



# Right to Life OF INDIANAPOLIS

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...On behalf of the unborn, disabled and elderly.

## News and Activities



Mark your  
calendars for 2009  
RTL! events!

### Marian College Pro-life Concert

Saturday, Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m.

Marian College Chapel

Donations benefit RTL! I

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### Memorial Service for the Unborn

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Indiana War Memorial

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### Student Day at the Legislature

Thursday, Jan. 29

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### Roses for Life

Many churches hold this drive near the anniversary date of Roe vs. Wade

(Jan. 22). Please check your church bulletin.

### Joan Byrum Pro-life Scholarship

Application Deadline

Wednesday, April 1

### Essay and Speech Contests Deadline

Wednesday, April 1

### Art Contest Deadline

Friday, April 17

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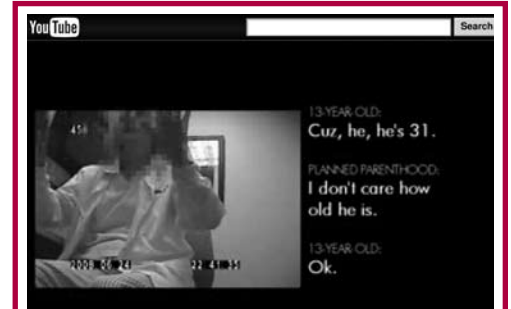


## Will Taxpayers Have to Continue to Subsidize Planned Parenthood of Indiana?

Two undercover videos released in December show counselors at Planned Parenthood of Indiana (at 8590 Georgetown Rd., Indianapolis and in Bloomington) promising to hide what appears to be statutory rape, and coaching clients to go across state lines to avoid Indiana's parental consent laws.

In light of these videos which were captured this summer by Live Action Films (a pro-life media organization led by UCLA student, Lila Rose), State Representative Jackie Walorski (R-Lakeville) requested an official investigation into Planned Parenthood and an immediate suspension of public funds to Planned Parenthood while the state investigates. Attorney General Steve Carter told reporters in late December that he would investigate. If they are found guilty of fraud, Planned Parenthood could permanently lose their state funding.

Planned Parenthood receives a little over \$3 million a year from taxpayers in Indiana, supposedly to provide "reproductive health care services." Planned Parenthood's willingness to allow sex abuse to continue without it being reported to the authorities shows they care little about the "health" of their clients. Referring teenagers across state lines to hide abortions from their parents, in fact, has nothing to do with "health care" at all.



Liveactionfilms.org caught employees at two Indiana Planned Parenthoods on tape promising to keep secret what appeared to be statutory rape.

So if Planned Parenthood is not about "health," then what is their main agenda? According to a Planned Parenthood document titled "Vision 2025" where the organization lists its top ten goals for the next quarter-century, their number one goal is the following:

*"Planned Parenthood will ensure that sexuality is understood as an essential, lifelong aspect of being human and that it is celebrated with respect, openness, and mutuality."*

Based on the video evidence captured this summer and the Attorney General's ongoing investigation, the taxpayers of Indiana may not have to pay for this goal much longer.

## Change is Coming to the Nation's Abortion Laws *By Deal Hudson*

Go to Change.gov, the Web site of President-elect Barack Obama, and you'll find a document titled "Advancing Reproductive Rights and Health in a New Administration." Signed by dozens of pro-abortion groups, including Catholics for Choice, this 55-page document provides an overview of the marching orders for the Obama administration in removing all present restrictions on abortions while dramatically increasing abortion funding.

Anyone who has bought into the myth that Obama is "moderating" his positions should notice that the first section is titled "Steps for the First Hundred Days." The groups that have spent millions supporting pro-abortion members of Congress, including Obama and Vice-President elect Joe Biden, aren't in the mood to wait.

Many of the recommendations are about who gets government support. The pro-abortion groups not only want more money – nearly \$3 billion – but they also want the government to stop funding groups who do not share their ideology.

For example, notice the following four recommendations out of the many contained in the document:

- Provide \$1 Billion for International Family Planning Programs
- Restore Funding to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- Increase Funding for Title X Family Planning Program to \$700 million
- De-fund Abstinence-Only Programs

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# Pro-life Resolutions for 2009

## *You Can Save Someone's Life Today!*

*You can save lives by helping to end abortion which kills a baby every 23 seconds in America. Below are some suggested activities to stop abortion. Make your pro-life New Year's resolution today!*

- ✱ **Pray daily for an end to abortion.** Pray for women tempted to have abortions, for doctors and nurses, for legislators, for clergy, for those who work in the movement, and for those who do not realize how wrong abortion is.
- ✱ **Wear the "Precious Feet" pin** that shows the baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception.
- ✱ **Use pro-life pins, decals, envelopes, bumper stickers, T-shirts, posters, etc.** Use checks that carry a pro-life message.
- ✱ **Send letters or articles to newspapers,** to your elected officials, and other publications regarding respect for life.
- ✱ **Speak up** with courage and charity in defense of pre-born babies.
- ✱ **Encourage your priest, minister, or rabbi to speak out** against abortions.
- ✱ **Take part in local projects and pro-life activities.** Contact your church or local pro-life group.
- ✱ **Leave pro-life literature wherever you can;** in public places, restaurants, as inserts in the mail you send, on cars, etc.
- ✱ **Get on the mailing list of pro-life organizations.** Donate to them. Volunteer for them.
- ✱ **Find out whether candidates running for public office support abortion and tell others.** Become involved, as citizens, in political campaigns. Vote in such a way that will advance the protection of life.
- ✱ **Promote adoption.** To learn more, contact St. Elizabeth Coleman Pregnancy & Adoption Services, Adoption Support Center, Inc. and Bethany Christian Services.
- ✱ **Publicize pro-life events** that groups are holding.
- ✱ **Conduct fundraising efforts for pro-life groups:** car washes, bake-sales, raffles, dinners, penny drives, etc.
- ✱ **Do not use the terms, "going to be a mother (or father)", "expecting a child" or "a child on the way" when speaking of pregnancy.** The child is already there in the womb!
- ✱ **Donate pro-life books** to libraries, schools and churches. Request such books at your library and bookstore.
- ✱ **Attend pro-life conventions,** such as March for Life or National Right to Life. Sponsor a student to attend such conferences. Recommend speakers to other groups and invite them to your community organizations.
- ✱ **Get to know reporters and producers in the media.** Inform them. Call in to radio and TV talk shows.
- ✱ **Use the internet to spread the message.** Put a pro-life signature on your emails. Send pro-life messages to your email lists Visit and learn from pro-life websites. Start a pro-life website.

*From Father Frank Pavone, Priests for Life*

**Right to Life of Indianapolis has Precious Feet pins, brochures, bumper stickers, posters, etc. available.**



## Pro-abortion Groups Give Obama Wish List

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Taken together, the proposed policies would accomplish three things: 1) treat abortion as a health care right, 2) provide funding for abortions by insurance carriers or the government, and 3) put judges and political appointees in place who will protect abortion and government funding from future challenges.

Included in the document is a complete list of vacancies in the Federal Circuit Courts and a two-page list of federal appointees who should be vetted closely on their support for the abortion right. The bulk of these positions are found in the Department of Health and Human Services, the Justice Department, the State Department, and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The billions being demanded for abortion funding will eventually flow unimpeded through these channels.

Assuming the new administration will do as bidden, Obama's first term will see the end of the Mexico City Policy, the Hyde Amendment, the Kemp-Kasten amendment, the Weldon Amendment, restrictions on emergency contraception (Plan B), the termination of all abstinence-only programs, and reverse the recent HHS regulation protecting pro-life physicians and institutions. Any present obstacle to the abortion right not covered by removing these restrictions, such as state laws requiring parental notification, would be covered by the passage of the Freedom of Choice Act.

The document rarely uses the word "abortion," relying primarily on phrases like the "health care needs of women" and "reproductive health services." Previous policies and legislation restricting abortion and its funding are referred as the product of "ideology" or a "political agenda." Nowhere is there any of the pre-election rhetoric about "dialogue" or "lowering" the number of abortions.

The attitude expressed in "Advancing Reproductive Rights and Health in a New Administration" is anything but moderate – it is imperial, determined, and uncompromising. The fact that it is posted on the official Web site of the Obama-Biden transition is an unambiguous endorsement of its policy recommendations.

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**2009 Student Day at the Legislature**

**Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009  
10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

Indiana State Conference Center  
402 W. Washington St., Room B

*Sponsored by Indiana Right to Life  
and Right to Life of Indianapolis  
Teens for Life*

Student Day at the Legislature is an educational experience for high school students to observe the legislative process at the State House and hear from pro-life legislators and lobbyists about lawmaking and key legislation in the 2009 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CALL 317-440-6998**

**Pro-life Concert to Benefit Right to Life of Indianapolis**

**Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 7:00 p.m.**

**Marian College Chapel *Plan now to attend!!***



**M**aria Johns (Marian College class of 1988) will be performing and giving her pro-life testimony at the concert.

On January 20, 1994 Maria's story began. While pregnant with her third (of now six) children, she was diagnosed with a terminal lung disease that would require a lung transplant. The only way she could save her own life would be to end the life of her unborn child, but against the coercion of several doctors to abort her unborn child, she refused. In the end, a miracle occurred that is beyond all medical explanation. Maria's story is one of hope, faith and LIFE!

**This concert is free with a free will donation collected to benefit Right to Life of Indianapolis.** A baby item drive will also be held at the doors of the chapel.

The concert is hosted by Caitlin Johns, Maria's daughter, and Meredith Riley (sophomores at Marian College). Meredith and Caitlin are a part of Marian's Rebuild My Church Program as San Damiano Scholars. This event is their San Damiano Sophomore Service project.

*Please join us for an evening of celebrating life at Marian College, January 24<sup>th</sup>.*



*Bus Loads of  
Indianapolis  
Teens to  
Descend on  
Washington for*

**Annual March for Life  
January 22, 2009**

Right to Life of Indianapolis was again able to provide funds to help send 11 buses of students to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The annual trip to Washington provides a fantastic educational experience to help equip the next generation of pro-lifers to knowledgably fight for life.

Right to Life of Indianapolis is proud to provide funds to the following groups of students: the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, The North Deanery Youth Ministries, St. Theodore Guerin High School, Roncalli High School, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Youth Ministries, Marian College Humanae Vitae club.

With an expected crowd of 200,000, the various groups of teens and college students from Indianapolis will be able to connect with fellow pro-life students from across the country. They will hear from national leaders of the pro-life movement, and have an opportunity to take part in what has become the largest and most peaceful annual social justice march in our nation's history.

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

Carry a rose or hold a sign for the Rose Ceremony at the Memorial Service on Jan. 25 (see back page)



Right to Life of Indianapolis is pleased to announce our new **Church Outreach** initiative. *The idea behind this program is to reach out to philosophically pro-life Christians and encourage them, help them, and equip them to talk to their family, friends, congregations, neighbors, co-workers, etc. about abortion, abortion healing, and being active in the pro-life movement.*

We need your help in two ways: 1) we need volunteers to join our project team to specifically design the processes we will use to reach out to the Indianapolis Christian community 2) we need to raise approximately \$5,000 in the coming months to be able to get this project off the ground. If you feel called to be a part of this effort, please call Right to Life of Indianapolis at 317-582-1526 or email [life@rtlindy.org](mailto:life@rtlindy.org). The Spirit is stirring in the Indianapolis church community – we just need to listen and respond.



RTLTI would like to organize a **Prayer Warrior** group to pray for the sidewalk counselors and the special requests they receive while counseling outside abortion clinics. Please call the RTLTI office at 317-582-1526 if you would like to assist with this powerful intercession.

*We invite you to stand up for life...*

## Memorial Service for the Unborn & Indy Memorial Walk

**Sunday, January 25, 2009**

**3:00 p.m. Indiana War Memorial Auditorium**

431 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis (enter from Michigan Street)

Right to Life of Indianapolis will honor the nearly 50 million babies who have been aborted since 1973.

**A tribute will be made to Joan Byrum.**

Please bring your family and friends to this **FREE** event.



*Volunteers are needed for the traditional Rose Ceremony. If you are between the ages of 1 and 36 and would like to carry a rose or hold a sign, please email your name and year of birth to Pam at [p7senac@sbcglobal.net](mailto:p7senac@sbcglobal.net) or call 317-862-0693 or 317-582-1526.*



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