Editorial

A Word From Mike

(Editor's note: Mike from Canada recently sent a letter to The Advocate that deserves your attention. Mike is not a good typist, but his words cut to the quick and have particular meaning for those who never know if their efforts bear fruit. The staff of The Advocate is grateful for this testimony.)

Dear Brother,

I have received a copy of your magazine, *The Advocate*, and I thank you. As a former "pro-choicer"—selectively to some children—I wanted to drop you a brief letter to thank a mystery caller to our home sixteen years ago.

As young person(s) at the time of our pregnancy—sixteen ourselves—who (were) naive to look up a telephone number listed as Planned Parenthood, we thought they would help plan our parenthood. Looking back (at) the fast footwork that was used—before we knew it my young partner had signed up for an abortion.

We were told the population argument, the loss of education argument, the age argument, the poverty argument, the lack of parenting skills argument, the job market argument, the child abuse argument, the shame of our parents argument, the instability of marriage argument, the poverty of others argument, the drain of the welfare system argument...and then we were told it was our choice?

We bought into the ideals that it was almost unpatriotic to have a child.

Well, to keep this short, we received a call from a pro-lifer and I remember the rage I felt (about) this call—the pressure I put on my partner that "I" must have this abortion. You see, being the male in this picture, this child was a real threat to me. The child and the woman were far from my mind. I was convinced that I was doing her a favor and, although she was not comfortable with this abortion, I knew best and used the male power trip to push my wants.

Well, the caller said that we were going to murder a child in twelve hours. It was down to the line and this call was a direct challenge to my authority. The call was enough to swing the balance...the "clinic" was very concerned after the missed appointment—even to suggest that the woman leave the relationship. They were convinced that I, the male, had changed the abortion. We told them that we received a call and you can only (imagine) how we were told how these pro-lifers were only self serving.

We never knew the pro-life caller but we want to thank you on behalf of our son's sixteenth birthday last week. He is happy and alive.

Yes, a lot of the arguments that were leveled at us came true—work was tough to get, continuing education was hard to get, sometimes we went hungry, and some in our community were very judgmental to (us) as young parents. My parents were very supportive spiritually. But we never ever thought of killing our son again, no matter how tough things got. I am certain there are many parents who have tough times and we have never met one who felt their children should be killed.

I also understand the pro-choice male—after being one—it is "control," "control," "control." A child is a threat to some males who know that the child will receive attention—attention they are not prepared to share. I do not like to use this comparison, but I believe some pro-choice males are truly the "unwanted, unloved child" and often are threatened easily. This is why they are very high profile in the pro-choice to selectively kill movement. After meeting some guards at "clinics", it is apparent they find their need for power rewarded. They hide behind a popular idea, continue to exploit women, but look like a caring male. They can blame their failure to (accept) women on the child—on the government—on others that oppose their killings. They enjoy the media attention as the good guy. This issue gives them the opportunity to duck their responsibilities. They create the illusion of the dragon, then rush in as dragon slayer. Pro-choicers welcome them to (their) camps (and are) well aware of their chauvinistic talents—well aware of their hatred of women—well aware of their jealousy towards women's ability to create life—well aware of the attention women and children receive in our society.

Some day these males need to look in the mirror to see who is truly responsible and get off their power trip of pushing women around and hiding behind the chameleon argument. Real men do not push women through abortion mills, real men do not blame women for her pregnancy, real men do not walk away from their children, and real men do not let their personal wants override the lives of their children. This issue separates the men from the boys.■

All-Woman Rescue in Philly

by Martha Woodall

Philadelphia, PA—On most Saturday mornings, Richard Kanegis of West Philadelphia finds a spot on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood's Center City headquarters with a handful of other protesters who try to discourage women who have scheduled abortions.

Yesterday, he was joined by upward of 200 others who picketed and blocked the center's entrance in the 1100 block of Locust Street. Dozens of women clutching red roses massed silently in front of the office's ornamental iron gates to await their turn to go limp and be carried into buses by police.

As the arrests took place, about 25 Planned Parenthood volunteers wearing white painter's hats and blue buttons sang defiantly and sometimes jeered.

The women, in what organizers said was the city's first "all-women rescue," blocked access to the center. Across Locust Street, the usual pickets, including Kanegis, stood alongside a dozen seminarians from the Philadelphia Theological Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo in Overbrook. They recited the rosary quietly.

The event was the largest of three abortion protests in the city yesterday. In all, police arrested 179 anti-abortion demonstrators.

143 women were arrested in front of Planned Parenthood and in front of the nearby Elizabeth Blackwell Health Center for Women, in the 1100 block of Walnut Street. They were charged with blocking the highway. An additional 35 men and one woman were charged with defiant trespass for blocking the entrance of the Northeast Women's Center on Comly Road.

Demonstrators were released after the paperwork was completed and that court appearances were scheduled.

"The whole thrust of this is that this is the first all-women's rescue to show that we are women, too," said Kathleen Essex of Havertown. "We see that a big part of a woman's life is nurturing, and abortion is a contradiction of that femininity." ■

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L E T T E R S

Dear Friends of the Unborn:

Please renew my subscription for another year. Enclosed is an offering to help you in the battle. Please keep up the good work.

I would like to thank you for sending my church the *Life and Family Advocate* Newsletter. I use them as monthly bulletin inserts at our local church. The laity has expressed their interest and have had very good comments about the news. In the Pro-Life cause, information is the tool that we need to apply.

I would like to thank you for sending my church the Life and Family Advocate Newsletter. I use them as monthly bulletin inserts at our local church.

I would like to also challenge every Pastor to include these inserts into their bulletins. It will definitely help the Pro-Life cause.

In Christ,
Pastor Dean Daniel Jr.
New Lebanon Church of the Nazarene
New Lebanon, Ohio

Dear Advocates for Life,

I recently obtained your address. I want to support the work you are doing.

I'm an American presently living in Germany. I can offer prayer support and enclosed is a small donation.

I will be praying for your through the month of February; for you not to be discouraged, for you to be strengthened by His truth and His presence.

In Christ,
Carol Schultz
APO, New York

To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep my name on your mailing list. Thank you for your magazine. Our family looks forward to reading it every month. Keep up the great work.

Enclosed is a check to help the cause of the unborn.

Thank you,
Mrs. Cecilia Pallasch

My Dear Friends In Rescue!

Thank you so very much for your magazine The Advocate. I found one down by our mail boxes and am just beside myself! Enclosed is a contribution so as to provide for two subscriptions. Be assured that we will actively seek out subscriptions for you.

I am originally from the Franciscan University in Stovbonville and have a masters degree from there in Christian ministry and—I was used by our blessed Lord Jesus to bring rescue to the campus and at this point there have been over 800 students in all who have rescued! This does not include the faculty members, staff members and alumni of this university. All in all, my university president, Fr. Michael Scanlon and my Bishop Albort Ottonweller have rescued with these two fine men of God spending over one week in jail for saving babies!

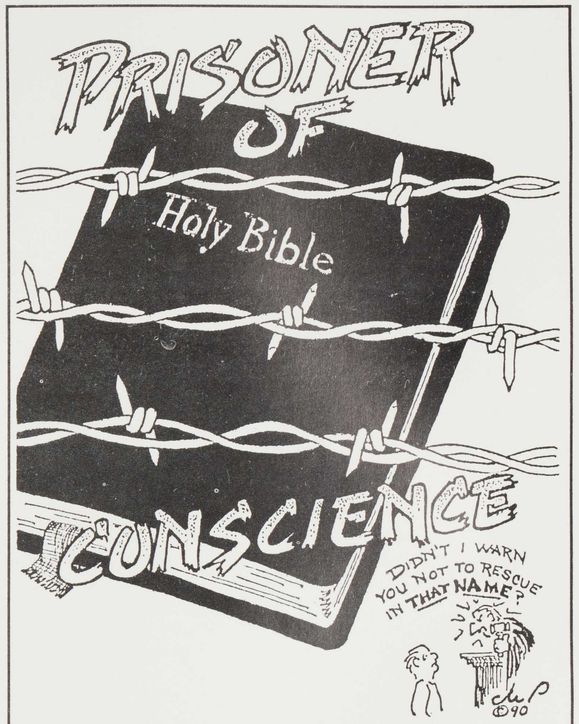
All For Jesus And
The Babies—
Joshua Anna
Nantional Liaison
Christian P.L.A.N.

Dear Editor,

Please put me on your list of subscribers and bill me for a year's subscription at airmail rates.

I understand *The Advocate* carries a lot of Operation Rescue news. We have just begun Operation Rescue in New Zealand!!!

Sincerely,
Phillip O'Conner



- Eight rescuers were given unlimited jail time until they promise to disobey God's command to rescue the unborn.
- One rescuer was forbidden to speak of God in the courtroom when he conducted his defense. He was given a ten day contempt of court sentence for stating that he was a believer in Jesus Christ.
- A California attorney defending rescuers was threatened with contempt of court if he kept his Bible on the defense table.
- A rescuer was given a full year sentence for his first offense of trespassing after obeying God in rescue.
- Judges trying a series of rescue cases conspired to enforce a list of words which defense attorneys and rescuers were forbidden to use. Among the words were God, Jesus Christ, Bible, or any reference to Deity at all.
- Pro-aborts at a rescue were heard chanting, "Take 'em to the coliseum and let the lions in!"
- Rescuers in an Atlanta, Georgia jail were forbidden to pray or sing hymns while there. They were also ordered not to preach the gospel to other prisoners. ■