

January 2005
January 10, 2005 Newsletter
Choose Life, Massachusetts Activities to Date

On May 8, 2004 we attended The Compassion Pregnancy Center benefit dinner hosted by Marla Collins in Worcester, MA to publicize Choose Life where we collected signatures and sold promotional products.

On May 10, 2004 I was contacted by Stephen Fielding of Mass Citizens for Life. He notified me that he had received my brochure detailing the Choose Life effort and forwarded it to the Mass Citizens for Life President, Peg Whitbread and Executive Director Marie Sturgis.

On May 12, 2004, I wrote to Ms. Maria Parker of the Massachusetts Catholic Conference informing her of the Choose Life effort.

On May 18, 2004, I was contacted by Patrick Gearty, Grand Knight of the Norwood Knights of Columbus. He was interested in starting the Choose Life license plated and was delighted to see that someone was already working on the effort. He offered the assistance of the Knights and suggested that the Knights would be able to provide the initial \$100,000 bond for the plate when the time came.

In May of 2004, I spoke to Marianne Luthin of Project Rachel. She was responding to my letter to Archbishop Sean O'Malley and Project Rachel. She assured me of the Archdiocese's support for my quest to promote the cause of adoption. She also took Choose Life brochures to pass on to her counterparts in the other diocese of the state of Massachusetts.

On October 3, 2004, we attended the annual Massachusetts Citizens for Life Walk for Life on Boston Common where we collected signatures and sold promotional merchandise. One of the guest speakers was kind enough to refer attendees to our table "to sign up in support of this very important effort."

On October 15, 2004, we attended the annual Massachusetts Citizens for Life dinner in Randolph, MA. MCFL graciously allowed us to have a table in the lobby where we could distribute promotional material, collect signatures of support and sell promotional merchandise.

In November 2004 the Choose Life Corporation was expanded to include Mrs. Maureen Miller as secretary, Rev. Richard Weisenbach as director and Mrs. Marcelle O'Hara as director.

On December 2, 2004, I appeared on "Life Matters" hosted by Brendan O'Connell airing Boston Catholic Television. Russ Amerling, publicity coordinator for the national Choose Life effort, called in to answer questions regarding the origins of Choose Life and the status of Choose Life in other states across the nation. I have the tape available for anyone wishing to air the show on their community access cable station.

On December 4, 2004, I attended the Advent Breakfast of Women Affirming Life. I was unable to host a table at this event but I hope to work with WAL in the future to promote Choose Life.

On December 22, 2004, one year after applying, the Internal Revenue Service determined that we qualify for tax exempt status under section 501(c)3. We also qualify to receive tax deductible bequest, devises, transfers and gifts.

This Sunday, January 16, 2004, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., we will be at the Massachusetts Citizens for Life 32nd Annual Interfaith Assembly For Life at Faneuil Hall, 1 Faneuil Hall Square, Boston, MA. We will have a table at the assembly where people can sign up in support of the plate and purchase promotional products. Please consider joining us and telling others about this

event. At this time, we have collected approximately 600 signatures of support. We need 1500, so please keep pointing folks to our web site www.machoose-life.org. Additionally, we need another 1500 signatures within the first 24 months of the plate's release. If you know of any organizations or individuals willing to publicize the plate, please tell them of the effort or notify me and I will contact them myself.