



**"Take courage!"**

Matthew 14:27

**September 2018**

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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

Former Planned Parenthood director, Abby Johnson, once said, *"I am in this movement today because of ordinary people who took on an extraordinary task. Babies are alive because of them. **You can do this. You can save a life.** I now stand alongside you in this 40 Days For Life movement."*

Be involved! Join *40 Days For Life* at one of the locations listed below. On September 18<sup>th</sup> there will be 40 Days for Life NE Philly and Warminster meeting at 7:30 pm, Assumption BVM Church in Feasterville. Pro-Life Union Board Member, Dr. Monique Ruberu, OB/GYN, is the featured speaker.

On September 26, *40 Days for Life* in Center City begins with a **Candelight Vigil** at Planned Parenthood, 1144 Locust Street, starting at 7:00 PM.



### Courage

*By Tom Stevens, President & CEO*

When our second son's due date was near, Ann needed courage. Her first experience included 13 hours of labor, 2 hours of pushing, and an emergency C-Section (her first surgery ever). The doctor for our 2<sup>nd</sup> allowed Ann to still try a vaginal delivery. Possibly facing another experience similar to the first, Ann giving birth surely took significant grit, hope, fortitude and courage. Hats off to Ann

and all women!

The list of reasons that people abort babies is long. "It will be too hard; I could never do that; we can't afford a child; the baby is diagnosed with Down Syndrome; I have to finish school; or we're not ready." Each one simplified is "Having this baby will be painful." It's true. There's no sugarcoating it. Life hurts. Much courage required.

This week I received a call about a woman who's 1<sup>st</sup> trimester child was diagnosed with a serious physical defect. This mom had gone to the abortion clinic not once, but twice. Yet she couldn't go through with taking the life of her child. Thank God! "Could we offer her an emergency room at Guiding Star?" The answer was, "yes we can!" There are so many good stories like this every day around this great region.

Be a giver of courage to others who need. Help a family, neighbor, a couple near you who is in need. Be aware. Give generously. Pray.

Come to a Sidewalk Counseling training on 9/16 in-person or by videoconference on 9/23 and then participate in 40 Days for Life as often as possible. *Take courage and give courage now!*

### Please See "Gosnell" Movie on Opening Weekend, Oct 12

An early showing of the movie *Gosnell: The Trial of America's Biggest Serial Killer* on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Malvern Prep was a great start, but now it's time to spread the message and keep it in theaters as long as possible. Based on the true story of Dr. Kermit Gosnell, this movie shows the investigation and trial of the Philadelphia abortion doctor who killed hundreds of infants born alive during abortion procedures.

Bring as many people as possible to see *Gosnell* released in select theaters nationwide on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. <http://gosnellmovie.com/theaters>

## 40 Days for Life Campaigns

Please visit our website for the contact information on these campaigns:

**Philadelphia Women's Center** - 777 Appletree Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 - **6061 abortions yearly**

**Planned Parenthood** - 1144 Locust Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107 - **3911 abortions yearly**

\* Kick Off Event - September 26, 6:30 pm

**Planned Parenthood** - 2751 Comly Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154 - **2457 abortions yearly**

**Planned Parenthood** - 8 S. Wayne Street, West Chester, PA 19382 - **879 abortions yearly**

\*Kick Off Event - September 26, 7pm

**Planned Parenthood** - 610 Louis Drive, Warminster, PA 18974 - **720 abortions yearly**

**Planned Parenthood** - 1221 Powell Street, Norristown, PA 19401 - **682 abortions yearly**

**Bryn Mawr Hospital** - 130 S. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 - **18 abortions yearly**

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# 2018 Stand Up For Life Dinner

Join us on Sunday, November 18, 2018 for our 35<sup>th</sup> annual Stand Up For Life Dinner at the 201 Hotel Sheraton Center City. Sister Grace Dominic, Sisters of Life, Philadelphia, will encourage you during her keynote. The cocktail reception begins at 4:30 pm, followed by the Dinner at 5:30 pm. To order your ticket(s) online or learn more information about the Stand Up For Life Dinner 2018, visit [prolifeunion.org/events/dinner](http://prolifeunion.org/events/dinner). Save us the credit card fee and mail your ticket and sponsorship donation to 88 Pennsylvania Ave, Oreland PA 19075.



## “Slow Code”

When doctors suspected that Brad and Jesi Smith’s unborn daughter had Trisomy 18, they were encouraged to get an amniocentesis to confirm and then abort. The couple refused the amnio so when Faith was born, she did not yet have an official diagnosis. A cardiologist found a large hole in the baby’s heart and assured the Smiths that an operation would solve the problem and save the baby’s life... until he learned that the Faith had Trisomy 18. He then told her parents, “You may not want to do anything,” but he said he would do the surgery if “an Ethics Committee approved.” The Smiths soon learned that this common stalling and denial of medical treatment for children with disabilities is called “Slow Code.” Faith is now nine years old, loves swimming and horseback riding, and brings joy to her parents and siblings. She and life seem pretty compatible to us!

We affirm the sanctity of life through leadership, service to those making the choice for life, and witness to a culture of love.

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# Pro-Life Forum Oct 17th

Visit the Pro-Life Forum sponsored by Holy Martyr’s Respect Life on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 pm at their Parish Hall (120 Allison Road, Oreland, PA 19075). Adam Dickerson, Dr. Monique Ruberu and Peter Bernetsky will speak.

## Area Life Chains

On **Respect Life Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**, participate in an area Life Chain, a great witness for the unborn. Visit our website, [prolifeunion.org](http://prolifeunion.org), for details. This is a golden and strategic moment to encourage others to attend. **Local Life Chains:** Abington, Bryn Mawr, Collegeville, Downingtown, Kennett Square, Paoli, Philadelphia, Phoenixville, Springfield, Warminster, Wayne, West Chester and West Grove.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, 9/16	<b>Sidewalk Counseling Training</b> - 2 to 5 pm, details at <a href="http://prolifeunion.org/events">prolifeunion.org/events</a> .
Thursday, 9/20	<b>Pro-Life Union Appreciation Dinner</b> – 6:00 pm – If you lead a Respect Life Group at your church or you have volunteered for the Pro-Life Union or Guiding Star, we invite you to attend, please contact our office.
Friday, 9/21	<b>Mother’s Home Gala Dinner</b> – 7 pm – call 610-583-4663 for more info.
Saturday, 9/22	<b>Family Fully Alive</b> – 10:30 am – Info:email <a href="mailto:familyfullyalivefestival@gmail.com">familyfullyalivefestival@gmail.com</a> .
Saturday, 9/22	<b>Abbeyfest Youth Festival</b> – 12 pm – visit <a href="http://theabbeyfest.com">theabbeyfest.com</a> – To volunteer for the Pro-Life Union booth, call 215-885-8150.
Saturday, 9/22	<b>Every Good Gift Silent Auction</b> – 6:30 pm – visit <a href="http://everygoodgift.org">everygoodgift.org</a> .
Sunday, 9/23	<b>Videconference Sidewalk Counseling Training</b> – 1 to 3 pm, login details at <a href="http://prolifeunion.org/events">prolifeunion.org/events</a> . Join by phone (audio only) or computer (preferable).
Sunday, 10/7	<b>Respect Life Sunday</b> (see list above for a Life Chain near you).
Friday, 10/12	<b>GOSNELL Movie Opens in Theaters</b> , Locations – <a href="http://gosnellmovie.com/theaters">gosnellmovie.com/theaters</a>
Saturday, 10/13	<b>Archdiocesan Humanae Vitae Conference</b> – 8:30 am – call 215-587-5661.
Wednesday, 10/17	<b>Pro-Life Forum at Holy Martyrs Catholic Church</b> – 7:00-8:30 pm (see above)
Sunday, 11/18	<b>Stand Up For Life Dinner</b> – 4:30 pm – visit <a href="http://prolifeunion.org">prolifeunion.org</a> to acquire tickets

Don’t miss the Sidewalk Servant Quick-Start Video Series here! [prolifeunion.org/outreach](http://prolifeunion.org/outreach)