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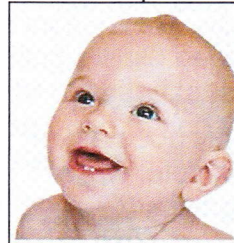
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As I am sure you are aware by now, we are celebrating with the pro-life community that the Supreme Court finally decided last year that there is no constitutional right to abortion. The issue was returned to the states and we praise God that now, state legislatures can protect unborn children without being overruled by activist federal courts. However, as we made clear in recent newsletters, our own state of New Jersey has announced actions aimed at facilitating abortion, so there is much work to be done.

Governor Murphy and Attorney General Platkin have stated in a press release in December, 2022, that “by protecting ...women who travel to our state..New Jersey will become a refuge...in order to facilitate access to abortion services in New Jersey”



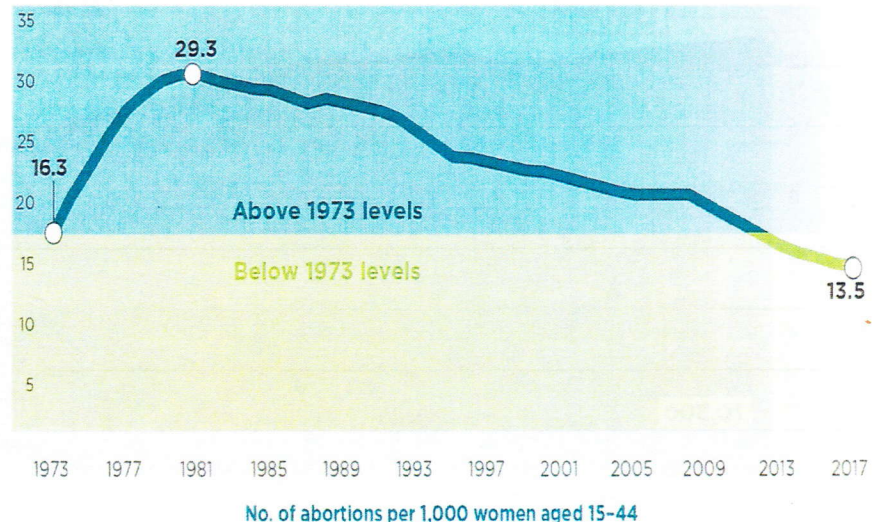
In the same press release, it was reported that the Division of Consumer Affairs had issued a consumer alert stating “crisis pregnancy centers may also provide false or misleading information about abortion-including the physical and mental health effects of abortion-to deter people from choosing abortion”

Clearly there is a great need for the pro-life community, especially in our state, to educate the public regarding early human development, and the indefensibility of intentionally destroying innocent human life.

Please be praying for us as we consider the best way to reach our community, and especially the most at-risk segment of young adults, with this vital message.

TRENDS IN ABORTION

The U.S. abortion rate reached a historic low in 2017.



Overturing Roe v Wade will not stop all abortions, but it does restore the standard that the first God-given right is the right to life. Pregnancy centers will become even more important following this decision, as more women will be giving their babies life and needing the help to do so. Indeed, other pro-life groups like us are hitting the ground running: 40 Days for Life launched new outreaches in 365 cities with year round vigils on July 1st, 2022. This is a nationwide group who have been praying and offering help outside abortion facilities for many years. The “no show” rate for abortion appointments goes as high as 75% when people are outside praying.

Abby Johnson’s group And Then There Were None, has seen 108 abortion clinics close in the last 2 years, and 637 abortion workers have been helped to transition to new jobs with the support that this group gave them.

We celebrate all of this progress, but as you see by the graph below, which only goes as far as 2017, from the Guttmacher Institute, while the abortion rate has declined significantly, the percentage of medical abortions continues to rise, and in 2020 was 54% of all abortions.

The federal government passed a law on January 3, 2023 which will cause a major expansion to abortion access nationwide:

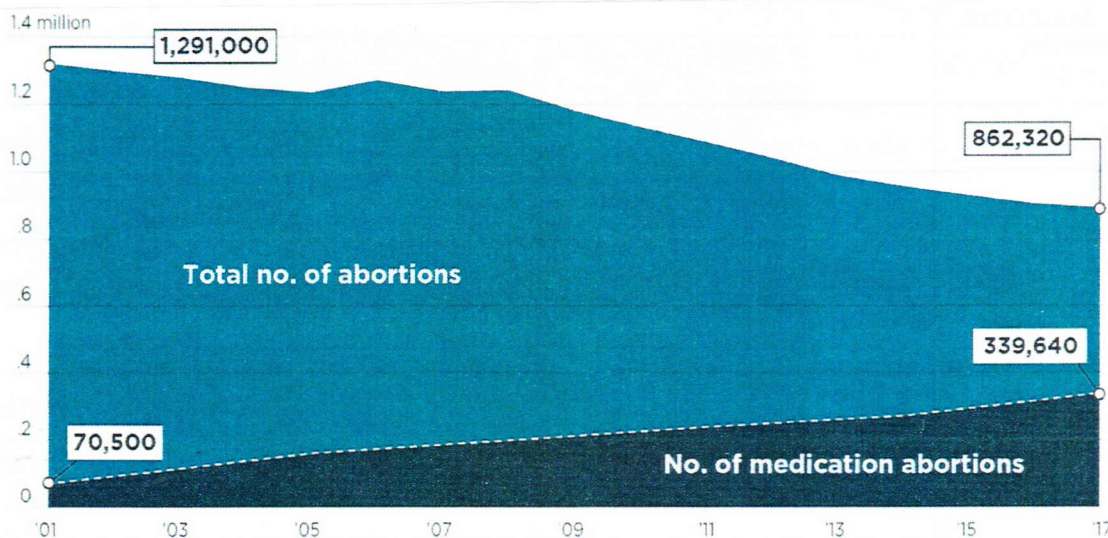
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will allow drug stores to dispense mifepristone, the first drug in the abortion pill regimen. The January 28th, 2023 edition of the Christian World News magazine stated that “Following the FDA’s regulatory change, CVS and Walgreens announced they planned to get certified to dispense the pill in places like New Jersey where abortion is legal. These two largest U.S. pharmacy chains have more than 18,000 locations between them.”

This will increase abortion options up to 7 weeks pregnancy for young women, who were already able to receive emergency contraception (the morning- after pill) at pharmacies since 2013. During the pandemic, the FDA allowed some pharmacies to dispense the drug by mail. Federal law technically prohibits mailing of abortion drugs, but a new Justice Department memo reinterprets the law to allow the practice.

This makes it even more vital that we make sure that the Abortion Pill Rescue Network contact information is widely available, since if it is given within 72 hours of taking mifepristone, and before the administration of the second drug misoprostol, it saves the baby in 2 out of 3 cases. A call to **1-877-558-0333** will give a referral to a local doctor who will give progesterone as an antidote, so the pregnancy can continue to term.

Please pray that God will turn the hearts of NJ’s people to protect the life of the unborn.

As U.S. abortion numbers decline, the share that are medication abortions rises steadily.



As most of you know, we have always had as much emphasis on prevention of unplanned pregnancy, as we have always had on providing needed material support for young single mothers. The research clearly shows that about 90% of those who choose abortion are either never-married or cohabiting after a divorce. Therefore, we have used many creative ways over the years to convince young people to save sex for marriage, and also to do all we can in our community to strengthen marriages, to prevent their breakdown. Following the Supreme Court's decision to send the power back to the states to determine their stand on abortion, our responsibility is to do all we can to change the minds of New Jersey residents towards an understanding of the sanctity of every human life from the moment of conception.

First, for everyone reading this newsletter and for all whom they can influence, we would like to recommend a new book published in 2021, which has become the #1 Amazon new release titled "What To Say When, how to change minds and convert hearts in a brave new world" by Shawn D. Carney and Steve Karlen.

The book begins with the following challenge: "The landscape has indeed changed, and the stakes have never been higher. Let us guide our hearts, sharpen our minds, and always proceed with love as we defend the most innocent among us." They cover how to respond to numerous arguments for abortion, but since our space is so limited, we will address only two here.

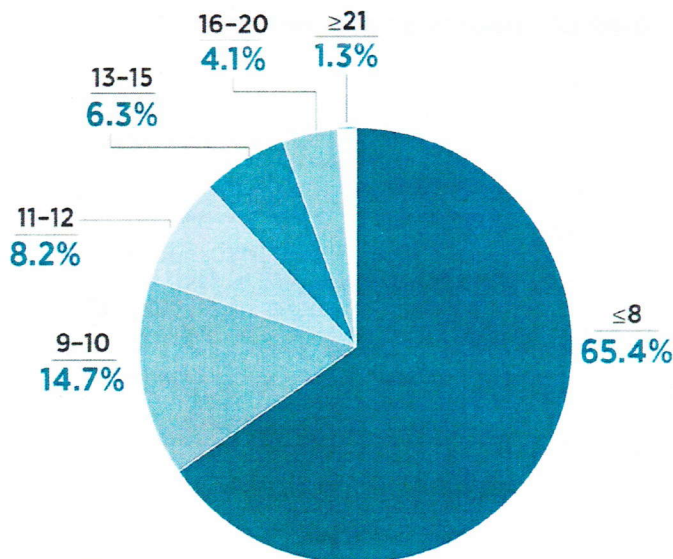
"My body, my choice" only sounds right if we ignore facts. First and most important of all, science has clearly shown that the unborn baby is not part of the mother's body, but a living human child with a unique set of DNA. Second, in countless examples of uncontroversial laws, we are restricted in what we can do with our own bodies: we cannot smoke in some locations, and we have to wear a seatbelt when driving etc.

Most assume that abortion is needed after rape or incest. However, one would never think of killing a child because of the father's sin in any other circumstances, and so as prolife people, we can bring the challenge that innocent, defenseless life must be protected.

Pray for God's help as we reach out to our community with this pro-life message.

WHEN WOMEN HAVE ABORTIONS

In 2016, two-thirds of abortions occurred at eight weeks of pregnancy or earlier, and 88% occurred in the first 12 weeks.



**' I THANK MY GOD EVERY TIME I REMEMBER YOU. IN ALL MY PRAYERS FOR ALL OF YOU,
I ALWAYS PRAY WITH JOY BECAUSE OF YOUR PARTNERSHIP' PHILIPPIANS 1: 3-5**

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