



Kansans for Life

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A pill we refuse to swallow...

Sebelius and Obama meet with resistance to contraceptive coverage mandate

To some pro-abortion politicians, the right to engage in sex without babies trumps all other rights. It is more important than freedom of religion (they are willing to force church-affiliated groups to purchase drugs that cause abortions), it is more important than freedom of speech (Catholic army chaplains were asked not to voice disagreement with this policy) and of course, we have known for years that it is more important to them than protecting innocent human lives.

In defense of the new health care mandate, President Obama and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius then insulted the intelligence of those of us who oppose the mandate by telling us that we would not have to pay for abortion-inducing drugs because the coverage would be “free.”

Then, when pro-life citizens responded that all “free” services are really being paid for by everyone who pays insurance premiums, Sebelius came back with this lovely response:

“The reduction in the number of pregnancies compensates for the cost of contraception.”

We could argue that in a country with a looming social security crisis, we don’t see a reduction in the number of births as an “economic benefit.” But for those who value human life, this debate is not about money. It is about valuing and protecting human life.

Update on state legislation

Two KFL-supported bills are under consideration right now in the Kansas Legislature. House Bill 2523 will improve **conscience protection for health care workers**. Our current statute protects doctors and hospitals from having to participate in abortions if they have moral objections. HB 2523 would extend this coverage to protect pharmacists, nurses, all health care workers, and all other medical facilities from either participating in an abortion procedure, or

from being required to give (or refer for) a drug or device that they “reasonably believe” has an abortion-causing effect.

House Bill 2598, the **Pro-Life Protections Act**, covers a variety of situations, and bans:

- state funding of abortion,
- tax advantages to abortion businesses,
- abortions for sex-selection,
- lawsuits for so-called “wrongful birth”,
- public schools from using abortionists and their materials as part of sex-ed classes.

HB 2598 will also codify much of the information that is already part of the 2011 Woman’s Right to Know booklet — helping ensure that this information continues to be given to women in future years. See the article on the calendar page for more informa-

Things can happen quickly in the legislature. If you want to know when a pro-life bill is coming up for a vote so that you can contact your representatives, go to www.kfl.org and sign up for our e-mail alert system.

Lower teen pregnancy and abortion rates in Kansas over the last 20 years

On Feb. 27, our state health department, KDHE, released teen pregnancy data from 1991-2010 so that legislators, policy-makers and the public can monitor “emerging concerns” and “progress in reducing adolescent and teen pregnancy”.

Overall, fewer Kansas girls now get pregnant during their teen years than did 20 years ago. The report also notes, **“While Kansas has exceeded the national targets for teen pregnancy, the state’s birth rate for females aged 15-19 remains higher than the national rate.”**

Hmm, that last statement needs a bit of parsing: Kansas is seeing

lower rates of teens getting pregnant, but – *in contrast to national statistics – an unborn child of a teen mother in Kansas has a higher chance of being born!*

That affirmation of life is good news for pro-life Kansans, apart from concerns about the struggles of young single mothers and the statistical hurdles of children without stable, two-parent homes.

As of 2010, 86% of Kansas moms, aged 19 and under, choose life with 13% obtaining abortions.

Read more at kansansforlife.wordpress.com

Breast cancer expert speaks to legislators and nursing students

Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, a New Jersey breast surgeon who heads the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, traveled to Kansas to testify in support of House Bill 2598. The bill codifies information already published in the state Woman's Right to Know booklet on fetal development, maternal rights and risks of abortion. Dr. Lanfranchi explained that already-pregnant women deserve to know undisputed biological information: 1) that having an abortion increases risk of future preterm birth in subsequent pregnancies and 2) that abortion prevents the breast cancer protection that comes from breast maturation occurring with a full term birth.



Dr. Angela Lanfranchi spoke to nursing students at Benedictine College before meeting with legislators in Topeka.

Fact: Most women who have abortions will not get breast cancer, and most women with breast cancer did not have abortions.

However, there are several reasons why having an abortion — especially an abortion of a woman's first pregnancy — increases a woman's *risk* of contracting breast cancer.

When a woman becomes pregnant, her breast cells begin a period of rapid development and growth. This is why breast tenderness is often one of the first symptoms indicating a pregnancy. Breast cells in this rapid-growth state are more susceptible to cancer. When the pregnant mother passes the 32nd week of pregnancy, her breast cells begin to change as they prepare to make milk.

These milk-producing cells are very cancer-resistant, and the woman has more and more of the cancer-resistant type of cell as she approaches full-term delivery. Having an induced abortion denies the woman the breast-cancer-resistant milk-producing cells that she would have had if she carried the pregnancy to term.

Note: A naturally-occurring miscarriage in the first trimester is usually accompanied by a lack of estrogen, the hormone that makes cells increase, and thus does not increase breast cancer risk beyond that of a woman who has never become pregnant.

Educational resources for explaining the abortion-breast cancer link

Dr. Lanfranchi on DVD:

KFL has obtained permission to duplicate DVDs of a presentation on breast cancer given by Dr. Lanfranchi. This is the video that was shown at a workshop after our Jan. 23 Rally in Topeka. If you would like a copy, send \$7 to the KC KFL office, 7808 Foster, Overland Park KS 66204.

Booklets and brochures:

See the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute website, www.bcpinstitute.org, for educational resources you may order, or download and print.

Has Kansas abortionist Kris Neuhaus really lost her license? Not quite yet.

An "initial order" that Neuhaus' Kansas medical license be revoked was sent to the Board of Healing Arts by Administrative Law Judge, Edward Gashler, who presided over her disciplinary hearing this winter. Gashler's order strongly indicts Neuhaus' so-called counsel of young pregnant women, as well as the "not credible" testimony of her sole professional witness.

But the order that her license be revoked **is not operative quite yet**, as it is yet to be reviewed and voted on by a majority of the Board as a "final order," which will likely be decided at the Board's April meeting.

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“Trust Women” just not with the truth!

By Mary Kay Culp, Executive Director

You might think a new life, and thus conception and pregnancy, begin when the sperm and egg join at fertilization. But you would be 40 years “wrong.”

Those words were redefined in 1972 by a committee under the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).

As described by Dr. Watson Bowes, who investigated the how and why: “The story begins in 1966, when ... (ACOG) received funds...to study and standardize language.” (see *Bowes’ article at www.kfl.org*)

He found ACOG published a book in 1972 redefining “conception” as “the implantation of the blastocyst.” They decreed that the synonym for conception was no longer fertilization, it was to be implantation (despite the fact that implantation in the uterus happens a week after fertilization.)

Dr. Bowes read minutes of ACOG’s Committee on Terminology from 1966-1972, and finding no physiological rationale, rightfully concluded the reason was wholly political: to allow the destruction of already created embryos through abortion, and, as evidenced these days, research.

We now see the usefulness of these lies in the purposeful deceptions hidden in the HHS Mandate which would require free distribution of pills that can cause abortions.

To wit: The Plan B “Emergency Contraception” whose commercials and web site says: “Plan B One-Step® is not RU-486 (the abortion pill)—it won’t work if you’re already pregnant, and it won’t affect an existing pregnancy.”

They don’t disclose it, but their definition of when pregnancy begins is not what most people think. It is the version adopted in the 1972 by ACOG.

I wish someone would file a lawsuit to make the makers of Plan B accountable. The Plan B lawyer would surely pull out the ACOG definition that is otherwise hidden in some file cabinet lest another nosy doctor like Bowes appears.

But the opposing lawyer could use a 2011 poll of doctors which found only 28 of every 100 doctors believed pregnancy begins at implantation.

Would the Plan B lawyer argue with a straight face that they thought women knew something 72% of doctors don’t—that when Plan B says it won’t work if you’re pregnant, they meant something no one’s college biology books claimed: that pregnancy doesn’t begin until a full week after fertilization?

Much of today’s “contraception” that is taken daily includes a fail safe mechanism that can kill any week-old human blastocysts accidentally created when the pills fail to prevent ovulation, but it’s impossible to know when that happens. Some even argue it doesn’t. So, federally funded Title X family planning programs have been allowed to utilize them as contraceptives.

However, outside situations of rape, incest, or life of the mother, tax-paid family planning has never been allowed to pay for abortions or drugs whose sole intention is to cause abortions.

The HHS Mandate would cause several things to be allowed for the first time:

- Free contraceptives for any female aged 14 to 44, and sterilizations for women paid for by insurance companies.
- Free pills taken after sexual intercourse with the intent to destroy any human embryo created by the act, for any female aged 14 to 44, paid for by insurance companies.
- A requirement that the payment of the premiums for these policies be paid for by individuals or institutions with conscience objections, be they religious or otherwise.

But pills that prevent ovulation, or even kill the occasional embryo when ovulation isn’t prevented, aren’t really the issue here. That kind of “contraception” doesn’t work well in practice. One new study shows 54% of women getting abortions were using “contraception” the month they got pregnant. Humans, especially poor ones, especially unmarried ones, and especially poor, unmarried ones, are historically irresponsible with the type of contraceptives that must be used with every sex act, or have to be taken every day to prevent ovulation—no matter how widely distributed and how free.

But even irresponsible contracepters can be counted on to take a free pill taken after a sexual encounter that they perceive as a means to prevent fertilization from taking place.

Such pills, be they Plan B or it’s cousin “Ella,” will cost many more human lives, and thus may be as joyously cost effective as Sebelius and Obama hope in their bid to afford Obamacare. Their success only depends on one little thing: that the women they profess to trust so much, along with the American public, continue to be lied to about it.



For 24-hour pregnancy assistance, call:
1-800-848-LOVE

Church Bulletin Ads and Inserts

Help women and men in your church who are hurting after an abortion. A selection of bulletin inserts, bookmarks, ads, and other resources are available at www.afterabortion.org



Hurting after abortion?

- hopeafterabortion.com
- silentnomoreawareness.org

Kansas Senate fails to pass judicial nomination bill

On February 23, the Kansas Senate failed to pass SB 83 (Senate Bill 83) by a vote of 17 to 22, with one abstention. Kansans for Life supported this bill, just as we have supported past efforts to give the people more of a voice in the selection of judges. Some state senators who voted against the bill are frustrated, claiming that the vote to change the way state appellate judges in Kansas are chosen, should not be counted as a pro-life/pro-abortion vote. We would like to explain why we think the current system should be changed, and why we consider this bill to be related to the life issue.

Currently, Kansas is one of the **worst in the nation** as far as using a closed system for arriving at judicial nominations. In the current system, the nominating committee is dominated by attorneys, and the judicial philosophy of each candidate is known **only to a select few**. The committee forwards its three preferred nominees to the Governor, and if the Governor rejects all three, the chief justice of the Kansas Supreme Court makes the selection.

Unlike the U.S. Senate, where senators have to vote to approve someone being put on the federal courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, our Kansas legislature and thus “we the people” have no voice when it comes to decisions to add justices to our state Supreme Court and state Court of Appeals.

If the Governor were able to nominate a candidate, with a requirement of confirma-

tion from the Senate, there would be the opportunity for disclosure about the nominee's predispositions and possible anti-life biases. And through this process, there is at least some room for input and reflection—which does not exist in the current system.

The nomination process for the appellate court is important because appellate justices ascend to—and are substitutes for—the Kansas Supreme Court.

Why does KFL consider this to be a life-related vote? Be-

cause after we pass a bill through our legislature and it becomes law, someone files a lawsuit against the new law and it is subject to the court system. If judges are selected by a small committee of elite attorneys, chances are very high that those judges will be pro-abortion and they will do all they can to hinder laws that would restrict abortion.

For example, our opponents halted our new 2011 abortion facility licensure bill from going into effect with legal injunctive actions in federal court, and then dropped that lawsuit and filed another lawsuit in state court. This can only be explained by the justifiable fear that the bill stood a much better chance of being upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court than in the Kansas courts where activist judges abound because of our current, flawed judicial selection process.

KS Senate vote on SB 83

“YES” VOTES (KFL supported a yes vote.):

Abrams, Apple, Bruce, Donovan, Kelsey, Longbine, Love, Lynn, Masterson, Merrick, Olson, Ostmeyer, Petersen, Pilcher Cook, Pyle, Taddiken, Wagle

“NO” VOTES:

Brungardt, Emler, Faust-Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Hensley, Holland, Huntington, Kelly, King, Kultala, Marshall, McGinn, Morris, Owens, Reitz, A. Schmidt, V. Schmidt, Schodorf, Teichman, Umbarger, Vratil

PRESENT BUT NOT VOTING:

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For your senators' phone numbers and e-mails, see www.kslegislature.org, click on “Legislators” and then “Senate Roster.” If you don't know who your Senator is, click on “Legislators” and then “Find your legislator by map.”



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or call 703-418-1234

Spring 2012 Events



In the Beginning... Church Education Project

March 18 - Dec. 25, 2012

March 25 is nine months before we celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th. Based on our tradition of observing Christmas on Dec. 25, Jesus would have been developing in Mary's womb for these nine months. We have developed a series of short bulletin messages that begin with an introduction on March 18 and continue to Dec. 25. Each week, there is an update about the development of the child in the womb. We have titled these messages, "In the Beginning..." Talk to your pastor. Ask if your church would like to print these bulletin messages. If so, you can download the entire set of messages from our website, www.kfl.org, under "Educational Resources," then click on "In the Beginning." The pastor or church secretary may alter these messages

to fit their circumstances. Our unborn child is named, "Chris." It will be fun for everyone to get to know Chris and to learn of our early development, and the development of Jesus in the womb of Mary. If you would like a printed booklet of these messages, just e-mail Cheryl at kflcheryl@yahoo.com or write to KFL, 2501 E. Central, Wichita KS 67214.



Campaign Management School

March 24, 2012

The Kansans for Life Political Action Committee (KFL-PAC) is sponsoring a Campaign Management School with the Leadership Institute. This class would be beneficial for candidates, candidates' spouses, and campaign managers. For more information, call Melinda at 316-687-5433.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE PICNIC

May 5, 2012



Wichita-area pro-lifers are invited to the annual family picnic on Saturday, May 5, from 10:30 to 1:30, at Edgemoor Park at 5815 E. 9th in Wichita. Mark your calendar for this super fun event! If you have a specific talent (face painting, caricature drawing, juggling, yo-yo tricks, magic tricks, balloon animals, etc.), or if you have a large assortment of sports equipment, or if you would like to volunteer to help with this event, contact our Events Coordinator, Melissa White, at the Wichita KFL office (687-5433) or by e-mail: melwhite@cox.net.

Not in Wichita? Maybe you should have a pro-life picnic in your community. Right after the Life Chain on October 7 would be an excellent time for a family picnic. Call the KFL office at 1-800-928-LIFE if you need help planning events for your local community.



Baby Bottle Project



In the midst of a secular society that tries to tear families apart, driving a wedge between mothers and fathers, and seeing babies as a curse, not a blessing, we see babies as a gift from God and a sign of the love between a man and woman in marriage. The Baby Bottle Project is simple—give a baby bottle to every family leaving your church on Mothers' Day (we will supply the baby bottles). The family is asked to place their change in the baby bottle and return it to the church on Fathers' Day.

What is accomplished? There is a real connection between Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. Babies are seen as a gift to the family. It gives the pastor the opportunity to talk about what God intends for men, women, and children. The money raised goes toward the educational efforts of KFL, which is trying to re-establish a sanctity of life ethic in our culture. If you are interested in doing this at your church, call 1-800-928-LIFE.

Summer 2012 Event



Flag Day Event

Jun. 14, 2012

Save the date on your calendar now for a Thursday evening event celebrating the achievements of both our Educational Fund and our Political Action Committee. This event will be in Wichita. More details will be announced later.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, contact our PAC Coordinator, Melinda Craft, at the Wichita KFL office (687-5433) or by e-mail: kflpac@yahoo.com.