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Human life is sacred from its beginning to its natural end.

A Story of Life

On the morning of March 23rd, a group was praying outside of a Philadelphia abortion facility. As "Jackie" walked by, she thought "*nothing is stopping me from having this abortion.*" She refused a brochure offered to her and entered the clinic. In a strange turn of events, she was told to return on Saturday for the abortion because she was *chewing gum*. On her way out of the facility, she decided to talk with the sidewalk counselors and took the brochure as she walked away. Jackie was still determined to have an abortion. She didn't see another way out of her situation. Her electricity was about to be shut off and she was facing a host of other problems. She just felt alone so on Saturday morning, Jackie returned to the abortion facility and to her surprise again encountered a group of people praying. Once again, she tried to ignore them as they offered help.

As she was being prepped for the procedure, Jackie started to cry and couldn't stop. She was afraid, but somehow knew she couldn't end this baby's life. Grace flowed from the many prayers being said. She was given the courage by God to choose life.

Jackie wasn't sure about what to do next but remembered the brochure she had been given and called our number at the Pro-Life Union office. She spoke with a hotline counselor who committed to assist her and also found her the resources she needs to have a healthy pregnancy. Jackie is 14 weeks along and is going to have a boy.

Please consider a donation to support our work so we can continue helping mothers and building a Culture of Life here in S.E. Pa.!



Beatitudes for Mothers



Blessed are mothers... who did without for us, they will be rewarded.

Blessed are mothers... who lost sleep when we were sick, they will find rest.

Blessed are mothers... who taught us how to pray, they will share God's kingdom.

Blessed are mothers... who comforted us, they shall be comforted.

Blessed are mothers... who taught us right from wrong, they will know justice.

Blessed are mothers... who showed us the Christian life, they will live forever.

Blessed are mothers... who shared the meaning of peace, they shall know peace.

**Blessed are mothers... who taught us the importance of loving God,
they shall see God.**

"Whereas, it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor..." – George Washington, 10-3-1789

The HHS Mandate vs. the Catholic Church

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*Who will blame a government which in its attempt to resolve the problems affecting an entire country resorts to the same measures as are regarded as lawful by married people in the solution of a particular family difficulty? - Pope Paul VI, *Humanae Vitae*, 17.*

Since January 2012, Americans have been discussing the HHS Mandate requiring the Catholic Church to cover contraception, sterilization and abortion-inducing drugs through health insurance programs. The Church has successfully built a large coalition to fight the Mandate by zeroing in on the dismantling of our First Amendment Right to Religious Freedom which it represents. However, the issue of contraception cannot be left unaddressed.

The Obama Administration believes that the Catholic position prohibiting contraception is both irrational and immoral. According to them, widespread contraception is the solution to the world's problems. But, according to Pope Benedict XVI, "When a society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for man's true good" (*Caritas in Veritate*, 28). The Administration and many medical professionals also insist that contraception and abortion are forms of healthcare. Many Americans, including many Catholics, have accepted these false premises, and this makes it difficult for them to grasp the threat to religious freedom and join the fight.

This is why it is important to expose and debunk the three false premises: (1) that contraception is health care; (2) that contraception is good for society; and (3) that to oppose contraception is immoral. The Church (Bishops, priests and laity) should proclaim with confidence and joy the many dimensions of the good news of Church teaching on love and procreation: [the blessings of children](#); [responsible parenthood and NFP](#); [the Catholic view of the goodness of the body](#); and we should point out the many risks contraception poses to [relationships](#), [health](#), and the [common good](#). The Church's position shows a deep [respect for women](#).

The Obama Administration describes contraception as "preventive health care." That language is a classic example of verbal engineering and contains an underlying view of human persons, procreation, human sexuality and babies that is opposed to the natural law and to common sense. Each time it is reiterated, it has a subtle way of cementing false premises into the thought patterns of those who hear it. Consider this argument of the Administration [when presenting](#) its recent "accommodation": "*...if a woman's employer is a charity or a hospital that has a religious objection to providing contraceptive services as part of their health plan, the insurance company — not the hospital, not the charity — will be required to reach out and offer the woman contraceptive care free of charge, without co-pays and without hassles.*"

This carefully-crafted statement contains the meaning that the religious objection represents the opposite of "reaching out" and "offering care" and is therefore immoral. It also clearly suggests a lack of charity by mentioning "hassles," which are irrational, as well as the rejection of free "contraceptive care".

In short, contraception is not care, nor is abortion. Neither are they conducive to love or the common good, and these points are not difficult to explain. The good news of Catholic teaching, if proposed with courage and joy, will cause many – indeed many who are broken by the contraceptive culture – to grasp at the very least that the Catholic view on this matter is not immoral because it is based on common sense and reason. The fight for religious freedom rests on this point.

For more information on the subjects mentioned in this article, visit the following websites: www.ccli.org; www.fertilitycarefriends.org; <http://peterjcolosi.com/the-hhs-mandate-what-would-pope-paul-vi-advise/>

Stand Up for Religious Freedom

The Pro-Life Union is co-sponsoring the 2nd "Stand Up for Religious Freedom Rally" on Friday June 8, at 12 noon at Independence Hall. We hope to see you there! Visit our website or the call our office for details. Please also visit www.facebook.com/StandUpForReligiousFreedomPhilly.

A Fortnight For Freedom

The U.S. Bishops have called upon Catholics to focus "all the energy the Catholic Community can muster" for Religious Freedom from June 21~ July 4. This should be a time for "prayer, study, catechesis and public action." The Bishops highlighted areas of concern. The first is the HHS Mandate. The second is the forcing of Catholic foster care and adoption services out of business. The third area is particularly egregious. Despite years of excellent performance by the USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services for victims of human trafficking, the federal government changed its contract specifications to require USCCB to [provide or refer for contraceptive and abortion services in violation of Catholic teaching](#). Visit www.usccb.org.

"The Digital Continent"

Pope Benedict XVI has encouraged Catholics to "evangelize the digital continent." This "digital continent" is truly a new place where millions are spending many of their waking lives as part of their work life, their leisure time, and increasingly their prayer hours. In previous eras, missionaries went to foreign lands. Today, our challenge is in being alive and present not in a foreign land, but the new space of the digital continent in the form of mobile devices, multimedia, and all manner and mode of new media.

The Pro-Life Union is heeding the call of our Holy Father. Visit www.prolifeunion.org, our website. Explore its fresh look and content, which includes new photos, our newsletter archives, and a blog. Learn about our annual Stand Up For Life dinner in Center City, and how you can be a part of this special gathering. You'll also find us on Facebook, and can contact us and receive our monthly Update by e-mail. We are all a part of this new media era.

Drive for Life!



We are one of 27 states that make available a Pro-Life License Plate. It's a marvelous opportunity to send an uplifting message to thousands of people and it helps Crisis Pregnancy Centers. For a one-time cost of just \$44 (\$24 to the state and \$20 to one of our centers), your good deed will accomplish so much. Now is the time! Visit www.pachoose-life.org or call 215-885-2919.

Local Abortions in 2011

Planned Parenthood	- 12 th & Locust	- 6,212	Hahnemann Hosp.	- 28
Phila. Women's Ctr.	- 8 th & Cherry	- 5,311	Penn Family Care	- 26
Planned Parenthood	- Comly & Blvd.-	3,251	Bryn Mawr Hospital	- 23
Planned Parenthood	- West Chester	- 1,035	Lankenau Hospital	- 22
Planned Parenthood	- Warminster	- 864	Jefferson Hospital	- 17
Einstein Hospital		- 229	Phoenixville Hosp.	- 12
U of P Hospital		- 226	Crozer Chester	- 8
Pennsylvania Hosp.		- 168	Paoli Hospital	- 6
Abington Hospital		- 63		

Weekly Prayer Vigils

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

2nd Friday – 9 am Mass – St. John Chrysostom, 615 S. Providence Rd. Wallingford (RHCC)

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

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–9 am Mass–Newman Chapel, U of P, 38th & Chest (Penn Family Care, 39th & Chestnut)

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

4th Saturday – 6:30-8:45 am – Phila. Women's Ctr., 8th & Cherry



Planned Parenthood's Money

PP's 2010 income significantly dropped since 2009. Private donations decreased as more Americans learned the truth about this evil industry. To offset this drop, the Obama Administration increased their income through taxpayer funding. Even amidst our skyrocketing debt, Pres. Obama is promising more funding for Planned Parenthood. We encourage all readers to visit www.liveaction.org and www.stopp.org to learn more about how our tax dollars are being spent.

Komen is Not the Cure

Pro-life Americans have tried to expose the fact that the Komen Foundation financially supports Planned Parenthood through grant money. Recently, this disturbing reality became public and PP took no prisoners in the fight that ensued between them and Komen. The Komen Foundation was attacked for even suggesting that PP might not be eligible for grant money. PP needs a "partnership" with Komen to legitimize them. Tragically, the Komen Foundation caved and will continue supporting PP. This is especially ironic because the medical facts link breast cancer with both abortion and contraception. If you wish to donate to a real cancer fighter, give to the Breast Cancer Institute, 30 Rehill Avenue, Suite 3400, Somerville, NJ 08876.

Harrisburg

This Legislative Session will close in June. Pro-life and pro-family people were encouraged when, for the first time in 23 years, the Pa. General Assembly passed a pro-life bill. Gov. Corbett signed the Abortion Regulation Bill into law on December 22, 2011!

We have a great opportunity to build on that success. Our legislative leaders have verbally committed to the pro-life and pro-family cause. Please contact House Leader Mike Turzai (717-772-9943) and Senate Leader Dominic Pileggi (717-787-4712) and encourage them to pass H.B. 1077, "Women's Right to Know Bill." This bill provides that a mother planning an abortion be offered an ultrasound picture of her child.

Family Planning – Why?

When Tom Corbett was running for Governor, he agreed with fiscal and social conservatives that "Family Planning" funding must end. Pro-life people were advised in 2011 that there would be a major decrease. Instead, it has been tripled and the Governor has allocated \$102 million in Pa. and matching federal funds in the new Budget. The Governor must hear from those of us who recognize that "Family Planning" has brought us promiscuity, sexual disease, out-of-wedlock births and abortion. Contact Gov. Corbett at or 717-787-2500.

A Perfect Witness

Planned Parenthood has a massive abortion facility in Denver at which pro-lifers pray and witness on a regular basis. In January 2012, a priest offered a public Mass there to dispel the evil and give hope to the faithful. He expected a crowd of 50, but over 300 people participated. This extraordinary event led to other priests involved with the *40 Days For Life* Campaign, to offer Masses at the facility. The Mass is the perfect witness and the perfect sacrifice. We ask any priest in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to contact us if they would like to work with us to organize such a powerful event.

Points of Interest

- ➲ Marking 39 years of *Roe v. Wade*, 39 pro-life women walked 250 miles in Texas, beginning at a PP in Houston and ending at the Dallas courthouse where *Roe* was hatched. The 19 day pilgrimage ended on Good Friday. Several of the brave women have suffered abortions.
- ➲ A U.S. District Judge in Washington State has ruled that pharmacists cannot be forced to dispense contraceptives/abortifacients. But, the state is appealing, stating that pharmacies may refuse to carry certain products for various reasons, but not for conscience reasons.
- ➲ In Primary Election news, local pro-life Republican, Anne Chapman, won her race against PP CEO and board member, Helen Bosley. And despite PP's spending of an eye-popping \$100,000 on a TV ad campaign trying to sink Republican Ryan Mackenzie, he cruised to victory by an 18 point margin.
- ➲ A Florida abortion company has offered a \$125 discount on their RU-486 abortions for a limited time. Victims are advised that they can leave within 2-3 hours. The offer is limited for babies 3-9 weeks old, and on Sundays, there is a \$50 off coupon.

Great news from Delaware County

On Tuesday night March 20, 2012 the Prolife Union of Delaware County was formed. A board was elected and a president was appointed. Regular meetings are being held and activities are being organized to energize the pro-life movement in the Delaware County area. Please visit www.prolifeunionofdelawarecounty.com.



DOH Moves Against Brigham

The Pa. Dept. of Health (DOH) closed Brigham's Allentown abortion chamber (AC) on April 11, 2012. The DOH had declined to renew the registration for this AC when it expired on March 31, 2012 because this AC had lost its lease. DOH closed Brigham's Pittsburgh AC on April 17, 2012 because its "medical director" had resigned. The DOH also reported that these ACs "have witnessed a chronic inability to comply with the most fundamental statutory and regulatory requirements."