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MICHAEL BELL MEMORIAL AWARD 2006

I am delighted to announce that the judges have decided to make three awards for 2006. This is because of the outstanding nature of these applications.

They are as follows:

Sister Roseanne Reddy, (Category 2 Award) Nominated by the Knights of St. Columba for her work with the Sisters of the Gospel of Life. In March 1997, the late Cardinal Thomas Winning launched a major practical initiative to help women facing a crisis pregnancy. Already, many women from all over the UK, who have received help from the Pro-Life initiative, are grateful that they chose life for their children. Babies who are alive and well are living testament to the fact that help is out there. That help has come from the tremendous dedication of the founding Sister of the Gospel of Life, Sister Roseanne Reddy and the assistance of her co-worker, Sister Andrea. Sister Roseanne has been involved in the Pro-Life movement since 1987.

Dr. Amobi Linus Ilika. Dr. Ilika is a consultant Public Health physician. He is the Supreme physician of the Order of the Knights of St. Mulumba, Nigeria and leader of the Physicians Conference of the Knights of St. Mulumba, and arm of the Order devoted to Pro-Life. He is a committed and avowed Pro-Life activist and has used his positions to champion Pro-Life activities. He organized two very successful National conferences on Reproductive Health and Respect for Human Life. He has also mobilized young people in higher Institutions, seminaries and schools to form Pro-Life groups and strengthened their National Confederation of young people for Pro-Life.

Baroness Nicky Chapman. A recently ennobled physically handicapped lady whose parents, at her birth, were advised to put her in a home and let her die. But they didn't and Nicky Chapman did not die. The Baroness is of the opinion that had she been born today she believes the medical profession would have hastened her death. She was born with brittle bone disease, which has resulted in more than fifty fractures and is a disease that few survive. She is permanently in a wheelchair. She has worked tirelessly against the UK Government's Mental Capacity Bill and is concerned that "Living Wills" could become a license to kill. She has been nominated for her stalwart work in opposing the Bill mentioned during her full time presence in the House of Lords. This nomination was originally submitted for the 2005 Award but unfortunately did not reach the Alliance as it was mislaid in the post.

The Secretary for Life, Brother Tony Bateman KSG, will be in touch with the nominating Orders, with a view to the Awards being presented.

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