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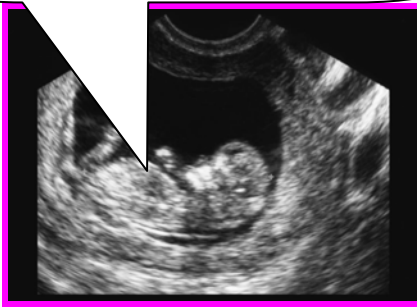
## 1st Way Pregnancy Support Center Newsletter

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The *1st Way* to a mother's heart is to see her baby's heartbeat!



Dear Friend,

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In the above article, "Hendershott, professor of sociology at the University of San Diego, describes how Abortion advocates in the early '60's, worked on persuading the Kennedys, the most visible and influential Catholic family in America,"...that abortion on demand was a necessary right in America.

"In the summer of 1964, leading Catholic theologians visited the Kennedys in Hyannisport, she reports. They convinced the Kennedys that they could "tolerate legislation that would permit abortion under certain circumstances if political efforts to repress this moral error led to greater perils to social peace and order." The theologians included Father Robert Drinan, Father Richard McCormick, Father Charles Curran and Father Giles

Milhaven, men now known as dissenting Catholics, but who at the time were considered mainstream Catholic theologians.

***These men's views effectively neutralized Catholic opposition to abortion for the crucial period in the late 1960s and 1970s. By then, Roe v. Wade had changed both the law of the land and the political landscape.***

In spite of the counter-cultural roots of the pro-abortion movement, in spite of the abortion lobby's posturing as "progressives," Catholics today are fighting an uphill battle against a firmly entrenched, well-funded foe that is for all practical purposes, The Establishment.

***Most importantly, Anne Hendershott's book shows signs of hope in the abortion wars.***

Society shows signs of being sick of abortion. Pro-life groups are proliferating on college campuses.

Facing criticism from their peers and often persecution from their college administrations, these students are the new counter-culture. A coalition of pro-life student organizations coordinated the publication of the same pro-life advertisement on Oct. 19, 2004.

The headline read: "Human Rights for All." Harvard Right to Life sponsored a debate with Harvard Students for Choice in 2005. The questions from the audience made it clear that they wanted to discuss the ethical issues surrounding abortion. According to the Harvard Crimson, the pro-life students confronted these issues, while the pro-abortion side "refused to do so, saying they only wanted to discuss the legal aspects of abortion." The audience was not impressed.

Dr. Jennifer Roback Morse: "***I can report from my own travels on college campuses that feminism feels like an old worn-out ideology that people repeat by rote. One can hardly believe they mean what they are saying.***"

By contrast, the pro-life clubs and alternative women's organizations are on fire with enthusiasm.

Meanwhile the feminist establishment, fat, happy, entrenched and well-funded, can hardly rouse itself to respond.

The trends Hendershott reports will one day come to fruition.

The abortion wars will be over. Every child will be welcomed in life and protected by law. This book will give us hope and encouragement in the meantime."

Blessings,  
Kay Allen  
Executive Director

**"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12b).**

***Through Our Doors***

We do see women who have experienced sexual crimes such as date rape.



These women are terrorized about the idea of being pregnant. They are ashamed, unwilling to tell anyone, certainly not the police. They believe "I put myself in a bad situation". When we listen to the situations, in more than 90% of the cases, they knew the boy but trusted when he asked her out that it would be a normal "date". When he pushed her to be intimate with him and she refused, he forced her. This is rape, pure and simple and NO woman asks for this. NO woman can know in advance that this kind of thing may happen. Of course, there are ways to be prudent and careful, but still NO girl deserves to be raped. No matter what the circumstances.


































We had a woman who was living with a man and was raped by a coworker after an evening out with a group of coworkers. When she found out she was pregnant, she could not face the fact, especially since she didn't know whose child it was, the rapist or the man she was living with. She was desperate to abort this child. Once we spoke with her, gave her an ultrasound scan and had our doctors talk to her at length, she decided she could not abort. After many days of reassurance and hours of counsel, she disappeared and we heard nothing from her for months. We prayed for her every day.









Recently we found out that she delivered her baby. Some members of her family moved here to be closer to her and support her in this difficult time.

Now she is determined to be a good mother and to give her child the best life she is able. We are extremely proud of her. This was a heroic decision.

May God bless her and all our girls like her who, in their terror and despair, and against all odds, **decide for life!** They are heroes!!

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*"What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:3b-5).*

