

Life, Liberty and Law



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[Conclusion]

It goes without saying. The most obvious and the most important and the most direct and the most pleasant way to help St. Mary's Hospital is to have all your babies there. The obstetrical unit is well-staffed, well-equipped, and totally committed to human life "from conception till death." No abortions. No sterilizations. No delivery room euthanasia. No fetal experimentation. St. Mary's is simply the most fitting place for your baby to pop into an unfitting (but improvable) world.

There are other ways to help

1—Clip and retain this entire five part series on St. Mary's. Relate the information contained therein to friends and relatives in other areas of the state and nation.

2—Encourage lay teachers, priests, pastors, nuns and writers to study the situation. Urge them to become involved.

3—Contact the Genesee Regional Health Planning Council (Mr. Anthony T. Mott) 360 East Ave., Rochester. 14604. Their latest proposal contains on page 19: "It is the belief of the committee that any hospital which intends to provide full obstetrical coverage must provide family planning, sterilization, and abortion." (Please note that the word used is "must." According to Catholic directives on abortion, no Christian can even take part in referring a woman to an organization which does provide

abortions.) Ask GRHPC for a copy of the full 21-page proposal.

4—Contact editors of all local papers.

5—Encourage student participation in research projects pertaining to St. Mary's history, facilities, departments and plans.

6—Contact St. Mary's Task Force and volunteer. Dr. Victor Tofany, Chairman. St. Mary's Hospital 89 Genesee St., Rochester 14611.

7—Secure a copy of Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Facilities from the Department of Health Affairs, U.S. Catholic Conference, 1312 Massachusetts Ave. NW Washington D.C. 20005. I believe this pamphlet is free.

8—Secure a copy as soon as possible of The Catholic Catechism by John A. Hardon, SJ, for a more detailed presentation of the Catholic position on abortion, sterilization and euthanasia. The Nihil Obstat (Daniel V. Flynn, J.C.D., Censor Librorum) and the Imprimatur (James P. Mahoney, D.D., Vicar General N.Y. Archdiocese) are your assurances that the publication is free of doctrinal error. The prefatory note is written by Cardinal John Wright, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of the Clergy, Vatican City. (\$5.95 paperback.)

Please do all that you can now while your actions can still be effective. It is easier and wiser to prevent an evil than it is to reverse one. For this is not simply a matter of social injustice. It is a matter literally of life and death.

St. Mary's is the only hospital between Syracuse and Buffalo which does not and will not perform abortions. The only hospital between Syracuse and Buffalo which does not and will not perform contraceptive sterilizations. No euthanasia in either the nursery or the geriatric units. No fetal experimentations.

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