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FOUNDER'S AWARD TO JOE DERRICK



To the great delight of everyone at our Banquet on October 5, Mary Winter presented the PCUC Founder's Award to Joe Derrick, the young man who has been a part of our pro-life family since his birth in 1975. Joe is a frequent volunteer at our office. He is "right-hand man" to his mom, Joan. He totes the heavy bins to the car and then to the bulk mail center at the North Side Post Office.

As the room exploded in a standing ovation for Joe, we realized that it is our task to let the world know the priceless treasure of every child, even those whom some on the world would reject.

FREEDOM OF SPEECH



On June 26, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that putting up "buffer zones" around abortion "clinics" is a **violation of the First Amendment**. Written by Justice John Roberts, *McCullen v. Coakley* was an immediate victory for pro-life groups.

At this time, Alliance Defending Freedom is considering a challenge to the Pittsburgh "yellow arc" in front of the entrance to Planned Parenthood. Pro-lifers who pray and offer assistance to women entering PP comply with the ordinance. Some pedestrians whisper, "God bless you." Others spout abusive phrases. Most pretend that we are invisible and unworthy of their glance. All of them keep walking.

We wonder if the killing on Liberty Avenue were done because of the victim's disability, or the color of their skin, or national origin, would the attitude of the man on the street be different? As it is, small human beings are being scraped or sucked or dismembered merely because to **one** person they are **inconvenient**.

WELCOME REV. DR. JOHN GUEST



Southwestern PA is truly blessed to have Pastor John Guest as preacher, counselor, teacher, pastor and man who gives all of his life and love to his Creator.

On Saturday, January 17, at the Comfort Inn at the RIDC Park on Rt. 28, Pittsburgh 15238, Dr. Guest will be the main speaker at

our Prayer Breakfast for Life.

Veteran pro-lifers will remember our rally at Point State Park when Dr. Guest gave us determination, encouragement and holy wisdom while balancing his youngest child on his shoulders.

See p. 6 for reservation form and direction.

MARCH FOR LIFE



See our January-February PCUC Newsletter for complete information for the March for Life. If you have an event planned that relates to the March, let us know at the office.

BEST PRO-LIFE SPEAKER EVERRR!

Set your clock! Mark your calendar! Be ready on Sunday, September 20.



Main speaker at our 2015 Celebrate Life Banquet is **Jason Jones**, the Hollywood movie producer who travels the country proclaiming the pro-life message. Jason was the producer of **BELLA**. He has first-hand experience regarding the effect abortion has on the man. His most recent movie is **CRESCENDO**, the story about how he became pro-life. We'll tell you more in January.

PRO-LIFE FRIENDS IN PGH CATHOLIC

Family, friends and colleagues of **Mary Winter** were pleased to read the article by Paula Smith in the **Pittsburgh Catholic** of August 22. In the saga of Mary's life, from her love for the Steelers to founding of PCUC and then Angels' Place, it is obvious that God's grace guided every step. Call 412-531-9272 if you would like a copy of the article.

Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine "Disability Awareness 2014" spotlights the friendship between Helene McNemar and Mary Ann Mulkerin. Until recently Mary Ann was a member of the PCUC Board of Directors. Helene and Mary Ann are "parish advocates for persons with disabilities at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Beechview. They are the leaders who make sure that places and events have open paths for those who need ramps, Braille materials, sign language interpreters and warm welcomes for EVERYONE.

BILLBOARDS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Kennedy Blvd., 2/10 mi. east of Brodhead Rd. EF

Freeport Rd., 7/10 mi. south of Hulton Br., SF

Turtle Creek-Monroeville, 3/10 mi. south of Smith

Freeport Rd., 2/10 mi. south of New Ken Bridge

Btrmlk Hollow, 325' south of Pgh-McKsprt Blvd.

Brownsvle Rd., 5' mi. north of Hazedell St. SF

Rt. 65, 5/10 mi. north of Merchant St.

Rt. 48, 150' south of Wall Ave., NF

Rt. 30, 6/10 mi. west of Westinghouse Bridge EF

Saw Mill Run, 2/10 mi. south of Midwood

Your donations to the PA Foundation for Life (mark on check memo) keep these signs on our roads.

BRIGHAM IS AT IT AGAIN



This time he has snuck into Wilmington, Delaware. His name is not on the outside sign. Many tenants in the building knew nothing of the presence of his business. Some are upset when Delaware Right to Life is in front of **The Station** on the days Eric Kfir Yahov does abortions.

Yahav is an abortion "circuit rider" who also has medical licenses in Philadelphia, PA, NJ and MD.

TWINS ABORTED AT NINE MONTHS

Steven Ertelt at LifeNews related the story of a lady in China, Mrs. Dong, who was pregnant with twin babies (unplanned!) for almost nine months. Her pregnancy was discovered by the local family-planning office. Mrs. Dong was taken to the local health center. With no agreement or signature, she was held by more than ten people and injected with Ethacridine Lactate. The babies struggled for a long time and they died.

BELOVED PRO-LIFE HERO GOES "HOME"



Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R., died Saturday, October 4, after an extended illness. He was a renowned retreat director, author, lecturer, teacher, counselor and guide to many, and one of the most well-known and beloved priests in the United States. He was a seminary professor of pastoral psychology and one of the founders of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. His advocacy for the unborn will inspire all pro-lifers for generations to come.

LOVING RESPONSE TO BRITTANY



Our friends, Mandy & Dave Capan remind us that their spiritual son, Philip, and Brittany Maynard, the young woman from Washington who plans to kill herself because she has brain cancer, have a lot in common. Since 2008, when he was in the Navy in the Northern Arabian Gulf, he has known he has incurable brain cancer.

Philip's plan for this spring is to be ordained to the transitional diaconate and to the priesthood in 2016.

Brittany is spending what she believes are her last days fundraising and lobbying for an outfit whose goal is to make suicide legal and acceptable—everywhere. They change their name as often as some sects change the date of the end of the world.

Brittany's family is going along with her plot to kill herself. Whatever happened to giving support and HOPE to a loved one in perilous circumstances?

"Suffering is not worthless, and our lives are not our own to take. We do not seek pain for its own sake, but our suffering can have great meaning if we try to join it to the Passion of Christ and offer it for the conversion or intentions of others. While often terrifying, the suffering and pain that we will all experience in our lives can be turned into something positive. This has been a very difficult task for me, but it is possible to achieve," said Philip.

U.S. REP CHRIS SMITH SPEAKS OUT

The article on the left, "TWINS ABORTED," reported by Congressman Chris Smith, is grisly and sad. We might say, "That's only China." Let's not forget that abortion is legal in the U.S. for all nine months of pregnancy. And there are many who agree 100% with China's population policy.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

Greetings to all you wonderful people who love life!

First I want to thank everyone who supported PCUC's 2014 Life Banquet. Dr. Keyes was magnificent and really wowed the audience. It was a tremendous success, thanks to you who attended and all the volunteers who worked together to make the evening run smoothly. We are presently working on next year's banquet and our goal is to make it even more dynamic.

Second, I invite you to join together and pray and become immersed in Jesus. A pro-life weekend retreat is being planned for February. If you are interested please call the office.

PCUC continues its tradition of taking the truth of abortion to the general public. Wouldn't it be exhilarating to mark 2015 as the year we brought the story of creation and life to the children of our communities? Schools and youth groups are our stage. We can show the excellence, heart and dynamic programming of the pro-life movement. Young people need to understand the humanity of the unborn child. We can teach them. Education touches the minds and souls of people who hear the pro-life message.

We are fighting a terrible evil monster with a long greedy arm. Just consider the following:

Katha Pollitt, author, essayist and columnist of the *The Nation* said "We need to see abortion as an urgent practical decision that is just as moral as the decision to have a child—**indeed, sometime more moral.**" She believes young girls should not have to feel guilty after their abortion. Pollitt works toward this goal.

The *New York Times* reported that Planned Parenthood is breaking ground in the Borough of Queens to build a \$9 million "health" center. They expect to eventually handle 17,500 clients a year. They secured \$250,000 from the state and Queens Borough allocated \$737,000 from their budget. Corporate and private donations total \$8 million. Part of the budget will be for programming. Their target audience: **teenagers.**

Ryan Bomberger of *The Radiance Foundation* reported that U.S. District Judge John E. Jones trashed Pennsylvania's Defense of Marriage Act declaring: "We are a better people than what these laws represent, and it is time to discard them into the ash heap of history. Supporting the only form of marriage that can produce a child—produce a society—is an anachronistic notion that should be torched."

God is our good protector. We know who the winners are but we remain runners of the great race.

The Pro-life movement in Pittsburgh is alive and active: Praying, saving babies, helping moms, accomplishing good and winning political races. There is no doubt Pittsburgh pro-lifers will continue. After all, People Concerned for the Unborn Child has been here

since 1969 and for many years was the only pro-life voice in Pittsburgh. Now there are many others who honor God's call to be faithful. To continue this call I believe we need to produce a strong, entertaining and moral program that will reach out to our young.

Get Ready - Here It Comes – **We need people who want to get involved with our Education Committee.** We need people who have connections to youth groups; Pastors who will invite us to talk to their congregation; teachers who can introduce us into their schools; Individuals who like to brainstorm and research; Volunteers who are willing to be trained to present The Life Program.

You are invited to attend the first meeting to be held on Friday, December 5, 2014, at the PCUC office. Tentative time: 2:00 pm. RSVP by calling 412-531-9272 to register. Please leave your name, phone number and email address.

A group of passionate people can make great things happen. Let's journey together and save more babies.

Sincerely,
Claudia

YOUNG VOLUNTEERS BLESSED THE DAY



On a beautiful late-summer day, a group of about 13 young women volunteers from the Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC, area came to our office to help in any way we needed them.

Thanks to Angela Fortunato, we had help with making phone calls for Life Chain, sorting greeting cards for many occasions, cleaning crevices and corners and freshening up the whole office.

As quickly and politely as they arrived, they were gone to another assignment. Thank you, Ladies!



THANK YOU, ANN SCANLON

Our champion ticket seller for the drawing for **Steeler** tickets was Ann Scanlon. At our Banquet we surprised Ann with a **Pirates** gym bag filled with surprises to make her smile.

PEOPLE CONCERNED FOR THE UNBORN CHILD CHRISTMAS CARD FOR 2014



“HEAVEN SENT” Sweet, sacred moment when heaven’s Child sees the love of His fairest mother. *“The virgin shall be with child, and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel.”* As God fulfilled His promise With Jesus’ holy birth, May love and joy be yours today And peace throughout the earth. May the Lord bless you today and always.

“ASLEEP IN A MANGER” Stained Glass. **SCRIPTURE:** “She gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room in the place where travelers lodged.” Luke 2:7 **GREETING:** He is born as a gentle babe to bring our hearts His gift of Love. Christmas joy, peace and blessings to you.

“JESUS AND THE DRUMMER BOY” (limited quantity) Bellotti photo. Touching depiction of the small shepherd’s gift of music to the infant. **SCRIPTURE:** “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:1-2. **GREETING:** May the wonder of His birth touch your heart. May His coming be a gift of love and peace at Christmas and throughout the year.

“O HOLY NIGHT” Foster Father, Immaculate Mother and Son of God! The child of the Promise is laid in a bed of straw. Soft, classic colors, starry night. **SCRIPTURE:** “The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a son, and they shall call him Emmanuel.” **GREETING:** May the love born on that holy night reach into the hearts of all people. May the love of the Holy Family be with you today and every day in the coming year.

“BETHLEHEM JOY” Joan Newman charcoal in shades of brown. **GREETING:** So tender this time of wonder, So holy His moment of birth, So wondrous this night of all nights, When love was born on earth. We wish you a Blessed Christmas and a year filled with God’s grace. **SCRIPTURE:** ‘The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory of an only son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love.’ John 1:14

“GAZING ON THE GLOW OF HEAVEN” Joseph and Mary gaze on the face of their newborn Son. **SCRIPTURE:** “For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon His shoulder dominion rests. They call him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:5 **GREETING:** May the wonder of Christ’s birth fill your heart with joy and peace at Christmas, and every day throughout the coming New Year.

“HOLY FAMILY” a reminder for us that Jesus came for everyone. **SCRIPTURE:** “The virgin shall be with child and give birth to a Son and they shall call him ‘Emmanuel,’ a name which means ‘God is with us.’” Matthew 1:23. **GREETING:** As we rejoice in the miracle of His birth, may the Lord of Life bless you this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

“NO ROOM AT THE INN” In the classic style of Fontanini, the Holy Family in soft shades of green, rust, cream & brown. **SCRIPTURE:** “The angel assured her: The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the most high will overshadow you; hence, the holy offspring to be born will be called Son of God.” **GREETING:** May all the Blessings of the Infant Savior be yours at Christmas. And may His divine presence enrich your life throughout the New Year.

“MOTHER AND CHILD” Bellotti photo. The child Jesus under the loving gaze of Mary. Soft tones of blue, brown and gold. **SCRIPTURE:** “You shall conceive and bear a son, and give him the name Jesus. Great will be His dignity and He will be called Son of the most high.” Luke 1:31-32. **GREETING:** Joy in the Christ Child at Christmas. God’s blessings in the coming year.

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New cards are \$6.00/set of ten. All others are \$4.00/set. To order by mail, please add \$2.50/Set for postage & handling for one set and \$.50 for each additional set.

Mail orders must be received at PCUC by Friday, December 12.

Send mail orders to:

**People Concerned for the Unborn Child
3050 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226**

Coming to the office? Please call first 412-531-9272

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I am ordering _____ sets at \$6.00/set and _____ sets at \$4.00/set

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

MEMORIALS AND CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to Kathleen Weaver from Teresa Gery

Happy Birthday to Kathleen Weaver
from Joan & Joe Derrick

Happy Birthday to Kathleen Weaver from a
Generous, Anonymous Friend ♥

Happy Birthday to Kathleen Weaver
from Helen & Frank Cindrich

Happy 75th Birthday to her loving husband,
David Croxton, from Judy Croxton

In Thanksgiving for the Priestly Ministry of
Fr. Donald Buckleitner on his Retirement
from Joe & Emma Jean Kraus

In honor of all the PCUC Volunteers from Joan O'Brien

In honor of his loving parents, William & Mary, from
Fr. Robert Halus

In honor of and in thanks to Claire King from
Kathleen King, Mark Claire and Melinda Knight

In honor of Claire King, for her commitment to the
Unborn from Mary E. McMahon

On behalf of Claire King from Joseph F. King

In honor of her Grandsons, Nick & Logan from
Rachelle Sharpic

Memory of Sean McSteen on his 40th Birthday from
his mom and dad, Maria and Francis

Memory of William J. Babyak from Patricia L. Babyak

Memory of Jack Donahoe from his dear wife, Joan

Memory of Mrs. Claribel Lyons from John Willforth

Memory of the deceased members of the Libell &
McKenna Families from Joe McKenna

Memory of Babe Antonacci from Kathy Amann

Memory of Richard Ritter, Jr., from Don Ritter

Memory of Len Studnicki from Margaret B. Studnicki

In loving memory of Diane Slagle from John P. Slagle

Memory of Joseph Lubic from Teresa Gery

Memory of the Lorinc Family from

Mary Ann & Thomas Kaylor

Memory of Robert Burghardt from Colette Burghardt

Birthday Remembrance of Fr. Simon Toth, OSB,
from Andrea J. Himelinski

Memory of Michael Christopher Strathmann
from his Mom & Dad, William & Maureen

Memory of Alan C. VanDine from Dan Torisky

Memory of Emma J. Morin from
Friends at Lifeline SW PA

Memory of Mark, John, Frank, Ida & George from
Frank. G. Kenski

Memory of Dr. Paul Eckert from his friend,
Dominic Parisi

Memory of Dr. Paul Eckert from
Frank & Helen Cindrich

Memory of Rita M. Throop from the Wojciechowski &
Throop Family

Memory of Al Colonna from Josh Abajian

Memory of James Peach from John & Fay Willforth

Memory of Thomas Geisler, Sr., from Gloria Geisler

Memory of Francis Gusty from his dear wife, Louise

Memory of the deceased members of the

Kremer-Robson Families from V. K. Robson

Memory of Johanna Timashenka from Ted Timashenka

Memory of Louis & Emma Rosner from Joan Rosner

In gratitude to Mrs. Bernice Illig for her generous
donation for our 2014-2015 Directory

Memory of Dr. Joseph Morice from his loving wife,
Josie

LIFE CHAIN LINKS OF LOVE

The day was cool and cloudy, but love of life
was evident along the highways of America. In
Southwest PA we had 31 Chains. A traveler on Rt. 30
could have seen three separate "links of life" between
East McKeesport and Latrobe.

Thank you to everyone who participated.



Our younger generation stands up for LIFE!



CALENDAR

Every +Tue., Fri., Sat. – 8-11 am – Vigil at PP, Liberty
Ave., downtown. +These are abortion days at PP.

Call 412-835-8127 or 412-781-6836

Every 2nd Sat. – 9-11 am – Prayer at Youngstown
Women's Center - Call: 724-964-8239

1st & 3rd Wed. - Every month – Distribute leaflets @
local high schools. Call Al: 412-781-6836

Every 1st Thur. – Picket PP Bridgeville – 412-835-8127

Thur., Dec. 25 – Christ is Born! Alleluia!

Sat., Jan. 17 – Prayer Breakfast for LIFE. See p. 7

Thur., Jan. 22 – March for Life! See you there!

THE PENNSYLVANIA FOUNDATION FOR LIFE &

People Concerned for the Unborn Child

Invite you to our

PRAYER BREAKFAST FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

Comfort Inn

180 Gamma Drive
Pittsburgh 15238
412-963-0600

We welcome as our Speaker



Rev. Dr. John Guest
Pastor, Christ Church at Grove Farms

We invite our guests to bring donations of non-perishable food items, paper products and cleaning products. We will deliver them to a local food pantry. This year many more families are in need, and many of the pantries are struggling to serve their needy clients.

Directions to the Restaurant

DIRECTIONS: FROM WEST: 279N thru Ft. Pitt Tunnels & over Ft. Pitt Bridge. Move to far left lane. Go over Ft. Duquesne Bridge. Move to far right lane. Follow signs to 279N. Take first exit, Rt. 28N, Etna. Follow 28N to Exit #10 on **RIGHT**. At end of exit ramp, bear right. Comfort Inn is immediately on left side.

FROM TURNPIKE: Exit 48 (Allegheny Valley). After toll booth, bear right toward Pittsburgh. Go to 3rd Traffic Light. Turn right to Rt. 910 West. Continue straight through two traffic lights, and this will put you onto Rt. 28 south heading toward Pittsburgh. Take Exit 10 and follow as above.

FROM EAST: From Washington Blvd. or Allegheny River Blvd., take Highland Park Bridge toward Rt. 28 south heading toward Pittsburgh. Take Exit 10 and follow as above.

Make check to: PA Foundation for Life. Mail to: People Concerned for the Unborn Child, 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pittsburgh 15226

Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____ City, State, Zip _____

___ I have enclosed \$ ___ for ___ breakfasts @ \$20.00 each

___ I would like to reserve a table of ten (10) for \$200.00. Deadline: January 9, 2015

___ I cannot come to the Breakfast, but I would like to make a donation. \$ _____

Are you coming with friends/family? Whose name will identify your table? _____