History of the Precious Feet Pin

On January 22, 1973 the United States Supreme Court announced its decision concerning Roe v. Wade. That decision did not end the debate concerning legalized abortion as we all know.

Even though the Roe v. Wade case was brought forward on the very narrow grounds of the "right to privacy" between a woman and her doctor the debate is, and always has been, about personhood as can be seen by the following statement made by Supreme Court Justice Potter Stuart, "And the basic constitutional question, initially, is whether or not an unborn fetus is a person, isn't it? That is critical to this case." The response was, "Yes sir, it is." The short recording of this and the rest of the conversation can be heard at this link.

Dr. Russell Sacco

Following the Supreme Court decision Dr. Russell Sacco was both saddened and outraged by the court's decision and set out to show that the preborn are fellow human beings. He did that by photographing various sizes of actual aborted preborn children not in an attempt to be morbid but to provide scientific evidence showing that the unborn are human, albiet tiny.

From those photos came the "Precious Feet" pin. This according to Heritage House, "The Precious Feet pin has become the international pro-life symbol for those working to end abortion and to promote the respect for life. As of 2010 eighteen million Precious Feet pins have been distributed throughout the world."

The following pictures are screen shots from a five minute video that can be found on the website of Heritage House* in which Dr. Sacco is interviewed.
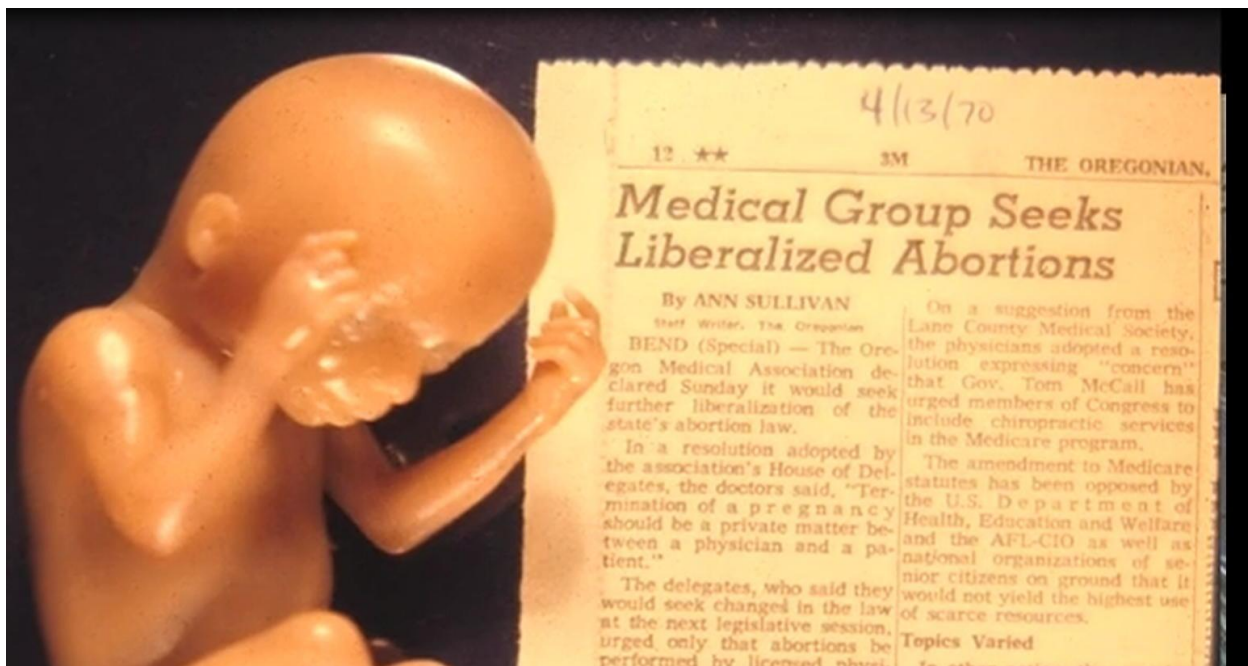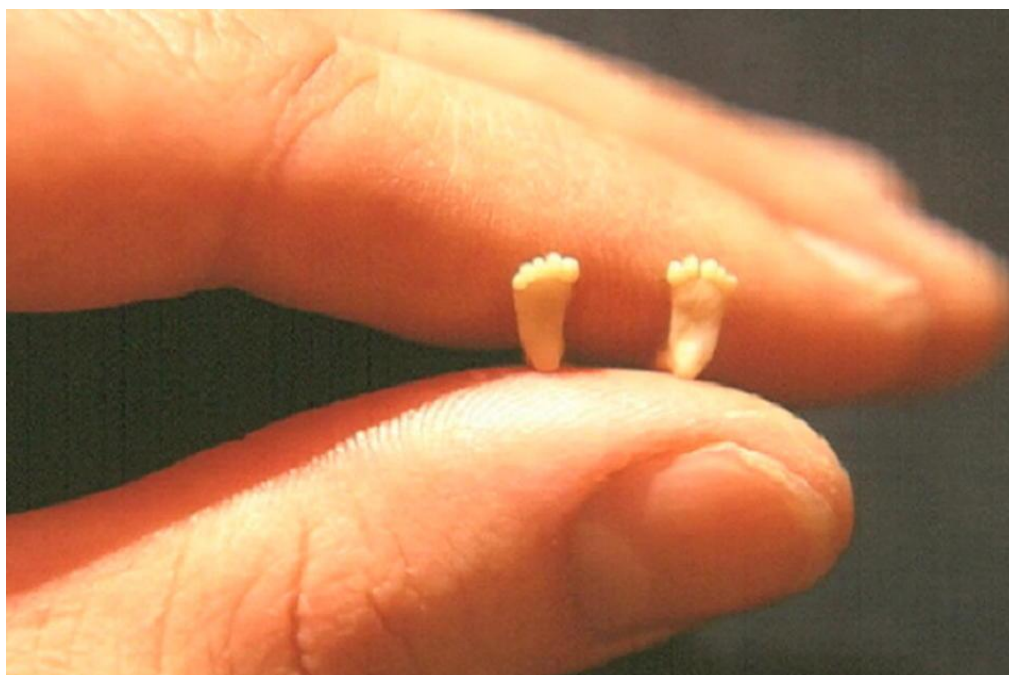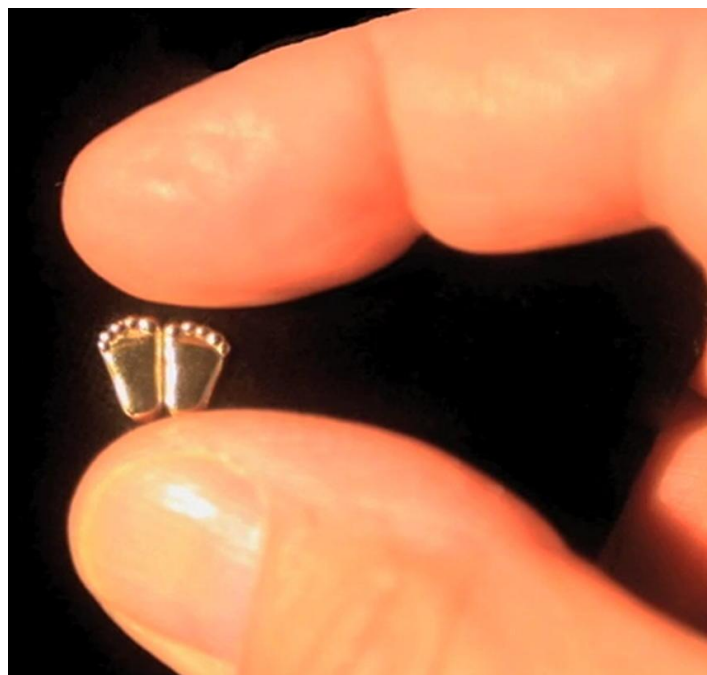

Photo by Dr. Sacco

Photo by Dr. Sacco of an approximately 10 week after conception preborn child's feet

"Precious Feet" pin inspired by Dr. Sacco's photo at top of page.
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* The referenced video is done in Vimeo. Some older browsers don't support Vimeo so if you have trouble try this link, scroll down and download this fascinating video in its original version.