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The Pro-Life Union is committed to the sanctity of every human life. We are building a culture of life in Greater Philadelphia by our work in four critical areas of the pro-life movement: alternatives, outreach, education and public policy. | prolifeunion.org

St. Patrick Day Parade

The annual Philadelphia Saint Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 16th. Join pro-life friends as we proudly display our respect for life to our fellow citizens. This year, and, in honor of our founder and friend, John Patrick Stanton, we would like to have the largest pro-life contingent ever! We will meet at 16th Street and JFK Blvd. between 11:30 and 11:45am. For event day details and updates, please contact Patrick at 267-718-4851.

*"Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."*

From St. Patrick's Breastplate



Other Upcoming Events

- ◆ **The King's Men First Annual Spring Gala** – Saturday, March 15th at the Blue Bell Country Club. The night will include dinner, open bar, live and silent auctions, a live art exhibition, as well as a wonderful guest speaker. Ticket prices are \$125 for a single, \$200 a couple and a discount price of \$90 per person for a full table of 8-10. Space is limited to 230 guests. Call Mark Houck at [267-980-5507](tel:267-980-5507) or email mark@thekingsmen.org for ticket orders.
- ◆ **Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Award Celebration** – Thursday, March 27th – 6:30 Cocktail Reception and 7:30 Dinner featuring Glenn Beck. For reservations and more info, please visit www.lifeandhopeaward.com.
- ◆ **FertilityCare Practitioner Training** - You can become one in as little as 13 months. Holy Spirit Health System Creighton Model Allied Health Education Program Education Phase one will be offered at the Diocese of Harrisburg, Harrisburg PA April 28 through May 5, 2014. Please contact Dorice Millar, RN, CFCE, CPPM at the Center for Women's Health. Contact Spirit FertilityCare Services at 717-514-6136 or e-mail Dorice.Millar@hsh.org.



Student Project

This spring, the Pro-Life Union is looking for helpers to reconfigure our educational and storage space at the building here in Oreland. This would be a great service project for students from a school or home-schooling group. Please call Edel or Anne at 215-885-8150.

Help Wanted

The Pro-Life Union is partnering with Heroic Media to reach out to women facing an unexpected pregnancy through television advertising. Our organization has always advertised via billboards, but this is our first opportunity to reach women through television. Callers will be directed to our pregnancy hotline, which is answered 24/7. The campaign will begin on April 1st and new volunteers are needed to answer these calls during the duration of the campaign. Volunteers will be asked to commit to a certain period of time during which the calls will be forwarded to their home or cell phone. The hotline counselor will talk with women, listen to the problems they are facing, and offer comfort. Training will be provided and volunteers will learn about the resources available to women in need. Most often, women will be referred to a pregnancy resource center. Please contact Edel at 215-885-8150.

Memorial Crosses

Please consider contacting your pastor about displaying these crosses at your parish. These white wooden crosses are placed at churches and schools as a memorial to the 56 million children who were aborted since the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling. At this time, there are 56 crosses in a set, each representing one million children.

Sadly, the number of crosses keeps increasing. Many have shared how they were touched by the display. The Memorial Crosses has a tremendous impact on the community; some will be encouraged to stand up for life, while others will remember to pray for the unborn and their mothers. The crosses typically stay at each church for 2-3 weeks. We will deliver and set up the crosses and also collect them. Call our office to schedule the crosses at your parish.



A Great Night!

On Sunday, February 23rd, pro-lifers gathered for Pennsylvanians for Human Life's annual Celebrate Life Banquet at the Springfield Country Club. The guest speaker was Jewels Green, a former abortion facility worker and the Margaret Way Hoffner Award was presented to journalist J.D. Mullane from the Bucks County Courier Times and Intelligencer. Mr. Mullane was instrumental in bringing to light the lack of media attention in the Kermit Gosnell trial. J.D. is also the nephew of John Stanton, who was quite the proud uncle! A wonderful time was had by all at this beautiful banquet.

New Beginnings

Catholic Social Services, through funding from Real Alternatives, is expanding its outreach to pregnant women. The press release explaining the program explains, "The 'New Beginnings' mobile unit extends the reach of our counselors and resources beyond site-based engagement. We are no longer limited by where we have offices, or whether a prospective client can get to us. Now we are going out to them, in their neighborhoods, even in their own homes," says Amy Stoner, Director of Community-Based Services. "The 'New Beginnings' van is a visible witness to our support for pregnant moms, and positions us better than ever before to ensure that they have every opportunity to make the choice for life. With seasoned counselors now deployed right where the action is, this is truly front line pro-life work." May God continue to bless this effort by Catholic Social Services.

Our Heartfelt Thanks

The Pro-Life Union extends its heartfelt thanks to Generation Life and Seminarians for Life for partnering with us for our first Sidewalk Counseling Training on February 18th. We are particularly grateful to the Seminarians for providing the venue and refreshments. The Training gave an overview of the purpose of sidewalk counseling as well as providing practical tips. More training sessions will be offered throughout the year. When pro-life groups work together, great things are accomplished!

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