

### Donations Requests

We can always use donations of canned formula. We have had recent requests for size 4 diapers, a crib, a bed and/or additional mattress, a baby gate, and a maternity belt.

### Mark your calendar

- Deadline for submissions to the October newsletter: September 22.
- Board meetings: September 7, October 5, 7 pm.

### Clothing center report

We served 177 people during the month of July, of whom 73 received free items, 12 took literature, and 5 were referred to the Women's Center.

### Summer hours

In addition to regular weekly hours, the thrift shop is open on Saturday mornings, 9-noon, through September.

### Remember RTL

Please remember the pro-life cause when planning your estate or making funeral arrangements for a loved one. Remittance envelopes for memorial donations to Right to Life are available at the office.

Right to Life of Shelby County is a 501(c)(3) educational and service organization. All donations are fully tax-deductible.

## 40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is a special period of prayer, fasting, and action in support of respect for all human life. This fall it stretches from September 22 to October 31. Pastors and other group leaders are encouraged to organize pro-life events during this time. The following is an initial schedule of area events. Please let us know of your events so that we may add them to our schedule in October. And please take the time to join us in prayer for an end to abortion and all assaults on the dignity of human beings.

Wed., Sept. 22, 7pm	Holy Hour for Life	Holy Angels Church
Suns., Sept. 26-Oct. 24, 6pm	Pro-Life Stations of the Cross	Holy Angels Church
Tues., Sept. 28	Pastors Prayer Luncheon	St. John's Lutheran Church
Sun., Oct. 3, 2:30 pm	Life Chain	Court Square, Sidney
Fri., Oct. 8 – Sunday, Oct. 10	40 Hours for Life	Holy Angels Church
Tues., Oct. 19	Elizabeth's New Life Ctr. Banquet	Shelby Oaks G.C.
Sun., Oct. 31, 6pm	Pro-Life Patriotic Rosary	Holy Angels Church

Learn more at [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).

## Elections Coming: Some Considerations

Election day is Tuesday, November 2; however, voting actually begins on Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The last day to register to vote is Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. For registration forms, absentee ballots, or any other voting information, contact the Shelby County Board of Elections at 937-498-7207. Email [shelby@sos.state.oh.us](mailto:shelby@sos.state.oh.us).

How important is it to consider a candidate's devotion to protecting human life, above all other factors? In the context of American history, that question is well answered by consideration of this question: Do you know anyone who would vote for a candidate who would promote slavery? Even if he claimed to be "personally against slavery"? Even if she seemed to have good economic policies? No one would support such a candidate today. It should also be the case that no one would support a candidate who accepts laws that permit or fund the killing of pre-born children and disabled or aged adults.

Abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, embryonic stem cell research, and human cloning entail the intentional killing of innocent human beings at particular stages of life. Anyone who considers these practices wrong has an obligation to evaluate the following critical questions.

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First and foremost, is the candidate truly dedicated to protecting all human beings from the moment of conception onward?

If no, then it would be detrimental to the pro-life cause to vote for this candidate and would be cooperating in his pro-death efforts. This candidate may be supported only if there is no alternative pro-life candidate, and he is judged to be the one who would be least harmful to the cause of life.

If yes, the candidate is personally pro-life, then he may be supported. If both (or all) candidates are pro-life, the following questions may be helpful in distinguishing among them:

Has the candidate ever publicly supported another candidate who does not support protection for human life? Does she belong to a party that would likely put her in that position again? Does the platform of his political party reflect a pro-death or a pro-life point of view?

To a degree, the election of a candidate is also the election of that party, giving its platform political advantage. A pro-life candidate can come from any party (See [www.demsforlifeoh.com](http://www.demsforlifeoh.com) and [www.republicansforlife.com](http://www.republicansforlife.com)). Party platforms, however, state specific positions regarding protection of human life.

The most recent Democratic Party platform reads: “The Democratic Party strongly and unequivocally supports Roe v. Wade and a woman’s right to choose a safe and legal abortion, regardless of ability to pay, and we oppose any and all efforts to weaken or undermine that right.”

The most recent Republican Party platform has a long section entitled Maintaining The Sanctity and Dignity of Human Life, which reads, in part: “At its core, abortion is a fundamental assault on the sanctity of innocent human life. Women deserve better than abortion.”

If we are to change the political culture in our country to one that is pro-life, voters of all parties need to make this set of questions the primary concern in election decisions. Let us pray for our nation!

## Pro-Life Technology Symposium: Dayton, September 11

### **ACTION ITEM**



The 7th annual Pro-Life Science & Technology Conference will be held Saturday, September 11th, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Engineers Club, 110 E. Monument St., Dayton, Ohio. This is a fantastic event for anyone seeking in-depth information on the latest threats to life and resources to combat them.

Register at [ProlifeTechnology.org](http://ProlifeTechnology.org). \$50 per person, \$25 for students; continental breakfast and lunch included. Scholarships available! (Please call 937-849-9140.) Registration is also available at the door and there is parking at the Club. The program includes:

Keynote: Ashley K. Fernandes, MD, PhD, FAAP  
Assisted Reproductive Technology: Progress or Peril?

Dave Banaszak  
The 35-Day Life of John Paul

Charles D. Dolph, Ph.D.  
Beyond the Technology for Sex Selection

Father Larry Gearhart, Pastor  
The Social and Economic Legacy of Population Control

Jeff Koloze, Ph.D.  
Terminology to Assault Human Life and Life-Affirming Responses

Jeff Lewis, PharmD  
Post-fertilization Effects of Emergency Contraceptives

Dennis Michael Sullivan, M.D.  
Hybrid Humans: What’s at Stake

Jessica R. Zehring  
Defending Life Through Audio

## FDA Approves Ella Abortion Pill

The Food and Drug Administration today approved the controversial ella drug that supporters label a morning after pill but pro-life groups point out will cause very early abortions. They say the drug is untested and women will be misinformed about how it works as an abortion agent.

Billed as a better morning after pill, because it can be used longer after sexual intercourse than the traditional Plan B drug, the drug would almost always cause an abortion because it would begin working days after conception, which confers into existence a new, unique human being. Supporters of the drug have gotten around that fact by redefining the beginning of pregnancy as implantation rather than conception, or fertilization.

Watson Pharmaceuticals Inc. will sell the abortion drug under the name ella starting in the last three months of the year.

Wendy Wright, the president of Concerned Women for America led off a conference call today with reporters in advance of the decision, saying that the FDA is misleading American women. "The FDA underscored the point that this decision was driven by politics by releasing it late on a Friday when people are not paying attention," she said. "The meager trials done on ella indicate it may cause miscarriages and birth defects. Yet the FDA allowed the HRA Pharma to avoid fully testing the drug so women will be kept in the dark on what kind of serious complications it may cause to her and her baby," she added.

Ella is the first selective progesterone receptor modulator (SPRM) available in the United States for the indication of "emergency contraception (EC)." According to the European Medicines Agency, SPRMs block progesterone which is necessary to maintain a pregnancy. This effectively deprives the unborn child in the womb of the nutrients he or she needs to live.

Wright pointed out how the FDA is following its decision during the latter part of the Clinton administration to approve the dangerous RU 486 abortion drug -- which has killed at least 13 women, and potentially dozens more, and injured more than 1,100 in the United States alone according to FDA reports.

"Though called an 'emergency contraceptive,' the drug operates the same way as the abortion drug RU-486, which has caused numerous deaths and over 1,000 reported adverse events," she said. Wright said women could become victims again, especially because the ella abortion drug has not undergone rigorous testing and medical trials.

She noted abortion businesses are already violating the three-day time limit the FDA suggests with the morning after pill and various limits associated with the RU 486 abortion drug and she is concerned more abuses are forthcoming. "What kind of an effect does ella have on babies who survive the drug?" Wright asked.

She said she is concerned about a high rate of potential birth defects for unborn children who are born after failure of the ella pill, known as EllaOne in Europe. Wright pointed out that clinical trials concerning potential birth defects were not conducted before the FDA advisory committee issued its recommendation and have not been done since then.

"Incredibly, despite evidence that ella may cause birth defects in babies that survive, members of an FDA Advisory Committee recommended against long-term studies to determine if it does, preferring that women be kept in the dark," Wright said. "Women deserve better than this. If the FDA deliberately misleads women by mislabeling the drug as a contraceptive, and does not send the drug back for adequate trials to determine the possible serious complications to women and their babies, it will be putting abortion politics above women's health," Wright concluded.

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## Pro-Life Luncheon for Pastors

A Respect Life Prayer Luncheon for Shelby County pastors will be held Tues., Sept. 28, 2010, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sidney. Pastors are encouraged to invite one or two lay leaders from their church, as well. RSVP to Anne Schmiesing ASAP, and no later than September 24 at 492-5584.

## Ohio Right to Life Sweepstakes--Time's Running Out!

Don't forget to return your sweepstakes tickets, included with July's newsletter. The tickets are 6 for \$5, so if you return all of the enclosed tickets (18), the donation would be \$15. Additional tickets are available at the RTL office.

Please send your check and completed tickets to: Shelby County RTL, PO Box 72, Sidney, OH, 45365.

Tickets should be turned in by October 1. Thank you!

## An Easy Way to Give

The Sienna Group is a faith-based mobile phone service provider. When you sign up with them, a percentage of your monthly bill will be donated to the pro-life charity of your choice. Please consider switching your cell plan to Sienna and designating Right to Life as your beneficiary. Several members are already doing this, and this is a helpful, regular source of income.

Sienna's customer service is excellent and their rates are competitive. They use the Verizon network and offer other products as well, such as business phone services, toll-free numbers, and long distance. Find out more at [www.sienna-group.com](http://www.sienna-group.com) or call 1-877-474-3662.

