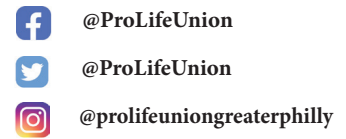




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Stand Up For Life Dinner, Membership, and More!

By: Tom Stevens, President and CEO, Pro-Life Union

We are thrilled to announce the speaker for this year's Stand Up for Life Dinner on Sunday, November 21st. Patricia Sandoval's story is both gut wrenching and incredibly inspiring. She tells of Planned Parenthood's education program in her high school and the way it influenced her thinking and behavior. Her story includes more than one abortion and the incredible loss and emotional damage she experienced. Later in life, she worked in a Planned Parenthood clinic until one day she recognized what was actually happening in the abortion center. Patricia's amazing journey of brokenness, her experience of the love of mercy of God, and her brand new life will inspire us. She'll share the message she shares with youth about chastity and that God's way really is the only way.

See the back page for further Stand up For Life dinner details. To buy tickets and find more information you can also visit www.prolifeunion.org/2021-suffl.

You'll notice above in Patricia Sandoval's story that Planned Parenthood was actually in her school teaching a curriculum and promoting behavior that is unmentionable. Planned Parenthood's brainwashing is powerful, the killing is real and their agenda is evil. Planned Parenthood's war chest is ever-growing and their ability to recruit and communicate a seductive message is growing constantly.

Will you join with the Pro-Life Union in the fight against the abortion industry by becoming a Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum member of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia? A small or large financial commitment enables us to confidently plan and budget so we know we can continue our current initiatives and decide which impactful strategies we can initiate in 2022. **See more information about the membership drive on the back of this newsletter!**

Thank you for all your involvement, action, prayer and support.



First-Ever Pennsylvania March For Life in Harrisburg on September 27

11am Rally at the Front Steps of the PA State Capitol followed by the March.

On Monday, September 27 — the first day back in session for the PA House of Representatives — pro-life Pennsylvanians from across the Commonwealth will gather together at the State Capitol in Harrisburg for the first-ever Pennsylvania March for Life.

Pennsylvania Family Institute, in partnership with the March for Life Education & Defense Fund, plans to hold a rally on Monday, September 27th, 2021 at the front steps of the PA State Capitol starting at 11am followed by a march around the Capitol building at 12 noon. This first-ever Pennsylvania March for Life will send an important message to our elected officials in Harrisburg and beyond that unborn life must be protected.

See next page for transportation details and how you can join us for the first annual Pennsylvania March For Life.

Freedom Rally For The Unborn

By: Patrick Stanton, Pro-Life Union Board Member

On Saturday, July 17th, pro-lifers gathered in Philadelphia to proclaim, "Freedom for the Pre-Born." Fr. Dennis Gill celebrated Mass at the Cathedral for approximately 200 believers. His Homily was succinct, and he labeled abortion as the greatest evil in our day and of all time because it's a denial of who God is and what he has done for us by creating us and giving us the responsibility we have over life. After Mass, we proceeded to Planned Parenthood at 15th & Locust. We were escorted by the Philadelphia Police who once again kept us safe on our journey. Gus DeSimone greeted the marchers with songs and then Fr. Herbert Sperger led the opening prayer.

The speakers were awesome and included Marlene Downing from Hope Pregnancy and Dr. Monique Ruberu. After being inspired by our leaders, Gus led us in The Battle Hymn of the Republic. A woman who lives across the street complained to the police about the rally and also, "the constant presence of pro-lifers in front of Planned Parenthood." The policeman retorted that if all of the protests in Philly were run by pro-lifers, our city could be much more peaceful. July 17th was very hot and humid, probably the hottest day of the summer, but the pro-life people did not wilt in the heat. We seem to pick the hottest and coldest days for our rallies, but we will not be deterred by weather. We will continue to put on the armor of God until the killing has ended.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH
ARCHDIOCESAN OPENING CELEBRATION
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

11:00 AM HOLY MASS
Archbishop Nelson Pérez
followed by a brunch reception with
The Sisters of Life

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
Fall Campaign
Archdiocesan Mass

CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SS PETER & PAUL
18TH STREET & BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

RSVP
for brunch here

2021 Pennsylvania March For Life Transportation Details

Want to join us on a bus to Harrisburg? Check out the details below. More details about the March can be found by checking out march-for-life.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life.

Delaware/Chester County:

There will be a bus leaving from Saint Cornelius (160 Ridge Rd, Chadds Ford, PA 19317) in Chadds Ford at 8:30 AM. Email Rob Hasek at rhasek@gmail.com with your name and cell phone number to reserve your spot!

Philadelphia County:

Bus will leave Saint Katherine of Siena (9700 Frankford Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19114) at 8:30 AM. Call Susan Silcox at 215-882-0399 to reserve your spot!



“The Harvest is Abundant, but the Laborers are Few!” Matthew 9:37

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus is saddened at the sight of the masses of people who need spiritual deliverance due to their numbers and the scarcity of those who can minister to them, He reflects on the people as sheep without a shepherd. He comments to the Apostles on the harvest being so plentiful but the laborers so few. The Apostles understood Jesus' comments that the “Good News” needed to be spread near and far, so it wasn't long after, the Lord sent them out in twos to begin the mission of bringing the Gospel and salvation to the world. Amazing what the few dedicated followers of Our Lord were able to accomplish, realizing it wasn't what they would say or do as much as it was the words and actions that Jesus would impart through them. They trusted in the importance of the mission and that He would bless their efforts. Sometimes, those who are committed to spreading the culture of life in today's world need to be like the Apostles in understanding that the Lord will provide to them all they need to make a positive difference in some way to vulnerable young women and men so as to model the sanctity of life and the joy that accompanies it. The mission is critically important and we trust the Lord will bless our efforts.

The Harvest is plentiful, but help is really needed to reap it. The Pro-Life Union needs volunteers in various capacities and we are asking you to prayerfully consider giving some of yourself in some small way that you are comfortable with to advance our mission of making abortion unthinkable in the Greater Philadelphia area. Remember that if you donate 30 minutes of your time a month, that's thirty minutes more to the life-saving cause than what we had last month.

For a list of volunteer activities that we are looking to fill, please call Claire Pinto at 215-885-8150 or email cpinto@prolifeunion.org. You can even sign up in twos, just like the Apostles, if you want to invite a friend to join you.

Great numbers of people coming together in small ways will be how we accomplish really great things.

Legislating and Litigating Life

By Tyler Moser

On June 8th, the PA State House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed House Bill #1500 by a count of 120-83. This bill would ban abortions prompted by a Down Syndrome diagnosis. Adding to the good news, this bill was passed in the House on a bipartisan vote, with 10 democrats voting in favor of the ban against Down Syndrome influenced abortions (3 republicans voted against it). This is the 3rd time since 2018 that a bill preventing the termination of a fetus with Down Syndrome has passed the PA House. In 2018, the bill wasn't taken up by the senate. In 2019, a similar bill made it through both chambers only to be vetoed by Governor Wolf.

Our society is paradoxically the most and least well suited to care for someone with Down Syndrome. Better healthcare has more than doubled the life expectancy of a human with Down Syndrome. Anti-discrimination laws afford children with Down Syndrome to get a good education, and adults with Down Syndrome to acquire and maintain gainful employment. The ability for someone with Down Syndrome to have a long and happy life has never been better.

Yet these anti-discrimination laws only protect humans with Down Syndrome outside the womb. Studies show that up to 67% of prenatal Down Syndrome diagnoses in the United States end in an abortion. Our society correctly tells us that no human has more inherent value than another, that discrimination is wrong, and that those with disabilities are worthy of love and a quality life.

But unfortunately, we are eugenically eliminating the majority of a very unique subset of our population. There is a moral and logical fallacy between appropriately establishing a landscape that legally protects people with Down Syndrome, while at the same time saying a Down Syndrome diagnosis warrants terminating that precious, innocent life in the womb. .

While the bill is expected to also be approved in the state Senate, Governor Wolf has vowed to veto it once again, preventing the bill from becoming law. And the bill is improbable to garner enough support to achieve the 2/3rds threshold required to override a governor's veto. So what can we do? We can call our local legislatures to emphasize our support for protecting the unborn with Down Syndrome. The Senate will likely be voting on this bill this summer, so the more they hear about our support, the better. We can ask our neighbors, relatives and friends to do the same. We can educate our communities of the happiness, love and value those with Down Syndrome bring to life. And most importantly, we can help those diagnosed with Down Syndrome, and their families, live the best life they can, further establishing a loving and charitable culture for all.

thank you

to all of our Pro-Life Union Sustaining Monthly Giving Members! (new members shown in red)

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