

# People Concerned for the Unborn Child

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## NEWSLETTER



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### OUR PLANS HAVE CHANGED

#### **PA MARCH STILL HEADED FOR HARRISBURG IN LATE SEPTEMBER**

We've been to Washington, DC, every January for almost fifty years. This spring we planned to go to Harrisburg. Now those plans have changed, but our goal is still the same.

PCUC has chartered buses from East, West, North and South areas around the city. So that we can fill the buses we will keep the cost as low as possible. A donation of \$25 is suggested.

For details go to: [PAMarchForLife.org](http://PAMarchForLife.org).

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We will leave our local areas at 6 a.m., and we will be back by 7 p.m. The day will include a rally on the Capital steps and a March around the Capital. Our state lawmakers will be told ahead of time about our March.

Our speakers at the rally will include Abby Johnson, author of UNPLANNED, and Ryan Bomberger, founder of the Radiance Foundation.

We will carry the message that all human life is precious, and that the right to LIFE begins at the moment of conception and extends until natural death.

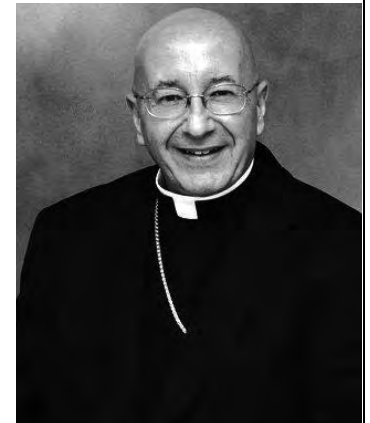
We will have more details in newsletters between now and September.

### **PA PRIMARY ELECTION = JUNE 2**

In a Presidential election year, PA holds its Primary Election one month earlier than other years. In 2020, our Primary Election will be on Tuesday, June 2, due to our current national crisis.

LIFEPAC has been working since last fall to be sure we are well-prepared for this major election. PCUC's Political Action Director, Anita Theiss, prepared the list of candidates for offices from the President to our PA Senators and Representatives. They are on pages 3 & 4. Please take these pages with you to the polls to be sure you have the names of the pro-life candidates.

### **TWO BISHOPS BLESS 40 DAYS MASS**



The "40 Days for Life" crowd at Epiphany Church in the uptown section of the City of Pittsburgh filled the pews on Tuesday, Feb. 25, with the kickoff of our Lenten vigil. It followed the kickoff service on Monday, Feb. 24, at Lincoln Place Church of the Nazarene, led by Pastor Joseph Stump.

Thank you to Pastor Stump, Bishop Zubik and Bishop Walterscheid and all of the priests and seminarians who celebrated LIFE in our city. You are a blessing to all God's people.

As we experience our current crisis, please PRAY FOR ALL PRO-LIFE CLERGY.

## MEMORIALS AND CELEBRATIONS

Memory of our beloved grandson, Nicholas Mattivi  
from Dave & Mary Lou Gartner

Memory of Josephine Wichman, mother of  
Fr. Ed Wichman, from Mary Lou & Dave Gartner

Memory of Julie Tarabrella, from her husband Paul,  
to help with expenses for March for Life

Memory of Anna Marie McClain  
from Helen & Frank Cindrich

Memory of Bob Sober from Helen & Frank

Memory of Sally Brunn from Lillian Rausch

Memory of Sally Brunn  
from Mike and Terri Aquilina

Memory of Pro-Life Attorney W.B. Dixon  
from Joan O'Brien

Memory of W.B. "Bill" Dixon from Helen Cindrich

Memory of Al Merhaut from his wife, Joann  
*\*We note that Joann died on February 28*

Memory of their Family  
From Richard & Claudette Henry

Memory of Ken from Lois H. Roos

Memory of Eddie McCarron  
from Helen & Frank Cindrich

Memory of Elsie Lewis from Helen Cindrich

Memory of Rose Mazur  
from Helen & Frank Cindrich

Memory of Margaret & John Link  
from Amelia Streit

Memory of McKenna-Foley-Zibell Families  
from Joseph R. McKenna

Prayers for the Magee Hospital Project from  
Mary Stone, Allentown, PA

Memory of Margaret & Patrick Dolan &  
Marced Ryan from Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Ryan

Memory of Robert Buck from Jacqueline Buck

Memory of Rabbi Abraham Twerski, M.D.  
from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Dr. Robert Gannon  
from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Dr. Gilbert Friday  
from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Dr. Lawrence Dunegan  
from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Mrs. Maryjane Greffenstette  
from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Mrs. Sally Brunn  
from Jim & Donna Grab

In honor of Dr. & Mrs. Robert Blume  
from Jim & Donna Grab

In honor of Dr. Frank Arch from Jim & Donna Grab

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Marvin on their  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary from Jim & Donna Grab

In honor of Dr. John F. Ward  
from Jim & Donna Grab

Memory of Paul F. D'Antonio  
from Clara D'Antonio

Christmas Blessings for Mary Lou & Dave Gartner  
from Granddaughter Amy O'Keefe

Christmas Blessings for Mary Lou & Dave Gartner  
from Granddaughter Karen O'Keefe

In honor of Mary Catherine Scanlon from  
The Jeff & Helen Remington Family

Memory of Irene Honan from Rosemary H. Gorecki

Memory of Frank Donohue from his wife, Kitty

Memory of Martin & Winifred Conroy  
from Larry & Joan Conroy

Memory of John Buck, Helen Baker & John Baker  
from Daniel & Marlene Buck

Memory of deceased members of the Bruno,  
Chappie & DeMonaco Families from Robert Bruno

In honor of Adoptive Parents from Frank Kenski

Memory of Terry Ellen Kiser from Cheryl Kiser

Memory of Raymond Caporali  
from Jerry & Peggy Wrabley

Memory of Betty Lawson & Davey Chardello  
from Margaret Lawson

Memory of Richard W. Kelly, Sr.,  
from Mary Jo Kelly

Memory of William L. Kubic from  
his wife, J. Roberta Kubic

Memory of Bob Sober from his dear wife, LaVerne

In loving honor of Donna Gray Brophy's  
Birthday by her sisters-in-law,  
their husbands and families

Memory of Glenn Richard Kepple from Linda Weir

Memory of Dr. Robin F. Good &  
Marie DiStefano Good from  
R. F. Good II

In honor of Milan & Rose Liptak from R.F. Good II

LUKE N. SCHOLZE IS 1! –from  
Karen F. & S. J. Scholze

In honor of Albert Tussey from Mrs. Carole Joyce

Memory of Wilma Tussey from Mrs. Carol Joyce

Memory of Mike Novak from Cecelia K. Perz

Memory of Thomas & Kathleen Myron  
from Thomas & Linda Myron

Memory of Joan Conroy from Lawrence Conroy

Christmas Remembrance in honor of Jim Scanlon  
from his beloved sister, Ann Scanlon

Take this flyer into the voting booth for the PA Primary Election

# Vote Pro Life

## PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP and VICE PRESIDENT MIKE PENCE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Allowed states to defund Planned Parenthood of Medicaid funds                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Appointed pro-life judges who will serve FOR LIFE          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permitted states to defund Planned Parenthood of Title X funding                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Stopped tax dollars funding abortion overseas              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strong pro-life appointments to the White House and federal judges                              | <input type="checkbox"/> New Office for Conscience Protection at HHS                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Required health insurance companies to disclose if plans cover abortion                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Cut Planned Parenthood's tax funding by up to \$60 million |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancelled a huge contract for taxpayer-funded experimentation with body parts of aborted babies | <input type="checkbox"/> Defunded the pro-abortion UNFPA                            |

<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>	<b>AUDITOR GENERAL</b>	<b>TREASURER</b>
<b>Heather Heidelbaugh (R)</b>	<b>Tim DeFoor (R)...Scott Conklin (D)</b>	<b>Stacy Garrity (R)</b>

## UNITED STATES CONGRESS

<i>District 13</i> <b>*John Joyce (R)</b>	<i>District 14</i> <b>*Guy Reschenthaler(R)</b>	<i>District 15</i> <b>*Glenn Thompson(R)</b>
<i>District 16</i> <b>*Mike Kelly(R)</b>	<i>District 17</i> <b>Sean Parnell (R)</b>	<i>District 18</i> <b>Luke Negron (R)</b>

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE

Only odd numbered Senate Districts are open for election this year

<i>District 21</i> <b>*Scott Hutchinson (R)</b>	<i>District 37</i> <b>Jeff Neff (R)... Devlin Robinson (R)</b>		
<i>District 39</i> <b>*Kim Ward (R)</b>	<i>District 41</i> <b>*Joe Pittman (R)</b>	<i>District 45</i> <b>Nicole Zicarelli (R)</b>	<i>District 47</i> <b>*Elder Vogel (R)</b>

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE

### Allegheny County

<i>District 16</i> <b>Rico Elmore (R)...*Bob Matzie(D)</b>	<i>District 25</i> <b>John Ritter (R)...*Brandon Markosek (D)</b>	<i>District 30</i> <b>*Lori Mizgorski (R)</b>
<i>District 28</i> <b>Rob Mecuri (R)... Libby Blackburn (R)...Mike Heckmann (R)</b>	<i>District 32</i> <b>*Tony DeLuca (D)</b>	<i>District 33</i> <b>Carrie DelRosso (R)</b>
<i>District 36</i> <b>A J Doyle (R)...Heather Kass (D)</b>	<i>District 39</i> <b>*Mike Puskaric(R)...Tom Kirsch (R)</b>	<i>District 40</i> <b>*Natalie Mihalek (R)</b>
<i>District 42 WRITE IN</i> <b>Mike Embrescia (R)</b>	<i>District 44</i> <b>*Valerie Gaydos (R)...Bob Doddato (R)</b>	<i>District 45</i> <b>*Anita Kulik(D)...Danny DeVito (R)</b>
<i>District 46</i> <b>*Jason Ortitay (R)</b>	<i>District 54</i> <b>*Bob Brooks (R)</b>	

### Armstrong County

<i>District 55</i> <b>*Joseph Petrarca (D)...Jason Silvis (R)</b>	<i>District 60</i> <b>*Jeff Pyle(R)</b>	<i>District 63</i> <b>*Donna Oberlander (R)</b>
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### Beaver County

<i>District 10</i> <b>*Aaron Bernstine (R)</b>	<i>District 14</i> <b>*James Marshall (R)</b>	<i>District 15</i> <b>*Joshua Kail (R)</b>	<i>District 16</i> <b>*Bob Matzie (D)...Rico Elmore (R)</b>
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## Butler County

*District 8*  
\*Tim Bonner (R)

*District 10*  
\*Aaron Bernstine (R)

*District 11*  
Marci Mustello (R)

*District 12*  
\*Daryl Metcalfe (R)

*District 14*  
\*Jim Marshall (R)

*District 60*  
\*Jeff Pyle (R)

*District 64*  
\*Lee James (R)

## Fayette County

*District 49*  
\*Bud Cook (R)..Tony Bottino (R)

*District 50*  
\* Pam Snyder (D)..Larry Yost (R)

*District 51*  
\*Matthew Dowling (R)

*District 52*  
\*Ryan Warner (R)

## Greene County

*District 50*  
\*Pam Snyder (D)...Larry Yost (R)

## Indiana County

*District 55*  
\*Joseph Petrarca (D)...Jason Silvis (R)

*District 60*  
\*Jeff Pyle (R)

*District 62*  
\*Jim Struzzi (R)

## Lawrence County

*District 9*  
\*Chris Sainato (D) ... Lynne Ryan (R)

*District 10*  
\*Aaron Bernstein(R)

*District 17*  
\*Parke Wentling (R)

## Mercer County

*District 7*  
\*Mark Longietti (D)

*District 8*  
\*Tim Bonner (R)

*District 17*  
\*Parke Wentling(R)

## Washington County

*District 15*  
\* Joshua Kail (R)

*District 39*  
\*Mike Puskaric (R)...Tom Kirsh (R)

*46*  
\*Jason Ortitay (R)

*District 48*  
\*Tim O'Neal (R)... Harlan Shober (D)

*District 49*  
\*Bud Cook (R)...Tony Bottino(R)

*District 50*  
\*Pam Snyder (D)...Larry Yost (R)

## Westmoreland County

*District 33*  
Carrie DelRosso (R)

*District 52*  
\*Ryan Warner (R)

*District 54*  
\*Bob Brooks (R)

*District 55*  
\*Joe Petrarca (D)...Jason Silvis (R)

*District 56*  
\* George Dunbar (R)

*District 57*  
\*Eric Nelson (R)

*District 58*  
\*Eric Davanzo (R)

*District 59*  
\*Mike Reese (R)

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\*Only Pro-life Candidates from southwestern PA are listed  
\*When there is no Pro-life candidate, district is not mentioned  
\*Indicates an incumbent  
\*You can vote only in your registered political party

## MEMORIALS & CELEBRATIONS (Cont'd)

Christmas Remembrance in honor of Bridgid &  
Adam Bowland with love from Ann Scanlon  
In honor of our grandson, Henry Josef Wilsey  
on his First Birthday  
from Nick & Colleen Kuhn

Memory of Elsie Lewis  
from Dave & Mary Lou Gartner

In honor of Mary Lou Glaid from Joanne Very  
Memory of Chuck McGervey from Ann McGervey  
In honor of Joseph & Carol Hoffmann  
from Robert & Maureen Lingg

Memory of Judith M. Donovan  
from Robert & Maureen Lingg

Memory of Edward A. Gromek  
from Norma Gromek

Memory of Mary Irene Wallace  
from Melissa L. Wallace

Memory of Sally Mrozowski  
from Rege & Libby Flaherty

Memory of Mark Lansinger from Jean Lansinger

Memory of David Freedy  
from his beloved parents, Hank & Judy

Memory of Martin & Virginia Geary  
from Mark F. Geary, Esq.

Memory of Nora A. Lamanna  
from her beloved daughter, Candy Graham

Memory of Jeannie Rings, daughter of  
Winnie Ritter, from Helen Cindrich

Memory of Phyllis Chick Tennant with love from  
her niece and nephew, Joey & Sandy George

Memory of Melzi, Rachelle, Babe & Alma  
Antonacci from Ed & Charlene Antonacci

Memory of Lorraine M. (Burgman) Gaye  
from Helen & Frank Cindrich

Memory of John E. & Theresa Kolenchak  
from Teresita K. Kolenchak

From Tom Schuerger for "The Children"  
Memory of Joann Merhaut from Jim & Viv Messina  
Memory of Bob Sober  
from Frank & Betty Nemchik

## TWO FRIENDS WENT "HOME"

Rare was the pro-life event when we did not see Bob Sober. Bob died on Jan. 10, just short of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Our prayers for his wife, LaVerne.

JoAnne Merhaut was active in PCUC since the first March for Life. She was passionate about pro-life movement and a leader in her church and community. She died on Feb. 28.

## LIFE DEFENDERS: BE NOT DISCOURAGED

Mark Crutcher, founder of Life Dynamics in Texas, reminds us that in 1992 there were more than 2,100 abortion clinics in America. Today there are fewer than 600, and most of them are gasping for air. You can be sure that if the pro-life movement had never existed, there would be abortion clinics in every mall and shopping center in the country.

**MAAFA 21**, the DVD produced by Crutcher, tells us how the anti-life movement in the U.S. tried to pressure our minority population to accept birth control and even abortion. Call the PCUC office for the DVD. You can share it with your friends and church members, too.

## PRAY ALONG WITH 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

*Gretchen Cararie*

We are trying to identify groups who might be willing to join the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Vigil in prayer from their own Church or home. Specifically, we are looking for groups who have Perpetual Adoration; we can furnish you with Devotionals for the 40 days of the Vigil.

The Pittsburgh 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Vigil has always covered the hours of 7am-7pm; we are trying to find groups who could join us in prayer from 7pm-7am, to continue the Vigil even though we are not standing outside of the Planned Parenthood facility. We have begun to reach out to Prison facilities; we thought that Churches who have Perpetual Adoration through the night hours would be a perfect match for our prayer vigil.

**40 Days for Life will begin again;** we would like to hear from you as soon as possible, so that we can get materials to you. Please contact: Gretchen Cararie: [gcararie@zoominternet.net](mailto:gcararie@zoominternet.net) or 724-898-2529 or Beth Ann Veres: [everes@gmail.com](mailto:everes@gmail.com) or 412-680-5894.

\*\*\* Even as our campaign is suspended, please do not stop praying until abortion has been ended in our country.

## ST. CLAIR HOSPITAL DELIVERS

If you live in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, you can't miss the beautiful ads in local magazines or the billboards along local roads that advertise the "Family-Centered Care" delivered by St. Clair Hospital. From the sonogram of a babe in the womb to the joyful love of a new mom to her baby. Look at these ads and you see a place you'd *want* to go to have your baby.

## **BISHOPS TELL CATHOLICS: VOTE PRO-LIFE FIRST TO STOP THREAT OF ABORTION**

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a series of short videos. **One video specifically focuses on the sanctity of human life.**

The Bishops said ending abortion should be a top priority for Catholic voters. They said "The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority...it directly attacks life because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family and because of the number of lives destroyed."

The sanctity of life video urges Catholics to vote and act with compassion and love toward the most vulnerable, including unborn babies, people with disabilities and the elderly, all of whom are at risk of abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia.

The videos are available on the Bishops' YouTube channel in four different languages: "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility." *Source: LifeNews Feb. 7, 2020*

## **MAGEE PROJECT BUSY AND PRODUCTIVE NOTE: THESE PLANS MAY CHANGE**

*Meredith Parente*

*TheMageeProject@gmail.com*

The Magee Project wraps up its 10<sup>th</sup> season of going and praying at Magee-Womens Hospital! Thank you to all who took an hour or more to pray at the hospital.

At the fall Board meeting we increased our impact on the Magee Board by having three speakers challenge the status quo.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pastors Luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 5! If you'd like to invite your pastor or priest to this luncheon, please send me contact info: address, phone and email, if they use it.

We'll be back to signing up to pray at Magee in late April. Until then, please ask God to move to end abortion at Magee.

## **DEMS SUE FOR E.R.A. AND ABORTION**

Attorneys General from Virginia, Illinois and Nevada have filed a lawsuit to force the U.S. to ratify the pro-abortion ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) to the Constitution. Watch for more news on this outrage.

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL SUSPENDED**

On Sunday, March 22, 40 Days for Life President Shawn Carney ended the public vigil portion of the campaign due to the Coronavirus pandemic. He asks that we look forward to a video update in the coming days. Of course, we continue our prayers to end all abortions.

## **ABORTION LEGISLATION IN PA**



Thanks to the crew at Mike Turzai's office, we have two excellent flyers on the most current pro-life legislation in PA. "PAIN CAPABLE DISMEMBERMENT" and "FINAL DISPOSITION of FETAL REMAINS"

are clearly described, along with actions already taken, sponsors and bill numbers, all of which you can use in calls, emails and letters to YOUR legislators.

Call the PCUC office (412)531-9272 for copies.

## **ABORTION ON SCOTUS CALENDAR**

In its first abortion case since Justice Kavanaugh was confirmed, the U. S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the case *June Medical Services LLC vs. Gee* on March 4.

The case pits an abortion business against the state of Louisiana which passed a law to safeguard women's health by mandating that abortionists have hospital admitting privileges.

In December, 197 members of Congress (Senators and Representatives) filed a "friend of the court" brief in support of the abortionists! House Speaker Nancy Pelosi led the effort.

## **DEMS SAY UNBORN BABIES NOT MEMBERS OF 'HOMO SAPIENS'**

Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives



refused to adopt language that would have added pre-born children to existing safety regulations on drinking water.

Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers offered the amendment to the federal Safe Drinking Water

Act, adding "unborn child" to the list of subpopulations that would be particularly vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. It defines "unborn child" as a "member of the species homo sapiens..." which has already been used in the Unborn Victims of Violence Act. It was shot down by a vote of 187-219.

## **IT MAY NOT BE TOO LATE**

**1-877-558-0333**

## **KEEP THIS NUMBER IN YOUR WALLET**

If you learn that someone has taken the abortion pill, and they are having second thoughts, this phone number and [abortionpillreversal.com](http://abortionpillreversal.com) are the tools you need to save a life and help a mother reverse the abortion process.

### **WERE YOU IN THAT CROWD?**

If you would like to see the entire March for Life from January 18, moving fast but all there, go to [lovethembothtv.com](http://lovethembothtv.com). You will be amazed!

### **PRO-LIFERS TALK UP THE CAUSE**

Rep. Bill Flores was among a group of more than 30 U.S. House Representatives who participated in a program televised on *C-SPAN*. Flores hit the nail on the head with his description of Planned Parenthood as “an abortion factory dedicated to providing, protecting and expanding access to abortion. This genocide constitutes over 96% of their pregnancy resolution services, as they call them, whereas pre-natal and adoption referral services accounted for less than 4% of pregnancy resolution services.”

*Life Advocacy Briefing w/o Jan 27, 2020*

### **GOV. WOLF WANTS MORE \$\$ FOR PP**

It wasn't enough for Gov. Wolf to veto several good pieces of pro-life legislation. Now he wants **more** money from pro-life Pennsylvanians--to put it into the pockets of Planned Parenthood.

Wolf has been on the **receiving** end of PP's **record spending on pro-abortion candidates**, so it's no surprise this former abortion clinic escort is doing their bidding.

Please, please tell your family and friends. We each must send an email to your State Senator and State Representative. If you need the address or email or phone numbers your PA Rep and Senator, call PCUC 412-531-9272.

### **CONGRATS TO VISION FOR LIFE LEADER**

This year on January 1, Chris Humphrey, brave leader of **Vision for Life**, stayed in the cold, muddy “Mon” for **20 minutes** for the *Polar Bear Plunge*! He did it to raise money for Vision for Life.

Now **Vision for Life** needs help to pay for ads to let Women know that **Women's Choice** and **Choices Pregnancy Centers** are open during the current crisis. Go to [visionforlifepgh.org](http://visionforlifepgh.org)

### **FIRSTBORN AT MARY'S PLACE!**

#### **Congratulations! Thanks be to God!**

Wonderful news is that Mary's Place, our city's new residence for expectant moms, has been blessed by the birth of their first baby. Best wishes for mom, baby and all who are part of this blessing.

### **DATE CHANGED TO FALL HELP WITH HEALING!**

#### **RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

Looking for a chance to get away from daily pressures and to look at the painful past through a supportive and nurturing process? Rachel's Vineyard's retreat at the Ark and the Dove Center in Gibsonsia will be moved to a weekend in the fall.

The weekend is intense and emotional but yields a fruitful harvest. The retreat team includes a retreat facilitator, a licensed therapist, a Catholic priest and others who have found healing through the retreat process. The date will be in our next newsletter.

For more information or a brochure with a description of the process, call Toni Jester, retreat facilitator, 412-352-5348 or email Toni at [toniafj1@comcast.net](mailto:toniafj1@comcast.net).

### **FIRST AND LAST DAY TO VOLUNTEER**

#### ***From a 40 Days for life daily report:***

*“Near the end of the shift a woman exited and looked very distraught. (Another volunteer) and I asked if she was OK. She told us that today was her first day as a PP volunteer and would also be her last. She expressed feeling so saddened as she sat in a room with about ten women. She wasn't sure how many were there for abortions and how many for other procedures. She heard one of them complain that she had to pay over \$400 for her abortion. She overheard a guy calling his girlfriend a murderer because she was aborting their baby. She said that thoughts of her four miscarriages came to mind as she sat in that clinic. She had initially thought that volunteering at PP would be a good idea, but she couldn't even finish her first shift! She told us she couldn't stand being there any longer and left. (Another volunteer) and I prayed with her and let her know about some resources that are available to her. She told us that she plans on returning to church.*

### **OHIO'S ABORTION CLINICS MUST CLOSE**

All of Ohio's abortion clinics have been ordered to stop providing the procedure as the state clamps down on medical services to preserve protective gear amid the growing Coronavirus outbreak. The order, if enforced, will make abortion even more difficult to obtain in a state that's been aggressively attempting to limit and restrict the procedure.

Upon receiving the Attorney General's letter, a lawyer for PP Southwest Ohio Region responded, clarifying that the clinic was in compliance with the Health Department's order.

As the battle in Ohio continues, we notice that the number of clients entering the Pittsburgh PP center has increased. Please pray for all who still believe that any abortion is needed or necessary.

## A TERRIBLE TIME ON THE SIDEWALK

*By Nikki Bruni, 40 Days for Life*

It was a terrible time on the sidewalk. I really do not like being there in the middle of the day. But, I guess this is not all about me and what I want, is it? So many precious lives were lost today, discarded like so much trash. It was so busy...probably 8 to 10 couples went through those doors for abortion just in the two hours that I was there. I felt compelled once again to just stay on my knees in prayer the entire time. As terrible as it was, it was very uplifting to see Ken and Steve who had signed up for the two hour shift to make sure I was not alone! Also, it was good to see Joan, who was sidewalk advocating for the first hour, and then Michelle, who came to sidewalk advocate for the second hour. Both of these ladies were very gentle and kind and offered helpful information to all who passed by and who went into the clinic.

As I was on my knees praying, one couple practically bounced into Planned Parenthood, and in a singsong voice exclaimed, "What a beautiful day for an abortion!" I felt such sadness for that little one whose life was being ended in such a callous and thoughtless way. That little one did not know that its life was going to come to a screeching halt within the next hour. The only thing that little one had ever known was the safety and the warmth of his or her mother's body. The only thing she had ever heard was the sound of her mother's heartbeat and her voice.

As I prayed, I thought about how tragic and pitiful the killing of these babies is. An analogy came to mind: Think of a young girl who is preparing for her wedding day. She is nervous, excited and full of anticipation for her big day and looking forward to her new life as the wife of her beloved husband to be. Imagine her in her room getting ready, making sure her makeup is just perfect, her hair the best that she can make it look, and finally, putting on her wedding gown. The moment has arrived! She arrives at the church and prepares to walk down the aisle. She is so excited and nervous and scared. Everybody is going to be looking at her, and she is hoping her beloved will think she is beautiful. But then, as she walks toward him, he suddenly pulls out a gun and shoots her dead, right in front of everybody in the church. It turns out everybody is in on it. They all laugh and clap their hands as the young woman sinks into a puddle of blood and dies.

In my mind, that is what is happening to these little ones. They are just beginning to develop, little hands and feet and eyes and mouths. Their hearts are beating, their blood circulating; they are stretching and yawning and dreaming. Sure, they don't know what the outside world is like, and they don't know what to expect, but their soul is just as big as ours. (See col. 2)

## A TERRIBLE TIME ON THE SIDEWALK (CONTINUED)

There is no such thing as a baby soul. All souls are perfect and complete, made by God. So, her soul is anticipating the life that God had planned for her, and is anxiously awaiting the meeting of her mother and father, who are the very ones who have orchestrated her death...right in front of everyone, with everybody in on it. Nobody has pity for her as she dies.

I did see one couple leave, and there were tears streaming from the young woman's eyes, while her friend patted her back gently, trying to comfort her. At least somebody cried for that one.

### ACTIVISTS PROMOTE ABORTION

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Abortion activists complain about President Donald Trump as the Coronavirus spreads. They **say** that the Trump administration's new restrictions on the use of aborted baby body parts in research could hinder the creation of a Coronavirus treatment.

Even though ethical alternatives, including pluripotent stem cells and tissue from placentas, umbilical cords and amniotic fluid, are available for developing treatments, some scientists are pushing to use aborted baby body parts instead.

A National Institutes of Health researcher recently asked the federal government for a waiver to be allowed to use aborted baby body parts in Coronavirus research. Scientists said that an experiment on the mice could take up to 10 days, and, if successful, more experiments on humans would have to occur before the Food and Drug Administration would approve the treatment or vaccine.

According to several researchers familiar with the situation, some of whom spoke on the condition of anonymity, such experiments *could* be particularly fruitful. Just months ago, before the new Coronavirus began to infect people around the world, other U.S. scientists made two highly relevant discoveries. They found that specialized mice could be transplanted with human fetal tissue that develops into lungs — the part of the body the new Coronavirus invades. These "humanized mice," could then be infected with corona viruses — to which ordinary mice are not susceptible — closely related to the one that causes the new disease, covid-19.

But even fellow scientist Irving Weissman, an expert in stem cell research, acknowledged that "it isn't clear" if such an experiment would work. Weissman said Hasenkrug's experiment is "worth a try," but he also **suggested that a drug already approved by the FDA may be effective in treating the virus, though he has not done research on it yet, according to the report.**

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