

## MICHIGAN NURSING STUDENTS CONVENTION REPORT

The Michigan Nursing Students Convention was held February 5-7, 2010 at the Marriott at University Place in East Lansing, MI. On February 6, 2010 Phyllis Sullivan and I, hosted an exhibit where many student nurses of all ages stopped by to learn about the pro-life professional nursing organization, Michigan Nurses for Life.

We shared information on MNFL's annual conferences, which offer excellent speakers on a variety of pro-life ethical issues and the contact hours for nurses. Newsletters and membership brochures were passed out along with pens, bags and other items.

The 10-week-old baby feet pins were a big hit and the common response was...."Ohhhhhh!" When asked if they learned about fetal development in nursing school, students responded that it was mostly about pregnancy, delivery, complications etc. We encouraged them to wear the pins, and engage people in conversation.

Many visitors to the exhibit signed up for a chance to win a stethoscope, asked to receive our newsletter and added their names to our mailing list. Three students, who were in leadership in their school's student nurses organization, expressed an interest in having a member of MNFL speak at an upcoming meeting.

We were able to share about the abstinence and STD talks that some of our nurses are doing in local schools. One student was so impressed she bought the Meg Meeker book, about the STD epidemic in young teens that I had brought along.

Other topics of discussion that day included the abstinence and STD talks that MNFL nurses are giving in local schools, abortion, post-abortion syndrome, the conscience clause for health care workers, and the future of health care in America. These future nurses have a lot on their minds!

The whole point of attending this convention was to educate the student nurses about the pro-life ethical issues they will face as they begin their careers. We were pleased with this opportunity to network with our future nurses. After all, they will be taking care of us one day.

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