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Standing for Life

Each November, over one thousand strong gather for our annual *Stand Up for Life Dinner*. This year's attendance was 1,350 and once again attendees left the event renewed and encouraged. Sr. Jane Dominic delivered a humorous and compelling speech which resonated with the crowd. There were over 450 students in attendance this year, representing local elementary schools, high schools and colleges.

Once again, our award program was an incredibly touching part of the Event. We are grateful to our award recipients for allowing us to share their story.

For those interested in hearing more from Sr. Jane, please visit www.newmanconnection.com.



Giving Thanks

The PA Department of Health revoked the license of the newly opened "Integrity Health" abortion facility. After a thorough investigation and an article written by Philadelphia Inquirer, the connection to the notorious abortionist, Steven Brigham, was revealed. Pro-life groups throughout the State requested that the Governor act to close down the facility. Gov. Tom Corbett (Governor@pa.gov) and Lt. Gov. Jim Cawley (jimcawley@pa.gov) are to be thanked for closure of the facility.

News from Abortion Industry

- The Pa. Dept. of Health approved the opening of a new abortion facility, the Mazzoni Center, 809 Locust. It identifies itself as a "LGBT Health & Wellness Clinic." We repeat again, abortion is not healthcare.
- Abortion executives are not suffering in this recession. During 2011, 1,276 of them made over \$100,000. The top three earned \$583,323, \$727,340 and \$852,518.

Surviving Abortion

There are approximately 25 people in the U.S. who lived after an attempted abortion. After a saline abortion failed, Melissa Ohden survived and was adopted. Today, Melissa is happily married and has a daughter, Olivia. She has formed an organization, "For Olivia's Sake," to share the great harm caused by abortion to women who may be considering that desperate choice.

Recommended Viewing & Reading

Film producer John Morales, after two years of work, will debut his production "40" on 12/11/13. It covers the 40 years of *Roe v. Wade* and gives a voice to many U.S. pro-life leaders. He sought to interview abortion leaders, but they turned him down. A focus will be on the racist component of abortion. Every single day, 1,500 African American babies are murdered in the U.S., as well as 825 Hispanic babies through abortion. Morales revealed that while in his 20s, his girlfriend became pregnant and had an abortion against his wishes.

The new book, "**Abuse of Discretion, the Inside Story of Roe v. Wade**" by Clark Forsythe is now available. It provides an analysis of the messages between the five Justices who judged that abortion would become legal. It also verifies the report that NARAL "intelligence" was basic to Blackmun & Co. To order, visit encounterbooks.com.

Human Life International has produced a DVD which we recommend. It's titled "**Facts of Life.**" It's just \$20, call 800-549-5433 or mail to HLI, 4 Family Life Lane, Front Royal, VA 22630.

Sharing the Message



In the January, the cost of the plate will increase to \$75 because the new Transportation legislation will take effect. But, if you act now this pro-life plate can be purchased for just \$44. The plate allows each of us to share the pro-life message while we are driving. It is a wonderful way to celebrate the sanctity of every life.

Visit www.pachoose-life or call 215-885-2919. The fee for the plate is \$44, \$24 goes to the DOT and \$20 will go to support the critical work of crisis pregnancy centers and homes.



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January Events

January marks the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. This infamous decision has changed our country. Most tragically, each year more than 1.5 million children lose their lives to abortion. The mothers of those children suffer for years following the abortion. Pro-Life events and remembrances occur throughout our area and we encourage you attend if possible.

On Saturday, January 18th, 2014, there will be a pro-life Vigil, Mass and Summit. We will gather to pray at PP, 12th & Locust, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at the Cathedral Chapel!. Immediately following Mass, a Pro-Life Summit will be held at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 222 N. 17th Street. The topics covered in the Summit will focus on dealing with a poor pre-natal diagnosis, a talk on in-vitro fertilization and an update on the Gianna Centers.

On Monday, January 20th, the Pro-Life Union and Generation Life along with other pro-life groups will gather with travelers heading to D.C. from the Diocese of Omaha, to pray and witness at Planned Parenthood on 12th & Locust Streets. Our Vigil will begin at 10:30am and continue until 11:30am.

And, we pray many of you will be able to attend the Annual March for Life in Washington, DC. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014, on the National Mall. The program begins with a rally at 12 noon. www.marchforlife.org



Mass of the Holy Innocents

The Feast of the Holy Innocents commemorates Herod's massacre of male children. These children are considered to be the first martyrs for Jesus Christ. It is hard to believe that the murder of innocent children is still occurring and is legal in the U.S. and throughout the world. This year, Catholic pro-lifers will gather at St. Cyril of Jerusalem Church (Almshouse & Meetinghouse Road, Jamison, PA) on Saturday, December 28th at 12 noon to pray for all of the innocents whose lives were taken. The celebrant will be the Most Reverend Joseph Martino.

Comfort the Sorrowful

Over the next few months, as we highlight the various opportunities for prayer and witness at abortion facilities, we will focus on the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Abortion is never truly a free choice, it is a decision made out of fear. Women seeking abortion are truly sorrowful and as we watch them enter abortion facilities, the pain and despair are evident. It is a great gift when God calls us to participate in this spiritual work of mercy by comforting the sorrowful mothers and praying that a woman's heart will be touched by His Grace.

Pro-Life Vigils

Catholics – (The Rosary will be prayed after each of these Masses. Location in parentheses.)

3rd Friday – 8 am Mass – Nativity of Our Lord, 625 W. Street Rd. (PP Warminster)

1st Saturday – 8:30 am Mass – St. Laurence, Upper Darby (PP Upper Darby)

1st Saturday – 7 am Mass – Christ The King, Morell & Chesterfield (PP Comly & Blvd.)

1st Saturday – 8 am Mass – St. Agnes, West Chester (PP West Chester)

2nd Saturday – 8:30 am Mass – Newman chapel, U of P, 38th & Chestnut (Penn Family Care, 39th & Chestnut)

3rd Saturday – 7 am Mass – St. John, 13th & Market (PP 12th & Locust)

4th Saturday – 6:30-8:30 am – Phila. Women's Ctr., 8th & Cherry

Interesting Facts

- ☞ Pro-lifers in Albuquerque are not discouraged by a recent defeat of a pro-life measure on the ballot. The measure would have banned abortions after 20 weeks. Forty-five percent of residents voted to support the ban. The provision for New Mexico's largest and mostly Democratic city was the first test of an abortion measure being voted on at the municipal level, as opposed to the state or federal level. Pro-lifers said that they would be back, noting that they gained much support throughout the campaign.
- ☞ Abortion restrictions in Texas were approved by the Texas Supreme Court by a 5-4 vote. It is hoped that one third of the abortion companies will be closed.
- ☞ Following Abby Johnson's resignation and the publicity of the Gosnell Trial, many employees have chosen to quit the industry. It was reported that by August 13, 2013, forty-two abortion companies have closed. In one area, a billboard carries the message "Don't let your job put you in prison."
- ☞ Last month, we warned readers that midwives and nurses in California can now commit abortions. But in that state, abortions on animals must be done by a certified board-qualified, veterinary surgeon.

Serving in a Spirit of Hope

The Pro-Life Union is committed to the sanctity of every life and our organization serves the five counties of Greater Philadelphia. We are building a culture of life by our work in four areas: *alternatives, outreach, education and public affairs*. We serve in a spirit of hope and are confident that hearts are changed every day. We know lives are saved. You make this possible. This Christmas we ask that you prayerfully consider a donation to the Pro-Life Union. Your support is a powerful witness to the sanctity of life!

