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Campus Organizer Brings Pro-Life Message

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A new student movement is spreading across the country, picking up supporters and fame as it goes.

The movement, National Youth Pro-Life Coalition (NYOLC), began at the University of Minnesota a year ago.

Initiator of the movement, Sue Bastyr, who will be graduated from the university in December with a sociology degree, was in town recently for a five-day lecture stop as she traveled through New York state. She was scheduled to speak at the CYO convention last weekend.

It all began two years ago when Miss Bastyr and her roommate, Maureen Clements, realized they had been hearing proponents of abortion but nothing from the other side.

They began SOUL (Save Our Unwanted Lives) and took their newly learned facts on the violence of abortion, and alternatives to abortion, to colleges throughout the mid west.

"We started SOUL for educational purposes," said Miss Bastyr in an interview at Mrs. Muriel Trunfio's home in Brighton last Thursday. "I really believe young people are being duped on abortion, they only hear one side of the issue."

SOUL's statement of purpose, which was drawn up by eight students of a variety of religious beliefs, stated: "We view abortion as a negative, violent and primitive response to a very complex social problem that demands more rational and responsible thinking. We reject the notion that society must destroy its unwanted offspring to solve problems."

NYPLC's aim is to confront the American people with the violence of abortion and to challenge them to create and implement positive, non-violent solutions to the problems abortion is supposed to solve.

"You can't solve the problem of crime, overcrowding and poverty by getting rid of people," Miss Bastyr maintains, "that's not getting at the root problem."

The vibrant girl, decorated with pro life buttons, said "kids want to do something good, and we are urging them to utilize this energy for positive rational solutions to problems.

"If we want a country of brotherhood, we can't have a base of killing. And as young people we are saying we don't have to. We can attack a problem head on, and turn national priorities around — from power and wealth — to people as most important."

Miss Bastyr said she had decided to dedicate her life to

the pro-life movement and will continue with NYPLC after she graduates. She plans to support herself by selling non-pollutant cleaning products full time.

Though the national movement concentrates its time and energy on the abortion issue it is also against violence in wars, euthanasia, corporal punishment and compulsory contraception.

It considers alternatives for abortion the most critical point of the issue and believes that psychological, social and economic conditions that force wo-

men into seeking out abortion can be remedied.

Some of the alternatives they back are: day-care centers emphasizing cooperation with the high school curriculum; education for responsible understanding of sexuality, marriage and parenthood; fostering an attitude of acceptance toward unwed mothers and single parents; comprehensive medical, social, economic, educational, vocational and recreational programs for unwed mothers; and rubella vaccination programs.

Cardinal Dearden

Equate War and Abortion

Detroit (RNS) — Cardinal John Dearden has called on priests of the Detroit Catholic archdiocese to show concern for the protection for all life — not only in abortion cases — but in such situations as the current Indo-China war.

"It should be remembered by pro-abortionists and anti-abortionists alike that we cannot be selective in our love for life," Cardinal Dearden said in the Oct. 21 Priests' Newsletter issued here.

"The very same reasons call on us to protect it wherever and however it is threatened, whether through the suffocation of poverty or in villages ravaged by napalm or unborn in a mother's womb."

This is believed to be the first time the cardinal has linked the war and abortion in a statement to his priests.

An aide to Cardinal Dearden said he has made such comments orally, but the newsletter is his first published statement on the matter. It comes in the midst of a stiff battle of Roman Catholics and other groups over abortion reform proposed on the Nov. 7 Michigan ballot.

"Catholic participation in the debate over abortion legislation can be hopelessly distorted if it is construed as an attempt to impose our own moral teachings through legislation. That context is far too narrow. Meaningful debate can take place only in the larger context of life itself," the cardinal said.

"Our motives are as non-sectarian as life itself. If laws are needed to defend life — such as child beating laws or even open housing laws — then we will support those laws. We are not seeking to impose our own morality; we are attempting to protect hu-

man life. It should be remembered by pro-abortionists and anti-abortionists alike that we cannot be selective in our love for life.

"The very same reasons call on us to protect it wherever and however it is threatened, whether through the suffocation of poverty or in villages ravaged by napalm or unborn life in a mother's womb. As we join in the efforts to protect the life of the unborn we must be willing to expend ourselves and our resources as fully on all the issues in which a respect for human life is threatened.

"Jesus taught us to value life. He brought sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, food to the hungry, health to the leper and life to Lazarus. His own resurrection showed us a certain continuity between this life and the next. We who value life after death must value and love and protect this life as well."

Irish to Vote On Question of State Church

Dublin (RNS) — The Irish Republic probably will hold a popular referendum in late November to determine the mind of its citizens on whether the special position of the Catholic Church in that country should be continued or eliminated.

Premier John Lynch told parliament that the vote would likely be held Nov. 30, the same day on which the country will vote on a proposal to lower the voting age from 21 to 18.

The Irish Constitution recognizes the Catholic Church as the state Church and provides that its position should be given special protection. This provision has been strongly criticized by the Protestant majority in Northern Ireland and held up as an obstacle to any attempt at eventual unification of Ireland.

Some politicians in the Irish Republic have declared that the constitutional safeguard is no longer relevant.

Other political leaders claim that the scrapping of the Church proviso will still leave Ulster Protestants with other questions of Church influence on national issues. These include the prohibition of the sale of contraceptives, the absence of divorce and censorship.

Although more than 90 percent of those in the Irish Republic are Catholic, Lynch said that both Fianna Fail, the government party, and the two chief opposition parties favor the elimination of the article.

Earlier this year, Cardinal William Conway of Armagh, Primate of all Ireland, said he "would not shed a tear" if the article disappeared.

MEYER HONORED

Garson Meyer, chairman of the President's Task Force on the aging since 1969, has won the Better Life Award of the American Nursing Home Assn. The national honor, a plaque, was presented to Meyer for his qualities of concern and accomplishment in the area of long-term health care for the elderly.

LATIN MASS

Mother of Sorrows Church, 5000 Mt. Read Blvd., will celebrate an all-Latin High Mass, on Sunday, Nov. 5, at 9:30 a.m. Father George Wood, pastor, will be the celebrant.

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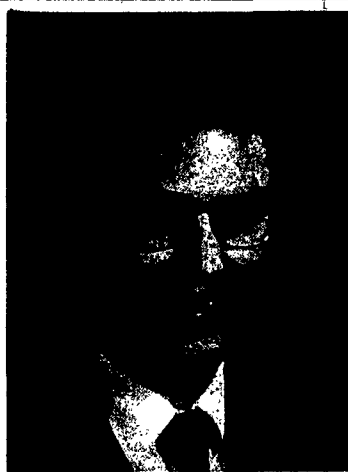
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