



October 10 March for the Unborn

The 10th October 2009 will mark the first anniversary of the passage of Victoria's infamous decriminalisation of abortion legislation. It will also mark the beginning of Victorian pro lifers Fight Back! Longtime pro life activist and Western Metropolitan Legislative Council Member Bernie Finn has called for an Annual March for the Unborn, or as he prefers to call it, a "March for the Babies", to be held every year on that date or the Saturday nearest October 10 to mark this dark day in Victorian history.

For many years Australian pro lifers have been inspired by the American March for Life held in Washington every January 22, come rain, hail or shine, usually snow (!) to mark the passage of their infamous Roe versus Wade Supreme Court Ruling. It was from the sidelines of a recent January 22 March that an independent observer was heard to remark: "These people will win one day. They have youth on their side. Just look at the rows of young people marching."

Victorian pro lifers wish to emulate the famous Washington March for Life, in which as happens in the United States, pro lifers from all over Australia will participate every year until our unborn brothers and sisters have regained their right to life. Victoria's parliamentarians, Bernie Finn believes, are smugly complacent that with the passage of the decriminalisation bill, the abortion issue is finished. The same applies to the media. We owe it to our unborn brothers and sisters and to their hurt parents to see to it

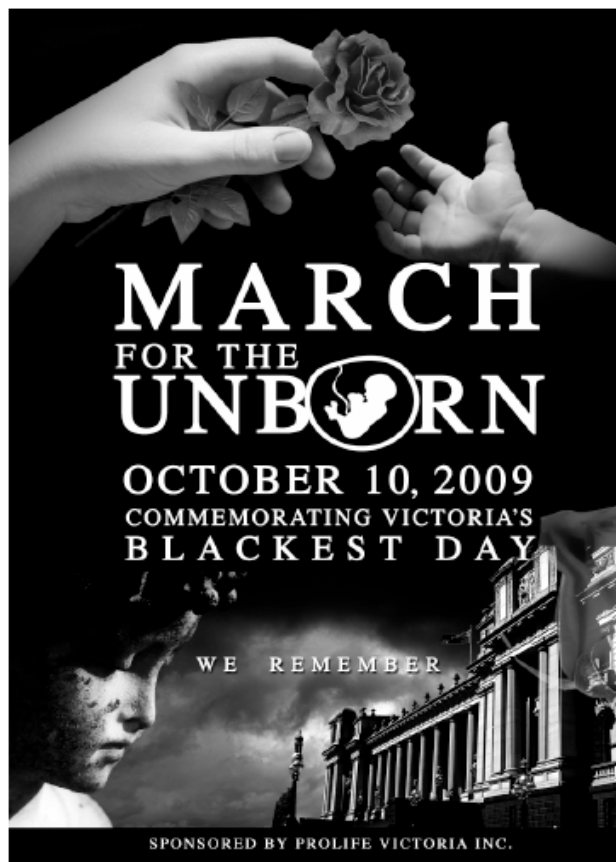
that their cause is not lost forever. And 10 October 2009 could not be a better time to remind Victorian and interstate politicians we are determined to bring them to account for this state sanctioned killing. In 2010 Victoria's parliamentarians will be "going to the people". They will be asking us to re-elect them. Our March for the Unborn will be our springboard to remind them that

however good they are on other issues, being anti life disqualifies a candidate for parliament. As the lines of Robert Bolt's acclaimed play "A Man for All Seasons" attributed to Sir Thomas More who was appointed Chancellor of England by King Henry VIII, go: "When statesmen forsake their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos."

Bernie Finn has convened a fledgling March Committee on which Pro Life Victoria has a representative.

Representation however is one thing. Getting the work of advertising the March and rolling up the thousands we need to participate is another! This is a clarion call to all Pro Life Victoria members and supporters to come forward and offer your services in

whatever capacity you feel you can or wish to help make this March a success. We all know how important are "numbers" and what needs to be done to ensure them. Local buses need to be organized, senior schools and church communities galvanized, widespread advertising organized, families and friends enthused. Please come forward with your ideas and commitment to this all important event.



Editorial

What could illustrate better that old adage "All social engineering is preceded by verbal engineering" than the story "Ultra-lucky way to save a baby" which appeared in Melbourne's June 10 *Herald-Sun*?

Due to an observant radiographer, to avoid the complications of vasa previa, the Royal Women's Hospital pre-emptively delivered Mrs Julianne Negri's baby by caesarean

section. There were 12 references to Mrs Negri's baby in that report. Not once was the word fetus used. That's because Mrs Negri's baby was a wanted baby. Argue against abortion and we are told, "It's only a fetus". Remember when, in the lead up to the legalisation of abortion in Victoria, radio 3AW's high profile abortion supporter Dr. Sallyanne Cockburn, having invited Right to Life Australia's Margaret Tighe to debate

abortion on her Sunday evening program, insisted as "the rules of debate" the word "fetus" not "baby" be used? And proceeded to correct her every time she made a "slip"! Such verbal engineering, by dulling sensitivities, has contributed to legalised baby killing in Victoria. If you are wanted, you are a "baby". If you are unwanted you are "only a fetus".

Denise M Cameron
President



Secretary of State Hillary Clinton Admits to Congress Reproductive Health Means Abortion

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently testified before the House Foreign Relations Committee and made a huge admission. She conceded what pro-life groups have worried about at the United Nations and other international meetings for years that abortion advocates want to include terms like "reproductive rights" and "reproductive health" in key documents and that the phrases mean unlimited abortion.

In response to questions from Reps. Chris Smith, a New Jersey Republican, and Jeff Fortenberry, a Nebraska Republican, Clinton said reproductive health includes abortion, and further stated (speaking on international policy) that the Obama administration would promote abortion overseas. "It is my strongly held view that you are entitled to advocate and everyone who agrees with you should be free to do so anywhere in the world, and so are we," Clinton said. "Reproductive health

includes access to abortion. We are now an Administration that will protect the rights of women, including their rights to reproductive health care." Members of the panel questioned Clinton on funding for the United Nations Population Fund, which works hand-in-hand with Chinese population control officials to enforce their one-child forced abortion policy. Clinton also affirmed the Obama administration's commitment to ratifying The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Smith, senior member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said Clinton's testimony today shows the Obama Administration is plotting to conduct a foreign policy that spreads abortion all over the world at U.S. taxpayers' expense. "It is evident that Mrs. Clinton and President Obama want to force the tragedy of abortion upon women around the world especially and including in countries where democratically elected leaders want to continue to

protect their unborn children," Smith said. "There are other ways in which both mother and baby are protected, cared for and helped - with food, nutrition, clean water and life-affirming healthcare," he added. "Secretary Clinton's inability to see this will mean more babies will die and more women will suffer the consequence of abortion as a result of U.S. foreign policy overseas."

Editor's comment: This testimony from Hillary Clinton flies in the face of claims that while Hillary Clinton has not become pro life, there is evidence that she is focussing more on women and considering other options than abortion for unplanned pregnancies. And that with this subtle shift of focus giving more attention to the plight of the women, the two sides of the abortion debate may be able to find some common ground and make some progress. Dream on!

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We apologise for the delay this has caused in acknowledging membership renewals.*

National Human Rights Consultation Committee Hearings

A series of Public Forums have been held at 50 centres across Australia in the first part of 2009 giving Australians a voice in shaping their Nation's response to human rights issues. Chairman and advocate for human rights, Jesuit Father Frank Brennan, is to report to the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on the concerns of participants. Written Submissions were also invited and as early as April 10,000 submissions had been received. Pro Life Victoria President Denise Cameron took the opportunity to attend the forum in Wodonga in April and afterwards gave an interview to the local paper, the *Border Mail*. There were approximately 60 participants and the opportunity to speak from the floor was taken up after the forum was opened. When Committee member Philip Flood assured the audience "Everyone here can be assured that their views will be seriously taken into account" Pro Life Victoria's president expressed her scepticism, citing the recent example of the Vic-

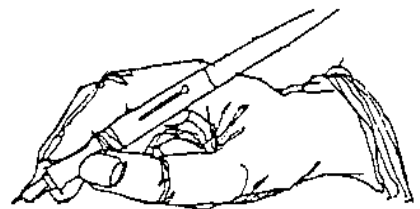
torian Government inviting the public to make submissions to the Victorian Law Reform Commission's Enquiry into the decriminalisation of abortion in Victoria and then totally ignoring the vast majority, 84% of the submissions, against the decriminalisation, by legalising abortion up to birth. She pointed to a Catholic nursing nun in the audience, saying "In Victoria, even nuns like the one present in the audience are expected to kill little babies in their mothers wombs since the Brumby Labor Government voted against nurses and doctors having a right to conscientious objection."

She opened her remarks by reminding all present that Australia has a terrible situation of human rights abuse with the abortion of up to 100,000 babies a year. Described as a "long time subscriber to the International Human Rights Society", the *Border Mail* quoted her as saying: **"Everything comes from the first right which is the right to life. The right to vote, the right**



to free speech - everything stems from that until the government respects the human right to life and while ever it allows the wilful destruction of human life I remain cynical." Referring to the recent decision of the Rudd Government to fund overseas abortions she said: "This is our gift to the Third World ?" To the audience she suggested, "All talk of human rights today will be purely academic, since to exercise any right, a person needs to be alive and Australia does not guarantee the right to life."

Written Submissions to the Human Rights Committee Consultation on a Bill of Rights closed in June. But we should now take this opportunity to write to the press, metropolitan and local, stressing the absolute necessity of including the first human right, the right to life in any Bill of Rights Australia may contemplate. There are many sound reasons against the concept of a Bill of Rights but as proliferators we should at least be now exposing abortion as an abuse of human rights .



The Pen is Mightier Than the Sword

Invention Allows Pregnant Women to Hold Models of Their Unborn Babies

By Hannah Devlin, From The Times - June 26, 2009

Pregnant women are being given the chance to hold life-size models of their unborn babies, thanks to an invention that converts data from ultrasound and MRI scans.

Jorge Lopes, a Brazilian designer, uses 3-D printing technology to create the plaster models, which went on show recently at an exhibition at the Royal College of Art in London.

But the invention has already attracted the attention of medical experts. "For doctors this is a fantastic development and it is absolutely unique," said Stuart Campbell, head of obstetrics and gynaecology at King's College London and a pioneer of the use of ultrasound diagnosis in the 1980s.

The technology is being trialled at a clinic in Rio de Janeiro. "It's amazing to see the faces of the mothers. They can see the full scale of their baby, really understand the size of it," said Dr Lopes.

A blind woman registered at the clinic has also volunteered to try out the technology at her next scan.

Professor Campbell is keen to use the technology as an educational tool for expectant parents and to help mothers who have difficulty bonding with their babies. It could also allow parents better to understand physical abnormalities that are diagnosed during pregnancy.

Dr Lopes, 42, first came across the 3-D printing method, known as rapid prototyping, when he was



Ultrasound image and plaster model of a 12 week foetus.

working on the reconstruction of archaeological finds such as dinosaurs and Egyptian mummies for museums. He is working at the RCA, on secondment from the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology.

Dr Lopes is now focusing on developing simple software that doctors would be able to use independently and on the spot.

Having their say ...

Interestingly the pro-aborts are so desperate to stop women seeing that their unborn baby IS a baby that in Connecticut, USA, it is now signed into law that woman can only have an ultrasound for a MEDICAL REASON ie suspected deformity etc. How scared of a life-size model of the baby would they be!

Teresa, Of A Caring Place

Why the comments about "emotional blackmail"? People getting their appendix out don't suffer guilt trips. By extension, anyone contemplating an abortion shouldn't have a guilt trip - unless she knows deep down that it is a serious matter, namely, the destruction of a human life. Which it is.

Michael, Brisbane, Australia

If it doesn't show that its a real baby why such scorn on the fetal model?

Me thinks those protesting too much are indeed pro aborts.

A human being is a human being from the moment of conception. It never is a "potential" human being it always is a human being. Just the size is in discussion.

Anne, Victoria, Australia

Pass this Newsletter on to a friend

Give thought to Pro-Life Victoria in your will

'Sperm from Embryonic Stem Cells' A Wanton Abuse of Embryos

“The abuse of embryonic humans reached a sinister new low today with the announcement that scientists in Newcastle, UK, have derived functional sperm from embryonic stem cells” Dr David van Gend, national director of Australians for Ethical Stem Cell Research, said in a recent press release .

“This is an abuse both because of its implications – namely, that scientists can now exploit a dead embryo as a source of sperm – but also because it was entirely unnecessary to use embryos as the source of stem cells. That was an ethically wanton act, to use embryos when an uncontentious and superior alternative was available.

“If there is any medical value in learning to create sperm from stem cells – and there are some arguable uses – then this objective could have been met in an ethically uncontentious way: the sperm could equally well be created from non-embryonic stem cells. Indeed the Newcastle researchers are already working on creating sperm from iPS cells, without exploring embryos: *Time* magazine reports that “Nayernia's group is now working on creating sperm from the skin cells of infertile men (the sperm cells in the current study were generated from embryos discarded by fertility clinics)”

“We know that iPS cells, derived from adult cells without ever using eggs or embryos, are the exact functional equivalent of ESCs. Anything an ESC can do, an iPS can do – with the further advantage that iPS exactly matches the patient. The sperm created from

embryos are that embryo's sperm. The sperm created from an iPS cell are the sperm of the adult whose skin cell was transformed into an iPS cell, and then into sperm.

“One valid medical application of sperm-from-stem-cells would be to enable infertile men – perhaps victims of mumps in childhood, or cancer treatment as young adults – to regenerate their own sperm from their own iPS cells. When this is done with iPS cells from the man himself, that avoids the exploitation of an embryo, and keeps the relationship of father-mother-child intact, since the sperm cells would indeed be derived to the patient himself.

“Incredibly, the Newcastle scientists suggest that SCNT cloning is the way to go to achieve genetically-matched stem-cell-sperm for an infertile man.

“But it would be scientific (and financial) folly to attempt to clone a patient into his twin embryo, in order to extract its stem cells – a task that has never been achieved - and turn them into sperm cells, when one could simply scrape his skin and turn those cells directly into pluripotent iPS cells – a task that is routinely achieved - and thereby into genetically-matched sperm.

“The abuses of embryonic stem cell science must be ended now that we have, in iPS, a scientifically and ethically superior alternative. I look forward to the Newcastle group's paper showing the creation of sperm from iPS cells, not embryos”, Dr van Gend concluded.



Abortion Permanently a Crime in the Dominican Republic, Pro-life Victory Comes with a Vote of 167 to 32

In response to recent efforts by international pro-abortion groups seeking to decriminalize abortion in the Dominican Republic, legislators permanently enshrined the right to life for pre-born humans by rewriting the Constitution of the Dominican Republic with the words **"the right to life is inviolable from conception until death."**

The vote of 167 to 32 and served as a major victory to those working to protect all human life.

A pro-life coalition recently traveled to the Santo Domingo to raise awareness about abortion during the hearings of this bill. The young people in this coalition of organizations included Faithful Soldier School of Evangelism, Live Action

San Jose, and Personhood USA. The group joined with local missionary Dr Gene Antonio to distribute over 50,000 pieces of literature about abortion from Human Life Alliance.

"A true respect for human life is protecting it from the beginning, the Dominican Republic is ahead of America in building a society where all human life is truly respected." said Ignacio Reyes Director of Live Action San Jose

The group made a major impact by showing a graphic video of an actual abortion procedure on dozens of national television programs which broadcast to millions of Dominicans.

"We are thrilled that the protection of human life from the moment

of conception is now established into the constitution in spite of fierce international pressure to legalize abortion," stated Dr. Gene Antonio, pro-life missionary in the Dominican Republic. He continued "This overwhelming victory serves as an example to the other Latin countries fighting to protect life, that we can win and we must win because the lives of little people are at stake."

"As we continue to fight for the personhood rights of the pre-born in America, we celebrate and applaud the protection of life in the Dominican Republic. The people on the small Caribbean island understand that all life is precious and should be protected! We pray that America catches on soon" said Keith Mason of Personhood USA.



Abortionist Killed: National News Abortionist Kills Woman: Ignored

from *Christian Newswire* - June 16

American abortionist George Tiller's death brought an outpouring of national media headlines and Congressional condolences to his family by a resolution approved by the US House. Laura Hope Smith's death at the hands of an abortionist was and continues to be ignored and her mother's effort to bring it to the attention of her senator was stonewalled.

"Where was the press when my daughter Laura died at the hands of an abortionist?" asks Eileen Smith, Laura's mother. A media search shows mostly news reports from nonprofit organizations, religious news and other alternative media.

Laura's death was mentioned 10 months later in one major publication, *The Boston Globe*, when the abortionist was indicted for manslaughter. It was 6 weeks before her local paper, *The Cape Cod Times*, mentioned Laura's death, although it sought out her mother for a two-hour

interview just 2 days after Laura's death. Smith says the local newspaper rationalized delaying a report on Laura's death so it could corroborate it with an autopsy report.

"Since when has news been postponed in lieu of reporting facts except in the abortion deaths of the mothers?" asks Smith. "I have to believe that it is only because the media's bias toward abortion determines what makes news," she said.

"If Laura had died falling off a bike or in a car accident it would have been in the paper the next day," she said. "My daughter walked into that abortion facility healthy and she left dead," Smith said.

Smith believes Tiller's death is another senseless killing in the history of abortion, adding to the 50 million untimely deaths of unborn babies, including the 60,000 viable babies aborted by Tiller. "His death is a tragedy, but so are all the lives that were taken by him and the lives

of over 400 women who have died as a result of an abortion," said Smith.

The abortionist was indicted by a grand jury for manslaughter in the death of Laura, following an investigation by local police and the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine. The District Attorney found the abortionist's conduct to be "willful, wanton, and reckless" because he sedated Laura with level three drugs without any means of cardiac monitoring or blood pressure cuff; had no assistant who could administer sedation, monitor the patient, or assist in resuscitating her; and "failed to timely initiate a call to 911." The board also alleged that the abortionist made false statements.

"I call on the media to report deaths like Laura's," said Smith. "If Tiller's death merits national news, so does a death at the hands of an abortionist," she added. Eileen Smith is available for interviews.



Not a Man For All Seasons

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So the self-described "ambitious" MLC Justin Madden wants the safe Lower House Labor seat of Essendon. It's certainly familiar territory to him.

He's an old boy of Essendon's St. Bernard's Catholic College. On October 10 last year Justin Madden voted for legalised baby killing in Victoria. Right up to birth without the right of conscientious objection for doctors and nurses. It's hard to imagine that as a schoolboy at St. Bernard's, Justin Madden would not have heard of Sir Thomas More, appointed Chancellor of England by King Henry VIII and immortalised in Robert Bolt's play "A Man for All Seasons." The unforgettable lines of the play include More's "I think that when

statesmen forsake their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos" and his words to Richard Rich, who perjured himself on the promise of the Chancellorship of Wales "Why Richard, it profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world...but for Wales?" For Essendon Justin? The courage he displayed on the football field deserted Justin Madden in Parliament. He may have had a few seasons with Carlton but unlike Thomas More will never be A Man for All Seasons.

*Denise M Cameron
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World View

USA - New York - Amnesty International recently issued its 2009 survey of what it considers to be the state of human rights throughout the world.

Of particular interest to social conservatives is Amnesty's continued campaign to advance a "right" to abortion globally. In its entry on Poland, Amnesty raps the country for its alleged "Denial of access to abortion for eligible women," citing criticism that Poland received from the Human Rights Council (HRC) in May 2008. It further faulted the government for failing to implement a 2007 ruling by the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR), *Tysiac v. Poland*, concerning a purported "duty to establish effective mecha-

nisms for ensuring women have access to abortion where it is legal."

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USA - Washington, DC - A recent appearance by Dr. Mehmet Oz, a cardiovascular surgeon at Columbia University and a regular on Oprah Winfrey's popular eponymous television program, is generating buzz within pro-life circles.

During the program, Oz told Americans the truth about embryonic stem cell research. Oz made it clear that the "stem cell debate is dead" mostly in part because embryonic stem cells have yet to catch up to their adult stem cell and iPS cell counterparts.

The comments are drawing interest because Oz made them in front of the iconic television personality and embryonic stem cell research advocate Michael J. Fox who has warped and twisted the positions of pro-life advocates during previous elections. "The problem with embryonic stem cells is that embryonic stem cells come from embryos, like all of us were made from embryos, and those cells can become any cell in the body," Oz explained. "But it's very hard to control them and so they can become cancer," Oz added, pointing to the efficacy problems of the cells causing tumors after injection into animals during experiments.

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12,000: Canadian 2009 March for Life Smashes Previous Attendance

After the rally on Parliament Hill and the march, representatives of *Silent No More Awareness Campaign* began delivering powerful testimonies about their personal experiences with abortion, repeatedly moving their listeners to tears.

Under the threat of dark clouds and sometimes through pouring rain, a record-smashing crowd of 12,000 Canadians recently gathered on Parliament Hill for a rally and then marched through the streets of Ottawa in protest against 40 years of legalized abortion in Canada.

The number of participants significantly exceeded last year's record-breaking crowd of 8,000, making it by far the largest crowd in the 12 years that the march has taken place. Those in attendance included 18 Members of Parliament.

Jim Hughes, the president of *Campaign Life Coalition*, the pro-

life group which organizes the annual event, told *LifeSiteNews* that he was thrilled with the turnout. "It's a real blessing," he said, "especially the growing number of young people that are here."

"This is going to make a difference," said Hughes, who pointed out that pro-life Canadians are beginning to mark the date of the march on their calendars, and are going out of their way to make it every year. "We're having a real impact here," he said.

Today's events began in the morning with interdenominational prayer services at the Canadian Reformed Church and St. George's Anglican Church, and two Catholic masses at Notre Dame Basilica and St. Patrick's Basilica.

Eyewitnesses at the Catholic masses said that both churches were filled to, and beyond, capacity. Ap-

proximately 900 people squeezed into St. Patrick's Basilica, while over 1,100 overflowed Notre Dame. As well, an additional 200 or so at each location had to watch the Mass on a screen in the basement of each church, due to the lack of space.

Hughes said he was especially pleased by the unprecedented show of support from the Canadian Catholic bishops, with at least 10 bishops celebrating at the Masses. This was the first year in the history of the march that the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has thrown its official support behind the event.

At 3 p.m., after the rally on Parliament Hill and the march, representatives of *Silent No More Awareness Campaign* began delivering powerful testimonies about their personal experiences with abortion, repeatedly moving their listeners to tears.





World View

USA - Washington, DC - In an interview with Jon Stewart of the "Daily Show" on Comedy Central last week, former presidential candidate Mike Huckabee blasted the false notion that common ground exists in the abortion debate.

The notion that there is common ground on killing children and hurting women has been repeatedly taken to task by pro-life advocates. Huckabee said that abortion advocates don't want to give an inch in the abortion debate by accepting even modest limits on abortion such as parental notification, which would allow parents to know when their daughters are considering the life-altering decision. Huckabee added that there can be no common ground on abortion just as there was no common ground on the issue of slavery. "I think one of the fundamental questions that we would have to come to is does a person have a right to own another person. That really is the issue. Can a person own another person? Can a mother totally own the child? Can the father totally own the child?" he asked.

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BUILDING A
PRO-LIFE GENERATION

MALTA - Father Denis Wilde, one of the leading spokesmen for Priests for Life, told a group of pro-life advocates in Malta that they need to keep pressing for a constitutional amendment that would protect unborn children under law.

The island nation in the Mediterranean already prohibits abortion but local pro-life advocates want to strengthen the ban and prevent any weakening of it in the face of pressure from the United Nations and other European nations to allow some abortions. "You should put your fortresses up to avoid the invasion," Wilde told members of the Malta-based local pro-life group *Gift Of Life*, which has spearheaded the constitutional amendment effort. "Right now it looks like abortion will never be legalized in Malta. But a court decision could change everything," he said, referring to the *Roe v. Wade* decision that essentially allowed unlimited abortions in the United States.

Around four years ago, *Gift Of Life* started campaigning for a constitutional amendment that would make the introduction of abortion in Malta more difficult. Wilde said he believed the amendment should state that every human was a person and should be protected from conception. Wilde said that more than 50 million unborn children have been killed in the United States since the infamous 1973 decision. "That is 4,000 deaths every day, 1.3 million per year and 50 million in the last 36 years," he said. Last September, *Gift of Life* renewed its effort to enshrine legal protection for unborn children in Malta's constitution. The group had suspended its campaign while Maltese residents were caught up in the March elections. "We believe that it is now time to reopen talks with the

Government and the Leader of the Opposition on the way forward towards finally updating the Constitution of Malta, to clearly extend the right to life to the unborn child," the group said.

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EAST TIMOR - Feisty Timor Leste Bucks Abortion Lobby, Upholds Right to Life.- The parliament of East Timor recognised as an independent state in 2002 – has resisted concerted pressure from United Nations agencies and pro-abortion non-governmental organizations (NGOs) by enacting a revised penal law that continues to criminalize abortion in virtually all cases.

With the recent 45 to 0 vote with only 7 abstentions on the main operative paragraph, parliament retained penal sanctions on abortion, except in instances where abortion is the "only way" to prevent death to the mother as attested to by three independent physicians. A preambular paragraph states that life "from the moment of conception" is entitled to protection.

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MEXICO - A thirteenth Mexican State passes a Pro-Life Constitutional Amendment with an overwhelming majority of 21-4 becoming the 13th State to do so.

The State of San Luis Potosi recognizes human life, for which reason it is respected and protected from the moment of its initiation in conception. The amendment reads: "The State of San Luis Potosi recognizes human life as fundamental for all human rights, for which reason it is respected and protected from the moment of its initiation in conception."

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