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NEWSLETTER

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Our vigil started in the depths of a historically frigid season. As the season of Lent moves on, we hope new individuals and churches will join us at the doors of Planned Parenthood in downtown Pittsburgh to pray for preborn babies in danger of death. During the three four-hour shifts each day, members of congregations from many churches in the SW PA area come to pray

and witness for life. Each vigil has a shift manager who knows the ropes. He/she will collect names and church names. If you want bulletin flyers for your church, call 412-531-9272. For more details, call Nikki at 412-926-9413 or go to 40daysforlifepgh.com.

SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE

Thanks to the hard work and determination of Kathy Laslow (412-420-4657) and a small cadre' of pro-lifers, a woman approaching the doors of Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh can get a "better offer" than the death of her baby. Trained by "Sidewalk Advocates for Life," these men and women offer kind words, a free sonogram of the baby and all the practical assistance necessary through pregnancy. Call Kathy for details.

REGISTER AND VOTE



Last day to register to vote in the spring 2015 Primary Election is Monday, April 20. Last day to submit an absentee ballot is Tuesday, May 15. In an off-year election, votes count more than ever. See LIFEPAC in May NL.

RETREAT AT ST. EMMA'S



From dinner on Friday, March 27 until after dinner on March 28, pro-life men and women will enjoy a special retreat led by Fr. Jean-Luc Zadroga, OSB. We will listen, reflect, relax and pray in a quiet setting in the foothills of the

Allegheny Mountains.

The Benedictine Sisters at St. Emma will welcome us with fine cooking, comfortable rooms and beautiful spaces where we can gather to talk or to be alone with our Lord. Cost for the retreat is \$120. We will go home ready for Holy Week and celebration of the Resurrection. For details: Claudia 724-799-5904, or PCUC, 412-531-9272. See p. 8 for registration form.

UNTIL THEY ARE CLOSED



One of these days, pro-life people will gather to pray in thanksgiving to God for the closure of all abortion mills.

Until then, we will gather at 10:00 am the doors of Pittsburgh's largest killing center, 933 Liberty Avenue, downtown Pittsburgh, as we have since Good Friday in 1973. We will pray the Stations of the Cross and the Litany for Divine Mercy. All are welcome. Our vigil at PP will conclude in time for local church services. Call our office 412-531-9272 for information or directions.

KNIGHTS ARE HEROES AGAIN!



Since the Ultrasound Initiative began in 2009, the Knights of Columbus in the U.S. has placed more than 500 machines in pregnancy support centers, including at least one in each state. We applaud these generous men!

MEMORIALS & CELEBRATIONS

For the Consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary from Agnes McClain

In honor of St. Vincent Seminary

From Norma & Ed Gromek

In honor of Joan Newman from Anita Theiss

In honor of Rev. Dr. John Guest with gratitude

for his work for the unborn

from Joan O'Brien

Christmas Greetings for her Mom, Anna Mae Doyle, age 91, from Maureen Kurp

Christmas Greetings to Susan David with love from her parents, Hank & Judy Freedy

Prayers for the health and welfare of Mary Winter from Patricia Letzelter

Honor of Mary Catherine Scanlon

from Lois Chorle

Honor of Mary Catherine Scanlon from her

daughter and son-in-law, Helen & Jeff Remington

Honor of Louis Schonder from Barbara Schonder

Honor of Helen Cindrich

from Dominic & Clara Parisi

Memory of Chuck McGervey

from his loving wife, Anne

Memory of Mayor Bob O'Connor

from his son, Fr. Terry O'Connor

Memory of Roy Hogue & all deceased members

of Hogue & Donovan Families from Sally Hogue

Memory of Francis Gusty

from his loving wife, Louise

Memory of Helen & Ben Rogala

from Bill & Susan Knoll

Memory of Helen O'Connor from Evelyn Turocy

Memory of Alan Henderson, St. Patrick Church

Pro-Life Coordinator – Canonsburg, PA

Memory of John E. Kossak from Cheryl Kossak

Memory of James & Edna Smith from Darryl Smith

Memory of her Family from Joanne Sommer

Memory of their dear friend, Mary Hill,

from Ronald & Carrie Harr

Memory of Mary Hill from Greg Rymarowicz

Memory of Patrick Murphy

from Patricia McAuliffe

Memory of Mary Ann Berchin

from Denise A. Quayle

Memory of Sarah Fromme from her husband, Bill

Memory of Irmo "Babe" Antonacci

From Kathy & Dutch Amann

Memory of Mrs. Mary Trageser

From Thomas E. Trageser

Memory of Richard Ritter, Jr., from Don Ritter Memory of Florence Cavanaugh

from Mary Zaffino

Memory of Bill Cleary from Mitzi Petchar

Memory of Ezra Hackett from Schreck Family

Memory of Arleigh Eddy from Valerie Jones

Memory of Jack Donahoe from his wife, Joan Memory of Don Krieger from his parents,

John & Mary Krieger

Memory of Dave Shoemaker from

Lenore and Ed Novak

Memory of Mary K. Hill from her friends:

Fran Buczkowski, Darlene Brusco,

Ruth Read, Mary Shidel, Mary Curran,

Judy Bippus, Pat Merkovsky,

Kim Bracken, Mary Osche, Cheryl Anna,

Joanne Meyer, Susan Loughnane,

Roseann Bianco, Jackie DiNardo,

Karen Clarke, Karen Kazousky,

Connie Close, Sharlene Coma,

Diane Buzzinotti & Lisa Gaussa

Memory of the deceased members of the

Parisi Family from Dom & Clara Parisi

Memory of Aloysius Farabaugh

from his wife, Martha

Memory of Margaret Bauman from her

dear daughter, Judith Prezioso

In loving memory of Diane Slagle

from John P. Slagle

Memory of Steve Dunn (died 11-15-14)

from his brother, Larry

Memory of Anthony Luisi, Jr.,

from Helen & Frank Cindrich

Memory of Anthony Luisi, Jr.,

from Kathleen Weaver

ORDER CHOCOLATES FOR EASTER



If we could, we would add the fragrance of the finest chocolates to this page. Since we cannot, we invite you to ask for a 4-page, full-color

flyer with bunnies, turkey legs, Oreos, potato chips, cherries, even fishing sets, trucks, a hair dresser set, dinosaurs and even "Authentic Pizza Cioccolato," all in deep dark or smooth milk chocolate.

Gourmet jelly beans, fancy baskets, a hand-painted Princess Set and of course, fruit & nut eggs. Call 412-531-9272. We'll send you everything you need to order premium hand-crafted Swiss treats.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

We in the pro-life world have been blessed with great minds that have made significant contributions which impacted the debate about abortion and the value of human life. Who can forget Dr. Everett Koop, Surgeon General during the Reagan Years? For more than 25 years he specialized in the care and surgical treatment of severely physically-impaired children. He was a strong and sturdy pro-life friend who defended the unborn and inspired thousands.

Dr. Benjamin Carson gained world-wide recognition in 1987 "as the principal surgeon in the 22-hour separation of the Binder Siamese twins from Germany, and Dr. Carson was the primary surgeon in a team of...surgeons that separated twins joined at the top of the head in a 28-hour operation." Dr. Carson makes no excuses for his love of God, and He speaks out on the dignity of life.

Medical degrees have been earned by the hard work of men and women studying the scientific data available on embryonic life. We can marvel over 3D and 4D imaging. We are in awe of the medical procedures available to help a baby *in utero*. This information and more is at our fingertips so we can defend life from its very beginning.

With our pro-life leaders and all our information on hand, one unmistakable fact is the strongest of all arguments: *Our God assumed our humanity, becoming the second person of the Holy Trinity as a zygote.* After 11 weeks Jesus continued to grow as an embryo. Jesus, our uncontainable God, was contained in the womb of Mary as He developed into a fetus, and on Christmas morning the angels proclaimed His birth. Our God, as a defenseless unborn baby, told us life is precious. His death ensured every baby's salvation.

At this time when spiritual stakes have never been higher and daily responsibilities seem to crush us at times, it's good for us to meditate on our God who assumed our humanity. Let us keep Jesus and Mary as our center to continue the fight.

In an effort to become more united in Jesus and Mary, I invite you to join me and members of PCUC Board in a pro-life mini retreat at St. Emma Retreat Center on March 27 and 28. Fr. Jean-Luc Zadroga, OSB, from St. Vincent Archabbey will be our retreat master. The cost is \$120.00 per person. Please look for more details in this Newsletter. Let's get fired up!

FACE THE TRUTH TOUR SCHEDULE

<u>Sunday, April 12:</u> 1 - 3PM – Join us at our regular Magee Hosp. demo, Forbes & Craft Aves., Oakland

Monday, April 13 7 - 9AM – Liberty Tubes, Rts. 51 & 19 S.- Park up Dawn Av N side of 19 9:30 to 11:30AM – University of Pgh., Bigelow Blvd., 5th & Forbes Ave.

Lunch

2- 3:30PM- Rt. 51S & Lebanon Church Rd. Bill Green's Shopping Center.

4 - 6PM – Birmingham Bridge Southside on Carson & 23rd St. Park on side streets.

Tuesday, April 14

7 - 9AM - Monroeville, Rts. 22 & 48. Park on outside edges of bank parking lot.

9:30 to 11:30AM –East McKeesport, Rts 48 & 30. Park on side streets. Also, St. Robert Church

Lunch

2–3PM - Forest Hills, Ardmore Blvd. (Rt30) &Yost. Park edges of parking center lot.

4-6PM – North of Homestead Hi-level Bridge, Beechwood Blvd. & Browns Hill Rd.

Wednesday, April 15

7 - 9AM - Allegheny River & Washington Blvd. Park in vacant lot in south west corner.

9:30 - 11:30AM -Richland Township. Take Route 8, 2 mi. N of PA Tpke. to Rts. 910 & 8.

Lunch

2-3:30PM – Cranberry Twp., Go back S on Rt. 8, take PA Tpke. West to Rts. 19 & 228.

4-6:00PM-Wexford. Rts 79 & 910. Take 79S to 910.

Thursday, April 16

7-9AM – N. end McKees Rocks Bridge & Ohio River Blvd. (Rte 65 N) Park Davis Ave. off Calif. Av. 9:30-11:00AM– Moon Twp. Univ. Blvd. & Beaver Grade Rd.

Lunch

2-3:30PM – Robinson Town Center. Rt 22 (Pkwy. West) & Stuebenville Pke. Rt 60

4-6:00PM – Mt. Lebanon/Upper St. Clair, Rt.19 S & Connor Rd.

COME WHEN YOU CAN – LEAVE WHEN YOU HAVE TO.

For more information, call Bob 412-835-8127.

Tax deductible contributions save babies' lives! Send to PA Foundation for Life, P.O. Box 12741, Pittsburgh, PA 15241

SAY NO TO PEDRO CORTES



Gov. Tom Wolf has appointed Pedro Cortes as Secretary of State for the Commonwealth. Cortes held the same position during the years Kermit Gosnell when killing full-term babies and mothers. He and his department totally ignored the pleas to shut this place down.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health had ample information about the illegal and reckless practices at Kermit Gosnell's 'house of horrors' that should have shut him down. They did NOTHING! WOMEN DIED!

Eight years before Karnamaya Mongar was killed, a former Gosnell employee told the Department of State that unlicensed employees would anesthetize patients when he was not at the clinic. Attorneys for the Dept. of State disregarded reports that numerous patients of Gosnell were hospitalized—infected, with fetal remains still inside them. Others had perforated uteruses, cervixes and bowels.

Gosnell is now in prison following his conviction in the deaths of three full-time infants and one female patient at his West Philadelphia abortion facility. The situation demands citizen action:

CALL YOUR STATE SENATOR AND YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND URGE HIM/HER TO OPPOSE CONFIRMATION OF CORTES. CALL PCUC FOR MORE INFO.

PROBLEMS WITH POLST



The form is a new type of living will. POLST stands for Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment. The form sets in motion actual orders that a medical professional must follow.

Some forms say, "Follow these orders, then call physician."

Advice from Fr. Tad Pacholczyk of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, "Patients are free to decline to answer questions from a facilitator, and tell them you will rely on your proxy and physician.

MARCH FOR LIFE BROADCAST

Our Prayer Breakfast program will run as a LOVE THEM BOTH SPECIAL on Mondays at 10:00 pm on Feb. 29 & Mar. 16, 28 & Apr. 7 on Comcast 21 & Verizon 47 in the city of Pgh. and on

Verizon 47 in suburbs that carry the FIOS channel. Call the PCUC office for a copy of the DVD with the program. Cost is \$6.00. Includes postage. Pick up at the office or call and we will send.

CLENARD CHILDRESS ON ABORTION



Rev. Clenard H. Childress, Jr. calls it a "tragedy" that more than half of all African-American pregnancies end in abortion. Just as tragic is that many black pastors are fully aware of it, but as "shepherds" they

are choosing to ignore it, effectively "leading their sheep to the slaughter."

According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and the Guttmacher Institute, Blacks make up 12.4 percent of the U.S. population – but account for 37 percent of the abortions.

Also never discussed is the fact that those women who have aborted their unborn children suffer the physiological and psychological effects of abortion. Childress shared he is often snubbed by his fellow black pastors when he presents them with the facts about the suffering of the black community in areas where abortion is heavily available, like New York City. *J Brown, onenewsnow.com* 1-27-15

MARCH FOR LIFE WAS BEST EVER!

Thanks to all who participated in the March for Life on January 22. Made up predominantly of high school and college-age students, the energetic, determined crowd swelled into the hundreds of thousands for the walk up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court.

In recent years the March has expanded into other cities, and this year more than 100 such regional events took place from the Northeast to the Southwest. Such efforts indicate persistence and the momentum in the pro-life movement. One thing remains static: the appalling lack of media coverage. In 2009, Nellie Gray, founder of the March, lamented that fact, saying, "No other civil rights movement can boast such a remarkable persistence and yet simultaneously such a dismal amount of media attention. The tide is turning.

40 Days for Life -- A Frigid Beginning

Leaders held a phone conference and said people could stay at home. These brave men and women kept vigil.





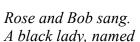
Even so, my toes started to get cold near the end. Thin gloves under my heavy mittens and hand warmers in between...a hat under the hood of my coat..two scarves (one under my coat and one wrapped around my face to keep it warm...I will keep you all in prayer..thanks for your witness in this weather. You all inspire me!

Bob Federlin









Jasmine, came by, thanked them for being there, and prayed with them for a short while Joe White came early for his shift, so Al & Rose caught the 8:50 bus. Bob & Peter were still there. (Sally)

Well, I just finished my 12-1 shift. It was snowing the whole time. I wanted To let you know how I dressed in case you are trying to figure out how many layers you might need. I had on three layers under my coat (tops and bottoms)...two socks under my insulated boots...One pair was thick, tall wool socks...toe warmers on the socks before put my boots on. (go to top)



Please talk to your pastor and your respect life committee. Choose a portion of one day and drive downtown to pray for one, two, three or more hours. A shift manager will tell you the "rules on the street," You will go home proud, happy, blessed.

BABY SAVED FROM SEWER



"Incredible" is an overused superlative, but what else could describe the rescue of a threemonth-old baby from a sewer in Mexico City?

Alicia Ramos, a local resident of the Toriello Guerra neighborhood of Mexico City, told the *Mirror* newspaper that

she heard crying below the ground. "I ignored the sound for a little while but then I realized the baby was clearly not being attended to, I looked out the window but couldn't see anything. I went outside and then I realized that the sound was coming from under my feet in the sewer. I was really shocked, and called police and emergency services immediately."

Police opened up the sewer where they found a baby (whose gender has not been disclosed) estimated to be about three-months-old.

"Although wrapped in a blanket, the extremely cold temperatures in the sewer meant that it had to be rushed to hospital for emergency treatment," wrote the *Mirror's* Sarah Ridley.

Although suffering from hypothermia, the baby appeared to be doing well and is expected to make a full recovery, medics said. Authorities are looking for the baby's parents. NRLC News & LifeSite News, Jan. 15

PP KILLED 327,653 BABIES IN 2013



Planned Parenthood of America released its 2013 Annual Report, and numbers indicate business is up. We taxpayers gave PP \$528 million. They killed 327,166

babies. That's not counting the millions who died as a result of abortifacients, e.g., Plan B, and the many brands and types of pills and appliances.

PP convinced corporate and private donors to kick in \$391.8 million. The increased donations plus an increase of \$28 million in "other operating revenue" and the reduction in costs from closing clinics, led to a near-record \$127.1 million in profits for the largest abortion chain in the world.

Source: LifeNews in Wyoming Valley NL

NOTE: CREDO phone service (via an arrangement with Sprint) gave PP \$158,408 in 2013. Generous CREDO users know where their money goes.

NEWS FROM DR. CHRIS KAHLENBORN



For more than two decades, Chris Kahlenborn has led the way out of the morass brought about by the lies about contraception.

Now Dr. Kahlenborn and his colleagues will publish a major article regarding Plan B

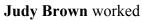
(levonorgestral emergency contraception [LNG-EC]) in the February 2015 edition of the *Linacre Quarterly*. The reviews of most medical data to date, strongly support the assertion that Plan B is an abortifacient, especially when given prior to ovulation. Simply put, the evidence supporting an abortifacient effect of LNG-EC is clearer and more compelling than ever before. Any claim of "moral certainty" regarding a non-abortifacient method of action no longer has credibility. Given the strength of the most recent evidence, the nomenclature of emergency contraception should be changed to emergency contraception/abortion. This should be reflected in pro-life and secular literature as soon as possible.

Dr. Chris lives with his wife Johanna and their daughter, Mary Ann, in Mechanicsburg, PA

GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST



Dr. & Mrs. John Willke were the 'parents' of the pro-life movement in America. He died on Friday Feb. 20. Together they wrote **Handbook on Abortion**, the book that has been **the** basic tool for pro-lifers for 40 years. Their work grew from their Faith





tirelessly to promote pro-life principles, and she championed the causes of pro-life candidates. She gave generously of her time and energy to improve her community. Judy died on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2015. **Br. Paul O'Donnell, 55,** died on Feb. 22. Br. Paul was Superior at Franciscan Brothers of Peace. He was close to the Schiavo Family during Terri's agony. He stood by the families of Baby Joseph Marrachli and Jahi McMath. We ask for your prayers for all.



HOMILY AT VERIZON CENTER

Fr. Mario Majano spoke to the Youth Rally at the Verizon Center attended by Cardinals Donald Wuerl and Timothy Dolan, papal nuncio to the US, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigana and about 15,000 young people. He said his mother is his hero. Against all obstacles and trials, she would not budge from her beliefs. Her first major trial came while she was in high school. She was raped and became pregnant. She felt totally alone. She was practically disowned. A friend said, "Just take the practical solution. Abort." But she said, "I cannot face the rest of my life knowing I took this life. She said no to abortion, and yes to life!

Some years later she became pregnant by a man she loved but who would not commit to marriage. Her family offered to pay for the abortion. Again she said: "No. Well-intentioned as that suggestion was. No." She said, "Yes!" to the life within her.

"Years later, now happily married, she was pregnant during an intensive regime of chemical treatment for cancer. Doctors said, "The medication is so strong, there is zero chance this child will be born normally. We must abort." Again she said "No" to abortion, and "Yes" to the life within her,"

"Against every circumstance, every setback she experienced, she stood firm. I find that heroic," said Fr. Majano. "This type of heroism is largely unsung in our society, so we sing it today. For constantly staying firm, and focusing on her steadfast love for what life is, I say: Thank you Mom! Thank you very much!"

The entire body at the Verizon Center rose to their feet to acknowledge Rosa's heroic choices. When Fr. Majano pointed to his mother, everyone clapped exuberantly to acknowledge her heroism.

Fr. Majano's mother, Rosa, stood weeping tears of joy. Fr. Majano said he was her second pregnancy. Her choice was going to college or having the baby. "He's my college degree, right there," she said.

Rosa said she can now clearly see that God had a plan for her son. "It shows to me very clearly that God had chosen him from the womb. To any woman facing a crisis pregnancy, I say, "Do not give up, God has a plan. God will never leave you alone." Rosa, 53, said "No matter how bleak the situation, God has a plan. It's amazing to be here, because each one of us has been given life and the opportunity to help others." Fr. Majano said his priestly vocation is "rooted in my mother's 'yes.' I believe my mother's character led her to be steadfast in these decisions also affected the way she raised us. I remember from an early age that my mother's go-to place in times of need was the Church. She showed that God was essential to our lives. This definitely provided good ground in my life for the vocational message to sink in."

GOVERNOR WOLF DID WHAT?



It's nothing for us to brag about, but we know now that our new Gov., Tom Wolf, used to spend his free time as an escort at an abortion mill.

We must keep a close eye on Wolf to ensure that he doesn't do in office what he did as a volunteer.

Women deserve to know the full truth about abortion, their preborn baby, and the pregnancy and parenting resources available to them.

Let's hope and pray that our new governor will have a change of heart and start trusting women with all the facts. *LifeNews Note: Micaiah Bilger is the Education Director for the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation. Thank you, Micaiah!*

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES - NO THANKS!

Always as much a part of our culture as "mom and apple pie," it is sad to witness how the Girl Scouts of America are becoming part of



the radical feminist agenda. The GSUSA promotes in its curriculum and online resources women and organizations that publicly advocate for abortion rights, including B. Friedan, G. Steinem, H. Clinton, N. Pelosi, the ACLU, Population Council

and WAGGGS.

The World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) participated in the 2014 World Conference on Youth. The delegation included two GSUSA members. The outcome statement for the conference demands, "universal access to sexual and reproductiveinformation" services and health "comprehensive sex education based on full and accurate information for all adolescents and youth." Parents, youth leaders and pastors should be concerned. These girls are our future. Source: Ann Saladin, MyGirlScoutCouncil.com and National Catholic Register

PCUC Invites You to a Pro-Life Retreat



At: Saint Emma Monastery - 1001 Harvey Avenue - Greensburg, PA 15601 Retreat Master: Father Jean-Luc, from St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe

Beginning: Friday evening, March 27, 2015, 5:00 pm
Ending: Saturday evening, March 28, 2015 8:00 pm
Cost: \$120.00 per person (make checks payable to PCUC)
R S V P BY FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015, by calling 412-531-9272 or 724-799-5904

Friday

5:00 pm - Check In 6:00 pm - Supper in St. Michaels Hall Mass after supper in Fatima Chapel Break 8:00 pm Holy Hour with Confession

Saturday

7:00 am Mass with community in Monastic Chapel
Breakfast after Mass
Mid-morning - Talk and Holy Hour
Noon - Lunch in Retreat Dining Room
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Quiet Time
Mid-Afternoon - Talk - Praying the Rosary
5:30 Supper St. Michaels Hall
Final Talk after supper

(Schedule is subject to change)

	<u>REGISTRATION FORM</u>	
NAME		
ADDRESS		
<u>CITY</u>	ZIP	
EMAIL	PHONE	
LIVIAIL	PHONE	

Cost: \$120.00 per person

Please make checks payable to PCUC and mail check and registration form to People Concerned for the Unborn Child, 3050 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226 by March 17, 2015