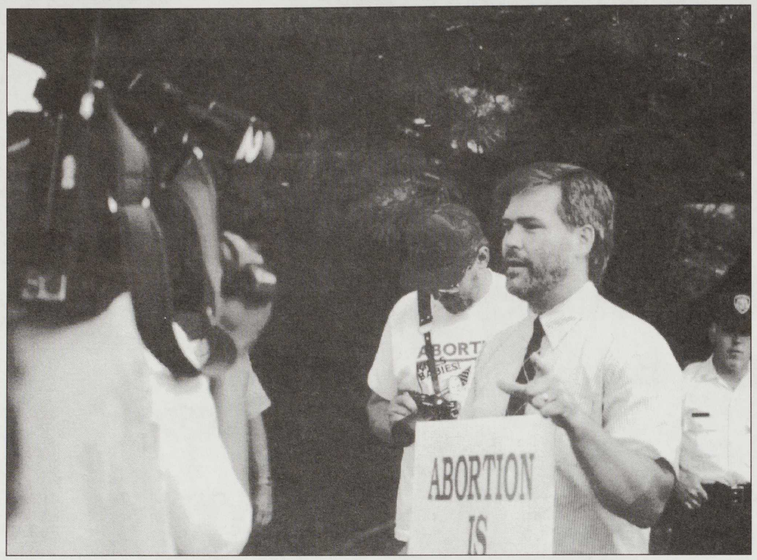
downtown shoppers to stop and watch.

In addition to the opening rally with David Crane, the ACLA conference drew speakers to two other rallies. Joseph Scheidler of Chicago's Pro-Life Action League promoted his book, *CLOSED: 99 Ways to Stop Abortion*, and encouraged attendees to "write your own chapter," referring to the final chapter of his book. In closing, he spent the final fifteen minutes admonishing activists to avoid the "use-of-force debate" by simply responding "no comment" to reporters. One activist cynically retorted that Scheidler's concern that activists avoid answering media questions over the debate was "too late."

"Paul Hill and Michael Griffin," she noted, "just wrote their own chapter."

Charles Wysong of Chattanooga, Tennessee spoke to the group last. He and his wife are parents to fourteen children and run the American Rights Coalition which promotes litigation against abortionists. Condemning abortion by all means, including so-called contraceptive modes, he challenged his audience to be more vocal about stopping the abortions going on inside the Church. ■



David Crane of Norfolk, Virginia ignited interest in the St. Louis protests, and here, talks with media outside the home of an abortionist.

Four ACLA leaders; Andrew Burnett, Steven Mears, David Crane, and Charles Wysong join with Joseph Scheidler and others for one of several protests in St. Louis August 2 through 5. The group released a "contract" condemning chemical (contraceptive) as well as surgical abortion and calling for sanctions such as capital punishment against offenders.

ACLA releases "contract" against abortion

St. Louis, MO—At a Friday afternoon press conference, two leaders of the group American Coalition of Life Activists (ACLA) released what they call a "contract" aimed at stopping abortion in America.

The one page contract details what spokesman Andrew Burnett calls "five undeniable truths concerning abortion." The first "truth," a declaration of the intrinsic value of each person from the moment of conception, includes human life supposedly created through "extra-uterine" means.

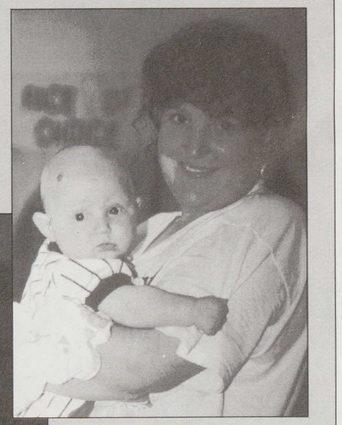
The document goes on to demand "equal protection under the law"; calls the chemically or surgically brought about death of unborn children "murder"; seeks capital punishment for offenders which is consistent with the crime of murder; and warns of eternal punishment to those persons who refuse to repent and be spiritually saved.

The ACLA also outlined its future plans to pursue abortionists through litigation projects in addition to the First Amendment street activism they are already known for. Part of the "contract" released includes a reward of "no less than $500 for persuading an abortionist to stop murdering the unborn," and other rewards of "no less than $1,000 to groups who end the child-killing at any given facility."

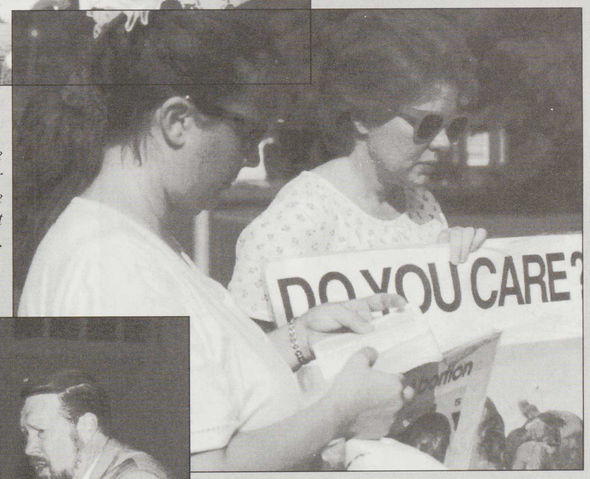
At a rally following the contract disclosure, David Crane, Northeast Regional Director for the group, told activists rewards would only be given for abolition action carried out in accord with the ACLA's goal of stopping abortions through First Amendment activities. ■

Melissa Powell, 14, came from Virginia with her mother Rae to join the ACLA protests. She holds Alexandria, daughter of a Wichita, Kansas protester.

Maura Heiss from Milwaukee, Wisconsin holds her son Dietrich, named for a hero of another era.



Mr. and Mrs Mashmeier hold twins, Andrew (L) and Antoine (R) who were saved from an abortionist when jailed rescuers counseled with their mother. They are from St. Louis, Missouri.



Zoe VanKleek (L) and Stephanie Hunley (R) pause to pray after marching through the neighborhood of abortionist John Stopple.

Joseph Scheidler answers questions about his video *Abortion the Inside Story*.