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THANK YOU, MARY LOU & DAVE



How do we thank the person who, over the past 40 years, directed tens of thousands of pro-lifers on their way to the March for Life in Washington, DC? How do we thank the lady who prepared flyers that were distributed by millions to the voters of southwestern PA? We add that she did it all as a volunteer.

Mary Lou Gartner and her "quiet partner," Dave, traveled to two major national conventions to help nominate pro-life candidates for President. They made many trips to Washington, DC, and Harrisburg to lobby for bills that are now law. She aided countless candidates in their quest for public office. Mary Lou's voice is always one of reason, truth and protection of God's youngest, most precious babies. She did it all while rearing six children.

Now she is retiring, and she will have time to spend with Dave and her family. We send her our deepest gratitude and love.

LIFEPAC SUPPORTS D. RAJA



Allegheny County Republican Committee Chairman D. Raja is the pro-life candidate for the PA Senate seat vacated when Guy Reschenthaler was elected to Congress. Election day is Tuesday, April 2. *If you cannot get to the polls, be sure to get an absentee ballot. THIS IS A*

BIG DEAL! Success depends on YOUR vote. Don't let this seat go to a pro-abortion candidate. Tell your neighbors. Every vote counts. Don't let PA go the way of NY and VA.

This is a special election for the 37th District. You can vote for D. Raja regardless of your party registration, including those registered Independent. The district includes Aleppo, Bell Acres, Bellvue, Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Bethel Park, Bridgeville, Crescent, Collier, Edgeworth, Emsworth, Findley Township, Glen Osborne, Glenfield Boro, Jefferson Hills, Killbuck, Leet Township, Leetsdale, McDonald (Allegheny County portion), Moon Township, Mt. Lebanon, North Fayette, Oakdale, Ohio Township, Pennsbury Village, Pleasant Hills, Robinson Township, Rosslyn Farms, Sewickley, Sewickley Heights, Sewickley Hills, South Fayette, South Park, Thornburg, Upper St. Clair, Whitehall or Peters or Union Township in Washington County. Information: 412-251-2873

40 DAYS - OUR LENT FOR LIFE



Kickoff is Mar. 5 with Mass at St. Pat's in the Strip at 6:00 pm, followed with a procession to Planned Parenthood.

Vigil starts Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6, and goes 'til Palm Sunday, Apr. 14. Go to 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com for details. Call PCUC to order flyers for your church. To schedule your church for prayer time, call Fran: 412-965-9874. We need your presence and your prayers. **SPECIAL NOTE: 1:00 PM, Thursday, March 21, Bishop Zubik will come to pray with us at Planned Parenthood. PLAN TO BE THERE**

MEMORIALS & CELEBRATIONS

In honor of Andrew McMullin
from his father, David McMullin

In honor of PCUC Volunteers
from Deacon Frank Kenski

In honor of Wilma Tussey from Carole Joyce

In honor of my sister, Sister Anece Salay, OSF, who
spent 30 years in South Africa, teaching and caring
for children with AIDS & other disabilities
from Judy Croxton

In honor of Mary Lou & Dave Gartner as they begin
retirement from PCUC Board of Directors

Memory of Paul Werner Becker from
Marlene & Dave Wohleber

Memory of Robert G. Dorsch from
Dr. & Mrs. Tim Fullerton

Memory of Robert G. Dorsch from
Joan Geimer Pavicic

Memory of Robert G. Dorsch from
Denny, Kathy & Mike May

Memory of Robert G. Dorsch
from Carol & Stan Oslosky

Memory of Robert "Uncle Bob" Dorsch
from Chad & Cathy Paylo

Memory of Robert G. Dorsch
from Johanna Leonard

Memory of Robert G. Dorsch
from Chris & Tom Murray

Memory of Robert Dorsch
from Thomas & Diane M. Runser

Memory of Carl Murawski, Sr.,
from his beloved wife, Barbara

Memory of Irene Honan
from Rosemary H. Gorecki

Memory of Phyllis Gallo
from Justine J. Conwell

Memory of Martin & Winifred McGrath Conroy
from Lawrence Conroy

Memory of Raymond, Agnes & Mary Gracy Henry
from Monica Henry

Memory of Phyllis Fleck from Charles A. Fleck

Memory of Albert Tussey from Carole Joyce

Memory of Barbara Buss Herrle, sister of
Kathleen Weaver from Nancy Kenny

Memory of Barbara Buss Herrle from Cathy Huth

Memory of Dr. Robert Gannon
from Dr. & Mrs. Lawrence Ferlan

Memory of Anna Mae Loebig
from Thomas G. Loebig

Memory of Min Rossman from Cel B. McCabe

Memory of Josephine E. Markle
from John & Fay Willforth

Memory of Linda Howard from JoLane Cecconi

Memory of Joseph Capo from his dear wife, Toni

Memory of Martha Edwards from Antoinette Capo

Memory of Martha Edwards from Helen & Frank

Memory of All People & Unborn Children
from Don and Sandra Strong

Memory of deceased members of the Walsh Family
from James & Joan Ellen Maimone

Memory of Mary Ellen Keteles
from her husband, Paul

Memory of Kenneth Kushik
from Doree & Bo Shields

Memory of Robert "Bob" Buck
from Jacqueline Buck

Memory of Al Colonna from Josh Abajian

Memory of Anna O'Connell
from Corrine & Joe Balina

Memory of Martin & Virginia Geary
from Mark Geary

Memory of Lorraine Harris from Bill Harris

Memory of William L. Kubie
from his wife, Roberta Kubie

Let us pray for Bill Coyle, for his recovery
from Kathleen Coyle

Memory of Marianne Dunn Geier
from her beloved husband, John F. Geier

Memory of their son, Donald, with love
from John & Mary Krieger

Memory of Mary Fashion from Lillian Rausch

Memory of Albert Merhaut from his wife, Joann

Memory of Harvey Bower from
Dr. & Mrs. Norbert Winter

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS



Recently we received a very generous donation "IN HONOR OF ALL PCUC VOLUNTEERS." We want all of you who are so generous with your time, talent and treasure to know you are the finest of God's holy people. Without you none of our projects would move. There would be no vigil at Planned Parenthood, no prayer at Magee Hospital, no March for Life, no lobbying on local, state or national issues. Even the upkeep of our office would be slipshod without you. Even our most vital tool of prayer, fasting and sacrifice would be nowhere without you. **THANK YOU!**

OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY



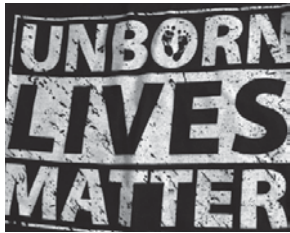
A recent letter to the editor in the Post-Gazette defended abortion and said that mothers who abort their children do it because of love.

Noting that two signers of the letter were local abortionists, we asked a few questions and learned that all of the women whose names were on the letter were abortionists at Planned Parenthood or Allegheny Reproductive in East Liberty. After adding a few more names, we encourage our readers to join us in prayer for awakening of the spirit of wisdom and knowledge within the hearts of these individuals:

Beatrice Chen (Medical Director at PP)

Audrey Lance	Sharon Achilles
Alisse Hauspurg-Janicki	Glenn Updike
Heather Hohmann	Colleen Krajewski
Arthur Signorella	Eric Lantzman
Catherine Chappell	Kavita Vinekar
Grace Ferguson	Sheila Ramgopal

UNBORN LIVES MATTER – T SHIRT



Heritage House, the outfit that sells lots of pro-life stuff, got word that their T-Shirt printer had a design they thought people would like. They printed them and submitted an ad to

Facebook. FACEBOOK SAID “NO!” as they have to many pro-life proposals. So! **Heritage House and White Mountain Tees are selling this design for \$5! You can get a hoodie for \$15.**

PCUC has just a few. If you’d like one for this \$5 price, call the office 412-531-9272.

DEMS VOTE OKs POST-ABORTION KILL



Senate Democrats blocked the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act which would have forced doctors, under threat of prison time to provide medical care to babies born alive after a failed abortion. Sponsored by Sen. Ben. Sasse (NE) and 49 senators, failed by a vote of 53-44. Sen. Casey and two other Democrats voted for the bill.

It’s up to pro-lifers to tell their family, friends, co-workers and church members that this is the new direction of the party who wants to run our land.

MARCHERS RELY ON HIGHER POWER



WORDS FROM ABORTION PROVIDERS



Former abortion providers have told us that sidewalk advocacy was the activity that most devastated their business. PP has said that when there is a peaceful outreach presence in front of their facilities, the cancellation rate can go as high as 75%. No doubt, sidewalk advocacy being present at the scene to give abortion-bound women and men real help and hope in order to help save lives is an essential part to ending abortion through God’s grace.

PCUC will continue to offer workshops where you can learn the basic “how to” help for moms.

PA SENATORS – A COMPARISON

Sen Pat Toomey has a solid pro-life voting record. He is a co-sponsor of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S.160) and the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act (S.109). He joined 48 Senate Republican colleagues in sending a letter to the President, asking him to join us in telling House and Senate Democrats that bills to weaken existing pro-life protections will be unequivocally rejected in both the Senate and White House. Sen. Casey, (letter dated Feb.13), **says** he is a pro-life public official...he believes life begins at conception and ...the role of government is to protect, enrich and value life...at every moment....**Sen. Casey is a strong supporter of Planned Parenthood.** PP gives Casey a 75% in favor of abortion-friendly laws. NARAL Pro-Choice (sic) America rates Casey at 100%. The Democrat party “has no room for pro-lifers.” (Tom Perez, party chairman). LIFEPAAC says Sen Casey is PRO-ABORTION.

TODAY'S MARCH FOR LIFE IS A REAL YOUTH MOVEMENT



SMILE! BUT GET THE MESSAGE!



"Abortion stops one heart and breaks another."

CELEBRATING ABORTION



From Christian Action News

Amy Brenneman is promoting a nation-wide tour to encourage women to celebrate their abortions. Brenneman ("Judging Amy," "NYPD Blue") and several other pro-abortion celebrities kicked off the **"Shout Your Abortion"** book tour with a Hollywood party. Another stop included free emergency contraception as a kind of party favor.

One woman responded to Brenneman by sharing her painful abortion story on Twitter: These heartbreaking, horrible stories are the ones that deserve to be heard, the true stories of how abortion destroys lives—sometimes mothers' and always unborn babies'. [by Micaiah Bilger-LifeNews.com]



THE COMPANY WE KEEP

Guess who attended the State of the Union speech as guest of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi? Of course! New CEO of Planned Parenthood, Leana Wen. Pray for both ladies.

BLACK GENOCIDE IN AMERICA



MAAFA 21, a documentary about black genocide in 21st century America reveals a secret racial agenda set in motion 150 years ago that is still being carried out today. It's long (almost 2 hours) but Life Dynamics has put together the facts, faces and features from history's sources that cannot be denied. PCUC has a few

copies left. You can come to the office or we'll mail one to you for \$1.00 plus postage. 412-531-9272.

PARENTS BEWARE



Planned Parenthood is offering a new "chat" program designed for engaging children between ages 13-17 who have access to "smartphones."

Artfully named "Roo," the "chatbot"...is meant to compensate for children who 'don't have access to sex education or only have access to programs that teach abstinence.'" The *Wall Street Journal* paraphrases PP CEO Leana Wen as explaining, "'Roo' answers all your awkward questions about sexual health, relationships, growing up and more. Chatting with 'Roo' is free and private, so go ahead and ask the things you don't want to ask out loud."

Life Advocacy Briefing 2-4-19

BAN DISMEMBERMENT ABORTIONS



U.S. Rep. Debbie Lesko has filed HR-956 to ban dismemberment abortions. The bill has 28 co-sponsors, so far. The bill has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee. We urge you to contact your U.S. Representative to urge them to add their names to the bill. Call 1-202/224-3121.

SAD STATISTIC

81% = Proportion of people in western Europe who support legal abortion in all or most cases.
Pew Research Center

PROTECTING LIFE & TAXPAYERS



The Protecting Life & Taxpayers Act – HR 833, introduced by U.S. Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO) will "limit the availability of federal tax dollars for any entity that performs abortion or which financially supports abortion providers." So far there are 62 co-sponsors, all of them Republican. Call 1-202/224-3121

We repeat what the head of the Democrat Party has said, "There is no room for pro-lifers in the Democratic Party." How many pro-lifers used to be Democrats? We know quite a few.



REMINDER: Thursday, March 21, at 1:00 PM – Bishop Zubik will join us at Planned Parenthood as part of our 40 Days for Life Vigil. MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND PLAN TO BE THERE. www.40daysforlifepgh.com

“WE’RE NOT SORRY”



When doctors told Todd and Nicola Bailey that their twin daughter Harper had Down syndrome, they broke the news by saying, “I’m sorry.” But the proud parents insist that there is nothing to be sorry for. “Our family is unique, and I wouldn’t change it for the world,” says Nicola.

The Sheffield, England couple, who are also the parents to four-year-old Lucas, didn’t find that Harper had the genetic condition until she was born, 38 minutes before her twin sister, Quinn.

“All I remember is the doctor saying, ‘I’m sorry,’” says Nicola of when the diagnosis was delivered. “But as soon as I saw them both, my heart just melted. They were both so beautiful.”

Nicola, a nurse, is now striving to educate people about Down syndrome and reduce the stigma. “Harper is Harper, and Quinn is Quinn—they are not the same, so I try not to compare them, however hard that may be...Harper is perfect. I would not change her. Her little smile lights up the room, and she is who she is supposed to be.”

DID YOU KNOW

18 Days – A baby’s heart begins to beat
43 Days – Brain coordinates movement
7 weeks – A baby can hiccup
9 weeks – Has permanent, individual fingerprints
10 weeks – Baby can feel sense of comfort/pain

KAVANAUGH SLAMMED ROE IN 2017



The text of a speech Brett Kavanaugh gave in 2017 has people on both sides of the debate wondering if it’s an indication that he would be open to overturning *Roe v Wade*.

The speech was mostly about former Supreme Court Justice William Rehnquist and assisted suicide, but when you read it you see Kavanaugh essentially in agreement with Rehnquist’s assertion.

Kavanaugh’s speech was based on the case of *Washington v. Glucksberg*, involving an asserted right to assisted suicide. Rehnquist wrote the opinion for the Court saying that the unenumerated rights and liberties protected by the due process clause are those rights that are deeply rooted in the nation’s history and tradition. And he rejected the claim that assisted suicide qualified as such a fundamental right.

What makes the passage “Roe-skeptical” isn’t his claim that the Court “created” the right to abortion; it’s his cautiously pejorative references to that process. It wasn’t just that judges created a right in *Roe*. It was that it was part of a “freewheeling” judicial trend at the time. It’s hard to imagine a judge, particularly a conservative judge, ever using “freewheeling” as a compliment to describe a turn in jurisprudence.

Trump applauded Kavanaugh as someone who would apply the Constitution as written. Planned Parenthood launched a fierce attack on Kavanaugh, claiming he would “wreak havoc” on abortion.

Source: Life News 7-12-18. Call for full article

WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW

A report that examined the encounter between students from Covington Catholic High School and a Native American activist near the Lincoln Memorial found “no evidence” of “offensive or racist statements.”

“We see no evidence that students responded with any offensive or racist statements,” the report dated Feb. 11 from the detective agency Greater Cincinnati Investigation read. The report was commissioned by the Catholic Diocese of Covington, Kentucky.

Nick Sandmann and other students of Covington Catholic High, who were in Washington to attend the March for Life faced harsh criticism in mainstream and social media based on a video showing a portion of their encounter January 18 with Nathan Phillips, 64, on the National Mall.

GOOD FRIDAY AT PP

Were you there on Good Friday in 1973? It was the day that Women's Health Services opened their abortion mill on Stanwix Street across from Joseph Horne in the middle of the Golden Triangle.

On that day, people pledged to keep coming back until the place closed. Did anyone dream on that day that nearly half a century later we would be calling you back again to pray for an end to abortion. The site has changed several times, but the killing continues. The prayer has never stopped.

JOIN US AT 10 AM ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19.

PCUC BANQUET CD

Nick Adams' outstanding address at our Banquet in October is available on DVD from the PCUC office for \$10.00. Call if you'd like a copy for yourself or someone who couldn't be there.

SUIT WOULD "NY-IZE" PA ABORTION LAW

By Mike McMonagle

On January 16, 2019, the Women's Law Project, on behalf of the abortion mills in PA that admit to committing 95% of the abortions in PA, filed a lawsuit that seeks a declaration from the PA Supreme Court that a "right to abortion" now exists in the PA Constitution. Their immediate goal is to fund all Medicaid abortions, which numbered approximately 13,000 per year prior to PA's Medicaid funding restrictions taking effect in 1985. These restrictions have resulted in a sustained decrease of approximately 5,000 abortions per year in PA.

The good news is that the pro-life majority in the PA House and Senate can pass a Constitutional Amendment, as other states have done, that establishes that the PA Constitution contains no "right to abortion."

ALSO FROM HARRISBURG

We are also pleased to hear that House Speaker Mike Turzai and Rep. Judy Ward will introduce a bill that will prohibit abortion of preborn babies diagnosed with possible Down syndrome. First introduced last year, this bill would let the world see that babies with one extra chromosome are as worthy of life as their brothers and sisters without that "extra touch." Elsewhere in this month's newsletter is the story of a family whose new-born twin daughter was born with Down syndrome while her sister was not.

PA already has a law that gives every mother who gives birth to a child with Down syndrome the immediate aid she needs for early intervention in the physical, mental and educational needs for her child. We do not want to become like other countries of the world where the "cure" for Down syndrome is to kill the child. They are precious assets in our society.

WATCH FOR ABBY IN "UNPLANNED"



Scheduled for release on March 29. Watch for "UNPLANNED" in YOUR neighborhood theater.

The ratings agency gave it an "R," maybe hoping to keep us away. Parents: you can take your 15-year old children. No swearing. No sex. Violence to baby in the womb is what they don't want us to see or believe. Invite someone who's "on the fence."

UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTES TO PP



Despite the fact that Planned Parenthood is the nation's biggest abortion business, a report published by 2nd Vote indicates that United Way affiliates fund it with millions in donations.

Analysis of recent IRS Form 990 filings and other documentation found 62 United Way affiliates sent \$2,756,799 to PP abortion organizations in tax year 2016, an increase of \$168,806 from donations in 2015.

According to PP, an abortion can cost up to \$950. If that is true, it means United Way dollars essentially paid for the equivalent of at least 2901 abortions over the course of a single year.

Does your local United Way donate to PP? "The Pro-Life Guide to United Way" was released on 2nd Vote's site. It has a state-by-state list of every United Way in the U.S. Each entry shows the amount of money donated to PP with a link to tax forms documenting the expenditure.

When we checked the 2nd Vote site, (it takes a little looking) we learned that most local United Way agencies do NOT donate to PP. Philadelphia and United Way of Allegheny County **do** give money to PP. In 2016 PA United Way agencies gave \$341,317 to PP.

HONOR THY MOTHER

In the month of May we honor all mothers. Let us especially remember and pray for our own mothers, for mothers of adopted and foster children. Pray for all mothers who love their children with disabilities that present daily challenges.

Let us know if there is a mother YOU want to honor, and we will send her a lovely card with your love and prayers.



Save the Date!

You're cordially invited to a celebration

People Concerned for the Unborn Child

50th Anniversary

Sunday, October 20, 2019

At the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Greentree

Doors open at noon. Dinner at 1 p.m.

Tickets at \$35 per person; send checks to

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