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JOIN US FOR OUR 57TH ANNUAL Celebrate Life Luncheon Sunday, August 31st, 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh—Green Tree, 500 Mansfield Ave., Pittsburgh 15205

Featuring TWO Dynamic Speakers!



Pearl Corbin is one of the founding members of The Life Team, NY, a collaborative pro-life work of Christians from both Evangelical and Catholic traditions. She is actively involved in sharing the message of life, particularly among fellow evangelical pastors and believers. Ms. Corbin believes that one of the greatest reasons death and destruction run rampant throughout our land is a direct result of our nation's practice of shedding innocent blood in the womb. Ms. Corbin, a native New Yorker, spent 16 years in Asia, conducting leadership and discipleship training among house churches in the Peoples Republic of China and throughout southeast Asia. Sister Pearl is sought after as a keynote speaker in conferences & training seminars across the US and internationally.

SCHEDULE:

11:30 - Reception
12:30 - Lunch
1:15 - Announcements
1:30 - Pearl Corbin
2:15 - Bishop Strickland
3:00 - Closing remarks

His Excellency, **Bishop Joseph Strickland** is an outspoken defender of the sanctity of human life and Christian morality. He was ordained to the episcopacy in 2012 by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI and served as the bishop of Tyler Texas until 2023. His humility and steadfastness to the truths of the Catholic faith are an example for us all to follow. We are blessed to have this true shepherd to come and encourage our pro-life flock here in Pittsburgh!



Order your tickets today! Help Support PCUC while enjoying a time of pro-life fellowship and inspiration. Go to [PCUC.ORG](https://www.pcuc.org) for tickets!

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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greg Engelmeyer

Dear Friends of Life,

As I sat down to write you a short note, the word “Promotion” came to mind. While our esteemed Executive Director, Nikki Bruni, has done an excellent job of informing you of our **2025 Celebrate Life Luncheon Banquet on Sunday, August 31, from 11:30 – 3:30**, I ‘d like to take this time to “promote” it a little bit more.

I couldn’t be more excited about the speakers lineup we have for this year’s event! Having two renowned speakers for the first time ever, PCUC is giving you a double-dose of pro-life inspiration! I can’t wait to hear the words of Pearl Corbin, a courageous pro-life woman and leader who spent 16 years of Christian discipleship in Asia and then continued God’s work as a co-founder of the New York based, The Life Team working on behalf of the lives of the unborn. I think her experience will offer us a new perspective on our mission to save the lives of God’s innocent ones.

Then we bring you one of America’s most outspoken Catholic leaders, Bishop Joseph Strickland of Tyler, Texas. Bishop Strickland is a firebrand, who unapologetically will give you the truth of what he sees happening in the religious world of today’s culture as it relates to the unborn. As one who has longed to hear our Church leaders speak out strongly against the taking the lives of the unborn, I look forward to hearing the words of Bishop Strickland at our banquet.

We bring you 2 speakers this year, with plans to double our attendance! As we become more active in spreading the word across Pittsburgh about the sanctity of life and the evil of abortion, we need your support. Your attendance at our Celebrate Life Luncheon and financial contributions go directly to support the 2025-26 PCUC Pro-Life Billboard Campaign.

I hope you join Nikki, me, and the rest of the PCUC board on Sunday, August 31 for a Pittsburgh Pro-Life event to be remembered!

God bless,

Greg Engelmeyer

PCUC President

BANQUET SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!

Help us to ensure that every dollar raised at our fall fundraiser goes directly to our mission of promoting a culture of Life in Pittsburgh by becoming a sponsor in one of the following ways:

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Sponsorship recognition at every table

SILVER SPONSOR - \$1500



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Recognition and thanks by the emcee

Sponsorship Placard at the entrance to the event

Sponsorship recognition at every table

Contact us at Greg at 412-720-4075 for more information about how you can help to sponsor this event!

NEW AT PCUC...

MONTHLY PRINTED NEWSLETTERS!

Look for our printed newsletter to arrive in your mailbox every month! Since we now have a smaller (and less expensive) mailing list, we are able to get you information about the local pro-life happenings in Pittsburgh in a more timely manner. Thanks for responding to our requests and for letting us know that you enjoy reading our newsletter!

NEWS FROM THE SIDEWALK

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



In the last 30 minutes of a 2.5-hour shift in the brutal heat, a dedicated Advocate was able to provide help to a girl who ran out of PP sobbing and saying she couldn't go through with it! This is the reason why we try to cover the sidewalk during *all* of PP's open hours. While still inside the clinic, this girl knew there were people waiting outside she could count on for help and encouragement. **But what if the sidewalk had been empty when she came out?** Maybe she would have felt so alone that her newly conceived decision for life would have been at risk.

If you haven't been to the sidewalk in a while (or have never been), ask yourself why not. Of course, many of us have other important obligations that sometimes keep us away. But if you refrain because you think you aren't a good counselor or don't make a difference, this is incorrect. It's important to be an effective counselor. I'm sure the words this girl heard on her way in were very consequential to her decision. But simply having people from our side **PRESENT** and **PRAYING** does tremendous good! Some people just need to see they won't be alone if they choose life. The moms and babies **NEED** you at Planned Parenthood! Unfortunately, more babies will die from abortion in the future. **But fewer of THEM will die if more of US show up!** God can do anything through those who wish to serve him!

We welcome three newly trained sidewalk advocates who took the training on June 28th! Congratulations to Susan, Larry and Clare!

Email AndrewSAFLpgh@protonmail.com to get involved!

STORIES FROM THE SIDEWALK



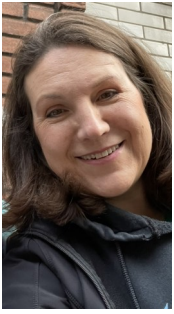
Two babies saved in June!

Thanks to our amazing team of year-round sidewalk advocates and 40 Days for Life 365 volunteers, we know of TWO encounters on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood this past month that ended up with an abortion bound couple deciding not to abort! Their stories are below:

A young hispanic couple approached Beth on the sidewalk and asked for a "blood" test to confirm her pregnancy. Beth walked them down to Little Lamb and gave her the urine test, which confirmed her pregnancy. Sheila then did her best to converse with the couple in Spanish, although they did know a bit of English. though. Beth got them in touch with Choices Pregnancy Center, and they made an appointment for later that week. The woman confirmed that they had been considering abortion, and they both had that tentative look where it could go either way. But by the time we all walked out of LL, I believe they were inclined to keep the appointment at Choices; hopefully they'll choose life. Please pray for "Y" and "J"!

A message from one Sidewalk advocate to another if you ever feel or think that your time on the sidewalk is useless and meaningless, I beg to differ. I was on the sidewalk recently on a very hot day and looking at my watch, and wondering when it would all be over because there were so many going in, and everybody seemed so angry. **Then, with only a few minutes left on my shift a beautiful young woman came out and said, "I cannot do this!"** And she fell into my arms crying. I told her, "Yes, you are right, it will destroy your life!" She was so happy to hear of Woman's Choice Network, which was very responsive, calling her within 10 minutes. This was a work of the Holy Spirit and many prayers. It happened in front of the image of our Lady of Guadalupe patroness of the unborn.

(From a sidewalk volunteer who wishes to remain anonymous)



Note from Nikki...

From Nikki Bruni, Executive

The Definition of EVIL...

When you think about the word “evil”, what comes to mind? Do you think of things such as murder, rape or sex trafficking? I agree that those things are all evil in their essence...but are they actual “things”?

I listened to a podcast the other day (*Bishop Robert Barron with Tucker Carlson*), that got me to think about evil from a different perspective. **Bishop Barron explained that everything that exists is actually good.** *It is good because it is created and held in existence by God, who is all Good and cannot create anything that is evil.* So if something “IS”...it is, by default, “good”. On the other hand, “evil” is simply a *deprivation* of the good. It is actually a *non-existence*...sort of like a black hole in space. It’s negative energy sucks in all that is around it, but it really isn’t a “thing”...it is a “non-thing”.

I was reminded of that while at Mass last Sunday. My parish is bursting with young families with children and babies galore! It is a beautiful sight to see! Anyway, the pew directly in front of my husband and I was filled with nine (yes, *nine*) children...ranging in age from 0 to 10, (*I am guessing*). For the first 15 minutes, there were no parents in sight...just these nine children, all behaving beautifully. The infant in the car seat was content, smiling up at me innocently. The toddler was being watched over by the oldest boy, while those in between sat dressed in their Sunday best. *At one point, one of the little ones, a girl of about two, was pressing her face into the face of her older brother...squeezing his cheeks with her pudgy little hands and staring right into his eyes.* He reacted with the sort of patience and tenderness that you would expect to see from a father to his little daughter, although he was probably only about 8 years old. It brought tears to my eyes, seeing this lovely family. *What a stark contrast to the hopelessness and despair that I see every week on the sidewalk in front*

of Planned Parenthood! Many of the young people that walk by are hollow-eyed and lost...so much drug addiction and all the terrible things that go with that. It can be very depressing to see.

While I am grateful for the witness of the young families at my parish, and it gives me hope that God is preparing a remnant to rebuild his Church from, I still wonder *why it is so unusual to see large families in Church?* Why do Christian families look more and more like the rest of the world? Acceptance of contraception by Christians beginning in the 1930’s, (*which quickly led to the acceptance of abortion in the 1970’s*)...tore a huge black hole in the fabric of American families. This black hole has been sucking the light from our nation for over 50 years now.

Think of America as a garden, in which God has planted a variety of the most fragrant and beautiful flowers. Contraception has poisoned the soil, making it sterile and lifeless, while abortion has violently yanked out over 60 million of the beautiful flowers which the Father had intended to glorify His Garden...leaving only gaping holes where they used to be. Those holes do not stay empty for long, for nature abhors a vacuum. *The poisonous weeds will quickly fill the void, and if left unchecked, will take over the entire garden.*

As Christians, we have the responsibility to fill those voids with our good works.



We are called by God to be the light of the world, and to put our lamps on a lampstand, in order to give light to all in the house.

Just as those large families at my parish are an inspiration of hope to me...I propose that we all have the responsibility to be an inspiration to others. *Evil cannot exist where there is good. So be the good where you are!* And remember that your little light will shine more brightly when you bring it to the darkest places.

I happen to know of such a place...will I see you there?

LOCAL PRO-LIFER IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN CAMBRIA COUNTY



Ray Weaver, a member of PCUC's communication committee, along with his brother (Dave), and friend (Chuck Mohan), were the creators, financiers and installers of these eye-catching roadside signs, which are sure to impact thousands of motorists in Cambria County!

Now this is what I call ***"Pro-life Initiative"***! On June 9th, Ray Weaver took it upon himself to design, pay for and install a group of roadside signs, which, *(for those of you old enough to remember, harken back to the old "Burma Shave" signs)*...which spell out a pro-life message, one sentence at a time, which drivers will be able to read as they pass. Six signs measuring 36" x 8" were installed on June 9th along Route 553 in Nicktown, PA. The message reads (with one line printed on each sign): IN THE WOMB—I AM ALIVE—PLEASE GIVE ME—A CHANCE TO THRIVE—ABORTION KILLS. The last sign contains the website "PittsburghPregnancy.org" which is part of our PCUC site, listing all the help available in our area. The signs were made by "Fast Signs" in Monroeville. If left undisturbed, they should last several years. It is his hope that others will copy his efforts in other parts of the country. *(Of course, Ray had the permission of the property owners to do this.)*

Let's be inspired by Ray's initiative and see to it that more signs like this are created and installed along our beautiful rural highways! Do you know someone who would allow them on their property? If you do, feel free to copy Ray's wonderful initiative and use some of his other pro-life poems listed below:



Some other possible poems for roadside signs:

IN THE WOMB-BE GIRL OR BOY-LET ME LIVE-I'LL BRING YOU JOY-ABORTION KILLS

IN THE WOMB-I HAVE NO CHOICE-I NEED YOU-TO BE MY VOICE-ABORTION KILLS

IN THE WOMB-SNUG AS A BUG-LET ME LIVE-SO WE CAN HUG-ABORTION KILLS

IN THE WOMB-I HEAR YOUR HEART-DON'T LET THEM-TEAR US APART-ABORTION KILLS

For information about doing a project like this in your area, contact Ray at

raymondweaver@comcast.net or 412-726-1185

LOOK FOR THESE LIFE-SAVING BILLBOARDS IN JULY!



PCUC's billboard committee continues to come up with eye-catching billboards that pack a powerful, pro-life punch! Thanks to Sheila Cavalet for being our primary designer! These four signs will be running on digital billboards throughout the month of July. Look for them on Rt. 28 (northbound), near the Etna exit, on the Parkway East before and after the Squirrel Hill Tunnel, and on the Parkway West (near Settler's Ridge). **Help us to continue these billboards by donating at www.pcuc.com/donate**

THE MAGEE PROJECT

Update by Meredith

Sunday, June 22, The Magee Project and local churches presented a special Life Month edition of The Church at Magee. Attendees from a dozen or more churches Celebrated Life with a time of worship, a meaningful message, and a prayer walk around Magee-Womens Hospital. *No hospital in Pennsylvania kills more children by abortion than Magee.*



In a bit of good news, 30 football players at the University of Pittsburgh have recently given their lives to the Lord! Considering that Pitt is the university responsible for training abortionists and collecting baby body parts for gruesome experiments, could this be in answer to our prayers?

The July 27 gathering at Magee will be the Madonna Roney Memorial Prayer Walk. Donna prayed daily for Magee for years. We lost her unexpectedly last fall and miss her gentle spirit and faithfulness to pray. Join us for this special time, 4-5:30 pm at Zulema Parklet across from Panera in Oakland. Contact Meredith at TheMageeProject@gmail.com for more information.

LEGISLATION UPDATE...FROM ANITA...



Dear Fellow Members,

This is something near and dear to my heart. I follow the legislature everyday and watch for legislation regarding abortion. There are some state representatives and state senators that keep trying to push through bills which would un-do all of our pro-life work for the last 52 years, such as parts of House Bill 26, which continue to re-surface. Circulated by Rep. Mary Jo Dailey (mjdailey@pahouse.net) and by Melissa Shusterman (mshusterman@pahouse.net) are House Bills 1640, 1641, 1642, 1643, 1644, 1645 and 1638. These bills would: Protect healthcare records related to reproductive services from disclosure in Pennsylvania civil and criminal actions/investigations. (HB 1640) ; Prohibit Pennsylvania courts from cooperating with out-of-state civil and criminal cases involving reproductive healthcare services and prevent officials from other states from arresting individuals in Pennsylvania for abortion-related crimes. (HB 1641) ; Prohibit Pennsylvania courts from cooperating with out-of-state civil and criminal cases involving reproductive healthcare services and prevent officials from other states from arresting individuals in Pennsylvania for abortion-related crimes. (HB 1642) ; Prohibit Pennsylvania courts from enforcing other states' judgments in cases involving the provision of reproductive healthcare services (HB 1643). ; Protect Pennsylvania's abortion providers from

having their home addresses disclosed to the public. (HB 1644) ; Would instruct our state's healthcare licensure boards to not take adverse action against healthcare providers who offer reproductive services to out-of-state residents. (HB 1645) ; Would require pharmacies to use, upon request, the name of a physician's healthcare practice instead of their personal name on prescription labels for mifepristone, misoprostol, and their generic alternatives. (HB 1638) All these bills were referred to committees on June 23, 2025.

Also, in the Senate: Senator Amanda Cappelletti (cappelletti@pasenate.com) introduced SB 837 Reproductive Freedom Act which is referred to Judiciary Committee.

We can't let these bills pass or give them an inch. Please explained to these women that someone dies during the procedure...a human being. There is nothing but evil behind these bills. First, we have to pray and fast. Second, we have to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves. Please write a potent, pointed letter letting them know how you feel. Let them know abortion is not health care. Healthcare is about healing. Abortion is an intrinsic evil. Remind them of the commandment of thou shalt not kill. They really need to hear from us. We pay state taxes and therefore we pay their salary.

Resources: pa.gov.

Praise God! We are closer than ever before to seeing Planned Parenthood De-Funded! Thanks to the dozens of people who came to PP on June 28th to show their support of the de-funding of the abortion giant!



(From Tim): We made a strong witness at the De-Fund PP rally on Saturday! I was so surprised that not one couple went in to pp during this normally busy time. Praise God! Maybe they didn't want to walk through us or kept on driving.

HONORS & MEMORIALS



In Honor of Helen Cindrich, From
Rosalee Getsy

In Honor of Allan B. Cook, From
Mary L. Cook

In Honor of Pope Leo XIV, From
Jim Maochi & Audrey Guskey

In Honor of Patty Dolan, From
Joanne Petraglia

In Honor of Ron Lutz, From Don-
na & Richard Miles

In Honor of Michael & Christine
O'Toole, From Mary O'Toole

In Honor of Mary Winter, From
Dolores Jarrell & Family

In Memory of Judy Baker, From
Jerry & Peggy Wrabley and fami-
ly

In Memory of my parents Ken &
Eileen Baldauff, and brother
Mark Baldauff, From Sue Birrin-
ger

In Memory of Claudia Bennett,
From Judy Fink

In Memory of Clay Bossart,
From Dave & Marlene
Wohleber

In Memory of Clayton Bossart,
From K of C Council 4925

In Memory of Victor Carbin,
From Mary Carbin

In Memory of Frank Cindrich,
From Rosalee Getsy

In Memory of Joanne E. Cook,
From Mary Lou Cook

In Memory of Michael Cristello,
From Jackie Fetchko

In Memory of Nancy DeCarpio,
From Dave & Marlene Wohleber

In Memory of Margit Der Bakos,
From Suzanne Bakos Wehrli

In Memory of David F. Fielding,
From Rosemary Fielding

In Memory of Pope Francis, From
Jim Maochi & Audrey Guskey

In Memory of Ann Francis, From
Paul Francis

In Memory of Ronald Francis,
From Paul Francis

In Memory of Thomas Giles,
From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley &
Family

In Memory of Tim Hiles, From
Jackie Fetchko

In Memory of Colleen Holland
Sundo, with Child, From William
& Josephine Holland

In Memory of Bernice Illig,
From Dave & Marlene
Wohleber

In Memory of Bernice "Bud" Il-
lig, From Bob Rightnour Jr.

In Memory of Caroline & Lor-
raine Kasten, From Ronald
Cerminara

In Memory of Cindy Moran,
From Dave & Marlene Wohleber

In Memory of Maryann Miorelli,
From Lillian Kauffman

In Memory of Robert & Joan
Newman, From Joseph Krill

In Memory of Patrick Pannell,
From Joyce Wilson

In Memory of Kathy Park, From
Joanne Fitzgerald

In Memory of the Josh Prince
Family, From Wendy Bowes

In Memory of Dennis Schmitt,
From Dave & Marlene Wohleber

In Memory of Diane M. Slagle,
From John Slagle

In Memory of Suzanne Turba,
From Frederick Turba

In Memory of Vic Vandewater,
From Mary Ann Vandewater

In Memory of John & Donna
Viehman, From Dave & Marlene
Wohleber

In Memory of Donald Werner,
From Jerry & Peggy Wrabley &
family

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Williams, From their ten children
& Families

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