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Summit Life Outreach Center's 2008 Banquet Presents

Dr. Alveda C. King

We are excited and proud to announce that Dr. Alveda C. King will be the honored guest speaker at our 2nd Annual Summit Life Outreach Center Fundraising Banquet on Saturday, October 4th, 2008 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Lewiston, NY. Ms. King is the niece of the tireless civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and daughter of the slain Rev. A. D. King. Dr. King carries on the work of her uncle, crying out for the equal treatment of every person, regardless of the color of their skin, financial class, or stage of development. She is an avid defender of the unborn child. Martin Luther King Jr. announced, "I have a dream..." Dr. King continues, "How can the 'Dream' survive if we murder the children? Every aborted baby is like a slave in the womb of his or her mother. The mother decides on his or her fate." She has called on the "NAACP leadership to address the 'inconvenient truth' of abortion's impact on African Americans."



Dr. King is a highly educated politician who has been on the boards of numerous community organizations and spoken at the Democrats for Life of America's pre-March for Life breakfast (www.democratsforlife.com). Currently a senior fellow at the Alexis de Tocqueville Institute, she has an M.A. in business management from Central Michigan University and an honorary doctorate from Saint Anselm College. A former member of the Georgia House of Representatives, she founded King for America (www.kingforamerica.com), a faith-based organization whose "purpose is to enrich the lives of people spiritually, socially, intellectually and economically" through the promotion of school choice. She is also an accomplished actress, author and songwriter.

Dr. King is an active and prominent pro-life speaker who has first-hand knowledge of the ill effects of abortion on women and families. After her first child, she became concerned when her cycle had not resumed. The doctor put her through a painful examination, told her that she didn't "need another baby" and then performed an abortion. She did not ask for nor want that abortion. Out of fear of the baby's father, the ease and convenience that Roe v. Wade provided, and a personality change she blames on the first abortion, she aborted her next child. She subsequently had trouble bonding with her children and suffered "medical problems, eating disorders, depression, nightmares, sexual dysfunctions and a host of other issues related to the abortion she chose to have." She was angry and felt guilty about both abortions. Her children often asked her if she ever thought about aborting them. She stated that she had "two black men who helped (her) break that vicious cycle of death."

Now joining with the voices of SILENT NO MORE (www.priestsforlife.org), Dr. King fights for the rights of the unborn as director of the African American Outreach for the Gospel of Life. She says, "The Negro cannot win if he is willing to sacrifice the lives of his children for comfort and safety... We must end the pain of post-abortion trauma." Dr. King, in her website, quotes Jesus: "I am come that they may have life, and have it more abundantly." Please join us at our annual fundraising banquet to hear a great American and defender of those who cannot defend themselves.

Summit Life Outreach Center Baby Monitor

Lives are being saved thanks to your support of this community activity.

Look at all you have accomplished and at the babies that are alive today because of you.

	New Clients	Clients Served	Earn While You Learn Participants	Abortion Turnarounds*
Prior	103	305	355	3
Feb-08	6	25	25	--
Mar-08	7	27	27	--
Apr-08	9	34	34	--
May-08	8	34	34	2
Totals to Date	133	425	475	5

* This number includes only those clients who have voluntarily told Center counselors that they were planning to have an abortion prior to coming to the Center and changed their minds as a result of the counseling and support received at the Center. It is highly likely that additional turnarounds have resulted from the work at the Center which are not included in this number.



Question and Answer Corner



Question: How can other people assist a pregnant woman in life-affirming ways?

Answer: A **counselor** aids in understanding options and connecting her with useful organizations. **Parents** provide perspective based on their own life experiences. The **child's father** plays an essential role in the life of the child and its mother. **Friends** offer empathy and positive suggestions. **Brothers** and **sisters**, often with children of their own, provide child-rearing advice. **Pastors** give moral guidance. A friendly **neighbor** creates a comfortable environment. All of these people can be valuable sources of financial, emotional, spiritual and/or psychological support. It is important that a pregnant woman gathers healthy, well-balanced people around her who provide constructive guidance and are there for assistance when needed. Not every woman has access to these types of people, but one good person could help her find such people.

If you would like a question or topic addressed, please e-mail us at summitlifecenter@yahoo.com or write us.

Who's that Guy???






Each issue, we'll ask one of our little friends to help us tell you what we're up to at the Center.

Name: Simon
Age: 10 months
Favorite Food: meat
Favorite Toy: corn popper



Favorite Activity: walking around

Where Do the Candidates Stand on Life?

	Roe v. Wade	Partial-Birth Abortion	Taxpayer Funding	Parental Involvement Law	Embryonic Stem Cell Research	Human Cloning
REPUBLICANS						
 Mike Huckabee <i>Former Governor of Arkansas</i>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>"My convictions regarding the sanctity of life have always been clear and consistent, without equivocation or wavering. I believe that <i>Roe v. Wade</i> should be over-turned."</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Signed the Arkansas Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act into law. "I applaud the Court's action [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>]", which also sends a strong reminder that we must stay vigilant in our cause to protect those who cannot protect themselves."</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Worked to pass Arkansas' Unborn Child Amendment, which prevented taxpayer funding of abortion.</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>As governor of Arkansas, signed a bill requiring parental consent before an abortion is performed on a minor daughter.</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>"I am opposed to research on embryonic stem cells."</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>As governor of Arkansas, signed a law banning human cloning of all types. "I don't think it's right to create a life to end a life. That's not a good health decision."</p>
 John McCain <i>U.S. Senator from Arizona</i>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted to oppose <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason. "...We would be better off by having <i>Roe v. Wade</i> return to the states....I don't believe the... Court should be legislating in the way that they did on <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. "Today's Supreme Court ruling [in <i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] is a victory for those who cherish the sanctity of human life."</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted against legislation that would have allowed federal taxpayer dollars to go to organizations that perform or promote abortion.</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Voted to support a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Voted in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research.</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>According to his campaign website, he "opposes the intentional creation of human embryos for research purposes."</p>
 Ron Paul <i>U.S. Congressman from Texas</i>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>"Although the real problem lies within the hearts and minds of the people, the legal problems of protecting life stem from the ill-advised <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, a ruling that constitutionally should never have occurred."</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted for the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. "...[The Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act] has the possibility of saving innocent human life, and I will vote in favor of it."</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted against legislation that would have allowed federal taxpayer dollars to go to organizations that perform or promote abortion.</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted against a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted against funding embryonic stem cell research. "Asking taxpayers to fund research that they could very well be opposed to ethically seems to me to be patently unfair."</p>	<p>SUPPORTS/OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted against a federal bill which would have banned all forms of human cloning. Wrote that he would support prohibiting cloning "if done by states."</p>
DEMOCRATS						
 Hillary Clinton <i>U.S. Senator from New York</i>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Voted to endorse <i>Roe v. Wade</i>, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason. Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act." "I strongly support <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Voted against the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act. "[<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] marks a dramatic departure from four decades of Supreme Court rulings that upheld a woman's right to choose..."</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Voted for legislation to allow federal taxpayer dollars to go to organizations that perform or promote abortion.</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted to kill a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Voted in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research. "[L]et me be very clear: When I am president, I will lift the ban on stem cell research..."</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Co-sponsored a bill (S. 1520) in 2005 that would allow the cloning of human embryos for research but prohibit their survival.</p>
 Barack Obama <i>U.S. Senator from Illinois</i>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Co-sponsor of the "Freedom of Choice Act." "I have consistently advocated for reproductive choice and will make preserving women's rights under <i>Roe v. Wade</i> a priority as President."</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>"I am extremely concerned that [<i>Gonzales v. Carhart</i>] will embolden state legislatures to enact further measures to restrict a woman's right to choose, and that the conservative Supreme Court justices will look for other opportunities to erode <i>Roe v. Wade</i>."</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Voted for legislation to allow federal taxpayer dollars to go to organizations that perform or promote abortion.</p>	<p>OPPOSES</p> <p>Voted to kill a bill that would have required an abortionist to notify at least one parent before performing an abortion on a minor girl from another state.</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Voted in favor of funding embryonic stem cell research. "Embryonic stem cells can be obtained from a number of sources including in vitro fertilization. ...We should expand and accelerate research using these embryos..."</p>	<p>SUPPORTS</p> <p>Co-sponsored a bill (S. 1520) in 2005 that would allow the cloning of human embryos for research but prohibit their survival.</p>

Pope Benedict XVI Visits U.S. For First Time



Pope Benedict XVI, formerly known as Cardinal Ratzinger and currently the visible head of the Roman Catholic Church, not only put a human face on the Church during his seven-day visit to the United States in April 2008 but also put a spotlight on the staggering effects of ignoring Catholic social teachings.

The Roman Pontiff met with bishops and cardinals, the President of the United States and U.S. lawmakers, representatives of Catholic universities and charitable organizations, the United Nations General Assembly, religious men and women of the Catholic faith, young people and seminarians, and individuals of various faiths. He revealed genuine sympathy toward the poor, the aged, broken families, the elderly and the plight of women while demonstrating that Catholic teaching is not just an abstract theological perspective. Regarding the sanctity of life, the Pope said, "The Church teaches that abortion or euthanasia is a grave sin. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion, even among Catholics, about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not, however, with regard to abortion and euthanasia." He spoke before the United Nations General Assembly stating, "Notwithstanding the enormous benefits humanity can gain [from technology and science], some instances of this [referring to embryonic stem cell research and cloning] represents a clear violation of the order of creation, to the point where not only is the sacred character of life contradicted, but the human person and the family are robbed of their natural identity... This never requires a choice to be made between science and ethics. Rather, it is a question of adapting a scientific method that is truly respectful of ethical imperatives." The Pope defended the traditional family based on the marriage of one man to one woman and human life from natural conception to natural death. Divorce, abortion and euthanasia damage the dignity of human life, cause suffering, and harm innocent victims, both born and unborn.

President George W. Bush has actively worked with Catholic Popes during his administration in an effort to end the destruction of human life (embryos) and bar U.S. funding from organizations which promote or assist in abortions. The President graciously hosted Pope Benedict XVI and supported the statements of the Roman Pontiff stating, "In a world where some treat life as something to be debased and discarded, we need your message that all human life is sacred and that 'each of us is willed, each of us is loved, and each of us is necessary...'" President Bush affirmed the Pope's message that all human life is sacred. Pope Benedict XVI expressed his concern that the United States is tending toward the reduction of religion to a base of common beliefs. "Faith becomes a passive acceptance that certain things 'out there' are true, but without practical relevance for everyday life... The result is a growing separation of faith from life, living 'as if God did not exist.' We have seen this emerge in an acute way in the scandal given by Catholics who promote an alleged right to abortion." In every instance, the Holy Father has sought to bring home to Americans the immensely destructive practical effects of ignoring Catholic social and moral teachings – effects which are devastating to society, families, and individual persons.

Want to Lend a Hand?

Can you help us? Whether it be time, talent or treasure, we can use them all. Help keep this community activity alive and strong. Please keep us in your prayers!!!

If you'd like to volunteer please send us your contact information and indicate what areas you'd like to help with.

If you'd like to make a donation, please send us your mailing address so we can mail you a receipt for your donation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____



“The King will reply ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

Matthew 25:40

Please indicate the committee's you'd like to help with:
(circle all that apply)

Baby Blessings Room
(baby clothes & items volunteer)

Fundraising
(campaigns, events, etc.)

Abstinence/Chastity Training
(workshops, classes, etc.)

Experienced Grant Writer
(w/ focus on Not-for-Profit Grant Writing skills)

Center Volunteer
(peer counseling, secretarial, etc.)

Community Outreach
(advertising, speaking, etc.)

Newsletter
(writers, interviewing, editors, etc.)

Computer Support
(updating software and hardware, instruction)

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What's Happening at the Center?

The Summit Life Outreach Center

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<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Second Annual Fundraising Banquet	Fatima National Shrine, Lewiston	Sat 4 October 5:30 pm Cocktails 6:30 pm Dinner	Featuring Dr. Alveda King, Pastoral Associate, Priests for Life; see enclosed invitation!

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Friday: 11:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am – 2:00pm

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The Summit Life Outreach Center provides...

Pre & Post Natal Services

- *Free pregnancy tests*
- *Free confidential on-site peer counseling*
- *Free referrals for pre- & post-natal health care, legal services, adoption & housing*
- *Free maternity support programs, maternity and baby clothes/furnishings*

Education

- *Abstinence, chastity*
- *STD Prevention*

Referrals

- *Vocational & educational counseling*
- *Child care assistance*
- *Nutrition & family life skills*
- *Natural family planning*

All services are provided free of charge.