Technological Aspects of a Pro-Life Bibliography

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Presentation Outline

I. Background of the pro-life bibliography and website
II. Establishment of the LifeLit Institute website
III. Template language on the site
IV. Specific ethical issues
V. Future activity and projects
VI. Audience comments
Nellie Gray (1924-2012)

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Dr. Jack Willke (1925-2015)
Barbara Willke (1923-2013)
Phyllis Schlafly (1924-2016)

Pro-Life Leaders Remember Phyllis Schlafly: “She’s the Reason the GOP is Pro-Life”
Email from Rosanna M. O'Neil, Senior Library Services Consultant at OCLC

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Initial Screen of LifeLit Institute
Sample Bibliographic Entry

Title: A Mother's Ordeal
Subtitle: One Woman's Fight Against China's One-Child Policy

Category: Core recommended work
Editor: Select
Edited by: Yes
Author: Steven W. Mosher
Tags: Type or select some options
Note: 

Cover Image: https://images
Year: 1993
Location: Select
Library: Lifelit Institute
Catalog #: 
Total number of copies: 1

Image credit: Amazon.com.
Availability for this book can be found at http://www.worldcat.org/oclc/27642984.
Administrative Problems/Issues

• Template language established for uniformity within the bibliographic entries

• No semicolons placed after the main title

• Some main titles contain the subtitle (the “alias” was already in use)

• Author field challenges
  – “Daughters of St. Paul” as both corporate author and editor
  – Anti-life Michael Tooley as author (two of his coauthors are pro-life)
Unresolved Ethical Issues

• Should a work be listed if the author or editor is pro-life, yet the title is anti-life? (Karl Binding and Alfred Hoche’s *Permitting the Destruction of Unworthy Life*, reprinted in 1992 by the National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent & Disabled, a pro-life group)

• Is it ethical to list a title if the author is not known to be pro-life? (Martin S. Pernick’s *The Black Stork: Eugenics and the Death of "Defective" Babies in American Medicine and Motion Pictures Since 1915* (Oxford University Press, 1996))

• Is it appropriate to list a title if the author is known to be pro-life but may not wish to be identified as such? (a research work on aborted mothers’ health or a legal treatise)
Lifelit Institute

The Institute manages the anthology of right-to-life literature.

Major Purpose of the Lifelit Institute

The major purpose of the Lifelit Institute, a non-profit research entity, is to manage the anthology of pro-life literature so that the general reading public, scholars, and students come to know and to appreciate the significant body of literature created by the Right-to-Life movement since the 1950s. It is the managers’ hope that this site will maintain and promote this literature for the benefit of all.

If you have written a pro-life work which you would like the Institute to consider adding to its database and to this website, please send at least one copy of your work to:

Lifelit Institute
10019 Granger Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125-3101

Please query first by writing to the above or by emailing Dr. Koloze (c/o DrJeffKoloze@att.net) to determine if a copy of your work is under review.

Login Form

Books Which Are out of Print but Available Online

Please consult this site’s managers for more information.

Anthology of Right-to-Life Literature

Core Recommended Works

1. Noonan’s The Morality of Abortion: Legal and Historical Perspectives (1970)
2. Wilkes’ Handbook on Abortion (1971)
3. Abortion and Social Justice (1972)
4. Summerrill’s Birthright (1973)
5. Lamerton’s Care of the Dying (1973)
7. Nathanson’s Aborting America (1979)
Future Activity and Projects

• Further site construction
• Ongoing site maintenance
  – Adding more titles
  – Finding qualified writers to review the works
• If permission can be obtained from the Sisters for Life, add the holdings of the Dr. Joseph R. Stanton Human Life Issues Library and Resource Center
• Adding holdings from other pro-life groups
• Determining how the site can assist pro-lifers
• Other projects as site is publicized
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Comments

Questions

Suggestions