What are some of the harmful side effects of V.D.?[4]

- cervical cancer
- pelvic inflammatory disease
- sterility
- arthritis
- tubal pregnancies
- liver abscesses
- pleurisy
- eye infections
- blisters, sores, fever
- infection
- blindness
- brain damage
- death!

There is currently no known medical cure for V.D. It can sometimes be alleviated with treatment, but can recur at a later date. An unborn baby can be seriously harmed if the V.D. recurs during a woman's pregnancy. ***Sexual abstinence is a sure way to prevent V.D.***

ABORTION

In the United States there are 1.3 million abortions every year.[5] One-fourth of all abortions are performed on teenagers.[6]

You probably are not aware of the complications of abortion to your body. If abortion is so "safe" why don't abortion providers give their patients all the facts? Here is some information that you should know:

- Informed consent (telling you the medical risks of abortion) is not required. The information you are told depends on what you ask and what the abortion provider wants to tell you!
- The father of an unborn child has no legal right to save his child from an abortion.
- The abortion industry is a multi-million dollar business. It is not uncommon for abortion to be performed on women who are not even pregnant.[7] Some doctors can do as many as 20 abortions per day and in many states a teen can have an abortion without parental knowledge or consent.
- There are many medical complications:[8]
  - — laceration of cervix, bladder or bowel
  - — hemorrhaging
  - — perforated uterus
  - — premature births in subsequent pregnancies
  - — sterility
  - — ectopic pregnancies
  - — post abortion syndrome
  - — emotional trauma
- No one can legally force you to have an abortion.

Abortion does not solve teen pregnancy — it destroys it!

[4]*Sexually Transmitted Diseases* (White Plains, NY: March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundations).
[5]Center for Disease Control.
[6]Ibid.
[7]"The Abortion Profiteers — Making a Killing in Michigan Ave. Clinics," *Chicago Sun-Times*, 12 Nov. 1978, p.1.
[8]Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Willke, *Abortion: Questions and Answers* (Cincinnati, Ohio: Hayes Publishing Co., Inc., 1985), p. 90-118.

CONTRACEPTION FOR TEENS

Would giving you contraceptives be the answer? NO, giving you contraceptives sends you the message that having sex is O.K., it's "getting caught" that's wrong! "Getting caught" nowadays really means getting pregnant or getting V.D.! No contraceptive is 100 percent effective and many have the potential of causing harmful medical side effects.

What are some of the harmful side effects of contraception? The condom and the diaphragm, while relatively complication-free, have a higher failure rate, as far as preventing pregnancy (anywhere from 10 percent to 18 percent). Spermicides (foams, jellies and creams) are supposed to kill all the sperm. If any of the chemically treated sperm do not die but rather travel up the fallopian tube and meet with the egg, the result could be a handicapped child.

The pill is being promoted as the best way to reduce teen pregnancy. However, it is not 100 percent effective and has many harmful side effects. In fact, according to the Guttmacher Research Center, about 500 of the 10 million pill users die each year from causes related to pill use. Here are a few of the many harmful side effects:[9]

- thrombic disorders (forms dangerous clots)
- damage to fallopian tubes
- increase in ectopic pregnancy
- sterility
- fibrocystic breast disease
- nausea, vomiting
- discoloration of skin
- depression
- death

Contraception is a put down — it tells you that you can't control yourself!

CONSIDER CHASTITY

What is it?

- understanding our sexuality and our ability to create new life
- abstaining from sexual intercourse before marriage
- sexual self control

There are good reasons for practicing chastity. Let's talk about them and see how they apply to the problems discussed.

Chastity is 100 percent effective in preventing teen pregnancy; it costs nothing; it has no harmful side effects, and it puts you in control of your life! ***You do not have to become pregnant.*** It is your choice.

Would chastity reduce V.D.? Definitely! Chastity would virtually eliminate V.D. because it would place sexual intercourse in marriage to be experienced only between spouses. This would result in a drastic reduction in the sexual transmission of infectious diseases.

Has abortion reduced teen pregnancy? No! Teen pregnancy has steadily increased over the past 15 years. Would chastity reduce abortion? Absolutely! ***Chastity prevents pregnancy and thereby eliminates the need for abortion!***

[9]Dr. Margaret White, *The Pill: The Gap Between Promise and Performance* (Nightingale Press, 1985), pp. 8-11.