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40 Days

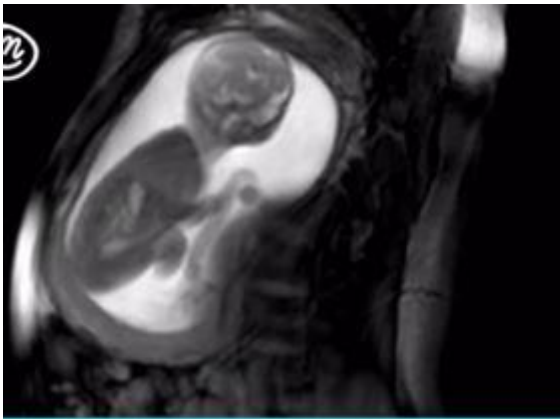
40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion affecting the neighborhoods, friends and families of these communities. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion. It draws attention to the evil of abortion with prayer, fasting, an ongoing presence at abortion facilities and outreach in the community. This commitment has made a difference. Lives have been saved, hearts have been changed and communities have become more aware of the reality of abortion in our country.

We implore you to consider joining one of the local campaigns. You can contact our office or one of the following local campaigns.

- ❖ **Planned Parenthood West Chester**
Paulette Matthews/ PauletteMatthews@hotmail.com
610-286-5450 or 484-832-2746 or www.40daysforlife.com/chestercounty
- ❖ **Planned Parenthood Philadelphia: 12th & Locust Sts. and Philadelphia Women's Center 777 Appletree Sts.**
Contact Monique Ruberu/Pat Stanton roobearoo@hotmail.com 469-231-9084 or 267-718-4851
- ❖ **Planned Parenthood Northeast Philadelphia** Anita Flynn 267-456-4582



Updating Pa Abortion Law



Great news for Pennsylvania women and children. Senate Bill 3 passed in Pennsylvania. While the abortion industry is outraged and the Governor has promised a veto, this legislation is a step forward in updating Pennsylvania's law to reflect what we understand about fetal development. The senators who voted for SB3 to protect unborn children have done the right thing for the state of Pennsylvania. They deserve our heartfelt thanks, our prayers, and encouragement. Abortion at 20 weeks is barbaric and wrong. When a crisis develops for a family, whether that is emotional, financial, or medical, abortion is not the right response. These women and their families need the love of family and friends and the support of the medical community.

Now is a good time to contact your local State Rep. and ask them to support the legislation that would ban dismemberment abortions and protect children in the womb. The Pro-Life Union thanks the Pennsylvania Family Institute, The PA Catholic Conference, and the PA Pro-Life Federation for their tireless efforts!

End of Life

The culture of death never rests. Sadly, many people are becoming comfortable with the idea of doctor-prescribed suicide, believing it is a form of compassion. The reality is that these measures are a threat to vulnerable people. Here in PA, State Senators Daylin Leach (D-Delco/Montco) and Lisa Boscola (D-Bethlehem) introduced SB 238 "death with dignity" in January. The legislation states "providing for procedures regarding the request and dispensation of lethal medication to patients seeking to die in a dignified and humane manner..."

When nations legalize assisted suicide, we begin to hear tragic stories of the vulnerable, disabled, aged, and depressed choosing this option out of fear and despair. These measures are a threat to vulnerable people and we should speak against any change in our laws regarding suicide and euthanasia.

Ready for the Parade

The Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia will once again have a contingent at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Philadelphia. We are so grateful for the opportunity to participate in the parade to celebrate the gift of Life. It is a great family event; children are welcome and always enjoy the day. We hope many of you can attend. This year's parade will be held on March 12th beginning at noon. For the day of the event details, contact Patrick Stanton at 267-718-4851.



A Valentine's Brunch

Guiding Star volunteers came together to host a Valentine's Brunch for the residents. Each Mom received a chocolate rose, while the children received chocolate hearts and small gifts. Volunteers coordinated the food, drink and décor. The Mom's enjoyed delicious food and the volunteers enjoyed snuggling the babies. If you would be interested in hosting a brunch for the resident's, please contact Nicole Gibboni at 215-885-8150 or gibboni.nr@prolifeunion.org.



Over 58,000,000

Although abortion is a much discussed, hot-button issue for so many in our country, it is not often that people can visualize the staggering number of human beings who have lost their lives to this tragedy. The Memorial Cross Program allows members of our community to literally see the number of children killed with a striking display of small white crosses. Each cross represents *one million* abortions and it is incredible to believe that there are now 58 crosses in each set. A sign is placed with the display explaining this sad fact. Please consider asking your pastor to host this memorial at your church. Typically, the crosses are displayed for one month at each location. They will be delivered, set up and taken down by someone from our organization. To make arrangements for your church, call us at 215-885-8150 or e-mail Anne Hinnegan at mail@prolifeunion.org.

There is Hope

A recent episode of the show "The Doctors" featured actress Jennifer Snowden who was given a dire prognosis for her unborn baby boy. At 15 weeks of pregnancy, a routine scan revealed that the baby had a rare defect resulting in part of the brain partially extruding through the skull. She was told that the baby would most likely be born brain dead and might only live a few minutes after birth. Jennifer said: 'I remember asking her, "Have you ever seen a case where a baby gets better or is born and defies the odds?" 'She looked at me and said, "No."

Many suggested that Jennifer abort the baby, and she was considering this. But, in an amazing moment, a conversation with her hairstylist helped her to make the decision for life: "She said, 'You don't know what God can heal in the womb and you don't have to be so sad. You're sad because of this weighty decision but you just have to pray,'" Snowden said. Snowden went home, began praying and tore up the abortion papers. She prayed novenas every night to St. Joseph and St. Gerard and promised God that she would be a beacon of hope for other women faced with the same terrifying situation.

Two months before the baby was to be born, an MRI scan showed a true miracle – the baby's brain had begun to heal itself. Ascher was born in September. Immediately after birth he was rushed into surgery, and doctors believed there would be many more, but today, he is doing so well that the neurosurgeon stated that the baby might not need any further procedures. Jennifer says, "I feel like in all my years I've lived life to the fullest but I didn't feel like I had a purpose and that's lonely," she said. "Now Ascher is my purpose and I am sharing his story so that maybe even just one woman who's in the position I was in, sees there is hope."

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