



Heartbeat

The beat of Students for Life at SLU

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Upcoming Events

Respect Life Week!
See article to the right.

Meetings

Every Tuesday at
7:00pm, in the John
Cook School of
Business, room 330

"No one can give me
the right to do what is
wrong."

~Abraham Lincoln



Respect Life Week: October 1- 7, 2007

Students for Life at Saint Louis University participates in National Respect Life Month by hosting Respect Life Week during the first week of October. Students for Life hosts a variety of events to both educate and engage students and faculty. This year the theme of Respect Life Week is "Women And Children." The schedule of events is listed below.

- **Monday: Project Baby Bottle Day.** Throughout the week students will collect money in baby bottles, and all proceeds will be donated to the local Pregnancy Resource Center.
- **Tuesday: Cemetery of the Innocents.** Students for Life will display 1,750 wooden crosses in the quad. Each cross represents TWO lives that are lost to abortion *each day* in the United States. Students for Life and fellow students will join in a candlelit prayer vigil among the crosses at 8:00 pm.
- **Wednesday: Speaker!** Ann Lowery Forster, from Feminists for Life, will come to campus to share her personal story of being pregnant, 19 years old, and a college student. Her speech, "Raising Expectations: A Detour, Not a Dead End" will be presented in the Busch Student Center, room 171, at 5:30 pm.
- **Thursday: A day of healing for those who have been affected by abortion.** Counselors from the Pregnancy Resource Center will be available in Campus Ministry.
- **Friday: Life Savers.** Students for Life will be passing out Life Savers candy in the quad. Each Life Saver includes a fact about abortion to educate SLU students.
- **Saturday: Our Lady's Inn Service Day.** Students for Life will engage in a day of service at a local shelter for pregnant women.
- **Sunday: Life Chain.** Students for Life will participate in the National Life Chain, an hour of peaceful, prayerful protest along roads throughout the country. Students for Life will be at the corner of Grand and Laclede from 2-3:00 pm. Anyone may join.



If you are in the area, please consider attending our speaker on Wednesday, October 3rd at 5:30 pm in the Busch Student Center, room 171 (ballroom on the lower level).

Thanks for your support,
Kathleen Neuner
07-08 President of Students for Life

Did you know...
that 10% of all college-age women in the U.S. become pregnant each year?

- Planned Parenthood's research arm, The Allen Guttmacher Institute

FACT:

U.S. Women aged 20-24 obtain 33% of all abortions

- Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health 2002

"Women who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy also deserve unplanned joy."
~Patricia Heaton



Pro-Life in the News

By Sarah Schumacher

Planned Parenthood Clinic in Auroa, IL

Update: The clinic failed to get a "special permit" from the city of Aurora. A court decision determining how this will affect their opening is awaited.

-[Chicago Tribune](#)



"Catholic Georgetown U. Will Now Fund Law Students to Lobby for Abortion"

The University's Law Center now allows funding for law student internships regardless of the purpose of the institutions where students may wish to intern.

- www.lifesite.net

Poland deems "anti-death penalty" day to be hypocritical venture

By Teresa Val

On Sept. 6, Poland accused the European Union (EU) as being hypocritical in regards to "right to life" issues.

Earlier that month, the EU president of Portugal proposed a European Day Against the Death Penalty to be held on October 10, in conjunction with the fourth-annual World Day Against the Death Penalty. According to *BBC News*, Poland responded with strong opposition on Sept. 18, vetoing the proposal. Spokesmen stated that the EU should promote instead a day "dedicated to the protection of all human life," as reported in www.lifesite.net.

Krzysztof Bosak, member of the League of Polish Right and EU Parliamentary Assembly, was quoted in *LifeSite* as saying, "Death penalty is already illegal in the European Union. Maybe it is time to consider protecting the right to life of other social groups. Maybe it is time to establish a European Day of Life to protect also the weakest and most innocent—children before birth, especially those diagnosed with a disability, they are exterminated on a mass scale across Europe. But also to protect the disabled who are already born, the sick and the elderly—to save them from the tragedy of death on demand, or euthanasia."

Despite pressure to accept this anti-death penalty proposal, Poland remains firm in its stance that the EU "should approach the subject [right to life] in a broader way," namely by addressing abortion and euthanasia, according to *BBC News*.

Bosak said he thought it was "hypocritical on the part of the EU to promote abortion, destructive lifestyles and euthanasia and at the same time to pretend to care about the right to life in only one case: death penalty," as stated in *LifeSite*.

For an in-depth report on Poland's opposition to the EU, visit www.euractiv.com.

Ann Lowrey Forster

from

Feminists for Life

"Raising Expectations: A Detour, Not a Dead End"

Wednesday, October 3rd, 5:30 pm, BSC room 171

Come to hear her story of how women don't have to give up their children for an education and a career.

Actively Pro-Life Freshman Excited to Join SFL

By Amy Winkler

Hello Everyone! My name is Amy Winkler and I am a freshman at SLU! I am so excited to be here, and I knew that I wanted to get involved in Students for Life! I feel that life is precious and a God-given gift. I have had a long history with the pro-life movement. My grandmother works for the Birthright in Memphis (my hometown!). Birthright is a non-profit organization that helps women who are pregnant and often in a crisis situation. All of Birthright's services are free of charge. They provide pregnancy testing, counseling, and try to help the women with anything else they can so that they can choose life for their babies. Since I was about six years old, I have been volunteering for Birthright. My mom would take me to my grandmother's office and we would volunteer to stuff newsletters, fold maternity and baby clothes, and anything else that they might have needed. I was also very involved with all of the Birthright fund-raisers, from their phone-a-thons and teas to their bowl-a-thons and balls. I have helped out with the silent auctions and played my violin for the Christmas Teas. Since Birthright has been such a big part of my life for so many years, I want to continue to make a difference in the pro-life world. Last year I had the opportunity to attend the March For Life in Washington, D.C., and it was absolutely amazing! I encourage anyone who gets the opportunity to go on this march to take advantage of it and go! I'm sure you will have a very moving experience! I am really looking forward to becoming more involved in Students For Life this year! God Bless!

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Our Mission:

Unwavering in its defense of the unborn, Students for Life at Saint Louis University is dedicated to protecting each and every human life from the moment of conception. With the distinct understanding that college-aged women are one of the most susceptible age demographics to abortion, we seek to educate, to engage, and to inform college men and women on the destructive nature of abortion.

*October is
Respect Life Month!*

We hope you have enjoyed this issue of Heartbeat. If you have any comments or suggestions, or if there is anything you would like to see in future issues, please do not hesitate to contact us at sfl@slu.edu.

"A Voice for the Voiceless"

Visit Our Website at <http://pages.slu.edu/org/sfl>



Pregnant? Need Help?

The local Pregnancy Resource Center is within walking distance of SLU, at 4331 Lindell Blvd. Call them at 314-783-3040, or visit their website, www.prcmo.net.

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