

Lincoln Right to Life

Nebraska Walk For Life Saturday, Jan. 19 • 10 a.m.

West Side, State Capitol, 14th & K streets, Lincoln

11:30 a.m. UN-L Student Union, 14th & R streets

Keynote Speaker:

Carol Tobias, President, National Right to Life Committee



Carol Tobias

National Right to Life Committee is the nation's oldest and largest pro-life organization and is the parent organization to Nebraska Right to Life. National Right to Life Committee President Carol Tobias, a North Dakota native, has served on the National Right to Life board of directors since 1987. From 1983 to 1991, she was executive director of North Dakota Right to Life. In 1991, she was hired as National Right to Life political director, a position held until 2005. During her tenure, pro-life majorities were elected to both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate. In both 2000 and 2004, she oversaw the efforts of National Right to Life's political action committee on behalf of George W. Bush.

The Nebraska Walk for Life is an event sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life since 1974. It has become the largest First Amendment demonstration in the state, bringing 3,000 to 5,000 pro-lifers from across Nebraska to march in solidarity against Roe v. Wade and in support of women and teens facing unplanned pregnancies.

A short program at the Capitol will be followed by marching at approximately 10:30 a.m. down 14th Street to the University of Nebraska Student Union at 14th & R Streets. Inside the Union's second floor Ballroom and Centennial Room will be hot beverages, food and information tables.

Our keynote speaker, Carol Tobias, will speak at approximately 11:45 a.m. Carol's topic will be "Endless Love: Challenges, Opportunities & Our Commitment For Life." The event will conclude by 1 p.m. Dress warmly, bring signs and remember, the Walk is a free, family-friendly, peaceful, legal event.

Parking is allowed around the Capitol, south of the Capitol and at downtown pay parking garages or metered parking between the Student Union and Capitol.

Walk sponsored by:



Bishop James Conley

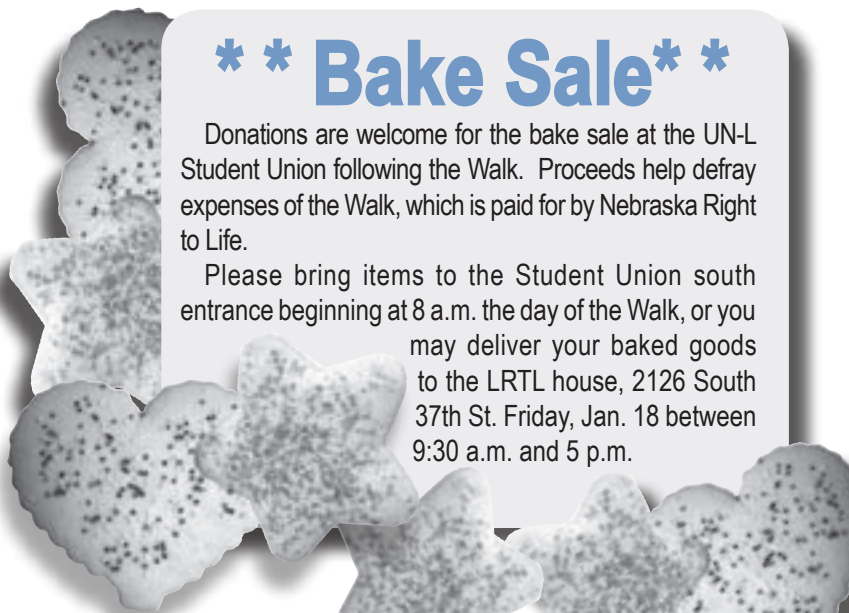
**9 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's
Catholic Church
14th & K streets
Celebrant:
Bishop James Conley**

Mass is sponsored by the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities

** Bake Sale **

Donations are welcome for the bake sale at the UN-L Student Union following the Walk. Proceeds help defray expenses of the Walk, which is paid for by Nebraska Right to Life.

Please bring items to the Student Union south entrance beginning at 8 a.m. the day of the Walk, or you may deliver your baked goods to the LRTL house, 2126 South 37th St. Friday, Jan. 18 between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.



A message from President Matt Tapling

Happy New Year! During Christmas time, we are given an opportunity to reassess the true meaning of the season and the reason for our joy. We look forward to the new year with increased determination and hope.

Lincoln Right to Life has just completed a strategic planning program and will pursue and execute the following goals in 2013.

First, we will double the number of regular prayer warriors on abortion days at Planned Parenthood. We have plentiful parking at Cornerstone Christian, 49th and Old Cheney and we are grateful to this Christian community for their staunch support of the prayerful efforts at Planned Parenthood.

We have a greater opportunity to share our witness as a result of being on the main road of 48th Street. For example, the 20-25 seminarians from Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary are often present on Tuesday afternoons, which has a dramatic impact on those who pass the facility.

We were successful during the 40 Days for Life Campaign and are anxious

to increase our ability to maintain this strong presence throughout the year. We continue to have contact with Planned Parenthood clients, although in different ways than our prior location. Our prayerful presence is critical to sharing our message to the general public as well as being the last pro-life option for the woman who is threatened by abortion.

Second, we strive to become an important pro-life educational resource in Lincoln. We will do this throughout the next 60 days by creating a new website that will provide links to the latest news as well as building a pro-life library. This will also include resources available to post-abortive women. The path to pro-life conversion must include a path of forgiveness and healing.

Third, we identified the following target markets; Lincoln college students and the 30-50-year-old resident, who can have significant influence or who may be post-abortive. In addition, we plan to distribute 50,000 pro-life brochures in 2013.

Fourth, we are going to expand our

contribution base. For this, we need your help! 2013 is the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. To this end, we are asking you to support Lincoln Right to Life with a new \$40 contribution in the month of January. Lastly, we are looking for new Diaper Heaven volunteers as we open up our new location!

This is a time for action. Please ask one person to become a prayer warrior on Tuesdays, and/or a Diaper Heaven volunteer, a special project volunteer, a volunteer administrator, or a new financial partner in our effort to share the pro-life message to the members of Lincoln. Our task at hand is aggressive but achievable. Now is the time for engagement; conversion takes personal involvement and persistence. Let's get at it!

Please participate joyfully in one of the many pro-life opportunities, from the Nebraska Walk for Life sponsored by our state affiliate Nebraska Right to Life to any of the items above.

— Matt Tapling

Diaper Heaven relocates to 733 South 13th St., Trinity Lutheran Church



Trinity Lutheran Church has graciously donated space in a house near the church for Diaper Heaven.

Diaper donations may be left on the front porch or brought on Mondays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. when diapers are distributed. Thank you for your continued support. Most importantly, thank you for keeping our needy mothers served and acquainted with our pro-life message.

This new location is closer to bus routes and more convenient for the many women who travel by bus to pick up diapers. As an added benefit, we have acquired a dozen or so new customers who will be hearing our pro-life message.

Wanted!
500 donors to give \$5 a month
to purchase diapers

Receive our newsletter and other important pro-life updates by e-mail.

Submit your e-mail address to lincolnrighttolife@windstream.net

40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade: What has Changed?

By *Melissa Zierke*

When I was around the age of 10, I remember going to some of my first pro-life events. I often left angry and confused. Angry; that people could let this happen, or confused; thinking, who could be threatened by a baby? If we look back to the pro-life movement after the landmark case of Roe v. Wade, we see loud protests, and sit-ins, which made them deem us as radicals. We, as a pro-life people, have changed the way we approach the culture of death.

People in our society look at the number 40 as a milestone marking something achieved in one's life or in the life of a country. The number 40 also has a biblical meaning, marking years of struggle and toil. For example, the Israelites were in the desert for 40 years until they reached the promised land. Additionally, Christ prayed and fasted in the desert for 40 days before He started His public ministry. One of the most valuable lessons we have learned that instead of waging battle with the American Supreme Court, state legislatures and politicians to overturn Roe v. Wade and protect

the unborn, is the need to turn to loving our neighbor, praying for them and being a witness of Christ to those who do not value life. One method of support for our unborn brothers and sisters is to pray outside a Planned Parenthood abortion facility. The recently completed 40 Days for Life campaign was successful in two ways; uniting Christians in prayer for life, and making the Lincoln community aware of what takes place at Planned Parenthood.

As we mark the anniversary of Jan. 22, 1973, the day the United States entered into its first year of legalized killing of innocent human life, pro-life people need to pray for an end to this scourge. We are all called to stand up for life at all stages. I think this quote from Blessed John Paul II gives us the inspiration and guidance for the work we have ahead of us. "In this abyss of evil we must respond with the abyss of love."

- There will be an hour of prayer on Jan. 22 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 48th & Old Cheney. This will mark the

opening of a year of prayer and fasting for the Lincoln Community ESPECIALLY ON TUESDAYS from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Lenten 40 Days for Life: Our prayerful presence in front of Planned Parenthood seven days a week starts on Feb. 13 thru March 29.

A prayerful pro-life presence

As a result of prayerful pro-life presence outside a Planned Parenthood the following is noted:

- Nationally, more than 15,000 congregations have participated in the 40 Days for Life campaign.
- Reports document 6,749 lives that have been spared from abortion — those are just the ones we know about.
- 75 abortion workers have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry.
- 25 abortion facilities have completely shut down following local 40 Days for Life campaigns.

Melissa Zierke
40 Days for Life Coordinator

A note from Pastor Ray Boeche, Christ Lutheran Church

As a pastor, I've been asked to provide a brief explanation of why I am pro-life. First, let me define my terms, so I might state my position as clearly as possible.

I believe human life begins at the moment of conception. I believe that from the instant the genetic material from the parents fuse, all the way from zygote to newborn, we are dealing with a human being.

That human being is alive, and experiences awareness — consciousness — at an ever-increasing level of complexity.

This is an unborn infant.

There are countless reasons I could offer as to why I'm pro-life. I could delve into philosophy, ethics, and meta-ethics. We could discuss the biological and physiological reasons. We can explore the theological arguments. We could argue the sociological, financial and political

reasons why I am pro-life.

I won't dignify the reduction and absurd arguments used by the cheerleaders of the "pro-choice" movement who argue that no one may call themselves pro-life unless they are willing to guarantee the absolute health and safety of every human being from womb to grave. Complete freedom from hunger, pollution, violence, insult and injury from every source, both natural and man-made.

If these conditions can never be met, they reason, it's obvious that abortion, or by the definition above — infanticide — should be allowed.

I'm pro-life because I'm opposed to murder — infanticide.

Let me ask just two questions:

When is it good, right, fair, just, ethical, moral — to kill a human simply because he or she:

- is Jewish?
- is black?
- is Muslim?
- is white?
- is physically handicapped?
- is elderly?
- is Christian?
- is inconvenient to have around?
- is female?
- is homosexual?
- is mentally challenged?

At various periods in human history, governments and people have made the argument that killing members of each of these groups was good.

Here's the question you need to answer today:

When is it good, right, fair, just, ethical, moral — to kill a human simply because he or she exists?

Lincoln Right to Life

Fostering respect for human life from
conception to natural death

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Lincoln Right to Life is in need of funds. Your generous, tax-deductible donation assists Lincoln Right to Life in its lifesaving efforts. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your gift today! Thank you.

Mother's Assistance Fund

This fund assists mothers who have turned from abortion. The funds are running low. Your generous tax-deductible donation is needed. Please use the enclosed envelope and mark it "Mother's Assistance Fund." Your financial gift, in any amount, is appreciated.

Has your address changed?

Please help us maintain our newsletter address list. Before you move, you can send us your new address by emailing us at lrlmembership@windstream.net. Be sure to send your name with your old and new addresses. Or complete this form and clip it with the mailing label below and mail to: Lincoln Right to Life, P.O. Box 6321, Lincoln, NE 68506.

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Through the summer months this year, the numbers of women going into Lincoln's Planned Parenthood facility on abortion Tuesdays remained fairly constant and considerably below the numbers of the previous year.

Beginning this fall, the numbers in Lincoln rose considerably. For the eight weeks ending on election day through Nov. 6, the numbers at the abortion facility were exactly 28 each week when the abortionist arrived. That included the six

weeks of the 40 Days for Life campaign. So, on each of those abortion Tuesdays, there were about 18 clients in the clinic when the abortionist arrived.

As cooler weather arrived in the fall, the numbers of prayer warriors who come to pray dropped off. And, for the last two weeks of the 40 Days campaign – ending on election day, our ranks of regular prayer helpers fell off considerably.

Then something amazing happened. On the Tuesday following the election, Nov. 13, the number of people who came to pray at the abortion clinic swelled. Three priests came and prayed for one to three hours. Two small groups came from rural communities. A number of people were on their knees. And when the abortionist arrived at 10:15 a.m., there were 17 vehicles in the parking lot – just seven clients (subtracting the staff). That was less than half on each of the previous eight weeks.

We can't stress too much the importance of Christians standing up for their faith and witnessing to life in public like

this. God uses our prayerful presence to change hearts, to convert women and men, and to save lives and souls. We know this from direct encounters, from testimonials from the abortion side, and by our faith and trust in the Lord.

If you aren't already a regular or frequent prayer member of the helpers, please join us for half an hour, an hour, or longer, on abortion Tuesdays. We don't schedule your time, but ask you to come and pray anytime, especially from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. when the abortion staff and clients are at the facility.

The abortion facility is located at South 48th Street and Old Cheney Road, on the west side of 48th. The nearest parking is at Cornerstone Christian Church – half a block east of 48th on the south side of Old Cheney. The church allows pro-life people to use its row of parking spaces alongside the church building and Old Cheney.

— Jack Odgaard, for Helpers of God's Precious Infants, sponsored by Lincoln Right to Life

