

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

As reported in the Mexia Daily News (11.9.07), Planned Parenthood of Waco has opened an office in Mexia. While the Daily News proclaimed supposed benefits, there are many reasons for serious concern, and the public deserves to know the facts about Planned Parenthood.

The article only mentioned in a parenthetical statement that Planned Parenthood operates an abortion clinic in Waco. This is no minor point of information. As part of the Planned Parenthood team, surely the clinic here in Mexia will follow their own guidelines and will refer for abortions in Waco, if not now, it will be later.

The clinic in Waco has performed over one thousand abortions yearly. Nationally, Planned Parenthood is the leading abortion provider, with 264,943 abortions in 2005 alone, a 29% increase since 2000.

These abortions destroy defenseless, innocent life. Moreover, there are at least two victims for each abortion-the unborn baby and the mother (and her family). Through research and a growing number of testimonies of women, we are finding out that post-abortive women experience severe emotional, spiritual and physical health problems. Often the problems surface only after years have past.

We are not only concerned on abortion, but also Planned Parenthood is no mere health organization. Planned Parenthood is deeply involved in social and political activism. Planned Parenthood calls itself pro-child, pro-woman, and pro-family. Yet it is an organization based on falsehoods about the human person, the family and community life.

In Washington and in Austin, Planned Parenthood lobbies against legislation that would increase parental involvement. Planned Parenthood opposes parental notification and consent requirements for abortion and contraception provided to teens and pre-teens. The organization vigorously challenges government funding of abstinence-only sex education for public schools.

Planned Parenthood nationally operates under a 25-year plan. One would think that their #1 goal would be about health care. Not so. Their top priority is stated this way, "Planned Parenthood will ensure that sexuality is understood as an essential, lifelong aspect of being human and that it is celebrated with respect, openness, and mutuality." If we permit them to stay in our area, we will suffer in the long run and consequences are irreparable.

Planned Parenthood today, and in its history going back to founder Margaret Sanger, (Planned Parenthood's legacy of racism and eugenics is firmly established through its founder), encourages sex without consequences outside of the bonds of marriage. Planned Parenthood's print and on-line publications clearly show its "free love" heritage. With the rampant growth of sexually transmitted diseases, women suffering from abortion, and the emotional damage from promiscuity, what Planned Parenthood promises is a false and dangerous hope.

Sexually transmitted diseases are on the rise according to news stories earlier this month on data released from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. For the first time in U.S. history, new cases for a single STD topped one million! This was the case for Chlamydia. Gonorrhea and congenital syphilis are also on the rise.

Do we really think the moral and healthy message for teens should be to give them condoms and birth control pills, shots, and patches so they can follow their sexual urges, and be free from parents' guidance? Our children of our area deserve better.

I am attaching some reasons to oppose Planned Parenthood in a summary form for our community and neighboring communities and I am, also, providing some web pages for you to check.

We strongly and yet humbly ask other people and churches of this area to speak and stand against this organization, and defend ourselves and our beliefs by every legal and ethical means at our disposal.

We should be wary about the impact of Planned Parenthood in our community. Knowing their actions and their philosophy we must deplore Planned Parenthood. We must, instead, strengthen our commitments to promote chastity-the sound and moral way to celebrate sexuality for our children, our families, and for a flourishing community.

We, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Mexia at Limestone county, will stand for Life, and hope that other faiths in the county will join us so that dignity and sanctity of every human life will be upheld at all stages of development.

Some Reasons to Oppose Planned Parenthood (PP):

10. PP is the world's largest promoter and provider of abortion.
9. PP claims to be a non-profit but uses your taxes to make millions in profits.
8. PP follows the eugenics philosophy of its founder, Margaret Sanger, in its quest to target minority groups.
7. Past PP President, Faye Wattleton says, "We are not going to be an organization promoting chastity or celibacy."
6. PP supports world-wide "family planning" which includes supporting China's one-child policy that has resulted in over one hundred million forced abortions and coercive infanticides.
5. PP comes between parents and their children. Two decades of PP sex education has resulted in a 90% increase in teen pregnancies and a 230% increase in teen abortions. PP offers "confidential" services, such as birth control and abortion, to your minor children without your knowledge. Check this site: www.teenwire.com designed by PP to tear down all vestiges of Christian sexual morality for our children and grandchildren.
4. PP's philosophy is anti-Christian.
3. PP opposes ALL laws that restrict abortion that may protect women.
2. PP protects child predators by not reporting cases of child sexual abuse.
1. PP refuses to inform women of the devastating effects of abortion, including breast cancer.

Here are some websites to check:

<http://www.all.org/stopp> <http://www.lifedynamics.com> <http://www.teenwire.com>

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