for political office and you want my support. This is no small request. I consider my vote to be a precious possession — something I don't give lightly. Voting is a high privilege of being an American and I will not squander it on those who do not represent my heartfelt views.

As a matter of fact, I wouldn't vote a dog catcher into office who wasn't pro-life. Why? Every politician climbs his or her own ladder of success. The first rung of the ladder may be getting elected to the local school board; then, some may pursue a higher rung like state representative. Still others have a loftier goal to be elected to the US Senate, and a few even attempt to achieve that top rung of the ladder — the office of the President of the United States.

Most every politician who's in a position to affect the well being of unborn children — good or bad — has gotten their political start in a more humble position of power. As a result, my goal is to fill all rungs of the ladder with only those who will work to protect life, regardless of their political level of achievement.

I'll be pleased to give you my pro-life vote, but it generates a contract of sorts. Here's what I want in return:

A spine should be standard equipment. As my elected representative, fight for what's right. Don't cave in to what's politically correct or expedient. Vote to protect innocent human life even when it may be unpopular. Take the heat if you have to, but stand strong when you're faced with a vote on the life issues.

Be committed to the babies. Vote to uphold the sanctity of innocent

human life EVERY time. This includes procedural votes and behind the scenes lobbying. Don't quietly work against pro-life efforts when you think nobody is watching. I *am* watching and I will hold you accountable.

Show your leadership. Sponsor pro-life legislation and work hard to see that it passes. Be an example to your peers, and do your best to persuade them. Work like life depends on it, because it does!

Watch the company you keep. While you're running for office, don't recruit pro-abortion politicians or spokespersons to promote your campaign. It sends the wrong message and tells me I can't trust you.

Pro-life is more important than Party. Your pro-life convictions are more important to me than your party affiliation. If you're a Democrat, I expect you to oppose your party's pro-abortion platform. This will take guts, but the babies deserve nothing less. If you're a Republican, don't expect me to assume you're automatically pro-life just because your party platform is. I've seen my share of pro-abortion Republicans. Prove your worthiness regardless of your party.

Don't take me for granted. If your opposition is pro-abortion and you're marginally pro-life, don't assume you have my vote. I don't *have* to vote for either one of you.

Remember who you work for. Once elected, many politicians have the mistaken idea that voters are indebted to the candidate. It's the other way around. You work for us. If we don't like the way you're doing your job, we have the power

to fire you and hire someone else.

Lip service isn't an option. If you sign your name to a pro-life questionnaire, if you pledge your pro-life support to audiences during the campaign, I will expect you to be true to your word. Nothing generates more resentment toward an elected official than one who turns his back on unborn babies. If living up to your promises is a problem, revert to the statement immediately preceding this one.

Know your priorities. Abortion, euthanasia and the life issues are the most important concerns, because if we're deprived of the basic right to life, no other rights matter. Those who are denied the right to live can't experience lower taxes, health care, national security or a quality education.

Yes, if you're willing to hold up your part of the bargain, I'll give you my pro-life vote and encourage others to do the same.

Getting elected to public office isn't easy. I often can't imagine anyone wanting to take on the challenges that lie ahead. It requires much hard work and dedication to your core values. But I'm grateful for your willingness to try, and hopefully, your ability to succeed. Once you get there and demonstrate your respect for innocent human life, you can count on my continued, loyal support. I hope it will be a long-term partnership that will help secure the protection of those too tiny or defenseless to protect themselves.

Remember, work like life depends on it, because it does! 🌀

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"Truth Booth" Reaching Target Audience

Using modern-day technology and more than a little ingenuity, pro-lifers are getting their message before a prime audience — teenagers and young adults. It's a basically simple concept called the *Truth Booth*. Shopping mall kiosks have been converted into pro-life educational booths which are greatly impacting the way people view unborn babies and abortion.

Flat screen TVs are set up behind Plexiglas. A repeating three-minute video is played depicting 4-D ultrasound images of unborn babies, interspersed with beautiful, full-color images of fetal life from 7 to 34 weeks. Life Issues Institute was pleased to provide the fetal images. The result is an amazingly positive and persuasive pro-life message! Brochures are available at the kiosk for additional information, including contact information for the local pregnancy help center.

A key aspect is that the *Truth Booths* reach a crucially important segment of society — teenagers and young adults who are often faced with an unexpected pregnancy. The

message is presented in a gentle, loving way to impact their hearts and minds on abortion. To-date, there have been no problems with vandalism. The very public and usually busy environment, coupled with the way the message is presented, likely discourages angry attacks.

This remarkable idea is the brainchild of Mike and Maureen Nuzzi from Atco, NJ. They have given the project to LifeWorks Ohio to further develop and expand. The unmanned booth makes it more approachable, and mall managers are open to the positive message it brings. Once the kiosk is up and running, it is very easy to maintain. And local businesses or donors should be open to underwriting such an effective and worthwhile educational project.

For more information on the *Truth Booth*, and to see the actual video presentation, visit their website at www.truthbooth.org. Or you can contact them by mail: LifeWorks Ohio, 4427 State Road, Cleveland, OH 44109. Phone 216.661.3000. 