

Nothing Will Be Impossible with God

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

Got your hope on? The Christmas season is a great time of hope. Don't let the darkness of winter and the world around us bring you into despondency. Sure, it's disheartening witnessing a constant parade of women going into an abortion center; or seeing our governor proudly veto a PA Bill that would protect the unborn who have been diagnosed with Down syndrome; or experiencing the rising tide of confusion and misinformation that affects each of us in our families, schools, churches and communities.



God has a plan, just as He always has. When the angel Gabriel visited Mary, she inquired "How can this be?" The angel said, "Nothing will be impossible with God!" It's true. Nothing will be impossible with God.

There's a groundswell of support for life. In Greater Philadelphia, twelve hundred people said "We stand up for life" at our dinner last month. The Pro-Life Union recently gained an amazing set of additional Board Members who represent Students for Life, AlphaCare, National Catholic Bioethics Center, Project Rachel, and Hope Pregnancy Center. The Pro-Life Union also now has twenty-two member organizations. We are working together in so many ways to do what is possible to end abortion and euthanasia. Meanwhile, we are continually asking God to do what is impossible. Come Lord Jesus, come quickly!

That baby in a manger Himself says to you and to me, "Nothing will be impossible with God."

**"May knowing Jesus bring you
peace to bless each day, hope for each
tomorrow, and joy this Christmas
season."**



National March for Life on Jan. 24, 2020

Hundreds of thousands of people from the U.S. and around the world will gather in Washington D.C. on January 24, 2020 for the 47th Annual March for Life.

This year's theme is "Life Empowers: Pro-Life is Pro-Woman" to commemorate 2020 as the 100th anniversary of the 19th Constitutional Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. The passage of the 19th Amendment was led by female suffragists, some also considered pioneers of the feminist movement, who understood that abortion ends a life and harms women. The March for Life Education and Defense Fund further explained its selected theme: "Today, the pro-life movement is following in the footsteps of the suffragists as they advocate for equality of the unborn, believing that equal rights for women begin in the womb. Like the original feminists, the pro-life movement believes that women and society deserve better than abortion and that life is truly the empowering choice for women, babies and society."

Will your parish, school, or group have a bus trip organized to attend the March for Life in our nation's capital? Share logistical details with the Pro-Life Union so we can promote it and help to fill more of your bus seats!

Please provide the following information:

- Name of parish/school/group;
- Meeting time and location;
- Cost for acquiring a bus seat;
- Organizer's name and contact information (phone number and/or email address);
- Any other important details that individuals/families need to know beforehand (food, rest stops, signs, etc.).

Send your group's March for Life bus information by email to mail@prolifeunion.org. You may also call the Pro-Life Union office at 215-885-8150.

**Pregnant?
Need Help?**



**Text 484-451-8104 or
call 610-626-4006.**



Pictured (above): Conor Bradley, second year medical student at Thomas Jefferson University Medical School, led guests in prayer at the 38th Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner.

Pro-Life Union's 38th Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner Draws Over 1,200 Guests

Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia's 38th Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner attracted more than 1,200 individuals across the region on Sunday, November 24, 2019, to reflect on pro-life efforts and to share goals for the future. This special evening featured a keynote speech from Rachel Guy, considered a "medical miracle" who has used the reality of her own story to advocate for the unborn. Dr. Monique Ruberu, pro-life OB/GYN and Pro-Life Union Board Member, also spoke about an experience from medical training which helped to form her pro-life conscience.



Pictured (upper left): Rachel Guy and Fr. Chris Walsh, Pro-Life Union's Chairman. **Pictured (upper right):** Dr. Monique Ruberu.



Pictured (above): Guests enjoying fellowship at this year's Dinner.

This year's award recipients include:

- Barbara Rose—James D. Kelly Pro-Life Pioneer Award
- The Garecht Family (Ashley, Joe, Haley and Emily) and Abby Griswold—St. John Paul II "Be Not Afraid" Award
- Karly Brown—John and Harriet Stanton Young Leader Award

The Pro-Life Union commends these individuals who have demonstrated pro-life activism through their leadership, courage,

and commitment to the movement.

Abby Griswold's courageous response to bullying in the public square by PA State Rep. Brian Sims led her to say this about accepting the St. John Paul II 'Be Not Afraid' Award: "What started as an unexpected and unwanted confrontation with an elected official attacking our right to peacefully protest, God has used as good to highlight the importance of being a prayerful presence at the clinics. I hope this inspires more of my peers to get actively involved in speaking up for the right to life."

The Pro-Life Union truly appreciates all men, women, families, students, children, churches, schools, member organizations, and fellow friends who gathered together for this inspirational, educational, and motivational event.

To view more pictures from the Pro-Life Union's Dinner photo album, visit prolifeunion.org/events/dinner.



Pictured (above): The Garecht Family (Joe, Ashley, Haley and Emily) and Abby Griswold accepting the St. John Paul II 'Be Not Afraid' Award at this year's Stand Up For Life Dinner.



Pictured (above): Local high school students celebrated the evening at the 38th Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner.



Pictured (above): Local parishioners and clergy members also enjoyed their time at the 38th Annual Stand Up For Life Dinner.



Pictured (above): The Pennsylvania State Capitol building.

PA Gov. Tom Wolf Vetoes Down Syndrome Protection Act—Just One Day After Legislators Pass It

Pennsylvania Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf vetoed legislation on November 21, 2019, that would have protected unborn babies with Down syndrome. The state's Down Syndrome Protection Act (House Bill 321) would have prohibited abortions based on the prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome, except in cases of rape, incest, or medical emergencies. Gov. Wolf's veto happened just one day after Pennsylvania's Republican-led Senate passed the bill by a vote of 27-22. The state currently allows abortion up to 24 weeks of pregnancy for any reason, with the exception of gender selection. According to the National Down Syndrome Society, approximately 6,000 babies are born each year with Down syndrome. This bill's passage would have protected a vulnerable population in the state of Pennsylvania.



Pictured (above): Some Guiding Star maternity home residents and Loretta Vasale (far right), part-time employee at Guiding Star.

Guiding Star Residents Enjoy Winter Outing in Philadelphia

Mothers and children living at Guiding Star recently enjoyed a fun winter outing at UniverSoul Circus, which is located in the Fairmount Park section of Philadelphia. On December 7th, Guiding Star residents got to experience one of the coolest interactive circus events that travels across the nation. Guiding Star Ministries is an outreach program of the Pro-Life Union of Philadelphia, which provides shelter and assistance to pregnant women and their children. For more information, visit prolifeunion.org/guidingstar.



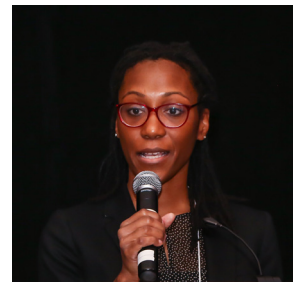
First Annual National Pro-Life Summit Features Pro-Life Union's Richara Krajewski and Dr. Monique Ruberu as Guest Speakers

Students for Life of America's National Conference has now transformed into a massive one-day pro-life training event the day after March for Life—for pro-life activists of all ages!

For the first time ever, the National Pro-Life Summit will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 8:00am-7:00pm at the Marriott Marquis in Washington D.C. (901 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington D.C. 20001). This year's theme is "History Makers" because that's exactly what we're doing right now in the pro-life movement! The National Pro-Life Summit is a one-day training event which will cover a wide variety of pro-life topics, such as ethics and philosophy, empowering women to choose life outside abortion clinics, and so much more.

Speakers include: Lila Rose (president, Live Action), Liz Wheeler (TV host, "Tipping Point"), Charlotte Pence (daughter of U.S. Vice President Mike Pence), and many more—including Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia Board Members Richara Krajewski and Dr. Monique Ruberu!

The Pro-Life Summit sponsors are: Students for Life of America, Students for Life Action, Alliance Defending Freedom, Live Action, The Heritage Foundation, and Heritage Action for America. Visit prolifesummit.com to view the schedule and register your seat(s) online.



Pictured (above): Richara Krajewski, Board Member of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia.



Pictured (above): Dr. Monique Ruberu, Board Member of the Pro-Life Union.

**"Joy to the world! The Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing!"**

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New Survey: Americans Favor Common Sense Regulations on Abortion Facilities



Americans United for Life (AUL), conducted a survey last month commissioned through YouGov about abortion clinic regulations. Participants included those who identify as pro-life, pro-choice, and “neither of these.”

Results show that 75% of respondents think abortion doctors should be held to the same medical standards as other physicians. The survey also found that 70% want abortion clinics to be held to the same standards as hospitals, and 78% believe medical professionals performing abortions should be required to have admitting privileges at hospital emergency rooms.

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Harrisburg, Pa | May 18, 2020

11:00 a.m. Rally at the State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
12:00 p.m. March for Life

**Don't miss the first ever
PA March for Life...
let's show legislators
that Pennsylvanians care about life!**

Upcoming Events: (Visit prolifeunion.org/events for complete details about these events)

12/28 at 7:30am—“Peace in the Womb” Pro-Life Christmas Caroling—Located outside Philadelphia Women’s Center (777 Appletree Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106). A prayer vigil will occur first at 6:30 a.m., followed by caroling.

12/28 at 9:00am—Memorial Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents—Remember all of the innocent unborn babies killed each day and each year by abortion. Join this Memorial Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents on Saturday, December 28 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church (1410 Almshouse Road, Jamison, PA 18929).

1/11 from 10:00am-12:00pm—January ‘Newby Saturday’—‘Newby Saturday’ is for people who want to learn how to effectively witness outside an abortion center. Join us on Saturday, January 11 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. outside Planned Parenthood at 12th & Locust Sts. Get common questions answered and learn by example from experienced Sidewalk Servants! Details at prolifeunion.org/outreach.

1/11-1/12 after weekend Masses—Our Lady of Guadalupe’s Pro-Life Fair—Learn about pro-life ministries in the region after each Mass on Saturday and Sunday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (Doylestown, PA). Sponsored by the parish’s Respect Life Ministry.

1/24—47th Annual March for Life—Join fellow pro-lifers traveling from all parts of the country (and even others who travel internationally) to gather in Washington D.C. for the national March for Life on Friday, January 24, 2020.

1/25 from 8:00am-7:00pm—First Annual National Pro-Life Summit (Washington D.C.)—Includes guest speakers Richara Krajewski and Dr. Monique Ruberu (Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia Board Members). Visit prolifesummit.com for details.

2/26-4/5—40 Days for Life Campaign—Mark Your Calendars! Participate in the next 40 Days for Life campaign, which will run from February 26-April 5, 2020.



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