ABBEVILLE — The eleventh chapter of a state anti-abortion group formed here last night under the name of the Vermilion Parish Right To Life.

The parent group, the Louisiana Right To Life Federation, formed in 1973 after the Supreme Court legalized abortion on Jan. 22. Since its inception, 18 state chapters have been formed.

Suzanne Tierney, state president of the Right To Life Federation, said, "Abortion is new in our country. Most people really don’t know that much about it."

The chapters are operated by donations and volunteers. Some chapters have offices where they centralize mail-outs, film presentations and meetings.

The office in Crowley was dedicated the beginning of October during "Respect Life Week."

"The Acadia Parish Chapter of Right To Life has about 500 members already," Tierney said. "Eunice has about 400 and Lafayette is leading the Acadiana chapters with close to 750 members."

Tierney added that over 1000 mail-outs are sent through the Lafayette office.

"We're trying to reach as many people as possible and the offices are crucial points for us," she said.

BRIGHT TO LIFE DEDICATION — Gov. Dave Treen addresses onlookers at the dedication of the Acadia Parish Right to Life Office in Crowley during "Respect Life Week" recently. The ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Miller Building marked the opening of the tenth Right To Life chapter in the state. Some Vermilion Parish residents held their first chapter organizational meeting last night making them the 11th chapter under the Louisiana Right To Life Federation.