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E-Newsletter
Monthly Update for October 2024



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Greg Engelmeyer

Dear Friends of Life,

I had the pleasure of attending a Pro-Life Advocates meeting this past Saturday, hosted by His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid at St. John Neumann Church. The good Bishop had much to say about the evils of abortion, especially how it is a direct attack on human life; specifically against society and the family.

Not surprisingly, the topic on everyone's mind these days came up – the upcoming election. Bishop Waltersheid, without naming names, spoke the well-known truth, that one candidate supports abortion, and the other, while not perfect, comes closest to our views on the sanctity of life and the evil of abortion. I asked him directly, what he would say to those pro-life advocates, who are having difficulty voting for someone who does not align perfectly with all their pro-life beliefs. He replied, that “it is ok to vote for someone who, while they are not a perfect pro-life candidate, gives us the best chance to defeat someone who would make abortion legal up until birth, and would shut down all our pro-life efforts and freedom to fight this evil.

Peter Elliott, one of our PCUC board members, stood up and directly quoted the directive from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, who stated in a near unanimous vote that it is the moral responsibility of all Catholics (and I'll add Christians) to properly prepare for and vote in the November 5th election. He quoted directly from a pamphlet he had prepared using the USCCB guide, *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*.

Clause 64 from the USCCB – “Abortion and euthanasia have become preeminent threats to human life and dignity because they directly attack life itself, the most fun-

damental good and the condition for all others. Abortion, the deliberate killing of a human being before birth, is never morally acceptable, and must always be opposed.

And Clause 65. “Laws that legitimize any of these practices are profoundly unjust and immoral. Our Conference supports laws and policies to protect human life to the maximum degree possible, including constitutional protection for the unborn and legislative efforts to end abortion, assisted suicide, and euthanasia.”

In summary, the Catholic bishops came out strongly against abortion and state that we must oppose it with all that we have, including our votes and our voices for the candidate that gives us the best chance to limit and perhaps end abortion. I acknowledge that this individual is by no means perfect, but spending your vote on another 3rd party candidate to send a message or signal a protest, is akin to the old saying, ‘If a tree falls in the woods, and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?’

If you want to be heard, I think there is an obvious choice. Please don't throw your vote away in a futile protest. It's the same numerically as half a vote for the abortion candidate.

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR

By Nikki Bruni



"Pouring ourselves out"...

Like many of you who are active in pro-life work, *I have been living with a sense of dread for the past few weeks...knowing how insanely busy the fall months are.*

Looking ahead and seeing the March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, our 40 Days for Life Kick-off on Tuesday, the 40-day vigil beginning on Wednesday, along with my own parish respect life events...and our PCUC fall luncheon coming up in October (*for which I am in charge*)...has been causing my anxiety levels to rise. I didn't sleep much the night before last, and was feeling like I was coming down with a cold yesterday. That added to my fears, that now I was going to have to push through this crazy time while not feeling well.

Thank God that I have been able to persevere in an early morning hour of Eucharistic Adoration at the Oratory four days a week, and Mass every morning. *Even yesterday, when I was tired and not feeling well, I forced myself to get up and go, and I am so glad I did.* Being in front of Jesus...in the same room with Him...made me feel instantly better. A calming peace and reassurance filled my soul as I realized that it is a good thing to pour oneself out for the Lord.

This morning, while in front of Him, I had an image of what it is like in the spiritual realm, when we try to "save" some of ourselves, for ourselves. It would be like trying to save some delicious, *but perishable food*. Because we didn't want it to be gone, instead of eating it, we decided to keep it indefinitely. By doing that, it would be wasted. It would simply rot, become rancid and full of maggots. Whereby, if we had eaten it...*it would become part of us...strengthening us and giving us life.*

That is what it means to give ourselves over to God completely. If we think we need to save a part of our life for ourselves...it will simply rot

and be wasted. *But if we pour ourselves out completely, without fear or reserve, God will take every drop that we give Him, and He will make something beautiful...something eternal.* Nothing is wasted if we give it to God.

So...this is what I am telling myself, as we begin our 40 day prayer vigil on the sidewalk in front of PP. He will use every drop of our energy...our fatigue and our suffering. He will use it to convert souls and to save precious lives.

We need lots of help! If you are able to help, go to www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh to sign up, or email Jen at pghsaland365@gmail.com.

LOOK FOR OUR NEW DIGITAL BILLBOARDS!



PCUC's Billboard Committee has been hard at work designing a new billboard to touch the hearts and minds of Pittsburgh voters! Look for these digital billboards at four locations all through the month of October and into November.

If you would like to donate towards our pro-life billboard project, go to www.pcuc.org/donate/ or mail a check to PCUC, 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pgh 15226

Sidewalk Advocate Training

Saturday, November 16th

8:30AM–3:30PM

Location: TBA



**Sidewalk
Advocates**
FOR LIFE

Pittsburgh, PA
Downtown

Is God calling you to stand up for innocent life? Each week, dozens of babies are killed through abortion in downtown Pittsburgh. Become a Sidewalk Advocate and help end this grave injustice in our city!

Learn how to:

- **Counsel an abortion-minded woman**
- **Address “hard cases”**
- **Provide life-affirming options to those in difficult circumstances**



Contact Andrew at andrewSAFLPGH@protonmail.com to register.

\$20 registration fee. Workbook, continental breakfast, and lunch provided.

WE STAND IN FRONT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ON LIBERTY AVE. IN PITTSBURGH 5 DAYS A WEEK, BUT SADLY, WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE ABORTION HOURS COVERED. WE NEED YOUR HELP! ONCE TRAINED, COMMITMENT IS NOT OBLIGATORY. COME AS YOU ARE ABLE.

Can't counsel? Contact us to become a trained advocate's prayer partner!



Monthly update by Meredith

We were blessed by beautiful weather and great messages at our last gathering in the park for the season on September 22. Ed Borgen led worship and Pastor Lynne Themelaras shared her miraculous adoption story.

I shared the remarkable abortion numbers for 2023. In the past, more than half of the abortions at Magee have been in the second trimester. In 22, only 34% were in the second trimester and in 2023, that number dropped to 29%!



September prayer walk ...prayers helping to lower abortion numbers!

Could it be that the years of prayer and exposure of the evil practice of collecting baby body parts could be producing a change in the way Magee does business?

The public is invited to speak to the Board of Directors

at its virtual annual public meeting, Monday, October 14 at 4pm, but you must sign up in advance. Contact TheMageeProject@gmail.com for more information. **A prayer walk and rally, organized by Choose Life at Pitt, will follow at 6pm** on the public sidewalk at the main entrance to the hospital on Halket St. Speakers include retired Judge Cheryl Allen, Sarah Bowen, Promise of Life Network and author of Courageously Pro-life, Tina Whittington, Students for Life of America and Pa State Representatives Aaron Bernstine and Joe D'Orsie.

Our next 4th Sunday of the month prayer walk will be November 24, at 4pm.


CELEBRATE LIFE LUNCHEON

Have you registered yet? Time is running out!

Come and enjoy an afternoon of good food and pro-life fellowship at the Lamont Restaurant! You will be inspired and your spirits lifted by a talk by Fr. Joe Freedy.

Register by mail by sending a check to PCUC, 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pgh PA 15226, or online at:

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER ONLINE](#)




Educating, Equipping & Advocating...since 1969

Join us for our annual

Celebrate Life Luncheon

Sunday, October 20th, 2024

LeMont Restaurant, 1114 Grandview Ave., Pittsburgh



Fr. Joe Freedy is the youngest of 5 children; he grew up in Pittsburgh, PA. Fr. Joe played football at the University at Buffalo where he was the starting quarterback for 3 years. After college he entered the seminary and was assigned to study in Rome at the Gregorian University and the John Paul II Institute. He was ordained a Priest in 2008. Fr. Joe served as the vocation director and assistant evangelization director and is currently the assistant at Divine Grace Parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He is also a spiritual advisor for Dry Bones Ministries.

Come and enjoy an afternoon with our pro-life family! Be inspired by Fr. Joe Freedy, as he shares his enthusiasm, energy and humor to help us continue the fight for the lives of our pre-born brothers and sisters!

AGENDA:

12:30-1:30 Reception

- Silent auction & mystery gift table
- Music by Deacon Bill Strathmann.

1:30-2:30 Dinner

2:30-3:30 Speaker

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please make _____ reservations at \$65.00 each. = \$ _____


I would like to place an ad in PCUC's Banquet Book & Resource Guide:

Please attach your copy-ready ad or the wording you want and we will design your ad, or email to nikki@pcuc.org

☐ Whole Page (\$150) ☐ Half Page (\$100) ☐ Quarter Page (\$50) ☐ Business Card (\$25)

Make checks payable to PCUC and mail to: PCUC, 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15226 (Deadline Oct. 6th)

Call or text 412-926-9413 with questions www.pcuc.org



We are pleased to announce that Fr. Chris Donley will be the recipient of this year's Founders Award!

If you cannot attend but would like to support our banquet, please consider placing an ad in our banquet book. Contact Nikki at Nikki@pcuc.org with the information that you would like in your ad.

Thank you for your support of PCUC!

RAIN DIDN'T STOP US FROM MARCHING IN HARRISBURG!



Despite a constant downpour of rain and chilly temperatures, thousands of Pennsylvania pro-lifers gathered in Harrisburg on Sept. 23rd to rally and march around our state capitol as part of the 3rd annual Pennsylvania March for Life!

Jesus never said that it would be easy to follow Him. It was cold and although we were shivering and soaked through, the speakers were inspiring and seeing the dedication of so many people, both very young and very old...warmed our souls.

Young and old sacrificed a day of long travel on a bus, standing and walking in the cold rain, because the battle to restore the right to life for all human beings, especially those most vulnerable...IS WORTH IT!



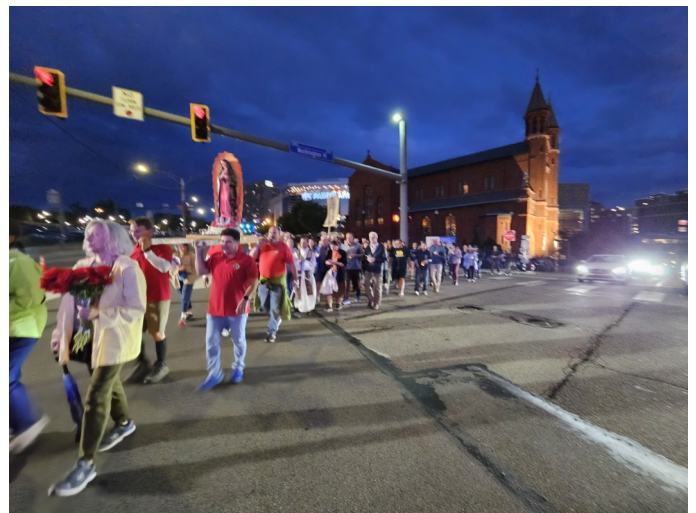
This young mother braved the cold rain with her many children, including a baby in arms! This is the sort of dedication that will win the battle for life!



Mary Catherine and John are both in their 90's, but that didn't stop them from making the trip to Harrisburg!

Thanks to all who suffered the long bus ride and miserable weather. The large crowds sent a message to our legislators that they couldn't ignore! We won't stop marching at our state capitol until Pennsylvania recognizes the right to life of all of it's citizens...born and unborn!

PITTSBURGH'S 40 DAYS FOR LIFE KICK OFF DREW HUNDREDS!



I love it when God reminds us that HE is the ONE in charge of 40 Days for Life. It is not me, thank goodness! First of all, the weather yesterday was not looking good. It was pouring rain for much of the afternoon, and the forecast for the evening was more of the same. As I worked at my computer at the PCUC office, seeing it pouring down in buckets, I said to the Lord, *"I am not going to worry...this is YOUR thing. YOUR WILL be done!"* (continued...)

(40 Days for Life Kick-off, Continued)

Well...it turns out that His Will was for us to have an absolutely gorgeous evening for our kick-off Mass and Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood! The air was warm and balmy, with a gentle breeze...the sky was luminous and beautiful. Despite there being a Pens game going on right next door, hundreds of faithful men, women and children were able to get to the event on time...**including 12 priests and 2 deacons!** And best of all...no protestors! We had a wonderful peace as we walked, following our Lord, surrounded by our fathers, brothers and sisters in the faith.



Speaking of there being 12 priests...do you think that is a coincidence? There were a few priests that I thought were coming that didn't show up...and there were a few priests that I didn't know were coming that came. *It seems that God always brings 12 of His sons to the altar for our kick-off Mass.* And the reading today, which I quoted above, says that *Jesus summoned the twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons.* That is so important for us to remember!

When we begin our 40 day prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood, we begin it with the power and authority of Jesus Christ Himself! Fr. Christopher Donley, as an installed pastor of Divine Mercy Parish, has...*by the bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh's authority, the authority over all demons inside the geographical area of his parish...including*

933 Liberty Avenue. The devil is very legalistic. He knows the hierarchal authority of the Church. He knows that when Jesus shows up, he has to flee. And so, as long as we continue to have these Eucharistic Processions to Planned Parenthood, he knows that his days are numbered. We have to believe that.



Although the Church was very much filled, and we were happy with the attendance...one person made a comment to me that he wished as many people would take part in our Mass as were filing into PPG Arena for the Pens game. I thought about that and actually disagreed. *I told him that if thousands of people were cramming into Mass for our kick-off...and only hundreds were going into the arena...I would be worried.* Jesus said that the way to destruction is broad and wide, and many go there. But the way that leads to life is narrow and hard and few find it. I told him that God always calls a small remnant. That is His way. ***So I think we should be encouraged that our numbers are small...compared with the world. It is a sign that we are on the right road.***

Mercer County

District 7
*Parke Wentling

District 17
*Tim Bonner

Washington County

District 15
*Joshua Kail^ Ashlee Caul

District 39
*Andrew Kuzma

District 40
*Natalie Mihalek^

District 46
*Jason Ortity^

District 48
*Tim O'Neal^

District 50
*Bud Cook

Westmoreland County

District 55
*Jill Cooper

District 57
*Eric Nelson

District 58
*Eric Davanzo^

District 56
Brian Rasel

District 59
*Leslie Rossi

District 60
*Abby Major

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District 12
James Hayes

District 14
*Guy Reschenthaler

District 15
*Glenn Thompson

District 16
*Mike Kelly

District 17
Rob Mercuri^

PENNSYLVANIA STATE SENATE

Only odd numbered Senate Districts are open for election this year

District 21
*Scott Hutchinson

District 37
*Devlin Robinson^

District 39
*Kim Ward^

District 41
*Joe Pittman^

District 47
*Elder Vogel Jr^

PENNSYLVANIA STATE HOUSE

Allegheny County

District 20
Matt Kruth

District 23
John Ritter

District 28
Jeremy Shaffer

District 39
*Andrew Kuzma

District 40
*Natalie Mihalek^

District 42
Joe Leckenby

District 44
*Valerie Gaydos^

District 45
*Anita Astorino Kulik^

District 46
*Jason Ortity^

PA General Election Tuesday, Nov 5, 2024. Use for early voting by mail or take to vote in person.

All Candidates listed are Pro Life.

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SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Vote Pro- Life



9 weeks



9 months

* indicates an incumbent.

^ indicates the candidate voted YES for House Bill 613 allowing extra funds for State Universities. The Univ. of Pitt has partnered with Planned Parenthood and the gruesome unethical fetal experimentation, including harvesting live baby organs for sale and transferring scalps of unborn babies to rats.

Abortion is not healthcare. It takes the life of a child.

PRESIDENT

Donald J. Trump

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JD Vance

Former President Trump:

Nominated 3 Conservative Judges to the Supreme Court
Was the only President to attend the March for Life in DC
Is responsible for the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*

His Opponent:

Plans to stack the court with additional liberal/abortion minded judges
Is the only VP to ever visit and speak at Planned Parenthood
Plans to codify law allowing abortion at any stage for any reason covered by health care or Medicaid and paid for by your tax dollars

Armstrong County

District 60
*Abby Major

District 63
Joshua Bashline

Beaver County

District 14
Roman Kozak

District 15
*Joshua Kail^ Ashlee Caul

Butler County

District 8
*Aaron Bernstine

District 11
*Marci Mustello

District 12
*Stephenie Scialabba

District 17
*Tim Bonner

Fayette County

District 51
*Charity Grimm Krupa

District 52
*Ryan Warner

Greene County

District 50
*Bud Cook

Indiana County

District 62
*Jim Struzzi^

District 66
*Brian Smith

Lawrence County

District 8
*Aaron Bernstine

District 9
*Marla Brown

HONORS & MEMORIALS

In Honor of Helen Cindrich

From Elaine & Jim Chapman

In Honor of Helen Cindrich

From Jay & Dolores Jarrell

In Honor of the birth of Judith Renata Steiner Kuhn

From her grandparents, Nick & Colleen Kuhn

In Honor of the birth of Lillian Teresa Kuhn Palm

From her grandparents, Nick & Colleen Kuhn

In Memory of Fred Collins

From Carol Collins

In Memory of Christopher Dixon

From Savas & Paola Mavridis

In Memory of Ann Francis

From Pat & Bill Bennett

In Memory of Ann Francis

From Albert Feczko

In Memory of Charlie Hogan

From Donald Hogan ,DMD

In Memory of Sr. Ann Infanger, for years of prolife work

From Raissa Federline

In Memory of Kelly Kemp

From Bob & Pat Eckenrod

In Memory of Stephen Mackin

From the Maimone Family

In Memory of Danny McKenna—31 years

From Joseph MCKenna

In Memory of Kathryn Park

From Joanne Fitzgerald

In Memory of Anthony Robert Rattay & Mary Margaret Rattay

From Kevin & Michelina Peters

In Memory of Diane Slagle

From John Slagle

In Memory of Lois Zanone

From Joe & Mary Lou McKenna

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