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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

By Greg Engelmeyer

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you believe in angels? I do. I can give you one example just in the past year where my wife and I were stuck at the Pittsburgh airport, waiting in the long line at security. We were pushed for time, because the airline kept putting another flight in front of us while we were waiting to check our bags for an international flight to my son's wedding. By the time we got the bags checked, we found ourselves in a slow-moving line to get through security. All our cushion had been used up at the baggage check line. It was starting to look like we would not get through security in time to make our flight to Mexico. The stress was building. Together Charlotte and I both said a short prayer to Jesus to help us. Immediately, not more than 2 seconds later, a little woman showed up in a blue airport uniform, picked us out of a line of over 100 people, and asked us if we needed help. We said we did, and she simply said, "follow me." She took us to a different security entrance with NO LINE, scanned us through, and sent us on our way! It truly was a miracle. How did she know we needed help so badly? How did she show up just a second or two after we prayed? We firmly believe that God sent us a little angel. **HE ANSWERED OUR PRAYER.** That is just one small example of many prayers answered, that we, and others we know of, have prayed.

The point is **God does answer our prayers**, maybe not in the way we always expect, or the way we want, but he does answer our prayers. Have faith. Please continue to send your prayers to the doors of Planned Parenthood, that more babies and moms will be saved. Please pray for the safety of all the Sidewalk Advocate and 40 Days 365 volunteers. Some days are more weird than others down there. Today was one of them.

FR. RIPPERGER'S PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF OUR PRESIDENT

Please pray this daily!

Immaculate Mary, patroness of the United States of America. Queen of Heaven and earth, beneath whose sway are subject all things that are lower than God, sorrowful and mindful of our own sinfulness and the sins of our nation, we come to thee our refuge and hope, knowing that our country cannot be saved by our own works, and mindful of how much our nation has departed from the ways of thy Son, we humbly ask that thou wouldst turn thine eyes upon our country to bring about its conversion. We consecrate to thee all of those governing our Republic, so that what is spiritually and morally best for the citizens of our nation may be accomplished, and that they would govern according to the spiritual and moral principles which will bring our nation into conformity with the teachings of thy Son. Bind any forces, spiritual or human, that would seek to inflict harm or evil on our country, or against those who do good for our nation by their governance. Give grace to the citizens of this land, so that they may merit leaders who will govern according to the Sacred Heart of thy Son, that His glory may be made manifest, lest we be given the leaders we deserve. Trusting in the providential care of God the Father and thy maternal care, we have perfect confidence that thou wilt take care of us and will not leave us forsaken.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.

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Thank you for your support!



FROM OUR DIRECTOR

By Nikki Bruni

The devil is so predictable

By now you would think I would recognize his sneaky, but pathetic attempts to discourage me. It happens every single time...*right about this time*. A few weeks before a 40 Days for Life campaign begins, a vague sense of discouragement starts creeping into my mind. I wonder if I am foolish for continuing 40 Days for Life. It seems to me that everything has moved on and I am left behind. I am too old...someone younger needs to take over. There are so many more urgent tragedies happening around the world right now, with the wars going on and the terrible human suffering happening in the middle east and Ukraine. Compared to the enormity of that, who really cares about 40 Days for Life anymore? It is *passee*. The time for 40 Days for Life has come and gone. *Like bell-bottom pants and typewriters. Obsolete.*

Surprisingly, I was actually starting to listen to that insidious message that the devil was whispering in my ear...until I got a call from a friend who is said he is also feeling like he needs to quit his pro-life leadership position, to make room for someone else who can do more. That is when the lightbulb went off, and I realized that it was simply that time again. It is almost time for the kick-off. Of course we are under attack!

This was actually the encouragement that I needed. It must mean that the devil still fears 40 Days for Life! *Could it be that he is afraid that it will spark repentance and revival in our land...which would be our nation's salvation?*

It is true that there are major tragedies and suffering all around our world...*but other than praying and fasting for them, there is very little that we can do from where we are*. But the victims of abortion are dying right here where we live! They are tiny and hidden, so it is important to stand up for them. The world knows about those who are suffering from war, but they are unaware of those suffering from abortion. *It is our job to make sure they are not forgotten.*

This is a job for all of us...EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING! Sign up to pray at the vigil at www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh, and to join the fast from food, go to Spring 2025 Pray & Fast 40 Days — Signup Sheet | SignUp.com Let's let that devil know that we are not falling for his tricks! We won't give up the fight!

VALENTINES “BLESSING BAGS” PACKED TO TOUCH HEARTS AT PP!



Judy, Marie, Joe, Bobbi, Lianne and Nikki had fun packing 40 blessing bags to give to women entering PP, and praying that hearts will be touched and lives saved.

Over 70 Christmas-themed blessing bags were given out to abortion-bound women and men throughout the months of December and January, so we decided to do it again for the month of February, this time with a Valentine's Day theme! The bags included candy, pro-life resource pamphlets and blessed miraculous medals. *They also included hand-written card from little children, which are so sweet that they are sure to touch a young mom's heart!* This was done as a service project at a local Catholic grade school. We welcome more schools to do the same!



Please pray that these cards made by children will be used by God to work miracles in the hearts of abortion-bound women & men!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION. **Lenten Kick-off Events**
In Pittsburgh!

Sunday, March 2nd... Jericho March around PP



Meet in front of PP at
3:30 to walk prayerfully
around PP seven times.
Contact Donna Goss at
gdgoss620@gmail.com
for details.



**Tuesday, March 4th ...Kick-off Mass &
Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood!**

Fr. Christopher Donley, Main Celebrant...ALL PRIESTS & DEACONS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!



Begin at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church at 6:00 pm. Immediately following Mass there will be a candlelit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood for a brief time of prayer on the sidewalk.

(Procession does not return to the church so consider parking near PP and walking to the Church for Mass.)

Contact Nikki Bruni for more information at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com



40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

March 5 - April 13

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 25,000 saved babies
- More than 150 closed facilities
- More than 250 converted workers

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave
- **Vigil hours:** 7:30 am to 4:30 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, 412-926-9413

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh.

You can also visit our blog site at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com to see what our vigil looks like in Pittsburgh.

JOIN US FOR THESE AMAZING KICK-OFF EVENTS:

Sunday, March 2nd: **Jericho March around PP.** Meet in front of PP at 3:30 to walk prayerfully around PP seven times. Contact Donna Goss at gdgoss620@gmail.com for details.

Tuesday, March 4th: **Kick-off Mass & Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood.** Begins at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church at 6:00. Immediately following Mass there will be a candlelit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood. We disperse from there, following a brief time of prayer. (*You may want to park near PP so as to be close to your car when it ends*).



NEWS FROM THE SIDEWALK

By Andrew McCauley
Director of Pittsburgh's Sidewalk
Advocates for Life

WELCOME NEW ADVOCATES!

We had a great training on Feb. 22nd! Six new Advocates were in attendance, and my sister joined us for a refresher. Thanks to Bonnie for assisting me! We hope to welcome these new faces on the sidewalk soon!



Welcome new advocates Teresa, Brandon, Jen, Patty, Clare and Jared! (Pictured with Bonnie and Ann.)

A MIND WAS CHANGED AND A LIFE SAVED!

We had some good news from the sidewalk last Tuesday morning, when Beth reported that as she was getting ready to leave at the end of her shift, Sidewalk Advocate Jackie was speaking with a young couple who told her that they had decided to keep their baby! *Jackie and Linda gave him information and then the couple hurried down the street. They may need prayers (the woman seemed less happy), but the man was smiling.*

Thanks to all who filled in when we had urgent needs and for all those who faithfully go to the sidewalk every week! ***Babies are saved just by a sidewalk presence, even if we don't see the results!***

I can't think of ANY other activity with such a high (infinite) payoff value!

God can use YOU to save the life of a future saint! Simply by being prayerfully present on the sidewalk, someone's heart and mind can be changed. If you are feeling the tug of the Holy Spirit and want to get involved, contact Jen at pghsaland365@gmail.com

PRAYER & POTLUCK AT PCUC



PCUC is striving to put *prayer* at the forefront of our life-saving work, and we want to begin by praying at our office once a month. Everyone who likes to pray and eat is invited!

Prayer, fellowship and food on the last Saturday of every month, beginning at 6pm at the PCUC office, located at 3050 Pioneer Ave., Brookline.

Bring a dish to share. Pop, water, wine and beer will be provided. We will eat first, and enjoy a time of pro-life fellowship for the first hour. At 7pm we will pray the rosary. Specific intentions can be added, including praying for recent lives saved from abortion, family members who need prayer, and whatever we feel led to pray for. **We will end at 8pm.**

Prayer & Potluck event will be on March 29th. RSVP to Nikki at 412-926-9413 or nikki@pcuc.org if you plan to come.



HELP US GET THE PRO-LIFE MESSAGE TO THE NEXT GENERATION!

PCUC is seeking opportunities to give pro-life presentations to youth groups, schools, churches and any events that will have us! Contact Nikki at Nikki@pcuc.org if you would like us to come and speak at your event!



Join us for Pittsburgh's Lenten Campaign's

CLOSING EVENT

WITH

Abby Johnson!



Abby Johnson's abrupt exit from Planned Parenthood and prolife conversion made national headlines in 2009. She created an exit strategy for abortion industry whistleblowers by establishing And Then There Were None in 2012 and launched a national support hotline for pregnant women and mothers with complex needs called LoveLine in 2019. Armed with truth, Abby continues to be a voice for the unborn while dismantling the abortion industry from the inside out through peaceful, prayerful outreach.



Sunday, April 13th (Palm Sunday)

Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church

4:00 pm: FREE Talk by Abby Johnson

**5:00 pm: Eucharistic Procession to
Planned Parenthood, returning
to the church for Benediction**

(NOTE: There will NOT be Mass!)

We are excited that Abby Johnson will be joining us in Pittsburgh as we close our Lenten 40 Days for Life campaign with a **Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood**, led by our beloved Bishop Waltersheid! Immediately before the procession, Abby will give a talk in the church.

This is a free event, however there will be an opportunity to support her ministry through a **free-will collection taken in the church. Please be as generous as you can!**

So that we will know approximately how many are attending,

RSVP to Nikki at
nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or
call 412-926-9413





THE MAGEE PROJECT

Monthly update by Meredith

At our February walk we prayed for known abortionists. ***Join us in praying for their eyes to be opened and that they will stop killing babies.***

Pray for Pittsburgh Abortion Workers by name:

Beatrice Chen (*Medical Director Planned Parenthood, Director of Family Planning, UPMC Magee-Women's Hospital, Associate Professor at Pitt*); **Monica Kao, and Suji Uhm** (*Complex Family Planning at Magee*); **Sharon Achilles** (*Director, Center for Family Planning Research, Associate Director Fellowship in Family Planning, Planned Parenthood, Assistant Professor at Pitt*); **Sheila Ramgopal** (*Owner/operator of Allegheny Reproductive abortion clinic in East Liberty*); **Amy Collins** (*Allegheny Reproductive*); **Grace Ferguson** (*Allegheny Reproductive and lead physician, Allegheny Health Network Mobile OB/GYN clinic*); **Aaron Campbell** (*Allegheny Reproductive - "...now travels around the country to provide safe abortion care in areas of need."*); Glenn Updike, Catherine Chappell, Eric Lantzman, Stacy Beck, Magee (*Pitt Physicians Faculty, Ob/Gyn & Reproductive Sciences*); **Heather Hohmann** (*Magee and Pitt*); **Colleen Krajewski** (*Director of Transgender Gynecology, West Penn Hospital*); **Claire Steiner** (*UPMC*); **Amanda Lacue** (*abortionist in training at Pitt*)

The Church at Magee's final winter prayer walk will be March 23rd. Contact Meredith at TheMageeProject@gmail.com for more information.

The Church at Magee's spring launch event is the Stations of the Cross prayer walk on April 27th from 4-6pm (with the Stations of the Cross for Life written by Pope St John Paul II with additions and prayers from the USCCB). Sign up [HERE](#)

BABY SAVED FROM ABORTION AT PP IS BAPTIZED!

What a joyous occasion it was to attend the baptism of a precious little baby who was saved from abortion because of our sidewalk prayer volunteers! Sheila, a long-time sidewalk advocate was on the sidewalk in front of PP when Maria...alone and afraid...showed up



Little Jeyli was saved from abortion at PP!

for her abortion appointment. *Because of Sheila's loving offer of help, little Jeyli was born, and on January 26th was born into God's family through the sacrament of Baptism!*

Sheila and her husband Joe had the great honor of being the God-parents of Jeyli and her older brother Erick, who was also baptized. We praise God for this miracle and for all of our selfless sidewalk volunteers!



Sidewalk Volunteer Sheila and her husband Joe were the God Parents for Jeyli and Erick at the baptism.

“CONNECTIONS FOR LIFE EVENT” IN GREENSBURG



Meredith Parente (husband Frank) were there to let Greensburg residents know about the atrocities being committed at Magee and Pitt.

PCUC and The Magee Project had tables at the Connections for Life event in Greensburg, January 30. This was the third year for this event connecting community residents, professionals and leaders with resources and services that support families and the sanctity of life. This was a networking and community open house type resource event supporting families and sanctity of life. **About 34 organizations participated** with a wide variety from Catholic Charities and Kiwanis to pregnancy resource centers and addiction services and thrift shops.

PCUC Board Member and year-round 40 Days for Life 365/ Sidewalk Advocate Mary Lawrence (pictured right), was at the PCUC table. On her table you will notice a bowl filled with knitted hearts.

Mary knits the hearts to plead with pregnant moms and dads to not stop the beating hearts of their unborn children, and to assure them that we love them both. She used to try to give them out to abortion bound couples, but about six months ago she started putting a heart in her coat pocket every time a mom walks into PP, as a way to mark the number of ba-



bies lost. **When she gets home from her weekly shift at PP, she sets those hearts aside to pray for them.** Those are the hearts that she brought to the event, and she asked those who stopped by our table to take a heart and to pray for that soul, and for the healing of the family harmed by that abortion decision. *What a beautiful way to memorialize those babies that were lost, and to remind us to continue to pray for their parents.*

These knitted hearts serve to memorialize babies killed at PP, and as a reminder to pray.



BABY SHOWER FOR LITTLE ONE SAVED FROM ABORTION AT PP



Ashaila and her two precious children (pictured with the three sidewalk volunteers who helped her choose life; Mary, Peggy & Cathy)

Thanks to the generosity of our PCUC family, Ashaila was showered with dozens of gifts at a baby shower held at the PCUC office on Feb. 8th. It was very touching to see her standing next to the three sidewalk prayer warriors who were praying at PP on that fateful day that she showed up for an abortion, and were able to let her know that she was not alone and that they would help her. Thanks be to God she chose life, and her little boy is due to be born in March! Thanks to all who donated to make this shower a success!

PCUC'S BILLBOARD PROJECT PROMOTES A CULTURE OF LIFE AND SAVE LIVES IN PITTSBURGH!

PCUC continues it's monthly billboard campaign on busy roadways around Pittsburgh, thanks to the donations that you have entrusted to us! We believe that thousands of people will see these billboards and that lives will be saved because of the message that is being spread through these digital billboards. Thank you for your continued support of PCUC!



Keep an eye out during the month of March for this "St. Patrick's Day themed billboard, reminding drivers how precious unborn life is!



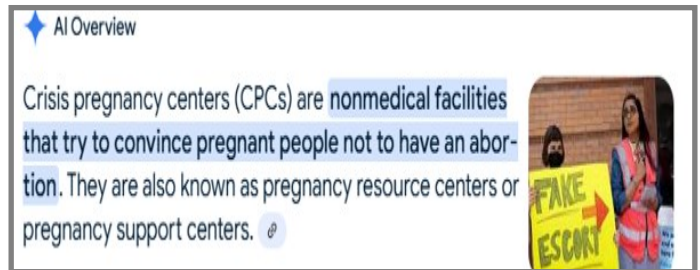
This billboard has run throughout the month of February. It has a powerful message that drivers cannot miss!



This adorable image ran during the month of February and surely touched hearts and saved lives!

GOOGLE'S PRO-ABORTION SLANT NOT SUPRISING

If you do an AI search of "Crisis Pregnancy Centers", this is what Google will tell you:



Sounds very impartial, doesn't it? It gets better:

How CPCs operate

- CPCs are often affiliated with anti-abortion organizations. ⓘ
- They may offer limited health services, such as pregnancy testing and sonograms. ⓘ
- They may provide misinformation about abortion, birth control, and sexually transmitted infections. ⓘ
- They may not adhere to medical or ethical practice standards. ⓘ
- They may not be subject to HIPAA or required to maintain client confidentiality. ⓘ

So, if you want to avoid these harmful, dangerous pregnancy centers, make sure to go to Google for guidance...*NOT!*

Why CPCs are harmful

- CPCs can mislead people seeking reproductive healthcare. ⓘ
- CPCs can delay care by confusing people who think they are going to an abortion clinic. ⓘ
- CPCs can spread misinformation that can harm people's health. ⓘ

How to avoid CPCs

- Be aware that CPCs may be disguised as legitimate health clinics. ⓘ
- Be skeptical of misinformation about abortion, birth control, and sexually transmitted infections. ⓘ
- Seek care from a licensed health clinic. ⓘ

What would we do without Google and AI? Oh yeah...maybe we would get the truth instead of lies.

LEGISLATION UPDATE...FROM ANITA...



PA MEDICAID ABORTION RESTRICTIONS AT RISK!

There is a battle happening over Pennsylvania's Medicaid abortion restrictions, which we reported about in a previous newsletter.

This battle is now returning to the PA Commonwealth Court, with a lawsuit that seeks to eliminate Medicaid restrictions on abortion.

Since 2019, a group of abortion providers, (*including Pittsburgh's Allegheny Reproductive Health*), have argued that a state ban on using Medicaid to cover abortion unconstitutionally discriminates against poor women, particularly those who seek to terminate a pregnancy rather than carry it to term.

The Pennsylvania Constitution contains no right to abortion and no requirement for taxpayer funding of abortion (*although our Abortion Control Act explicitly states that no public funds should be used to pay for elective abortions*). However, abortion providers—led by Planned Parenthood and other industry giants—seek to invent such a right through judicial fiat.

Early last year, the state Supreme Court seemed to agree with the abortion providers. In a complicated series of opinions, a majority of justices held that the ban was presumptively unconstitutional, and sent the case back to Commonwealth Court to determine if there was any basis for overcoming that determination. For now, the ban on covering abortion with state funding for Medicaid, which receives money from the state and federal government — remains in effect. The state currently **does** allow Medicaid to cover abortions in cases of rape and incest, or to save the life of the mother.

Dave Sunday, the new PA Attorney General, has taken no move in the case so far. During his cam-

paign for office last year, Sunday offered little more than a pledge to enforce the law on the books.

It's not yet clear when the Commonwealth Court will issue a ruling on the case. This case carries profound implications not just for taxpayer funding of abortion but for the **broader legal landscape surrounding abortion rights in Pennsylvania**. The court's decision in the coming months will shape the state's policies for years to come.

Resources:

WESA, Pittsburgh's NPR News
PA Family Institute

AMAZING VIDEO OF LIVING EIGHT-WEEK FETUS SHOWS THE HUMANITY OF THE UNBORN!

[Amazing Video Shows Unborn Baby in First Trimester Moving Her Arms and Legs - LifeNews.com](#)



*A new life is hard to see. It is hidden in the dark of the womb. Even an ultrasound, as wonderful as it is...does not really show the true humanity of an unborn baby. **It is rare that we can get an actual glimpse of a living fetus...***

but here is a video that does just that! It is truly amazing, and I wish we could show this video to every woman and man who is planning to abort the priceless treasure that they have been given! It is a video of an 8-week old fetus that had to be removed because she was growing in the wrong place, in her mother's fallopian tube. The baby was extracted alive and moving her little arms, legs and head... just like newborn baby...although only the size of a grape. **The video is only 6 seconds long...so if you are like me, you will want to watch it over and over again.** It is truly amazing, although sad that this little one was not able to survive. Her death can be used to save other little ones, by showing the true humanity, dignity and value of every human life!

HONORS & MEMORIALS

In Honor of Helen Cindrish
From Fr. Vincent Velas

In Memory of my mother Rita
From Dot Schlegel

In Honor of Andrew McCauley & SA's
From Jim Maochi & Audrey Guskey

In Memory of Coletta Roth
From Bill & Anna Marie Roche

In Memory of Margit Der Bakos
From Suzanne Bakos Wehrli

In Memory of Edward Schlegel
From Dot Schlegel

In Memory of Fred W. Doerzbacher Jr
From Joe & Mary Lou McKenna

In Memory of Bishop Tissier de Mallerais
From Robert & Nancyann Harwick

In Memory of Wesley Earnest
From Jean Earnest

In Memory of Victor Vandewater
From Mary Ann Vandewater

In Memory of Edward Gromek
From Norma Gromek

In Memory of Peter Walker
From K of C #4925

In Memory of Charlie Hogan
From Dr. Donald Hogan

In Memory of Samuel Zagliardi
From Joe & Mary Lou McKenna

In Memory of Derrick Monahan
From Dave & Marlene Wohleber

In Memory of Edward F. Motznik
From Joe & Mary Lou McKenna

In Memory of Joan Newman,
From Jane Newman-Jackson

In Memory of Joan Newman
From Jackie Fetchko

In Memory of Joan Newman
From Joseph & Sheila Krill

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person to honor or memorialize,
who it is from and to whom the ac-
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