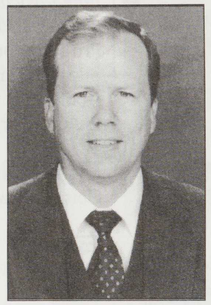
Zero Tolerance

There is so much to write about this month in my column—it's hard to decide.

I could discuss the highly celebrated "conversion" of "Jane Roe," Norma McCorvey—but frankly, I had a hard time seeing anything special about her situation. Sure, she now feels used by the abortion-rights people, but don't a lot of others? Though I am not in the position to judge the genuiness of her conversion to the faith, I have major problems with her continued support of abortion and her apparent unrepentance in regard to her lesbianism. You can be sure that she wouldn't be volunteering time at our office until there was a complete conversion. (Thank goodness I'm not on the mailing list of a certain national pro-life activist organization—who knows where those names may end up.) I do pray that the symbol of 35 million dead will have a true conversion, but only time will tell.



I could pontificate about the fact that it has been 10 years now that we have been publishing *Life Advocate* magazine—but I prefer to give God the glory and give thanks to my wonderful staff, Paul deParrie, Cathy Ramey, Brian Davis, and Sheri Elmont, who do the vast majority of work in preparation for the actual publication.

I could talk at length about this past month being the anniversary of the shootings of two abortionists: first anniversary for Britton, second anniversary for Tiller. I could tell you that several well known pro-life leaders told me that it would be impossible to have a public ministry and support the use of force to protect the unborn in the same manner as we would protect ourselves or other born persons. In fact, one leader of particular stature said, "If you want to flush your own ministry down the toilet, fine—just don't flush my ministry down with yours." Two years later, thanks to your prayers and support, AFLM is still going strong, and there are now dozens of pro-life leaders who believe in equal protection for the unborn (though this is no time to rest on our laurels.)

I could give you my impressions concerning the recent ACLA "Gateway to Truth" campaign in St. Louis—but Cathy Ramey has written a great article and has included some wonderful photos so you can read about the event yourself.

Rather, I prefer to say just a word about a concept that I was made aware of while in St. Louis—Zero Tolerance for Abortion.

First off, I have to ask the question, "Does God have any tolerance for the shedding of innocent blood?" No! The second question is like the first, "Does God desire that even one child should die from abortion?" The answer, No!, also follows.

In light of this, shouldn't our prayers and public declarations concerning abortion bear this out? Yes!

One of the speakers at the St. Louis conference prayed and asked God to lead someone to befriend the abortionist so that some day he might be converted to the truth and be an advocate against abortion. No one would deny that many converted abortionists have been our best allies in this battle, but think just a moment about an assumption in the above-mentioned prayer. The prayer assumes that the abortionist is going to continue to kill children for quite some time until he is converted.

How many more babies must die so this abortionist can be converted? Is God more concerned about the soul of this guilty and unrepentant abortionist than the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of innocent babies? I don't think so. In fact, I don't believe that it is God's will that even one more baby die.

How then should we pray for abortionists? First we need to pray in accordance with God's will. Second, we need to pray that God would be merciful, *and yet just*. But most importantly, our prayers should have no tolerance for the continued death of God's innocent children.

We might pray something like, "Dear God, please move on the heart of Abortionist X so that he will turn from killing children *today*—but if he doesn't, we ask you to intervene in his life so he will not be able to kill even one more child." God is creative, and can do any number of things to render the abortionist unable to kill more babies. And since we know that it is not in accordance with God's will that *any* babies should die, we can confidently pray to that end.

This concept has revolutionized my prayer life for the unborn—you might say that it has revitalized it. And just as important, as a result of prayers that have more urgency, I too have a greater desire to do the work of saving children with more urgency. Remember, we must both pray *and* do the work of God.

Serving Him for Life,

Andrew Burnett, Publisher &
Executive Director of
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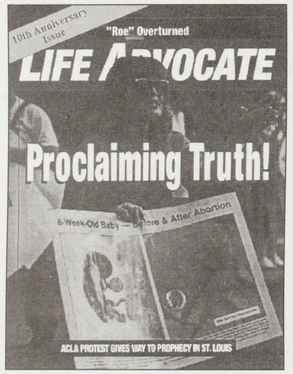

Regina Dinwiddie of Kansas City, Missouri preaches and prophecies outside an abortuary during the ACLA Gateway to Truth event.
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Time for Resolution

I would like to propose an effort that I believe may have a major effect on ending abortions in this country. Present efforts to pass laws and/or a Constitutional Amendment require super majorities and/or face a veto by the President.

This effort would consist of the House of Representatives passing a Resolution, simple majority is all that is required and it can't be vetoed, that would state essentially the following:

1. The Supreme Court ruling in *Roe v. Wade* that opened the flood gates to abortion was based primarily on the statement that the Court could not say when human life began.

2. It is now an established medical and scientific fact that a new human life begins at conception.

3. Accordingly it is the sense of the House of Representatives that since all human life begins at conception, all previous Bills, Laws and court rulings that disregard that life of the unborn are now suspect.

4. Accordingly, no funding will be authorized for any project, organization, Department or Agency of the United States Government that does not recognize the fact that a new human life begins at conception.

I believe that such a resolution is now possible and could be the beginning of the end of abortions in this country. I would urge your readers to call or write their Congressman for support on this issue.

William E. Nowers
Fairfax. VA

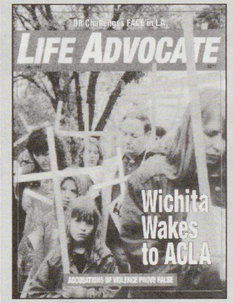
Commandments offend

When I read Andrew Burnett's column in the April, 1995 issue, I grimaced. Toward the end of it he wrote "...I can't even remember when I've last heard the Ten Commandments thoroughly preached and taught from the pulpit. Such hard sermons might offend..." I must agree. Two years ago my pastor was asked to resign from his position by our ruling board. He had either just finished preaching through the Ten Commandments or was preaching through them at the time. Although these sermons weren't the only reason for his dismissal, they were a significant part of it. The congregation narrowly rejected his resignation and recalled the pastor to resume his duties. We lost 35 to 40 percent of the congregation. Attempts to reconcile were made by the remaining people but they proved to be unfruitful. Recently, my pastor preached through the Commandments again. We had more people leave. Coincidence? My pastor also has supported my activities (rescues, picketing, etc.) and has always denounced abortion for the sin it is, repeatedly, from the pulpit. Coincidence?

Chuck Haddon
Quarryville, PA

Don't give up hope

As a small girl, growing up in the forest of our lovely mountain, Mt. Hood, I was fortunate to be in a family of eight. My mother and father worked very hard to raise us six children. The Depression took its toll on us, but we all survived, and have been very productive adults, and still love each other, and feel very blessed. Our folks have passed on, but left us with the faith, that no matter how bad things look or the moment, it is only for a season . When my youngest baby sister was born, I was almost five, and the awe and wonder of a new, precious little life, in our family, filled my heart with a joy that made my heart feel it would burst with happiness.



Rescue not dead

"Dead: without life; deceased; perfectly still; dull; cold; tasteless; spiritless; utter; unerring;" from the New Expanded Webster's Dictionary, 1993 Edition.

Referring to your "From the Publisher's " article in the July 1995 issue of *Life Advocate*, please know that rescue isn't dead. It is almost, but not dead.

Looking at the latest issue of the July 12 Prisoners of Christ list I count ten individuals who interposed themselves between the child and killer at the deathcamps.

True, we no longer see the hundreds of people arrested per weekend for rescuing. Nor do we see large rescues such as the Summer of Mercy which happened in Wichita four years ago. But rescue isn't dead.

Satan, using the government, hopes to stop rescue completely by imposing heavy fines and placing rescuers in jail. Whether people are at the deathcamps rescuing or in jail because of rescue, Satan hasn't won the direct actions battle yet.

Rescue isn't dead. I praise God for the few who are answering His call.

Jim Lucero
Prisoner waiting sentence for
F.A.C.E. conviction
Cottonwood Falls, KS

When I was nine years old, my handsome, perfect, baby brother was born, and when he got home from the hospital, I stood by his crib for at least an hour, feasting my eyes on him, and giving thanks to God. He looked like some of those babies you see in the old famous paintings. When I grew up I married, and was blessed with four beautiful babies of my own, and now they are some of my very best friends.

You girls that are carrying little babies, don't give up hope, just because your families do not want to go through with the birth of your child. When you have that little one, a whole new door in life will open for you. There is hope and there are many people who would love to help you. Call your nearest church and if they can't give you information of where to get help, find a Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Clarice M. Trembley
Milwaukie, OR

Abortion & birth control

I was thankful to read the article "Killer 'birth-control'" in the July *Life Advocate*. I have not seen a great deal of literature concerning this information and believe most people are ignorant of these facts. I work with a local pro-life organization, and we would like to get information out to our community concerning these truths.

Please recommend some brochures that would cover these facts on chemical abortions. I would especially like those that tell the truth about the forms of abortion and also share about forgiveness for the sin through faith in Jesus.

Karen Gander
Woodman, WI

"Can't go on"

Please renew my subscription. My father and I find we "can't go on" without the excellent source of news and views that is *Life Advocate*, but can only afford one magazine between us. Could you possibly send us April and May issues when you renew our subscription, so we can catch up on what's been happening? An activist friend in CA tells me the April issue is especially one I shouldn't miss, concerning the Church in Germany and Bonhoeffer. It is interesting and scary to note, on another subject, that they, Germany, started the disarmament of law-abiding citizens in the 30's, leaving the people unable to resist the Nazi regime in the sense of being able to overthrow it by force. I always wondered why the German people didn't simply rise up and stop the Nazi's but now I understand that nobody had any guns. Again, this is another issue. I'm sure the April issue will go into the moral and spiritual, the foundational reasons for Germany's