

Planned Parenthood's Annual Report Can Be Summed Up In Three Words: Abortion, Abortion, Abortion

By Jim Sedlak

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Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) has released its 1996-1997 annual report. It is a report which shows an organization determined to kill as many unborn children as possible. And an organization with a money pipeline to corporations, foundations, wealthy individuals and the United States government!

In the report, and in news stories released at about the same time as the report, PPFA brags about the number of abortions — surgical and chemical — with which it is involved.

Surgical abortions

First, let's look at PPFA's surgical abortion business. PPFA is the only IPPF affiliate that openly does surgical abortions in its own facilities. PPFA's surgical abortion business has grown through the years.

In 1996, PPFA did a record 153,367 surgical abortions in its own facilities. A 10 percent increase from the previous year! PPFA claims that 75 of its affiliates perform surgical abortions. STOPP estimates that these 75 affiliates operate 130 abortion chambers. In addition to the number performed at its own centers, PPFA referred another 54,207 women to other places to kill their babies and contracted for another 261. Thus, PPFA's total surgical abortion victims were 207,835 dead children and the same number of wounded mothers plus an equal number of fathers who will never see their child.

PP develops MVA abortions

The medical director of Planned Parenthood in Houston, Dr. Jerry Edwards, has developed a "new" technique for killing babies in the womb. Known as Manual Vacuum Aspiration, or MVA, it involves the abortionist using a large syringe to suck the baby out of the womb. It is designed to be used as early as one week following implantation.

The New York Times did a front page story on this technique in its Sunday, Dec. 21, 1997, edition. Dr. Michael Burnhill, vice president for medical affairs at PPFA told The Times, "With these very early abortions we're talking about a whole gestational sac that's the size of a matchstick head. It's nobody's picture of a little baby sucking its thumb."

The Associated Press reported that this technique is currently being done by 23 PPFA affiliates across the country. In its annual report, PPFA stated it would provide "affiliates with training and information on the MVA technique."

Although this technique is being hyped as "new," followers of STOPP have already read about it in the book "Deadly Deception" which we did for Human Life International last year. IPPF is pushing MVA as a method of menstrual regulation — thereby getting around laws making abortion illegal in some countries.

Chemical abortions

In addition to surgical abortions, PPFA is also involved in killing babies by chemical means. One method is through its so-called MTX abortions. PPFA's annual report records the fact that "more than 800 women currently participating at (45 sites run by) 28 Planned Parenthood affiliates" have killed their babies using a combination of methotrexate and misoprostol.

In Milwaukee, Wisc., for example, the Journal Sentinel reported on Dec. 15, 1997, that a Milwau-

kee Planned Parenthood official says 50 local women have tried the method and have found it to be 90 percent to 95 percent effective. "We're very happy with the results," said Planned Parenthood's medical director, Kathryn Leonhardt. The method has had "excellent patient satisfaction."

Whether surgically or chemically, PPFA is pressuring to have mifepristone (RU-486) made legal in the United States.

But these two methods of "medical abortions" are not the only chemical means PPFA uses to kill babies in the womb . . .

"Emergency contraception"

PPFA continues to push "emergency contraception (EC)." EC is used when a woman has had sexual intercourse and is afraid she will become pregnant. EC uses one of two approaches. The first approach consists of inserting an IUD into the woman to prevent a baby from implanting in her womb.

The second approach is giving the woman a double dose of the birth control pill, followed by another double dose in 12 hours. It is hoped the shock of so much drugs will cause the woman's body to delay or eliminate ovulation. If that fails, the double-double dose of the pill will alter the woman's uterine lining to prevent implantation of an already created human being. Although it is impossible to say exactly how many babies die from the administering of EC, one would expect the number to be at least 10 percent.

PPFA claims to have administered emergency contraception to 28,297 women in 1996 (a 63 percent increase over 1995). Thus, PPFA killed another 2,830 babies using this method in 1996 — that's seven every day (including Sundays).

The emphasis on this method continues to rise and Planned Parenthood stated in its annual report, PPFA has made it a priority to increase women's knowledge about, and access to, this method."

Death by "contraception"

Many of the devices PPFA sells as "contraceptives" do not prevent fertilization, but rather, prevent implantation of an already created human being. The devices which work this way are the IUD, Norplant, Depo-Provera, Cyclo-Provera, and the low-dose and mini birth control pills. (Note: There seems to be some confusion in the pro-life, pro-family community about whether or not these devices kill babies in the womb. There is no such confusion at Planned Parenthood. In 1997, PPFA published "All About Sex." In this book, PP listed the methods of operation for each kind of birth control device. Here's what PPFA included among the ways the following devices work:

The IUD — "They may also work . . . by affecting the lining of the uterus in ways that prevent implantation."

The pill — "Both types of pills can also prevent fertilized eggs from implanting in the uterus."

Norplant — "Some researchers believe that Norplant may also work by preventing a fertilized egg from attaching to the lining of the uterus."

Depo-Provera — "It may also affect the lining of the uterus to prevent implantation."

SO A percentage of the women taking these devices will have one or more abortions each year. It is, of course, impossible to know the exact number of babies killed by these devices in any one year. But a 1994 study done by the Study of

Abortion Deaths Commission (PO Box 787, Bardstown, Ky. 40004), and published in the book "Infant Homicides Through Contraceptives," gives us good scientific data on which to estimate the number.

PPFA reported in its 1996-1997 annual report that it had 1,870,000 birth control customers in 1996 and that approximately 79 percent of them used one of the four methods listed above. This means that about 1,477,000 PPFA customers used birth control devices that sometimes kill babies after fertilization and before implantation.

Using the data from the Study of Abortion Deaths Commission, we find the following estimate of the number of deaths women using these devices will have:

Pill — between 6 percent and 30 percent of women using the pill will have one child die in the womb each year.

IUD — on the average, a woman

using the IUD will have 2-3 children die in the womb each year.

Depo-Provera — on the average, a woman using Depo-Provera will have 1-2 children die in the womb each year.

Norplant — on the average, a woman using Norplant will have more than 1 child die in her womb each year.

IF WE combine all this data, and then use Planned Parenthood's data on its number of birth control customers and the percentage that uses each method, we can calculate the approximate number of babies killed by PPFA customers using these devices each year.

According to all the data available, PPFA's birth control customers are responsible for the deaths of approximately 664,650 children each year!

You can see then that PPFA is a vast killing machine. The following

sums up the number of babies killed by PPFA staff, chemical devices or referrals each year:

Deaths in the womb caused by PPFA in 1996:

Surgical Abortion — 207,835
Chemical Abortion — 800+
Emergency Contraception — 2,830

"Contraception" — 664,650
Total — 876,115+

Editor's Note: The above information was taken from the Ryan Report, February 1998 issue. The issue also carries detailed statistics of Planned Parenthood information on private money and sex education that fuels the organization, PPFA affiliates and clinics, its customers, staff and volunteers government money and actions that can be taken to stop Planned Parenthood. Copies of the issue are available at the Family Resources Center, STOPP International (fax (914) 452-6209; phone (914) 473-3316; e-mail stoppin@aol.com

Headline-Making Abortion Method Not So New

By Brian Caulfield

NEW YORK — An abortion method that made headlines just before Christmas and is being promoted by Planned Parenthood as an innovation that allows doctors to perform abortions only days after conception is not all that new, according to Dr. Bernard Nathanson.

A pioneer in the abortion industry before converting to the pro-life camp, Nathanson said he used a similar method in 1969 and taught other doctors to do so before they abandoned such early abortions because of the high risk of complications. Even the addition of modern ultrasound imaging, which seeks to locate the gestational sac that holds the newly conceived child, does not make early abortion significantly safer, he told the National Catholic Register.

Planned Parenthood's recent fanfare about the early method, called "manual vacuum aspiration," is little more than a public relations ploy to divert attention from the country's growing distaste for late-term abortions, Nathanson said. The number of "pro-choice" members of Congress who voted for bans on the so-called "partial-birth abortion" procedure has caused a desperate effort among abortion advocates to reassure politicians and the public that abortion can now be done before a woman even misses her first menstrual period, he said.

A STATEMENT by Dr. Michael Burnhill, Planned Parenthood's vice president for medical affairs, seems to support Nathanson's claim.

"With these very early abortions, we're talking about a whole gestational sac that's the size of a matchstick head. It's nobody's picture of a little baby sucking its thumb," Burnhill recently told The New York Times.

Whether done early or late, Catholic ethicists point out, the direct and intentional killing of life in the womb is always wrong.

The Vatican responded quickly last month to reports of the abortion method. Bishop Elio Sgreccia, vice president of the Pontifical Academy for Life, stated that early abortion threatens "to anesthetize consciences" by killing new life that can

hardly be seen or felt. Although the technique may appear to be another form of contraception that can save a woman from the pain of abortion, the bishop said, "these are authentic abortions."

"It's the same sin. The gravity of the act remains the same," said Father John Bonnici, head of the Family Life-Respect Life Office for the New York archdiocese. "What is unfortunate is that the ease of this procedure makes it seem that everything will be all right. But it's still a decision to destroy one's own child."

ADMITTING that the technique may seem to blur the line between abortion and contraception, Judie Brown, president of American Life League, said that this is an opportunity to educate the public that many contraceptives are actually abortifacients. The "pill" and intrauterine devices (IUDs) can be dangerous not only to women, she noted, and they can cause abortion at very early stages by making the uterine wall hostile to implantation of a days-old embryo.

She added, "The contraceptive mentality grows into an abortion, anti-life contraception. The pro-life movement has failed to stress this to its great detriment. Planned Parenthood has just shown us why this has been a grave mistake."

The early-abortion method, available so far in only two dozen Planned Parenthood facilities across the country, uses ultrasound to locate the tiny gestational sac and a hand-held syringe that is inserted through the birth canal into the uterus to remove the sac and surrounding material. When the extracted material is placed in water, the spongy sac floats to the surface and the abortion is verified. The entire procedure takes a few minutes.

ABORTION advocates have stated that the hand-held syringe avoids the noise of the suction machine used in later abortions and is popular at facilities in developing countries, where access to electricity may be limited.

Dr. Jerry Edwards, medical director at Planned Parenthood who developed the early-abortion method with ultrasound, claims to have performed 2,400 such procedures since

1994. He states that complications previously associated with early abortion have not been found and predicts a new age in the abortion industry, as more women gain knowledge of the advantages of the procedure.

Nathanson disagrees. Recalling his own experience with early abortions, he said that Planned Parenthood is "exhuming a ghost."

"We did this in 1969 and called it menstrual extraction. The one added feature is that today they use ultrasound to locate the gestational sac."

Although ultrasound is effective in locating the developing child four weeks after conception, at earlier stages, he warned, "it can be tricky and misleading."

THERE IS enough gray area in the method to give most physicians pause even today, just as he and fellow abortionists shied away from menstrual extraction in the 1960s to develop more efficient methods of surgical abortion, Nathanson said.

"Medically, the problems are very much the same" with or without ultrasound. "My own feeling is that most abortionists are not going to change their methods because it's much safer to do surgical abortions at six to eight weeks' gestation."

A prime example of the faulty information being promulgated by abortion advocates was seen in a New York Times article last month about the "new" early method. The article made much of the fact that the extracted uterine contents are floated to isolate the gestational sac. If the sac is not detected, the possibility exists that there is no pregnancy or the procedure failed to abort the tiny pre-born baby.

"When I ran a clinic in New York, it was considered absolutely necessary for every abortion doctor to do that," said Nathanson. "We told every doctor that up to 12 weeks' gestation, they had to float the tissue to make sure they'd got it all. Otherwise, the woman could go home thinking she had an abortion and she's still pregnant."

THE NEW focus on early-term abortions does highlight one fact, Nathanson pointed out: Even abor-

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Get The Facts On Planned Parenthood

By Brian Clowes, Ph.D.

Human Life International has long been at the forefront of the battle against the Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA), by exposing its true anti-life agenda throughout the world. Most of our readers know that PPFA is a pro-abortion group and that it commits surgical abortions on a large scale. But not all yet realize the insidious nature of PPFA and its horrific impact on society as the behemoth of the abortion industry.

In the United States, about 20,000 staff and volunteers operate 142 Planned Parenthood affiliates and their 900 clinics, 130 of which commit surgical abortions. In 1996, PPFA recorded an income of over half a billion dollars, one-third of which was taken out of taxpayers' pockets. In the same year, the organization committed 153,367 surgical abortions and referred 54,207 more; administered nearly a million pregnancy tests; had nearly two million birth control customers; filed suit against dozens of pro-life laws; and pushed explicit sex education programs all over the country. These numbers give some idea of the colossal impact that Planned Parenthood has on millions of people every year, and tragically our youth.

Planned Parenthood is involved in every aspect of promoting and performing abortion in the United States. One of the most effective ways pro-lifers can stop abortion is, quite simply, to stop Planned Parenthood.

PPFA's involvement in surgical and chemical abortion

In 1984, Faye Wattleton, then-president of PPFA, said, "We know that the abortion issue is *our* issue." Abortion has *always* been Planned Parenthood's number one issue.

On July 1, 1970, the state of New York legalized abortion. PPFA was so eager to begin exterminating preborn lives that it committed its first abortion the very next day. It now owns the biggest chain of abortion factories in the country and has committed nearly two and a half million abortions in the last 28 years — a number equivalent to the populations of St. Louis, San Diego, Phoenix, Pittsburgh or Baltimore.

Ever anxious to exploit new ways of exterminating the preborn, PPFA now pushes so-called "post-coital contraception" in a big way. The group recommends "doubling up" on birth control pills in order to enhance their abortifacient effect to end the life of an early developing human being. In 1996, PPFA gave this abortifacient to nearly 30,000 women, and will administer it to 100,000 more this year. It is also beginning to administer methotrexate/misoprostol (MTX) chemical abortions, and has declared its intention to distribute the RU-486 abortion pill on a massive scale as soon as it becomes available.

To show how lopsidedly it emphasizes only one choice — abortion — PPFA commits or refers ten surgical abortions for each referral or prenatal care or adoption.

PPFA's aggressive pro-abortion litigation

Planned Parenthood has demonstrated its absolute commitment to abortion by acting as a plaintiff in hundreds of lawsuits against pro-life laws in almost every state, even when such laws are supported by the vast majority of the people and the state legislatures.

A Planned Parenthood executive as the plaintiff in the 1965 Supreme Court case that discovered

the mythical "right to privacy" — *Griswold v. Connecticut*. Today, PPFA fights any limits on abortion, regardless of how trivial they are. It has opposed informed consent laws, waiting periods for minors, parental or spousal consent or notification, decent burial or cremation for aborted preborn babies, and even attempts to set standards for the licensing of abortion mills, which would safeguard the health of women.

Planned Parenthood has even challenged bans on third-trimester D&X abortions in several states. It also puts the lie to its claim to be a "pro-choice" group, since the only "choice" it supports is abortion. It has attempted to force the Roman Catholic Church to provide abortions to children in its care and has even gone to court to force high school student newspapers to accept its advertisements.

Tax dollars

In 1970, Planned Parenthood first began receiving government money when its clinic in Corpus Christi, Texas, received \$7,000 in government support. Since then, PPFA has swallowed more than \$3.9 billion (in 1998 dollars) of our federal, state and local tax dollars in the relentless pursuit of its comprehensive anti-life agenda. In 1996 alone, PPFA received \$177.5 million from federal, state and local governments.

Since 1970, Federal Title X grants have been the largest single source of PPFA's income from outside sources, and it now receives over \$40 million annually from this program. In light of the fact that PPFA annually rakes in tens of millions of dollars by selling abortions and makes tens of millions more by selling birth control devices at a huge markup, we must ask why American taxpayers — especially those who are pro-life — should continue to subsidize an organization that obviously can very easily support itself.

This vast Title X government subsidy allows PPFA to pay its operators staggering salaries. For example, in 1995, PPFA's then-president, Pamela Maraldo, received a \$251,538 salary, and at least four PPFA vice presidents and other officers received salaries ranging between \$151,000 and \$189,000.

Sex education

Faye Wattleton said of PPFA: "We are not going to be an organization promoting celibacy or chastity."

Soon after the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision, Planned Parenthood's Alan Guttmacher revealed one of the primary purposes of value-free sex education when he admitted that "The only avenue the International Planned Parenthood Federation and its allies could travel to win the battle for abortion on demand is through sex education."

This makes perfect marketing sense, and positions Planned Parenthood to perpetuate itself forever. First, it distributes grossly offensive sex education manuals throughout the United States. Teens who might otherwise be chaste learn from these books that it is "perfectly normal" to have sex, and so they visit the local Planned Parenthood clinic and pick up contraceptives. When the contraceptives fail (as they frequently do, especially among teens), then they return to the Planned Parenthood clinic for an abortion or a referral for an abortion elsewhere.

THIS IS a self-maintaining system that any marketer would be envious of: Make money by creating

the demand for your products and services, and then reap further profits from selling them.

All of PPFA's sex education manuals tell our children that they can embrace the complete line of anti-life behavior and be guilt-free: fornication, masturbation, contraception, abortion, pornography and homosexual acts. These manuals also repeat the old Kinsey line that "humans are sexual beings from before birth until death." For example, Planned Parenthood's sex ed text "The New Positive Images" talks about "erections of penis" and "possibility of orgasm" — *to three-year-old children*.

In addition to promoting immorality, Planned Parenthood has vigorously attacked sex education programs that teach any standard of morality. PPFA has filed lawsuits whose purpose is to ban effective abstinence-based sex education programs from high schools, on the grounds that they "violate the separation of church and state" by teaching a "religious point of view" — i.e., chastity and self-control.

This proves that PPFA believes such effective programs are threats to its income and influence. After all, Planned Parenthood doesn't make any money from kids practicing chastity.

THE OBJECTIONS that most pro-life organizations raise against Planned Parenthood are not only religious in nature, but profoundly practical as well. The natural and inevitable consequences of the permissive agenda pushed by PPFA and other anti-life groups are devastat-

ing from a public health standpoint. Abortion, teen fornication, illegitimate births, child abuse and child poverty, "shacking up," venereal diseases, and divorce have increased tremendously since 1970. These in turn have led to other baleful results, from millions more women and children living in poverty to a general relaxing of moral standards and society's willingness to accept other atrocities such as physician-assisted suicide, cloning and frozen human embryos.

Planned Parenthood's lavish funding also allows it to attack those who try to slow the deterioration of the health and morals of our society. PPFA has attacked pro-lifers and pro-life laws in the courts at all levels, thereby stripping any legal protection from preborn babies and their defenders.

Every local pro-life group and individual that joins the battle against this anti-life monster weakens it and ultimately makes it easier for *all* pro-lifers to do their jobs.

THERE ARE many things you can do to help:

- Learn more about Planned Parenthood. Visit HLI's Web site at <http://www.hli.org> for the history and background information on PPFA and for printed materials that you can distribute to help expose its agenda. HLI's Web site also contains more than a thousand shocking quotes by PPFA's founder, Margaret Sanger, and her contemporaries.

- PPFA gets a lot of its money from state and local governments, and naturally interprets this as support for its agenda. Find out where

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PPFA's money is coming from. Gather together and work diligently to eliminate state and local funding of Planned Parenthood at the state and local level. We must do the same at the national level by writing to our elected officials in Congress and demand that they stop funding abortion with our tax dollars in the Title X program.

- Educate people about the agenda of Planned Parenthood. Get books exposing PPFA, and donate them to your local public and school libraries. Organize presentations on Planned Parenthood at local schools and meeting halls. Meet with your local elected officials and educate them.

- Contribute to Human Life International, which is so effective at exposing Planned Parenthood, that they call us "public enemy #1!"

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Fighting Planned Parenthood

Books on Planned Parenthood

Through the years, a number of excellent books have been written about Planned Parenthood. They each approach the subject from a different vantage point and, together, will make anyone an "expert" on the problems with Planned Parenthood. Listed below are some of the books available:

"Grand Illusions" — This book by George Grant was first issued in 1988 (blue cover) and then updated in 1992 (tan cover). Grant has just completely updated the book again and the 1998 edition is available through Holly Hall Publishers. You can order by phone by calling 1-888-669-4693.

"Blessed are the Barren" — This book was written by Robert Marshall and Charles Donovan and is an excellent look at how Planned Parenthood operates behind the scenes. It is available from American Life League, (540) 659-4171.

"Deadly Deception" — This is a six volume series on IPPF published by Human Life International. Each volume deals with a different region of IPPF activity. Volume 1 includes all of North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. It, of course, is valuable for anyone fighting Planned Parenthood in the United States or Canada. You can order a copy by calling HLI's catalog order number, 1-800-549-LIFE.

Books on Margaret Sanger

"Margaret Sanger: Father of Modern Society" — Is an excellent look into the philosophies of Planned Parenthood's founder. It is essentially a review of Sanger's 1922 book, "The Pivot of Civilization."

It is available from Catholics United for Life at (502) 325-3061.

"Killer Angel" — Another book by George Grant, this concentrates on the life and philosophies of Margaret Sanger. It is available in bookstores or from Human Life International.

Pamphlets on Planned Parenthood

Many organizations publish small pamphlets on Planned Parenthood. As pamphlets are frequently changed and some go out of print, you should check with each organization on their current offerings. Following are some groups who currently offer pamphlets and booklets:

STOPP International — (914) 473-3316

American Life League — (540) 659-4171

Human Life International — (540) 635-7884

Life Decisions International — (202) 347-2066

Heritage House '76 — (800) 858-3040

Please Let Me Live — (916) 671-5500

Alliance for Life, Canada — (204) 942-4772

Couple to Couple League — (513) 471-2000

Pro-Life Action Ministries — (612) 771-6967

Ads against Planned Parenthood

LIFE Decisions International has prepared a series of advertisements on Planned Parenthood. It has four print ads, four radio ads and four TV ads. All are excellent tools in fighting Planned Parenthood and are available for purchase. Contact them at (202) 347-2066.

Videos On Planned Parenthood

In today's visual world, many people will not take the time to read, but will watch videos on Planned Parenthood. American Life League has a video series titled: "Planned Parenthood — The Problem Not the Solution." It contains nine talks by Jim Sedlak, president of STOPP International. The videos can also be used on cable access TV to spread the truth about Planned Parenthood. You can order the videos by calling (504) 659-4171.

Conclusion

Planned Parenthood remains a real threat to the lives of our unborn children as well as to the morals and souls of our already born. The Ryan Report is the only monthly publication devoted exclusively to Planned Parenthood. For a subscription call (914) 473-3316.



"When the sick, the aged or the dying are abandoned in loneliness, we will stand up and proclaim that they are worthy of love, care and respect."

"When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, we will stand up and proclaim that no one ever has the authority to destroy unborn life." — John Paul II

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