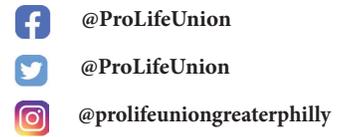




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## Mail Order Abortion

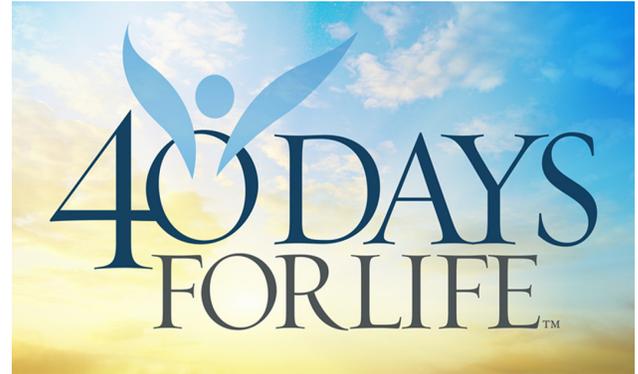
By: Tom Stevens, President and CEO, Pro-Life Union

In April the Biden Administration and the FDA temporarily (during the pandemic) authorized distribution of the abortion pill, mifepristone, by telemedicine, for women who are pregnant up to 10 weeks. Recently a US based company, Abortion on Demand, went online. It is a mail-order telemedicine abortion provider. A pregnant woman never needs to see a doctor, she can go through the entire process from her home, by computer and video. It costs \$239 and mifepristone and the second abortion pill are mailed (they can be overnighted) to the mother's home. She takes the pills by herself.

If it sounds dangerous to you, it's because it is. Abortion is always fatal to the baby, but this increases the risk to the mom. If there is an ectopic pregnancy, is beyond 10 weeks, other complications, the mom can bleed to death. The FDA has always required an exam by a physician and an ultrasound to reduce risk and there is a reason for the safety measure – it saves lives.

In both Pennsylvania and nationally, the abortion industry has been pushing for telemedicine for a years. With telemedicine and mail-order abortion pills, telemedicine is here supposedly temporarily, but likely permanently. If not now, in the near future.

What will we do to respond? Keep fighting at the legislative level. Attend the Pennsylvania March for Life on September 27 to show legislators that most of Pennsylvania is pro-life. The Pro-Life Union will continue recruit people to be a peaceful, prayerful, presence in front of abortion centers during the 40 Days for Life. Please sign up. The Pro-Life Union will continue to make visible the reality of the horror of abortion versus the sanctity, beauty and right to live. One way we make this visible is in large events like the Respect Life March on Saturday, October 16. Please plan to join us then.



## 40 Days For Life Begins 9/22

To date, there have been 19,128 babies saved from abortion, 221 abortion workers converted and 112 abortion centers closed in the national campaign. Here are six locations in our Greater Philadelphia area where you can sign up to be a part of the solution!

Philadelphia Women's Center – Monique Ruberu; 469-231-9084; roobearoo@hotmail.com

Planned Parenthood, Center City Philadelphia – Patrick Stanton; 267-718-4851 or pjstanton9@gmail.com

Planned Parenthood – N.E. Phila. – Anita Flynn; 267-456-4582 or aflynn3250@yahoo.com

Warminster Planned Parenthood – Asher; (215) 622-0446 or staff@buxmontbaptist.org

West Chester Planned Parenthood – Rachel Hayes; 484-985-0154 or rachel.ava.hayes@gmail.com

**Pennsylvania March For Life**

**09/27/2021**

**Visit [marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life](http://marchforlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life)**

**Pregnant? Need Help?**

**Text 484-451-8104 or call 610-626-4006**

## The Texas Heartbeat Law

By: Tyler Moser

On September 1st, Texas's heartbeat bill became law, effectively banning all abortions in the state after 6 weeks. Heartbeat bills aren't anything new. Many have been passed over the years, only to be quickly blocked by the courts as unconstitutional before ever being able to stop an abortion from occurring. What makes this law so different? Some clever lawyering and political gamesmanship.

Most laws are designed to be enforced by the state. This makes blocking such laws fairly simple by obtaining a court-ordered injunction against enforcement. The current law from Roe and subsequently Casey is clear; women have a constitutional right to an abortion and any law that imposes an undue burden on a woman to obtain an abortion pre-viability is unconstitutional. Unlike past heartbeat laws, the Texas law is designed to be enforced by private citizens instead of the state. Any Texas citizen has the ability to sue for \$10,000 any person who performs an abortion, as well as anyone else who "aids or abets" a woman obtaining an abortion. That may include a family member who helps pay for an abortion or a friend who drives the woman to the clinic. The enforcement mechanism has presented some hurdles for the pro-choice side in following their usual pre-enforcement legal challenges, which brings us to the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court did NOT overturn Roe and/or Casey. Full stop. There was a lot of misinformation immediately after the Supreme Court's ruling came down late on September 2nd. Many headlines and politicians were claiming that Roe was gutted and effectively overturned. This is not remotely accurate. In fact, the 5-4 majority opinion (Roberts joined the 3 liberal Justices) unequivocally stated such:

In reaching this [decision], we stress that we do not purport to resolve definitively any jurisdictional or substantive claim in the applicants' lawsuit. In particular, this order is not based on any conclusion about the constitutionality of Texas's law, and in no way limits

other procedurally proper challenges to the Texas law, including in Texas state courts.

So, if the Court did not find Texas's law to be constitutional, how was it allowed to become law? To put it simply, the plaintiff did not have a proper defendant to sue yet. Since the only enforcement mechanism of the law is a lawsuit brought by a private citizen, and since no private citizen brought such lawsuit prior to the law taking effect, the plaintiff had no one to sue to challenge the constitutionality of the law.

Most in the pro-life movement were in celebration mode following the Supreme Court news, and understandably so. As of right now, abortions are not occurring on unborn babies over 6 weeks of age. This is saving lives and that is a great thing. On the first day of enforcement, an abortion clinic in Fort Worth reported that 50 of their 55 scheduled abortion appointments had to be canceled. Those 50 babies have a newfound chance at life. We should pray those mothers find the strength and love to continue to choose life.



## Jadda & Markeem's Story

By Mark Houck, Founder of PLU Member Organization, The King's Men, Inc.

It was Inauguration Day, January 20, 2021, and I wasn't feeling great as I got up early to head into downtown Philadelphia to pray at the 12th & Locust Streets, Planned Parenthood. Still, despite what was happening in Washington, D.C. that day, there was great reason for hope.

Indeed, that hope was realized at around 1:30 PM when a young couple crossed my path and entered the gates of the abortion mill. I extended my hand and I opened my mouth. "You don't have to go in there today. I can help you. Will you let me help you?" Markeem looked back at me as if to say "thank you!" His hand had just reached the door handle when he looked at Jadda and they turned away from the building.

I said, "Yes, we can help you. Let's go get a chocolate croissant and talk about your options." Both Jadda and Markeem seemed relieved. As we walked to the Community Women's Center to schedule an appointment, Markeem told me that they were praying for a sign not to go through with the abortion and that I was their sign. He thanked me and told me I would be an uncle to their pre-born child.

While eating a chocolate croissant and tea later, we talked about their future and how God had a great plan for their child and them as parents. Markeem and Jadda seemed so relieved and happy. As they talked freely to me, a perfect stranger, they invited me into their life and have graciously accepted our pro-life support and friendship.



Jadda, a tiny little thing, literally no more than 5 feet tall and 100 lbs., texted me on July 7th the news that Nevaeh, which is "heaven" spelled backwards, was born! She came 13 weeks early and was at CHOP. Jadda said she was doing well, all 1 lb. and .87 ounces of her. She was so beautiful to look upon. To think she was a door and a few words away from not being here.



Inauguration Day 2021 was a day of change to our government's leadership. But for me, this was a day of new life, renewed hope and grace to be found in the present. The power of God in heaven was revealed to me that day. Despite worldly concerns, God is still in control and with each gift of life there is hope. I pray little Nevaeh is a reminder of hope for you as she is for me.

## Launching in October...

*The Cenacle*  
at The Padre Pio Prayer Center in  
Frankford

The Cenacle is operated by the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia in partnership with Catholic Social Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the Frankford section of North Philadelphia. We provide a family-friendly environment with high quality care to meet the daily emotional, physical and social well-being needs of moms and dads and their children, born and unborn. We provide an authentic witness to the community that we care for every human life at every stage of development.

# Upcoming Pro-Life Events

## Philadelphia Respect Life Rally & March October 9th



OCTOBER 9TH, 2021

## RESPECT LIFE MARCH, MASS, AND RALLY

Beginning at 11:00 AM

Please join us in Philadelphia for the 2021 Respect Life Rally at 11:00 am. It will be held in front of the largest abortion center in PA, Philadelphia Women’s Center at 777 Appletree St. At 12:00 pm we will march to the Liberty Bell to proclaim liberty for the unborn. We will see you there!

### National Life Chains - Respect Life Sunday

On Sunday, October 3rd, there will be Life Chains from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the following locations:

Abington – Old York Road between Keith & Horace – Jill Page: 215-429-3750

Downingtown – Rt. 30 between the railroad station & Shanahan H.S. – Dan Bowser: 610-909-0807

Kennett Square – 225 Cypress Street – Jen Keller: 610-444-4364

Morgantown – Rt. 23 – Main Street at Brady’s Rock Shop – Helen MacMinn: 484-354-9791

Paoli – Rt. 30 & 252 between Delford & Good Samaritan – David Walsh: 610-304-2851

Phoenixville – Rt. 23 at Phoenixville Hospital – Laura Napieralski: 610-917-3274

Oxford – Rt. 472 at 3rd Street – Dos Leach: 610-416-2720

West Chester – High Street between Gay & Market – Jack Finley: 610-692-3154

West Grove – 300 State Street – Ann Barr: 610-869-8559

**RESPECT LIFE MONTH**  
ARCHDIOCESAN OPENING CELEBRATION  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**11:00 AM HOLY MASS**  
**Archbishop Nelson Perez**  
*followed by a brunch reception with*  
*The Sisters of Life*

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
**Fall Campaign**  
**Archdiocesan Mass**

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