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Love Conquers Evil

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Three hand squeezes say "I love you" in my family. My teenage son gave three during the Lord's Prayer in Mass last Sunday, which was a nice surprise. My four squeezes back say, "I love you more." Love overflows from the family.

"Love conquers evil." These are Patrick Stanton's closing words in our Sidewalk Servant video series (Ep. 8). Nearly 17,000 abortions occurred last year in Greater Philadelphia; so many decisions gone wrong. There is much darkness in our area, yet the heroic acts of love continue to overcome the darkness. Pregnancy centers, maternity homes, sidewalk counselors in front of abortion clinics, and our partner Catholic Social Services are providing so many acts of service throughout the Archdiocese.

Sometimes it is as simple as squeezing a hand; more often acts of love are difficult to demonstrate and require much greater effort. Whether we show love by helping a single mom coming from an abusive relationship and trying to make ends meet, or helping others with complex problems in an extremely complex world, we continue working together to see love will conquer evil.



Giving Help

Sometimes pro-lifers are accused of not helping women after they decide to give life to their children. A new report compiled by Charles Lozier Institute proves this wrong. In 2017, pro-life pregnancy centers drew nearly 2 million clients and provided more than \$161 million in free services including ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, parenting classes and counseling. In the Greater Philadelphia area we see pregnancy centers, maternity homes, Catholic Social Services, local parishes and churches, and many pro-life groups giving first-hand help to moms in some overt and many hidden ways. For more research about abortion and fetal development, visit lozierinstitute.org.

Jamie's Little Sis

Actor Jamie Foxx recently shared a beautiful part of his life with viewers of NBC's *Today Show*. He described his little sister DeOndra as a "vibrant, fun-loving 33-year-old" who "also happens to have Down Syndrome." He explained that his mother knew little about Down Syndrome when DeOndra was born, so she always treated her like a typical child, telling her, "If you want to be in the choir, go do it!" When asked what he has learned from his sister, Jamie didn't hesitate to say, "I learned how to live."



Actor Jamie Foxx (left) and his sister DeOndra (right).

Photo from today.com.

Your Vote Matters

As Americans, we are given the privilege of voting in elections to determine our leaders. We in Pennsylvania and New Jersey have been fortunate to have some of the greatest pro-life heroes defending life as senators, representatives, and governors. Please make a difference for life by voting for the politicians who will fight for the rights of the unborn. Visit paprolife.org to learn more about the candidates before traveling to the voting booth.



Pregnant? We Can Help!



Call 610-626-4006 or text 484-451-8104.

Changing Minds on the Front Lines

"I had given a pamphlet to a couple that went in. The girl was really upset and she didn't want to take it. She entered looking at the ground. The boyfriend walking behind her refused to take it as well, but I followed after him and begged them to take it saying, 'You'll be in there a long time...you can just read it while you are there!' He said ok and took it."

This occurred during 40 Days For Life at Planned Parenthood in Center City. The couple then had a change of heart:

An hour after the Sidewalk Counselor left, the couple came out with huge smiles on their faces. They met other prayer warriors who remarked, "The couple was jumping up and down and couldn't wait to tell us that they changed their minds and were going to keep the baby! They wanted us to be the first ones to know! They were so happy!"



The impact we can make on others is immense. A woman came from the Community Women's Center to share this update with prayer warriors outside of an abortion clinic:

"The father of the baby says we already have one and we should abort this one. I had an appointment scheduled for 12:30 p.m. today but I'm not doing it. I'm keeping this baby!"

The power of a Sidewalk Servant's love and understanding can effectively guide women, couples, families, and friends to realize that there is hope and a better alternative to abortion. You never know who may need to hear those messages on any given day.

To become an equipped Sidewalk Servant, watch our video training series on <u>prolifeunion.org/outreach</u> or on our YouTube channel (Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia).

November-December 2018 Events

November:

11/4 40 Days For Life Closing Ceremony (outside of Planned Parenthood in West Chester) from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

11/6 Election Day

11/17-11/18 Philadelphia Life Runners are participating in Philadelphia Marathon weekend. Contact Sharon Skeel

at sskeel@gmail.com for more details.

11/18 Pro-Life Union's Stand Up For Life Dinner (cocktail reception at 4:30 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m.).

Visit <u>prolifeunion.org</u> to purchase tickets.

11/19 Annual Memorial Mass for deceased pro-lifers at St. Anastasia Church (Newtown Square).

Rosary at 7:45 p.m., followed by Mass at 8:00 p.m.

December:

12/12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Vigil (outside of Planned Parenthood in West Chester) at 12:00 p.m.

12/19 Christmas Caroling (outside of Planned Parenthood in West Chester) at 12:00 p.m.

12/28 Feast of Holy Innocents Prayer Service (outside of Planned Parenthood in West Chester) at 12:00 p.m.

Stay updated with Pro-Life Union and member organizations' events happening in the Philadelphia region! Visit <u>prolifeunion.org/events</u>.



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