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MCCL GO to present maternal mortality report at 4th Pro-Life World Congress in Zaragoza, Spain

MCCL will help to raise awareness that health care, not abortion, saves women's lives

ZARAGOZA, SPAIN —Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life Global Outreach (MCCL GO) will present its worldwide report on maternal mortality at the Fourth Pro-Life World Congress here at the invitation of the event's international organizers. MCCL GO is the international arm of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life.

"MCCL GO's landmark report dispels years of misinformation about how to save pregnant women's lives," said MCCL GO Executive Director Scott Fischbach. "We are hopeful that attendees from all over the world will take this information back to their home countries and implement these life-giving solutions to the problem of maternal mortality."

The MCCL GO report on maternal mortality, entitled "Does Legalizing Abortion Protect Women's Health?" is an analysis of World Health Organization and United Nations documents. The report compiles statistical data on legalized abortion and maternal mortality to conclude that improved medical care for women, not legalized abortion, is the crucial factor in reducing maternal mortality in the developing world.

The Pro-Life World Congress is held every two years to advance the culture of life that protects pregnant women and their unborn children. Speakers and roundtable discussions address the defense of human life from philosophical, anthropological, scientific, medical, legislative, judicial, social and political perspectives. In addition to MCCL GO's Fischbach, speakers include Maria Peralta, internist, president of Pro-Life Cuba; Anna Zaborska, president of the Commission of Rights of Women and Equality of Gender in the European Parliament; Richard Stith, professor of law at Valparaiso University; Martin Ssempe, pro-life leader in Uganda; and John Smeaton, president of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, United Kingdom. Other presenters will represent Costa Rica, Chile, El Salvador, Argentina, Croatia, Italy and the Vatican.

"The Pro-Life World Congress provides a unique opportunity for MCCL GO to deliver our lifesaving message about maternal mortality to 1,000 pro-life leaders and activists," Fischbach said.

Previous locations for the Pro-Life World Congress include Madrid in 2003, Lima, Peru in 2005, and Mexico in 2007. For further information about the event, visit the [Web site](#).

The MCCL GO report on maternal mortality is available at the MCCL Web site in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [French](#) and [Arabic](#). MCCL is Minnesota's oldest and largest pro-life organization. For more information about MCCL, visit www.mccl.org.

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