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Ending Abortion From Within

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

“We have a newborn! We can’t have another one right now.” Jason showed me a tattoo on his neck that says in script, ‘Amani’. Jason said, “That’s her name.” I said, “Wow! You really love her don’t you?” As our conversation continued outside Planned Parenthood, he was a bit braggadocious. He informed me he’s twenty-three (23) years old and has five (5) children. When I asked, “All with the same mom?” He said, “No, two girlfriends. But all the kids live with me.” Internally I’m saying to myself (as I continue to pray), “WHAT?! TWENTY-THREE (23) AND FIVE (5) KIDS?!? YOU’VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME!”

“Get your girlfriend out of there!” She was inside Planned Parenthood for a scheduled abortion. “You can’t have your son or daughter killed, can you?” Jason said he doesn’t believe in abortion, but she has completely made up her mind. “We argued about it last night.” He couldn’t make her keep the baby when they have a newborn at home. “It’s her decision.” The other Side-walk Servants with me kept praying as he and I talked for 20 minutes. He wouldn’t call her. Their child was murdered that morning. It made me want to punch a wall and weep at the same time.

HOW? How can we prevent similar scenarios repeated over and over. By ending abortion from within. Transforming culture from the inside out. STEP 1: Be personally transformed. STEP 2: Transform those around you. STEP 3: Form children while they

are young. Support family. Support excellent Catholic or Christian education. STEP 4: Support The Culture Project, youth groups, and all efforts to effectively evangelize, catechize, promote chastity and walk alongside youth and teens. STEP 5: Support all our Member Organizations who do phenomenal works all aimed at serving individuals and transforming lives. STEP 6: Support the Pro-Life Union in our effort with Catholic Social Services at Frankford Mom’s Place Family Life Center – to transform the culture from within by serving moms, children, men and families ... before it’s too late. STEP 7: PRAY MORE. STEP 8: READ MORE BOOKS. Be educated. Be able to speak in ways that intellectually inform, challenge, correct and reveal to others truths about the sanctity of life, the horrific reality of abortion, the joy of marriage and a chaste life, a better way. STEP 9: Have an open mind. If you aren’t prepared to be intellectually challenged and have your thing changed, can you truly expect others to change there’s?

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Justine's Story

By: Justine Staub

Only 8 percent of single mothers finish college and attain a degree within six years, according to the Institute for Women's Policy Research (IWPR). I am one of 8 percent. Nearly 6 years ago I was starting at a positive pregnancy test. I was only 18 and entering my sophomore year of college. All the tremendous career plans I had dreamed about for years seemed to instantly dissipate and I was left feeling numb. While I knew nothing would ever be the same I also knew that, in those moments, nothing mattered more than my baby's life.

I received negative reactions from family and even some of the Christian community. A few assumed I would drop out of school because it would be "too hard" to finish my degree as a single parent with a newborn. My co-workers thought abortion would be the easy way out. But I believed abortion was wrong and finishing my degree was still my priority. Although my course load was heavy, I managed to make the Dean's List every semester and never took time off. My finals were the week after my son's birth and I balanced being a new mom and a working, full-time college student. This was all by God's grace. With my son in tow, I graduated college with a nearly 4.0 GPA and Cum Laude in 2018.

I didn't have a huge support system, in fact, it was pretty small. But I believed God would be by my side and carry me through, even the days where I felt I didn't have strength. Years later, I'm still trying to figure out God's plan for me, but my son has been my greatest blessing in life and so much of what I accomplished I did for him. Following my experience of my unplanned pregnancy I became extremely passionate about the pro-life movement and encouraging other women in similar situations. We cannot do it on our own and mothers facing crisis pregnancies need to see and feel the immensity and love of the pro-life community.

Those who support abortion, especially towards women pursu-

ing college like I was, send the message that women are not strong enough to overcome obstacles in life. It doesn't empower women, it hinders them, and for the majority of post-abortive women it entails lifelong psychological and emotional issues. These mothers need encouragement and tangible assistance. Some ways the pro-life community can help, besides prayer and continued support of pregnancy centers, are through helping moms find childcare and good jobs, especially for those who do graduate college. I speak from experience that we sacrifice many opportunities in college to take care of our children, and the struggle does not end upon graduation. The pro-life community is truly the only hope for mothers and unborn babies. Please join with me in fervent prayer and outreach as we continue to fight for the lives of the unborn. Let us love, respect, protect, and serve in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



St. Joachim Parenting and Pregnancy Program



Catholic Social Services is already serving 45 women at the site of Mom's Place Life Center partnership in Frankford Philadelphia! We are so eager to grow this ministry and we ask for your prayerful support in our efforts moving forward.

The Pregnancy and Parenting Program at Padre Pio Prayer Center is hosting:

A Diaper and Book Giveaway

The event will take place April 24, 2021 on World Reading Day! Donation of goods such as diapers, wipes, formula, infant and toddler books will help ensure that the program reaches its goals!

**Donations can be shipped or dropped off to the Pro-Life Union's office: 88 E Pennsylvania Avenue, Oreland, PA 19075*



Exciting News About PLU Member Organization, The Culture Project!

Beginning fall 2021, at the invitation of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, The Culture Project will be serving the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with a full-time missionary team! The Culture Project is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue. Missionaries proclaim the dignity of the human person and the richness of living sexual integrity, inviting our culture to become fully alive. Through a newly formalized long-term partnership with the Archdiocese, a team of Culture Project missionaries will be commissioned to minister in middle schools, high schools, parishes, and youth and young adult groups across the Archdiocese.

These passionate young adult missionaries are equipped to reverently discuss the dignity of human life, sexual integrity, and virtuous use of social media with teens and peers through dynamic presentations (for 7th grade and up) as well as Q&A sessions and Parent Talks. Through their outreach, missionaries convey the splendor of the human person and empower young people to embrace the heroic virtue of chastity. Booking for the 2021-2022 school year has begun! To request The Culture Project, please visit www.thecultureproject.org/schedule. Inquiries can be directed to schedule@thecultureproject.org.



What is the PLU up to?

With your support we've been able to...

- Host the 2021 Philadelphia March For Life

- Assist three moms with rent support
- Provide Christmas presents for a mom and her 4 children
- Save 17 babies with the 40 Days For Life Spring Campaign.
- Distribute countless diapers, wipes, and other baby supplies to mom's in need.
- Welcome new mothers into our maternity home while sending women out prepared to live independently with the help of Guiding Star Ministries and the PLU.
- Catholic Social Services is serving over 45 moms in Frenkford at the soon to be Family Life Center

It is with your help that we are able to serve the Greater Philadelphia area and we are so grateful for your continued support. Thanks to you, we get to continue protecting the sanctity of life at all stages!

Spring 2021 40 Days For Life Closing Prayer Rally

Patrick Stanton, 40 Days For Life Leader

March 27th marked the closing of our Philadelphia 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign. We gathered together at 777 Appletree the busiest abortion Center in the state. Last year over 6500 babies lost their lives there.

At the closing prayer rally, Emily Jones from Mount Saint Joseph's in Flourtown, a highschool senior, spoke of attending January's Pro Life Union March for Life which empowered her to reenergize her school's pro life club. No stranger to the abortion centers in Philadelphia is Temple's Karly Brown. Karly recently became engaged to Sean Harney and she spoke about her continued involvement in the pro life movement and the blessing and gift of marriage that God has bestowed on her and Sean.

PLU board member Richara Krajewski gave a beautiful talk on the similarity of the Christian life and the orchid. Much time is spent in front of these killing centers and most times we don't witness the changing of hearts. The orchid goes most of the year looking dead yet blooms beautifully, continuing to give us hope and trust in Jesus' ability to bring life to the most dead of places/things. Monique Ruberu shared the news of 17 babies being saved during the 40 Days Spring Campaign.

The 40 Days for Life Campaign being over doesn't mean we stop showing up outside of clinics! Now more than ever we need prayer warriors outside everyday, fighting to protect the unborn. Go to our website and check out the Sidewalk Servants Quick Video Series to get equipped to start praying outside of an abortion clinic near you!

Upcoming Events



Please Support AlphaCare's 40th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, May 6, 2021

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Visit friendsofalphacare.org/mercy
for more details and to RSVP.

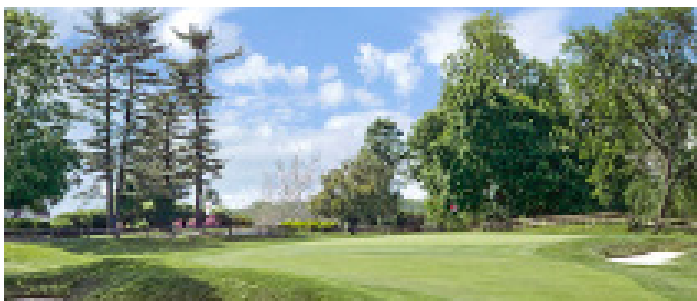


Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 10AM-12PM

Guided Rosary Walk for Catholics Affected by Divorce.

*Interested? All event details can be found at www.nonnatus.org/events/
or email director.srnfg@gmail.com*

Golfing For Gianna May 3rd, 2021 at LuLu Country Club



Last chance to sign up!
Visit phgiannacenter.org for more details and to RSVP.



Every Good Gift is a job training ministry for young single mothers. The women learn to sew, create gift baskets, and make a variety of gifts. Learning basic job soft skills at Every Good Gift prepares them to succeed in full time jobs. Your purchase helps women who have chosen life for their children provide for their family. Please take a look at Every Good Gift's products on their website, everygoodgift.org/shop and consider supporting their life sustaining ministry!

Maternity Homes in 2021 Our Top 5 Challenges, Our Top 5 Solutions One-Hour Interactive Online "All Share" Affair

**Tuesday, April 27
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**

Networking for Local Maternity Homes

Members - No Charge

Non-Members - \$25.00



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