

I pray that you will vote for House Bill 69, the “Heartbeat Bill”. Every night you go to bed, an average of sixty-nine pre-born, innocent children have been murdered during the past twenty 24 hours in the state of Ohio. While many of us have been brainwashed into believing murder and abortion are two separate matters, totally different from one another, abortion is in all of its aspects the intentional, pre-meditated killing of a human being.

My desire would be, that in my place, you were being addressed by eloquent speakers whose knowledge of “abortion numbers” and the “abortion business” itself far exceed my knowledge. A few of those many people would be:

- Alveda King, the granddaughter of Dr. Martin Luther King and a pro-life advocate.
- Senator Rick Santorum and his wife who could discuss their precious daughter, Bella, whose life doctors suggested they terminate. Once Bella was born, they suggested she be allowed to die.
- Abby Johnson, the former Planned Parenthood Director, who after witnessing a young baby boy struggling to escape a suction tube in an ultrasound guided abortion, resigned her position and has now become a leading pro-life advocate.
- Jill Stanek, a nurse who tried desperately, but unsuccessfully to find hospital staff to save the life of a baby boy who had survived a botched abortion.
- Father Frank Prevone of “Priests for Life”.
- Norma McCovey, known to you as “Jane Roe” of “Roe vs Wade”.

However, in my own small way, I am delighted with the opportunity to address the issue of abortion, i.e. the pre-meditated murder of helpless, pre-born human beings. While obtaining a Bachelor of Science Degree at Ohio State University, it became clear beyond any question whatsoever, that life begins at conception. At any point during a normal pregnancy, when humans decide to end the development of the embryo or fetus, a maturing human being has been murdered.

Before proceeding further, I should address the fact that whenever the abortion issue is raised, pro-abortionists begin their banter that abortion control will lead to the death and/or great physical suffering for the mother. The clear implication is that all abortions are to protect the life of the mother. I personally am aware of no pro-life advocate who would suggest sacrificing a mother’s life or allow her to suffer permanent physical harm by continuing such a pregnancy. I am aware of no proposed law which would force such a sacrifice. This pro-abortion argument is simply a “cover-up” excuse to continue murdering unborn humans for the sake of convenience. Also to be addressed is the fact that pro-abortionists and the abortion industry for many years pushed the idea that the pre-born child was simply a “glob” of matter and need not be considered a human being until the third trimester. This preposterous concept has been proven so absurd, that fewer and fewer individuals give credence to this fabrication.

I do realize there are instances where a “new member” in a family may cause extra financial or psychological stress. However, this is no excuse to murder a totally innocent, unborn, defenseless human being. If we, as a society, and as lawmakers exerted

as much effort and spent as many resources on working with families to solve these problems as we do in sustaining and supporting the murder of these pre-born humans, their stresses could be greatly reduced.

In the much discredited Roe vs. Wade decision, Justice Harry Blackman wrote for the majority, “We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins.” In all due respect, if Justice Blackman had attended Ohio State University and taken science courses with me ten years prior to Roe vs. Wade, he would have learned that life begins at conception. It was also noted that as science progressed, this case may have to be revisited. Science has certainly progressed far beyond what Justice Blackman might have imagined. Now we can watch the pre-born human’s heart beat, and we are able to verify brain waves. We can not deny this is a living being. We can not deny that to stop a beating heart in a pre-born human is to murder the most innocent among us. Certainly, the time for the Supreme Court to review this issue is long overdue.

Other serious abortion issues which I will not address at this time but should be addressed include..

- The totally shocking number of African-American abortions.
- Sex-selective abortion.
- Abortion of Down-syndrome children.

Although I have much more I would like to discuss, I will end by noting that Norma McCovey (Jane Roe) has become very active in the pro-life movement, including work with Operation Rescue. In February of 2005, McCovey petitioned the Supreme Court to overturn the 1973 decision of Roe vs. Wade. She has authored two books----- I Am Roe and Won By Love. The following quotation is from the book, Won By Love.

“ I was setting in the O.R.’s office when I noticed a fetal development poster. The progression was so obvious, the eyes so sweet. It hurt my heart just looking at them. I ran outside and finally it dawned on me. ‘*Norma,*’ I said to myself. ‘*They are right.*’ I had worked with pregnant women for years. I had been through three pregnancies and deliveries myself. I should have known. Yet something in that poster made me lose my breath. I kept seeing the picture of that tiny, ten-week old embryo, and I said to myself, ‘*That’s a baby!*’ It’s as if blinders just fell off my eyes and I suddenly understood the truth. ‘*That’s a baby!*’

I felt crushed under the truth of this realization. I had to face up to the awful reality. Abortion wasn’t about “products of conception”. It wasn’t about “missed periods”. It was about children being killed in their mother’s wombs. All those years I was wrong. Signing that affidavit, I was wrong. Working in an abortion clinic, I was wrong. No more of this first trimester, second trimester, third trimester stuff. Abortion-at any point- was wrong. It was so clear. Painfully clear.”

**Again, I respectfully request that you support the “Heartbeat Bill”
H.B. 69.**