

# **DR. BERNARD NATHANSON, R.I.P.**

Dr. Bernard Nathanson died February 21 at the age of 84. In 1969, he co-founded the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, NARAL (now NARAL Pro-Choice America). In time it became the most radical pro-abortion organization in the nation. A practicing abortionist, Nathanson soon had a change of heart, and by the mid-1970s made public his epiphany. In 1985, he released "The Silent Scream," a powerful film on the development of babies in the womb.

After much deliberation, Nathanson, an atheist Jew, decided to make a religious conversion as well. He was baptized by New York Archbishop John Cardinal O'Connor in 1996. When asked why he chose Roman Catholicism, he said that no religion matches the special role for forgiveness that is afforded by the Catholic Church; given his early career, he felt it only right to set anchor there.

One of Dr. Nathanson's greatest contributions was his courage in telling all the lies that the pro-abortion community has told over the years. May he rest in peace.