

# CAROLYN'S VOICE

## Board Takes Steps "To Do More!"

As we look back at the last thirteen years, we can honestly say that Carolyn's Place has made a significant difference in the lives of many women and their babies. There is no shortage of opportunities to bring the message of Christ's love to those who may be considering turning their back on His gift of life. After much discussion and prayer, Carolyn's Place is about to embark on a program to build on its legacy of service and care. We firmly believe that the hope for the future is in promoting responsibility.



Fr. Robert Rousseau, Ellen Cavallo, Ginny Baudinet, Jerry Brennan

The Board of Directors of Carolyn's Place has put into place plans to focus on three areas to make an even greater difference. This includes increased efforts in:

- \* Education outreach to youth,
- \* Pregnancy support and 24 hour "life" guidance for expectant parents, and
- \* Relocation to a more central location in the community.

We will continue to serve Waterbury and the many surrounding towns with these efforts. This renewed mission and determination to have a bigger impact takes leadership and resources.

The Board of Directors has recently taken steps to get ready for this new direction. A new membership campaign was launched (see article on page 2) and also new Board assignments were announced. Ginny Baudinet, a 13 year veteran volunteer with Carolyn's Place, has been elected Chairperson of the Board. Ginny has been involved with Carolyn's Place since its formation days and has been actively engaged in both client and organization efforts including 24-hour hot line support, client personal needs and fundraising. Since joining the Board in 2005, Ginny has led a number of program initiatives and, most recently, planning and development work. Father Robert Rousseau, our founder, continues as an active Board member providing key leadership and spiritual direction. Jerry Brennan recently became the newest member of the Board in June. He brings with him over 20 years of business and non-profit management experience and has been an active parish pro-life representative for several years. Walter Williams (Vice Chairman), Barbara Theriault (Treasurer), Colleen Johnstone and Dorothy Kubala complete the current Board membership. Ellen Cavallo, whose dedication and expertise has served our ministry for the past 13 years, continues to manage the daily client operations of Carolyn's Place as its Executive Director.

We are very grateful to our Board of Directors, staff, the many volunteers, and friends of Carolyn's Place. Through your work, prayers and support we will be able "to do more !"

Summer 2006

### *Mission Statement*

**Jesus said, "Anyone who loves me will be true to my word."**

**(John 13:34)**

*Our purpose in Carolyn's Place, a Pregnancy Resource*

*Center, is to seek to live out these words of Jesus by offering care, concern and love to any woman who finds herself in a problem pregnancy situation.*

*We will do all that we can to help her in making a decision for life. While not pursuing any political agenda, we will help support in whatever ways needed, every woman who chooses to allow her baby to live.*

*By our words and deeds, we will support the Right to Life of every child in the womb as well as the right of the mother to continue the mystery that began at conception. We will work to make known this Right.*

# BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

*This is a momentous time to make a greater impact for life.*

In June, Carolyn's Place launched a new membership campaign asking supporters to join in our efforts. The proceeds from this annual membership drive will support the operations and expansion of programs "to do more."

We are working to gain the resources we need to have Carolyn's Place and our plans on a firm footing. It is truly a matter of "life and death." We need the commitment of our loyal supporters like you to help others decide that "life" is the answer. Now, more than ever, we ask for your generosity in providing monetary support.

We have established various donor membership levels for you to consider (see insert). *In fact, your contribution will now have twice the impact.* A generous donor has agreed to match contributions dollar-for-dollar up to \$15,000. So please act now and help us continue to make a vital difference.

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**A donor slip and a return envelope are enclosed within this newsletter.**

**Join today !**

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## CAROLYN'S PLACE MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

### Cornerstone Circle: \$2,000 +

- \* Honorary Board of Directors Membership
- \* Guest of Honor designation at Annual Dinner
- \* Pre-event audience with special guests and speakers
- \* Cornerstone plaque on "Wall of Honor"
- \* Recognition in annual report & at annual meeting
- \* All newsletters and activity updates

### Pillar: \$1,000 +

- \* Recognition at Annual Dinner
- \* Pre-event audience with special guests and speakers
- \* Pillar engraving on "Wall of Honor"
- \* Recognition in annual report & at annual meeting
- \* All newsletters and activity updates

### Protector: \$500 +

- \* Protector listing on "Wall of Honor"
- \* Recognition in annual report & at annual meeting
- \* All newsletters and activity updates

### Patron: \$100 +

- \* Patron listing on "Wall of Honor"
- \* Recognition in annual report
- \* All newsletters and activity updates

### Friend: \$25 +

- \* Recognition in annual report
- \* All newsletters and activity updates

## 14th Anniversary Dinner in Honor of Carolyn's Birthday November 5, 2006

This year's Annual Anniversary Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 5, 2006 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the Grand Oak Villa in Oakville, CT. The dinner is held annually in celebration of the birth of *Carolyn Marie Johna*, the infant found at St. John the Evangelist Church, Watertown, CT which led to the formation of Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Resource Center. This event provides an opportunity for our volunteers, supporters, donors, family and friends to come together and share in the joy of life.

This year's special guest speaker will be Sr. Margaret Mary Hegarty. A native from Donegal, Ireland, Sr. Margaret Mary came to the United States in 2003 to join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal in Bronx, NY. She will take her first vows on September 17, along with Sr. Elizabeth and Sr. Catherine. Sister will share with us a personal story about her commitment to pro-life.

We will begin taking reservations in September so if you would like an invitation mailed to you which will include more information about the event, please call our business office at **(203) 695-3999**.

### A Visit From Our Lady

Once again Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Resource Center was blessed by having the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at our chapel from June 12 to June 14. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn. The missionary image, which measures 4 feet by 6 feet, is an exact replica of the original Miraculous Image of Our Lady which in 1531 appeared on the cloak of Juan Diego in Mexico. The late Cardinal Posadas of Mexico blessed the image in 1991, and the International Rosary Congress at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception circulates the image in an effort to end abortion in the United States. The original image is kept in the Basilica in Mexico.



During her three day stay at Carolyn's Place, many individuals came to pray for life as well as their own special intentions. One of the visitors, eight year old Antonio, used the petals that had fallen from the roses placed in front of the image to create his own flower as a gift to Our Lady.



### SUMMER WISH LIST (If you can help with any of these items, please contact us at **(203) 695-3999**.)

Carolyn's Place is looking for donations of the following items for office use. These items can be new or used:

- Computer (capable of handling the internet)
- Someone who is computer and network savvy to donate limited time to maintain computer infrastructure.

Thank you to our generous supporters who answered our Spring WISH LIST by providing us with a gift certificate used to purchase a television set as well as individuals who contacted us about computers.

## A Delicious Donation

Girl Scout Troop 4106 and their leader Kathleen Tuoy, donated boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Resource Center. These cookies provided a special treat for some of our current clients as well as some former clients. Carolyn's Place and our moms are grateful for this delicious donation.

Thank You Troop 4106!



## Annual Ziti Supper September 9th 5-7 PM TICKETS CALL: (203) 695-3999

This year's Annual Ziti Supper fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, September 9, from 5-7 PM at **SS. Peter and Paul Parish Gym, 116 Beecher Ave. in Waterbury, CT.** The menu will include ziti with fresh Italian sauce, delicious meatballs, sausage, tossed green salad, fresh bread with butter, assorted home-made desserts, soda, coffee and tea.

Once again we will have a raffle table filled with wonderful baskets for all ages. This year we will also have a table with religious items and books for sale. For your entertainment we are excited to announce that the Hogan Academy of Irish Dancers will be "heating things up" with their terrific and talented dancers providing us with a performance during part of the evening. Kids from the audience will also enjoy coming up on stage to learn a step or two.

Tickets priced at \$8.00 for adults , \$4.00 for children (ages 4-10), and ages 3 and under (FREE) can be purchased in advance by calling the Carolyn's Place Business Office at (203) 695-3999 or they will be available at the door. Advanced reservations are appreciated for head-count purposes.

Words cannot express our gratitude to every individual who joined us last year sharing in the fun and making the event a huge success. Thank you all for your continuing support of Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Resource Center.

## "Baskets Full of Easter Joy"



Members of the Kennedy High School Key Club in Waterbury donated these baskets to Carolyn's Place as a special gift for our clients to receive for Easter. The students filled the baskets with bottles, rattles and other small baby items they purchased, and wrapped them in pretty pastel cellophane. Our clients were very grateful for this special Easter gift. Carolyn's Place extends a warm thank you to all of the students involved.

## *HAVING THEIR CAKE AND EATING IT TOO*

*By Meredith L. Di Liberto, Esq.*



They're at it again. The culture of death proponents are once again defying logic in order to have their cake and eat it too – all the while the mainstream media sits by, idly reporting the absurdities with a straight face. In two very public instances – one of which sparked a Congressional investigation – the culture of death has turned the tables on itself, but no one seems to notice.

First, the dangerously promiscuous portion of the culture of death is up in arms over the Food & Drug Administration's ("FDA") failure to grant over-the-counter status to the contraceptive called "Plan B." Plan B is commonly referred to as the "Morning-After Pill." It's claim to fame is, that, if taken within 24 hours after sex, it is supposed to stop ovulation or fertilization. Plan B is currently available with a prescription, but that's not good enough for the culture of death. Several self-acclaimed "reproductive rights" groups and individuals have filed a lawsuit against the FDA for its failure to grant Plan B over-the-counter status.

According to the lawsuit, the Morning-After Pill Conspiracy and others claim that the FDA was "improperly motivated by factors other than medicine and science." The Conspiracy's website describes the improper motivation as a direct result of the "rabid, anti-birth control politics of the Bush Administration." Lead by Senators Patty Murray (D-WA) and, in a supreme case of irony, Hillary Clinton (D-NY), official investigations into the FDA's political motivations have already begun.

Politics motivating the FDA's decisions? Scandalous! Can you believe such a thing?! Yes. In fact, documents from the Clinton Presidential Library were recently uncovered that provided the evidence pro-lifers had sought for years: that RU-486, the drug that causes early abortions, was pushed through the FDA approval process by the Clinton Administration. In a series of memos by Clinton Administration officials, and even former President Clinton himself, it is crystal clear that the approval of RU-486 was paramount to Clinton's political reputation with the pro-abortion community, and therefore an essential promise to keep. The memos reveal that Clinton went so far as to consider asserting political pressure on the governments of Germany and France in order to obtain permission to market RU-486 in the United States. The only concern the FDA appeared to have was "compromising its role as objective reviewers of the safety and efficacy of the drug." You mean letting politics motivate the approval process?

The culture of death didn't mind being able to use political pressure to get RU-486 approved, but they are horrified at the prospect of political pressure blocking over-the-counter access to Plan B. They want to have their cake and eat it too.

In another similarly mind-boggling defiance of logic, the culture of death has begun a media campaign which reveals, with startling honesty, that one of their primary claims – that condoms are very effective at preventing unplanned pregnancies and the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases – is not the case after all. Didn't you hear that on 20/20? Maybe CBS Evening News and World Report? Chances are you didn't hear it at all because somehow, despite now claiming to absolutely need Plan B emergency contraception and an HPV vaccine, the effectiveness of condoms has *not* been challenged.

Logically of course, it is impossible to need another "back-up plan" for the condom if the condom is so effective at preventing unplanned pregnancies. It is also impossible to need a vaccine for a sexually transmitted disease if the condom is so good at preventing this. Yet no one in the mainstream media dare challenge the culture of death.

## *HAVING THEIR CAKE AND EATING IT TO continued...*

The Plan B lawsuit clearly admits that the drug needs to be over-the-counter in order to prevent unplanned pregnancies following intercourse without contraception, “or [when] the contraceptive method failed.” So the culture of death needs more contraception, in case its other previously unassailable forms of contraception don’t work. It’s an amazing public relations job. Planned Parenthood made almost \$900 billion last year. No wonder.

In addition to absolutely needing over-the-counter accessibility to Plan B because of contraceptive failure, the culture of death now needs vaccines to pick up the slack. The FDA recently approved a vaccine that claims to prevent several of the more deadly strains of HPV – the human papillomavirus –which is the most prevalent sexually transmitted disease today. In fact, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, an advisory committee of the Centers For Disease Control (yes, that’s *your* federal government!), went so far as to recommend that every 11 and 12 year old girl be vaccinated. The Department of Health and Human Services will decide whether to accept that recommendation, but the very thought of *requiring* the vaccine is scary.

But why require the vaccine? Why do we even need it if condoms are so effective at preventing sexually transmitted diseases? (By the way, the vaccine patient information sheet *never* defines HPV as a sexually transmitted disease!) The culture of death has been particularly frustrated with HPV. The reason is that the disease can be spread skin-to-skin. In other words, no sexual intercourse need to occur to spread HPV. Because of that, condoms offer almost no protection. This statement gives abstinence education the thumbs-up and that drives the culture of death crazy. I say crazy because how else can you explain maintaining a claim that condoms prevent HPV 70% of the time despite the rising numbers of new HPV cases and deaths attributed to HPV cervical cancer? Logic just went out the window again.

In the end, as serious a case of whiplash as these cases give you, the truly hair-raising aspect is that the culture of death has once again evidenced its overwhelming devaluation of young people. If Plan B is given over-the-counter status, it will be able to be purchased along side the aspirin and Advil®. It means older men and sexual predators can rest in peace knowing that their sexual encounters with minor girls can go unnoticed. And if the FDA continues to permit the HPV vaccine to be advertised like the flu shot, without any mention of the fact that HPV is a behaviorally-spread disease, young girls who aren’t sexually active will be scared into the vaccine while sexually active girls are given another irresponsible “green light.” No one knows, not even the FDA, how long the vaccine will last and they’ve already admitted it is not effective on all strains of HPV, and admitted that it will not protect everyone who receives it. In other words, it’s very similar to the condom claim: here’s your license for free sex, anytime, anywhere, with anyone... well, unless it fails.

Who gets to eat that cake?

(For more information on the RU-486 documents recently uncovered, check out:  
<http://judicialwatch.org/archive/2006/jw-ru486-report.pfd>.)

## Junior League Created Meals for Carolyn's Place

**Waterbury, CT—May 13, 2006** On May 13, 2006 the 2006 Provisional Class of the Junior League of Greater Waterbury prepared meals for Carolyn's Place. Carolyn's Place, a Pregnancy Resource Center, has a mission to seek to live out the words of Jesus by offering care, concern and love to any woman who finds herself in a problem pregnancy situation.



Each year, the Provisional Class of the Junior League of Greater Waterbury dedicates their time and commitment to one organization in the Greater Waterbury Community. This year, the Provisional Class lent their cooking savvy to prepare healthy, delicious meals at Dream Dinners in Middlebury, CT. Carolyn's Place will use these prepared meals to distribute to their new mothers.

The Provisional Class received funding to do to this project by receiving a \$500.00 grant from the Junior League of Greater Waterbury, donation of additional meals from JLGW President, Jennifer Wilhelm, and Dream Dinners. The Junior League of Greater Waterbury is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Thank you Junior League.

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### **The Search Continues...**

*Carolyn's Place Pregnancy Resource Center continues to look for a more permanent location in the Waterbury area.*

**Here's how you may be able to help.** Our ministry is looking to relocate to a house or office sized between 2,000 to 5,000 square feet in the Waterbury area which is accessible to public transportation. If you are aware of a person or an organization that may consider donating or offering special arrangements for a possible site, or others who may offer financial aid or relocation support, please contact us. Call Ginny at (203) 695-3999 or email us at [anna@carolynsplace.net](mailto:anna@carolynsplace.net). We will keep you updated on our progress!

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### **Drop, Add, Change of Address, Email or Phone Number**

We're in the process of updating Carolyn's Place mailing list. Please cut out this form and return it with any changes in the enclosed envelope.

- My Address has changed.
- Please add this name to the mailing list.
- Please remove my name from the mailing list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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