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Building a Culture of Life

The Pro-Life Union is dedicated to building a culture of life by promoting the sanctity of life and the virtue of chastity. Our members and supporters work throughout the Greater Philadelphia area within their churches and community organizations to spread the Gospel of Life. We participate



in every phase of the pro-life movement, including outreach and prayer, education, public policy and supporting alternative services.

The Pro-Life Union organizes and publicizes events and prayer vigils throughout our area. We educate the community about the humanity of the unborn child and the damaging effects of abortion through our brochures, and our website. The Pro-Life Union works with state and local groups to lobby public officials in defense of life.

Our most important work is reaching out to women considering abortion and offering them information on the humanity of their unborn children. We encounter women through our Hotline Service and also outside of abortion facilities. We support the work of local pregnancy centers and homes.

The Pro-Life Union promotes prayer and witnessing outside of the area abortion facilities and also at local hospitals that perform abortions. We stand in defense of the unborn and invite women entering those facilities to make a choice for life. At these vigils, prayers are offered for the conversion of all those involved in the abortion industry. Joan Appleton, a former abortion advocate and clinic owner, recently passed away. She had a conversion in 1989, and for 13 years worked for Pro-Life Ministries. This work makes a difference. Many hearts have been changed and the lives of children have been spared because of the peaceful witness of pro-lifers. We encourage everyone who is able to join in these vigils and also visit www.40daysforlife.com, to learn more about the local campaigns operating in our area.

A tremendous effort must be made by each of us to build a culture of life. As you are reading this today, please prayerfully consider how you can be involved in this powerful movement.

Every person is created in God's image and likeness and is given certain gifts. You may be surprised how the least of your efforts can have such a profound impact on those in need. Your reward will be great now - and in the life everlasting.

O Lord, my God, deliver us.

Protestants – 2nd Saturday, Planned Parenthood, 12th & Locust – 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Catholics – (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-8:30 am Mass-Newman Chapel, U of P. 38th & Chestnut (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

November 6, 2012

On this day, U.S. voters will make a huge choice. The right to vote is a **great gift** entrusted to all citizens. On November 6th, we have the opportunity to participate in building the culture of life in a tangible and effective way. Those who value life, marriage and family can be disciples in the world by voting to uphold the Gospel of Life. Let your vote be a voice to those unborn children who have been denied life. Cast a vote in defense of Religious Liberty. From the *Gospel of Life* "...Catholics should eagerly involve themselves as advocates for the weak and marginalized in all these areas. Catholic public officials are obliged to address each of these issues as they seek to build consistent policies which promote respect for the human person at all stages of life. But being 'right' in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life. Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stage renders suspect any claims to the 'rightness' of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community." Bring this wisdom into the voting booth!

Call our office for a **Voter Guide** and visit our website for information on the position of candidates. Other resources include: www.pacatholic.org - www.pacatholics.net.



Light for Mothers

Have you heard about the great work of the Legacy of Life Foundation? This organization answers the call of Christ to protect the unborn and their mothers, by supporting crisis pregnancy centers. There are two locations. One is in Bristol, Bucks County, Pa. The other location is in center city Philadelphia and opened in January. In Philadelphia, there are over 15,000 abortions performed each year at 9 locations. The Pro Life Union recognized the need for a center in Philadelphia that would reach out to abortion-minded women, so when we received a generous gift from the now deceased Rita Pellegrino, we designated these funds for this purpose. We partnered with the Legacy of Life Foundation,

Inc. to open a Center City location. Most of the women who visit these Centers are abortion-minded. <u>Approximately 65% of the women served choose life.</u> Combined, the Bucks and Center City locations have served over 2,000 women, and have provided them emotional, spiritual, and material support. The Life Counseling Sessions offered are impacting the community and helping to change hearts so abortion is not even an option. The majority of the mothers we meet have financial problems and we have promised them pro-life help.

Please send a gift. Make your check out to Legacy of Life Foundation, Inc. and mail it to the Pro-Life Union. And don't forget your best gift – prayers for the continued success of this work. Please visit their website and learn more about this extraordinary ministry - www.legacyoflifefoundation.org. Send them an email to make an online donation and join the prayer ministry.

Don't forget to like the

Pro-Life Union on

Drive for Life

How many hours do you spend in your car? Many of us use our time sitting in traffic to think, and pray. It would be amazing if that time could also save a life, and help someone in need. We have an incredible way to make that a reality. The Choose Life plates spread the message of life on your car and also the funds generated are used to help crisis pregnancy homes and centers. For a one-time cost of just \$44 (\$24 to the state and \$20 to one of our centers), your car can be a driving billboard for life! Visit www.pachoose-life.org or call 215-885-2919.



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Harrisburg

The Pa. Legislature will close for the year on 10-18-12. We have one remaining goal – the passage of Obamacare Abortion Opt-Out. Twelve other states have done this. The Senate passed S.B. 3 in June 2011. Rather than run and pass S.B. 3, the House ran and passed its own bill, H.B. 1977 and sent it to the Senate. There is now an impasse. Two people can resolve this issue – House Leader Mike Turzai (717-772-9943) and Senate Leader Dominic Pileggi (717-787-4712). Please call them and urge them to pass Obamacare Abortion Opt-Out.

Warminster Update

Township residents and others made their second recent appearance at the 9/20 Supervisor's Meeting. Residents attend the meetings to request that the Township file a petition to void the zoning variance that allowed abortions at the Warminster PP. Local pro-lifer Ann Pepper made a great presentation to the Supervisors. She stressed the outright severity of this vicious attack against mothers and children as only a mother and grandmother could. She raised the case so well that the Township Solicitor interrupted with irrelevant remarks. Mrs. Pepper pushed back. She finished her address, repeating that over 11,000 mothers and children have suffered and died and that the Supervisors must stop it. Pro-lifers present gave much applause. The next meeting at which we will be speaking is Thursday, October 18th.

War on Women

This phrase is now heard frequently. It is used by pro-abortion people to decry the opposition to tax funding of abortion and contraception. They also include as "war crimes" prayer and witnessing at abortion facilities and legislative activity to limit abortions. Recently, the pro-aborts were upset that the U.S. House attempted to ban abortions based on a baby's gender (female babies are more likely to be the target).

The pro-life community counters that the real "war on women" began with the false notion that fertility is a disease. Hormonal contraceptives along with sterilization are touted as the "cure," yet, in reality, these drugs and devices assault the dignity of women. The acceptance of contraception in our society has led to the loss of respect for women as well as the gift of our sexuality. Our children are growing up in a world where they misuse the great gift of their sexuality which has led to higher rates of abortion, STDs, divorce, and pornography. Only when our society restores respect for the dignity of each human person will the 'war on women' end.

Planned Parenthood of S.E. Pa.

Abortionists at PP's chamber at 12th & Locust in Phila. continue to do well. The recession has not hurt them. During the year ending 6-30-11, Lee Tripp was paid \$566,334 and Charles Benjamin received \$329,810. PP President Dayle Steinberg received \$183,815 and her assistant received \$124,075. We, the taxpayers, chipped in \$5,477,619 for these salaries and other 'PP" business expenses and operations. Some states have stopped this outrage, but not Pa.

Upcoming Events

Johnny's Run for Life - October 14, 2012 - Wilson Farm Park, Chesterbrook, PA. Outdoor Mass celebrated at 8:30am. The 5K Run commences at 9:00 and the Walk/Run follows at 9:30am. Registration on race day is at 7:30am. Visit www.johnnysrunforlife.com.

Rosary Novena For Life – Oct. 14-22. Visit <u>www.archphila.org</u>.

End of Life Issues Seminar with Dr. Peter Colosi and Mr. Bobby Schindler, October 23rd 7 p.m., Holy Cross Parish Hall, Springfield.

<u>Mass for Religious Freedom</u> – November 5th, 7 p.m.at many area locations. Visit www.pacatholics.net <u>Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic Life Congress</u> -November 17th, Sheraton Hotel, 17th & Race - contact Meghan Cokeley, 215-587-5630; mcokeley@adphila.org

Mass of Remembrance - November 26th, 7pm at St. Anastasia, Newtown Square.



Stand Up For Life Dinner

On Sunday, November 18th, we will hold our annual *Stand Up For Life Dinner*, which begins at 5 p.m. at the Philadelphia Sheraton, 17th & Race Streets. Join 1,500 other pro-life people in celebrating Life. This year's speaker is Eoghan de Faoite, who is a medical doctor and the chairman of "Youth Defence," Ireland's largest and most active pro-life organization. Youth Defence believes that constant public engagement is crucial to keeping Ireland abortion-free. Eoghan is a much sought after speaker and we are very fortunate to have him in Philadelphia! Send in your paid reservation ASAP, as we fill up quickly! Adult tickets - \$55, student - \$35. Tables of ten are

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Please consider supporting the 2012 Stand Up For Life Dinner by placing an Ad or Patron Ad in our Program Book. These ads will help to defray the cost of student dinners and allow you to advertise your business to 1,500 people, honor a loved one, or your share your own pro-life message with others!

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