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ALL SAINTS MASSES AT  
SACRED HEART:

Friday at 5 pm.

Saturday at 11:30 am & 5 pm.

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Are you  
voting in the  
Nov. 4 elections?

May the angels lead you into paradise;  
may the martyrs come to welcome you!

" O WHEN THE SAINTS COME MARCHING IN ... "





# LABOR FOR LIFE

By Patrick McGrath, a junior in Keenan Hall.

There is an abortion clinic in South Bend. It is a dark, dreary building surrounded by large trees. It is not a welcome sight and in fact its eeriness spurs one to move along quickly. I often wonder how difficult it must be to report to that catacomb for work each day. Even more saddening, I consider the hundreds of scared, lonely, and misinformed women who enter that building each year to terminate unwanted pregnancies. There must be a better way.

Fortunately there is an alternative to abortion in South Bend. For situated directly next door to the clinic is a beautiful home which has been converted into the Women's Care Center. The Women's Care Center(WCC) was founded in 1984 by a group of Notre Dame students and Professor Janet Smith. The center offers free pregnancy testing and information to women especially to those whose final destination was the abortion clinic. Women are offered the facts of abortion. If needed, they are given clothing and other necessities. And most importantly they are offered the sympathetic ear of a trained counselor. All of these services are offered in an attempt to persuade pregnant women to bring their babies to full term. The help doesn't end there though. The WCC also offers services to help women once their babies are born.

Over the years the WCC has seen over 120 women per month. It is difficult to tell exactly how many women have decided against abortion due to the efforts of the center. Many have returned to the center with their babies in order to thank the staff. Seeing the child is thanks enough.

The WCC continues in its work today thanks in large part to the Notre Dame community. Students helped establish the center and the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's Right to Life Group keeps the center as their number 1 priority. Volunteers and generous donations continue to fuel the work of the Women's Care Center. The work is never done and sometimes may seem fruitless. But anyone who has ever held a baby, loved another human being, or simply inhaled the precious breath of life understands why the work goes on.



*Grant  
them  
Eternal Rest,  
O Lord.*



ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS & THANKSGIVING ARE HERE AND Christmas isn't far off! These are days we like, they make us feel confident and ok about life. Christians have that faith bit that tells us that if we work at it, make some mistakes, and work at living some more, WE WILL BECOME SAINTS. All of us will have a bit more to do after we leave this earth and we have the faith that even then, as poor souls, we can finally be one with our God. But WHO WANTS TO BE SAINT? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SAINTLY OR HOLY? JESUS TELLS US:

Love God with everything we've got and to love our neighbors in the same way and as we love ourselves. So, As each of us struggles to love ourselves and others, we become more aware of our God and finally we achieve in the continuation of life after death oneness with our God---complete reconciliation. BUT, THE TRICK IS FIRST I MUST BE RECONCILED WITH MY NEIGHBOR.



NOTICE: COMING SOON--- CALL TO PEACE MAKING WEEK Nov 9-15 Watch for the events of this week.

"Yeah, now that you mention it, they do look like ants."



