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NEWSLETTER OF THE ABORTION RIGHTS COMMITTEE

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Dear Friends,

The National Right-to-Life Committee is holding its annual convention June 21-24 just outside Cincinnati, OH. The theme of their convention is "The Family - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow".

In response the Abortion Rights Committee of Cincinnati has called a march and rally for June 23 through downtown Cincinnati. We feel it's very important at this time to show public support for abortion rights and reproductive rights in general - as you know the so-called Pro-life organizations are fighting for more than an end to legal abortion; they want to end sex education, contraception, defeat the ERA, persecute gays, abolish child care and generally promote their views on a whole range of issues related to the role of women and the American family.

To date 18 local reproductive and abortion rights organizations around the country, as part of the newly-formed Reproductive Rights National Network, have endorsed the June 23 march and rally and plan to send busses and cars from their cities. We are contacting other groups, national and local organizations, to invite them to participate.

There will be a meeting on May 5 at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio for representatives of organizations who want to endorse the march and rally and who want to participate in planning the program. Each participating organization will have one vote on any decisions made, but if more than one person would like to attend, observers are welcome.

Please plan to come and bring people from your city to the June 23 demonstration - this is an important opportunity for us to show the strength and support of the movement for women's rights and to put forward an alternative view of women's role in the family, abortion, and reproductive rights.

There will be a number of events taking place June 21-24 during the "Right-to-Life convention. Several groups will be holding press conferences, some guerilla theater is planned and picketing and demonstrations.

The Center for Constitutional Rights and the Anti-Sexism Committee of the National Lawyers Guild (both groups are centered in New York) are planning a conference in Cincinnati on Sunday, June 24 on the "Right-to-Life and the Right-wing Movement". Through the McCrae case and others, some new information has come to light on the funding and other inter-connections between the National Right-to-Life Committee and other groups on the right and the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The Sunday conference will be a good opportunity for members of the women's rights