

ILLINOIS CITIZENS FOR LIFE

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On January 19, 2011, Dr. Kermit Gosnell was arrested and charged with murder and infanticide in the deaths of seven babies and a woman in his abortion clinic in Pennsylvania. Almost the entire nation was outraged at the 281 page grand jury report which detailed what occurred in this “house of horrors”.

This is how the report begins. "This case is about a doctor who killed babies and endangered women. What we mean is that he regularly and illegally delivered live, viable babies in the third trimester of pregnancy — and then murdered these newborns by severing their spinal cords with scissors. The medical practice by which he carried out this business was a filthy fraud in which he overdosed his patients with dangerous drugs, spread venereal disease among them with infected instruments, perforated their wombs and bowels — and, on at least two occasions, caused their deaths. Over the years, many people came to know that something was going on here. But no one put a stop to it."

Carol Wright, Director of Public Relations for Illinois Citizens for Life, has pointed out that there was much less indignation when for years abortionists across America were also using scissors, not to cut the spinal cord of an already delivered baby, but to make an opening to insert a catheter to suck the brains out of a baby that was just inches away from birth. Many of the babies that were killed by the brutal Partial-Birth Abortion method were of the same gestational age as these babies that were prematurely induced and then killed with scissors. It took the Supreme Court to correct this abomination.

Abortion is always the killing of a living human child. At Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois, they were doing the induced labor abortion procedure regularly before 2002, except that instead of “snipping” the spinal cord they just let the tiny infant lie there and die without any assistance. That was until nurse Jill Stanek blew the whistle on them. Her courage led to the passage of the Born Alive Infant Protection Act at the Federal Level and eventually in Illinois.

Could such reprehensible practices take place in Illinois? There have been other stories of atrocities, deaths of women, filthy conditions in clinics, and babies found in dumpsters all over the United States.

Abortion is the least regulated business in America. In Illinois the standards are very minimal. Abortion clinics do not even have to have the same standards of health and safety as a veterinary clinic. According to Ralph Rivera, a pro-life lobbyist for Illinois Citizens for Life in Springfield, “We have tried for years to encourage the passage of “The Women’s Right to Know Act”, which would at least warn women of possible psychological, physical and emotional damage that is known to be caused in many women who have abortions. The increased risk of breast cancer should be something they know about in advance. We constantly run up against a brick wall.”

Illinois Citizens for Life is a grassroots, inter-denominational, non-partisan, not-for-profit pro-life organization that was founded in 1973 for the purpose of educating the public on the life issues, and to lobby for laws that protect women, their unborn children, the elderly, the disabled and unwanted. They are located at 5021 Fairview Avenue in Downers Grove, IL 60515. The website is www.icl-life.com.