

L.I.F.E. letter

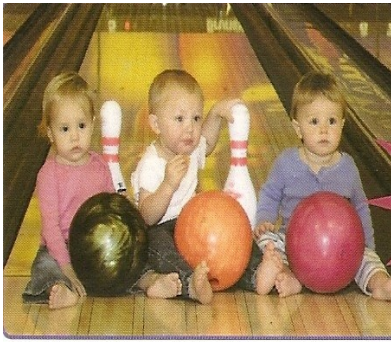
..Because Life Is For Everyone.....



Fargo-Moorhead Area L.I.F.E. Coalition

Fall 2011 Newsletter

8th Annual "Bowling for Babies" event scheduled for November 19



Supporters of L.I.F.E. Coalition's mission of educating the community about life's value and dignity have spent the past 7 years 'bowling for babies'! Faces old and new appear to 'strike' up support for our efforts in this, our only annual fundraiser. We cordially invite the community to participate in what has become a fun-filled event to contribute financial support to the F-M Area L.I.F.E. Coalition.

Over the past several years, we've seen a growth in the outpouring of community support and interest in our mission. This reflects the nationwide, observable trend towards a recognition of life's value, from its beginning to its natural end. This is also reflected in our essay contest question for the year (see back page).

On **Saturday, November 19th, from noon - 3 pm, at West Acres Bowl**, we'll again take to the lanes for bowling and fun. Participants are invited to learn more by reading the enclosed letter and sponsorship form. Let's make this Bowling for Babies event our best ever! Together, we can continue to share the powerful message, that **Life is for Everyone!**



New Look for F-M L.I.F.E. Coalition Website and Blog

In our ongoing effort to serve the community in education on life issues, we are also seeking ways to connect through our use of technology. To this end, we invite you to view our updated website, and blog.

The website (www.fmlifecoalition.org) features news bites, events, past articles, newsletters, and information, as well as links to helpful websites.

Our blog, located at www.fmlifecoalition.wordpress.com, is updated frequently with relevant and timely pro-life news, and is maintained by board members and volunteers. You may choose to 'subscribe' to the blog, and receive email updates when new content is published. You can also browse our library offerings online.

As we continue to fine tune these resources, we also invite you to be in contact with us through phone or email on what would most help you to educate yourself and others about these important life issues.

New Resources - in the Library, and Online

Interview with an Unborn Child: Our blog recently featured a stunning video with the above title. Take the time to view this work of art at www.interviewunborn.com

22weeks: *Available for check-out in our library. Based on a true story! This film shows a young woman whose aborted baby is delivered alive, who is locked in a bathroom. Only her choices to echo in her mind. Viewer discretion advised. You can view more information at 22weeksthemovie.com.

180, the movie: This startling 30 minute documentary reveals comparisons between the holocaust of the Jewish people during WWII with the current abortion holocaust. For adult audiences. Available free online at www.180movie.com

Life Issues in the News

Protect Life Act would correct flaws in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), was enacted into law in 2010. Almost immediately, there was a movement in the House and Senate to repeal the Act. As time has passed, more gaping errors in the Act have been uncovered and reacted to by citizens and lawmakers.

As the PPACA stands, the provisions pertaining to the protection of conscience rights for healthcare workers, healthcare facilities, and healthcare plans are not adequate. The plan also would allow for the government funding of abortions.

The Protect Life act, reintroduced to the House by Representatives Joseph Pitts and Dan Lipinski, seeks to correct these flaws in the PPACA, by bringing this law into line with the protections and provisions already present in federal programs. The House passed the Protect Life on October 13th. The Senate is not expected to pass the act, and President Obama has already threatened a veto on the Act, should it pass.

Peaceful Passing of Baby Joseph

“Amidst a Culture of Death where despair leads us to dispose of the vulnerable, [Baby Joseph’s parents] upheld a Culture of Life where hope leads us to welcome and care for the vulnerable,” said Fr. Frank Pavone, speaking on behalf of the pro-life group Priests for Life, on the death of Joseph Maraachli, commonly called “Baby Joseph” in recent news stories dating from February, 2011 until this September.

Joseph and his parents, Moe Maraachli and Sana Nader, received international attention in the media during this time, as they fought for the right to bring their baby son, Joseph, home to

die. Joseph had been diagnosed at birth with severe neurological issues. In spite of this, the Maraachli family maintained, Joseph was not in a ‘vegetative state’, as the doctors said. Videos of Joseph, reacting to tickling and attention by his family, were soon widely broadcast. This evidence notwithstanding, Joseph’s doctors in Canada scheduled for removal of his life support system. A simple surgery, tracheostomy, would enable Joseph to be brought home and to live out his remaining life with his family. The Canadian healthcare system refused.

“However, anti-euthanasia and pro-life advocates rallied around the Maraachli family, and effected a dramatic 11th-hour rescue,” reports LifeSiteNews.com, in an article dated Sept 28, 2011. With funding from private donors, Priests for Life, and Canada-based Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, legal permission was secured for Joseph to travel to the United States with his family, receive the surgery he required, and, upon stabilization, returned home to Canada. He defied the prediction of doctors, coming to breathe on his own power, and lived for nearly 6 additional months, in the loving care of his family.

His peaceful death at home on September 27th, 2011, surrounded by loved ones, reflected the family’s deeply held belief that God is in control of timing for the end of Joseph’s life. They expressed gratitude for the help and prayers of so many. “From my first conversation with Baby Joseph’s parents,” said Fr. Frank Pavone, “they expressed to me their trust in God. They had no demands of Him regarding how long their son would live. They just wanted to fulfill their calling to love their child unconditionally .”

**** L.I.F.E. library connection: **** To learn more about the prevention of euthanasia, consider checking out the riveting documentary “Turning the Tide: Dignity, Compassion, and Euthanasia”. Call our office at 237-5062 to inquire about this, and other resources, available to you, free of charge.



Over 200 babies saved—so far— through 40 Days for Life Campaign!

The Fargo-Moorhead area again joins the now *international* 40 Days for Life campaign, September 28 through November 6. The vigil, one of peace and prayer, has already changed the lives of well over 200 babies - who will be **born, and not aborted.**

Comments from the vigil sites have been “pouring in,” say national directors. These comments offer perspectives from individuals regarding the joys and challenges they have faced. Some liken the battle for life to the Old Testament story of David and Goliath. Other states note the largest participation ever in a 40 Days campaign.

There are over 300 participating locations during this, the 8th coordinated vigil, which includes the international sites of Germany, Argentina, and Australia, among others. 48 of the 50 of the United States are participating in the vigil.

In June of 2011, National Director for 40 Days for Life, David Bereit, spoke in Fargo about the effort of 40 days for life, and its aims. Bereit shared his experience of praying outside the local Texas abortion clinic where he lives.

Though there were often demonstrators gathered, there was not a unity to their actions. In fact, some of those with pro-life views acted in a way that was threatening or demeaning, instead of charitable. He and co-founder Shawn Carney prayed for guidance and unity, and God placed upon their hearts the idea for 40 Days for Life. 40 days and 40 nights, a common time frame for God to work miraculous changes within the Bible, became their own timeline.

Since its inception, 8 years ago, the lives of babies, women, and their families have been changed. The facilities performing abortions have suffered loss of business during the 40 Days vigil, and have also seen doctors, nurses, and support staff quit. All this has occurred through the peaceful and prayerful witness of volunteers praying, around the clock, outside the abortion facilities.

Participants in 40 days for Life, from a

variety of faith backgrounds, stand peacefully in prayer outside of abortion facilities, including the only abortion facility in North Dakota, the Red River Women’s Clinic. It is clear from the daily updates on the national website, listing the number of babies saved from abortion, this method is working.

If you would like more information about becoming involved with the local 40 days for life effort, please visit the website at www.40daysforlifend.com. There are several ways to participate, including praying outside the abortion facility, or offering prayers or sacrifices (such as fasting) at home.

Executive Director’s Corner

Dear friends of L.I.F.E.,

At the LIFE Coalition, our mission is to educate the community about the full range of life issues, which includes care for the unborn, those mentally or physically disabled, and the terminally ill. Our work also includes providing resources that encourage abstinence before marriage.

The better educated we ourselves can become, the more we are able to effectively witness to others these truths, especially that every person, born or not, healthy or not, has a right to be here - a God-given right to be alive. Current events, some of which you have read about in this newsletter, point to the fact that there is real confusion, even within our own government, on what it takes for a life to be valued, and protected. Critics of “ObamaCare”, as the PPACA is sometimes called, are rightly concerned. As people who stand for life, we should all share this concern.

Life isn’t valuable because of what we can do, how old we are, or any other factor. Life is valuable because it is a priceless gift, freely given

This is at the core of the L.I.F.E. Coalition mission. We are here to help you, with presentations for your church community, your classroom, and resources for your own personal learning. Please be in touch with us about any needs you may have. Thank you for helping us in our mission to share that Life Is For Everyone! See you at West Acres bowl on November 19th!

Yours for *LIFE*, *Nancy Marsden*,

Executive Director, F-M Area L.I.F.E. Coalition

Dear friend of the L.I.F.E. Coalition,

It is time once again for our annual fundraiser, “Bowling for Babies”! On November 19th, 2011, from Noon to 3 pm, we’ll take over the lanes at West Acres Bowl in Fargo to raise funds for *life!*

For the past 7 years, this event has been successful in raising needed funds for the life-affirming educational opportunities the L.I.F.E. Coalition provides – and has also been *a lot of fun!* We invite you to join us in our **8th Annual** ‘Bowling for Babies’ event as a bowler *or* sponsor – and by inviting others to do the same! Help us see this event continue to grow! As our *only* yearly fundraiser, its success is vital for the continuation of the important work of the L.I.F.E. Coalition.

Participation is fun and easy: Each bowler signs up for a 60 minute shift, and enjoys free pizza and pop while they bowl. Sponsors participate by a per-minute pledge, or a special gift amount of their choosing.

The three-prong focus of the L.I.F.E. Coalition makes its appeal broad – we focus on communicating the value of 1) pre-born children, 2) the elderly and handicapped, and 3) the recently born (and preventing infanticide). We also have materials on sexual abstinence before marriage. Our free lending library contains many materials of interest to area schools, churches, and individuals. The F-M Area L.I.F.E. Coalition has the power to affect many lives for the good of *all* life – remember, **Life Is For Everyone!**

I’m sure the above represent some of the reasons many of you have supported the L.I.F.E. Coalition through our “Bowling for Babies” event in the past. If you are new to our mailing list, I encourage you to become involved in what is the 8th year of our vital *FUN*-draiser!

Enclosed, please find a sponsor sheet, and reply envelope. Who can sponsor you? Start at home, in your family. Ask your friends and coworkers. Consider asking your church family, or passing the information on to the church youth group – this event is great for ALL ages! Completed pledge forms can be mailed to the LIFE Coalition at the address provided. Additional questions can be directed to us via phone or email (see below).

Please join me in “Bowling for Babies” on November 19th! See you at the lanes!

Sincerely,

Nancy Marsden

Executive Director, F-M Area L.I.F.E. Coalition

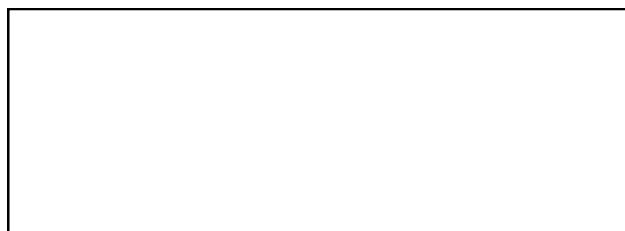
Bowling for Babies sponsor sheet

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Essay Theme Announced!

Students in grades 6 - 12, make plans now to participate in our annual essay contest. The question to write your 200-350 word essay about this year is,

“America is becoming pro-life. What are some of the reasons for this?”

The deadline for entries is: December 1, 2011

Students from area private schools, including home schools, are encouraged to participate. Area schools will be mailed information on how to participate. Be sure to ask your principal or teacher!

Winning essays and awards will be presented in a ceremony at Shanley-Sullivan in early 2012.

L.I.F.E Coalition Calendar



November 19:

Noon - 3 pm at West Acres Bowl:
“Bowling for Babies”, L.I.F.E.
Coalition Annual Fundraiser

Fargo-Moorhead Area L.I.F.E. Coalition

We are a (501)(c)(3) non-profit, born out of a recognized need in the Fargo Moorhead community for an interdenominational educational life-issues group. We are here to help you spread the good news that Life is for Everyone!

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