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Pro-lifers hail unsung heroes

Pro-lifers took time off from their usual pro-life duties to honor a few of their unsung heroes at the Fifth Annual Pro-Life Appreciation Night in Glen Burnie October 5.

Emcee Steve Peroutka, sponsor of the event along with his brother, Michael Peroutka, introduced each honoree to the sounds of theme songs with fitting lyrics.

Vince Perticone stepped up to accept the Francis X. Kelly Political

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Gray holds her own in college debates

She's young, she's pretty, she's articulate, and she held her own against the best the pro-abortionists could offer.

Twenty-six-year-old Stephanie Gray, executive director of the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform, gave 16 talks during her Defend Life-sponsored lecture tour October 5-11.

But she drew the biggest crowds and arguably made the greatest impact in debates at George Washington University and University of Maryland College Park.

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Northern Pkwy. abortion mill closes

An abortion mill on Northern Parkway in Baltimore, at which pro-lifers have prayed and protested for nearly three years, has closed its doors for good.

On October 14 pro-lifer Cookie Harris and half a dozen seminarians from St. Mary's Seminary came to the mill to say the rosary once again, after a summer hiatus.

But a pharmacist, heading to his office inside the professional building housing the mill, gave them some shocking news: the abortion business was gone, he said – it had left during the summer.

Harris and the seminarians were elated.

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Moving on

After the closing of the Northern Parkway abortion mill, St. Mary's seminarians pray at a Calvert Street clinic: (from left, back row) Matt Hardesty, Alan Tremblay, Dan Hoffman, Keith Cervine; (front row) Lowe Dongor, Adam Muda, Jack Bogacz (story on page 2).

Police called on seminarians at abortion mill

A first-time prayer vigil by seminarians at a Calvert Street abortion mill got the attention of the mill's employees, the police, and the building's condo association president.

Seven young men from St. Mary's Seminary lined the sidewalk to pray in front of the American Health Care Services mill on November 11.

Matt Hardesty, a first-year theology student from the Louisville Archdiocese, led his fellow seminarians in morning prayers, the rosary, and a litany for everyone involved in abortions.

They held signs saying, "Women deserve better than abortion."

Traffic was light along the quiet, residential street just off University Parkway in Baltimore, but the motorists that drove by slowed down to stare at the young men in clericals and read their signs.

Two drivers rolled down their windows to deride them, but a pedestrian pointed to their signs and told them, "I agree with that!"

Halfway through their hour-long vigil, a maintenance man emerged from the large, mostly residential building that houses the abortion mill.

"He warned us that the police were coming, but if we just kept moving, things should be all right. I think he was trying to be helpful," said seminarian Jack Bogacz.

A woman coming out of the building right after him remarked, "Well, they can't be on our property," said Bogacz. "She was talking to him, not us."

As the men were getting ready to leave, a police car pulled up near them.

Hardesty paused, murmuring, "I don't want it to look like we're

leaving because of them."

A second patrol car arrived, followed by a police van used to transport prisoners, but the police remained in their vehicles for several minutes.

In the meantime, Kenneth Moore, president of the building's condominium association, came out to assure the seminarians that they had his sympathy and support.

"We're not happy with the clinic being here, but it was in there before we knew it," he told Hardesty.

"We have not had a good relationship with the clinic – and besides that, who wants something

like that in their building? But we have no legal right to expel them. They are operating a – quote – 'legal' operation."

As the seminarians left (there was no confrontation with police), Moore told them, "The best of luck to you. God bless you!"

Seminarians from St. Mary's pro-life committee have prayed regularly in front of Whole Women's Health abortion mill on Northern Parkway for almost three years.

But now that it has closed down, they are switching their prayer vigils to other abortion mills in the area, said Hardesty.

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"We said our rosary in Thanksgiving!" said Cookie.

Later that same day, she phoned the clinic and confirmed that they had indeed closed the Northern Parkway facility and joined their operation to the Baltimore Women's Medical Center on Belair Road.

"This is good news!" said Cookie.

With the Northern Parkway mill closed, she said, she and other area pro-lifers can concentrate their efforts on the Belair Road abortion mill and on one on Calvert Street.

Pro-lifers from St. Joseph's Church in Fullerton already hold a monthly picket at the Belair Road mill.

Pro-life activity at the Northern Parkway mill, originally called Seneca Women's Health Care, began in December 2003 with a picket and rosary vigil organized by Harris, who is chairperson of the Respect Life Committee at St. Joseph's Church in Cockeysville.

The Saturday morning prayer vigil/picket at the mill, located 11/2 blocks from Mercy High school, became a regular semi-monthly event, attracting mostly positive responses from passing motorists and pedestrians.

Seneca's director, Kathy Rogers, was not pleased.

On May 1, 2004, she initiated an emotional confrontation with demonstrator Jeanne Nollen, and was kept from making off with a baby doll and carrier belonging to Nollen only by a threat to call the police.

The abortion mill often employed "pro-choice escorts," but Nollen made friends with them, and persuaded at least one of them not to come back.

In the meantime, Cookie recruited a band of enthusiastic young St. Mary's seminarians to join in the prayer demonstrations.

Sometime in 2005, Seneca changed its name to Whole Women's Health of Baltimore and became

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Homeschooled teen leads group at Planned Parenthood

A 16-year-old homeschooler from Abingdon is rallying pro-lifers – especially young pro-lifers – to fight abortion on the front lines.

On October 28 Keith Hamilton and five other pro-lifers handed out brochures and talked to pedestrians in front of Planned Parenthood's Maryland headquarters on Howard Street in Baltimore.

Hamilton, a lanky, personable youth, greeted passersby with a cheerful, "Good morning, how are you? Could I talk to you for a minute?"

If they stopped, he asked them if they knew that abortions were being done in that building (many didn't), told them that Planned Parenthood was founded by a racist who targeted minorities, and handed them a brochure titled, "Where Have All the Black Babies Gone?"

The other young men in the group followed suit, engaging passersby in low-key, courteous conversations.

"This is a nice thing that you all are doing, because we're all Christ's children," an African-American man who accepted a brochure told Chris Maggitti.

Although Planned Parenthood's

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affiliated with Whole Women's Health, which had four abortion mills in Texas.

"Whether we had anything to do with the closing or not, we were there for three years, praying, and all of a sudden, they weren't there. That's very encouraging," Cookie reflected.

"We didn't deal one-on-one with saves, but this shows that one's presence and prayers at an abortion clinic are effective."



Keith Hamilton (bottom left) gathers with other pro-lifers at Planned Parenthood headquarters: (top, from left) Jeanne Nollen, Chris Maggitti, Stephen Stone; (bottom, from left) Dan Taibi, David Clark.

website advertised abortions by appointment on Saturdays at the Howard Street clinic, no one was entering the facility, which appeared to be closed.

A young woman exiting the building told the pro-lifers that that morning, they were holding a training session inside for volunteers who will teach "Contraception 101" in public schools.

Undaunted, the group moved two blocks south, in front of Lexington Market, where there was more foot traffic, and continued their efforts there.

Hamilton said he started his pro-life activities by wearing pro-life clothing while taking some non-credit courses at Harford Community College.

"I got quite a reaction," he recalled. "That made me look into abortion more, and I saw how terrible it was. It became my passion."

At Keith's first effort at the Howard Street Planned Parenthood last August, he thinks they had a "save."

"We talked to two young girls walking by," he explained. "They called their aunt, who had a daughter in there for an abortion at the time. The aunt came and my friend Kim Rogers talked to her, and got her to call her daughter on her cell phone."

The girl came out of the abortion mill and accepted a pair of Gabriel Project baby booties.

Some of the pro-lifers taking part on October 28, such as Dan Taibi, who has a B.A. in Theology from Steubenville's Franciscan University, met Keith at meetings of Straight Forward, a young adult Catholic group in Bel Air.

Keith hopes to get pro-lifers to protest with him in front of area abortion mills at least once a month.

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Action Award to the strains of “Taking Care of Business” by B.T.O.:

I've been taking care of business, it's all mine

Taking care of business and working overtime.

Vince has worked tirelessly to boost pro-life political candidates, leafleting over 100 churches the Sunday before each general election.

The indefatigable Carroll Countian has also captained the Westminster stop of Defend Life's Face the Truth Tour for six years with patient diplomacy and good humor; organized annual Life Chains in Taneytown, Westminster and Sykesville; promoted the pro-life cause through the Knights of Columbus; and served as a board member of the Taneytown Pregnancy Center.

The Kuhnert family – Pete, his wife Dinah and daughters Sarah, Esther and Hannah – received the William J. Hogan Educational Award amidst the sounds of Crosby, Stills and Nash's “Teach Your Children Well”:

Teach your children well . . .

And feed them on your dreams.

The Kuhnerts work together as a family, using their mini-van as a truth truck to display graphic pictures of abortion wherever crowds gather.

Pete and Dinah are long-time volunteers with the Bowie Crofton Pregnancy Clinic.

And when Peter learned that pro-abortion Fifth District Democrat Congressman Steny Hoyer had no Republican opponent in this past fall's elections, with the support of his family he mounted a vigorous pro-life write-in campaign for the Congressional seat.

Heralding the awarding of the Marilyn Szewczyk Pro-Life Service



The Kuhnert family, Pete (holding award), his wife Dinah and daughters Sarah, Esther and Hannah, accept an award from Michael Peroutka (left) and Dr. Bill Hogan.

Award to Dick Retta was Dwight Yoakum's “Fast as You”:

Maybe some day I'll be strong

Maybe it won't be long

I'll be the one who's tough.

It takes a tough man to quietly persist despite the nasty jibes of passersby and the sneers and occasional physical abuse from the “deathscorts.”

But Dick has sidewalk counseled, week after week, in front of abortion mills in the Washington, D.C., metro area for nine years.

He has begged, cajoled and reasoned pregnant women and their boyfriends, husbands, mothers or friends out of abortions, saving the lives of hundreds of unborn babies in the process.

Fanfare for Rocky has no lyrics, but the theme song for the dogged fighter was well-suited for Dee Becker, winner of the Dr. Jack and Barbara Willke Founders Award.

The founder of the pro-life movement in Delaware, Dee is well-

known for her frank defense of life and tireless organizing abilities.

Dee began the Delaware Chapter of National Right to Life in 1973. She and activist Nellie Gray began the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Dee was also a founder of Birthright and the Delaware Pro-Life Coalition. She and her husband Dick have seven children, 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The James A. Miller/Robert G. Haase Hero Award went to Diane Levero, with Dire Straits' “Walk for Life” as background sound:

Here comes Johnny and he'll tell you the story . . .

Here comes Johnny with the power and the glory . . .

He do the walk, he do the walk of life.

As editor of the *Defend Life* newsletter since 1998, Diane has chronicled the pro-life story, focusing chiefly on its battles and victo-

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We're winning abortion battle, says Crutcher

Mark Crutcher insists that the pro-life side is winning the battle over abortion.

Signs that we're winning abound, the feisty director of the Texas-based pro-life group, Life Dynamics, told guests at Pro-Life Appreciation Night in Glen Burnie on October 5.

"Every poll is showing a dramatically increased number of people who say they're pro-life," he pointed out.

"The most pro-abortion segment in these polls is the elderly; the most pro-life segment is the young."

One reason for that is that we have a generation of young adults who can watch a sonogram of themselves before they were born, said Crutcher.

They have labeled themselves "abortion survivors"; born after January 22, 1973, they realize that there was a point in their lives where soci-

ety said they had no value and could legally be killed.

We are also starting to win politically, he said.

"In the 2004 elections, the Susan B. Anthony List, which supported pro-life candidates, won 80 percent of the time. Emily's List, which supported pro-abortion candidates and spent nine times as much money, lost 60 percent of the races.



Mark Crutcher beams after his talk at Pro-Life Appreciation Night.

"The Democratic Party is running from its pro-abortion stance as fast as its evil little legs will carry it."

Science is increasingly on our side too, he said.

"Inter-uterine cameras, sonograms and 4-D sonograms – every piece of technology being developed supports our side."

The number of abortion clinics is plummeting, Crutcher noted.

"When I started Life Dynamics in 1992, there were 2,100 free-standing abortion clinics in the U.S. Today there are 750."

The main reason abortion clinics are closing is not a lack of business – it's a lack of staff, he contended.

"The turnover is tremendous because there is a creeping sense of doubt among these people that what

they're doing is right. Whether you believe you're winning or not, they *know* you're winning."

As evidence, Crutcher pointed to the pro-abortionists' March for Women's Lives held in Washington, D.C., in 2004.

"These were the nastiest, most vitriolic people you'll ever see. These are not the behaviors of people who know they're winning. The pro-aborts are losing; they're in the end-times, and they know it."

Their sources for despair are threefold, Crutcher maintained:

1. After *Roe v. Wade*, they thought the pro-life movement would disappear in a few years. "They tell me they are totally bewildered as to our commitment to our cause. They are coming to the conclusion that we're never going to quit."
2. They never thought they would lose the support of women. "The abortion Mafia has tried to sell the idea that the cornerstone of women's rights is having a clean place to kill your baby – but women don't believe that."
3. They thought that if they legalized abortion, they would mainstream it into American culture. But National Coalition of Abortion Providers' Director Ron Fitzsimmons said recently that he believes there is more stigma against abortion today than there was 50 years ago.

All the things that threaten the pro-life movement today are internal, Crutcher asserted.

"I know a lot of people are tired – *I'm tired*," he admitted. "I've been doing this for 30 years."

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ries in Maryland and Washington, D.C.

Michael Peroutka presented a sixth award, the John Peter Muhlenberg Award, to Rev. David Whitney, pastor of the Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church in Pasadena, Md., for his courage in entering the political arena to fight against abortion and for traditional marriage.

The award is named after a pastor in Woodstock, Va., who shed his clerical garb to become a high-ranking officer during the American Revolution.

Pastor Whitney was the Constitutional Party candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates in District 30 in the last general election.

Sculpture will memorialize Terry Schiavo

A sculpture to memorialize Terri Schiavo has been commissioned by Steven Peroutka, chairman of the National Pro-Life Action Center (NPLAC).

A bronze mock-up of the sculpture, entitled *Compassion*, was on display at the Pro-Life Appreciation Night dinner October 5.

Terri's death on March 31, 2005, by court-ordered starvation and dehydration "was a dark time in our history," said Mr. Peroutka. "We have to make it so that Terri's death is a turning point in history."

The sculpture, created by California artist Ron Berry, depicts Terri in her final moments being comforted by an angel, who shields Terri with one wing and motions heavenward with the other.

Four cherubs perched around the base of the sculpture face out-

ward toward the four corners of the earth, charged with the judgment on humanity for permitting such a tragedy to happen.

The full-sized memorial, which will be about 12x12x14 feet, will

take about a year to build and will cost approximately \$200,000, said Peroutka. A location for the sculpture has not yet been determined.

About 17 other pro-life groups have joined NPLAC as co-sponsors.



Terri Schindler Schiavo's parents and brother were guests of honor at Pro-Life Appreciation Night: (from left) Mary and Robert Schindler; Pro-Life Action League Director Joe Scheidler; Robert Schindler, Jr.

But we can't hold the attitude of some pro-lifers that it doesn't matter whether or not we win, as long as we're trying, he said.

"We've got to make a recommitment to winning – not just fighting, but winning."

Crutcher practices what he preaches. Life Dynamics, noted for its aggressive tactics and undercover investigations, exposed the abortion industry's sale of aborted babies' body parts and documented their routine protection of sexual predators of underage girls.

We can't predict how the fight is going to end, said Crutcher, because we can't predict the mind of God.

"But God is going to end abortion the way He wants to end it."

The pro-life battle from now on will be like the final boxing match, in 1975, between Muhammad Ali and

Joe Frazier – "probably the greatest sporting event in the history of the world – these men went at it from the opening bell," he recalled.

At the end of the fourteenth round, everyone knew the fight was dead even. Both men were bloody and exhausted.

"Ali said later, 'I knew if Joe Frazier got off the stool, I was dead.'

"They're staring at each other. At that moment, it was not a boxing match any more, it was a test of wills.

"When the bell ran for the fifteenth round, Ali struggled to his feet and had to be helped. Frazier threw in the towel. It was over."

That's where we are now, said Crutcher.

"We have sacrificed billions of dollars. You people have gone to jail, been beaten up by the police,

been estranged by family or friends over this issue.

"We have been virtually abandoned by the cowards who stand in the pulpit and preach about being born again, but won't stand up for the people who aren't allowed to be born in the first place.

"We've been stabbed in the chest by the Democrats and stabbed in the back by the Republicans, time after time."

In the battle over abortion, God allowed us to experience all those trials over all those years because He was training us, said Crutcher.

"That was *our* training camp! And it worked. They can't hurt us any more than they already have. We've taken every punch they can give.

"They know that when the fifteenth round comes, we *will* answer the bell."

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At the GWU debate October 11, before 220 students, Gray went *mano a mano* with Cynthia Harrison, GW Associate Professor of History, Women's Studies, and Public Policy.

"She wiped out the opposition," said Defend Life Director Jack Ames.

"She completely dominated the debate from the beginning," agreed Peter Shinn, who covered the debate for *prolifeweb.com*.

Gray opened her arguments by noting that in many high-rise buildings, the level above the twelfth floor is called the fourteenth floor. But even if you label it the fourteenth, the fact remains that it's still the thirteenth.

Like the thirteenth floor, she said, "Abortion is often given a description other than what it is – a word that sounds good – 'choice.'"

With "preference" choices, such as your favorite flavor of ice cream or your choice of careers, there is no right or wrong. But issues such as slavery and abortion are moral issues, and being pro-slavery or pro-

abortion is objectively wrong, she declared.

Gray explored the question of whether the unborn is human by reminding her audience that standard biology textbooks state that the development of a human being begins at fertilization, and that living things produce their own kind.

"People identify ways the unborn differ from you and me, and say that's why we can justify abortion," said Gray.

But personhood should not be denied on the basis of size, ability to function, environment, or level of dependency, she argued.

Dr. Harrison did not dispute that the fetus was human, but asserted that it didn't have a right to the mother's body, and that it was not really a person.

When Gray countered that societies have often arbitrarily denied personhood to groups such as blacks, Harrison claimed that blacks were never denied their personhood.

"I was amazed that she could be so ignorant of the facts," Gray commented later.

"She also tried to appeal to the fact that we're going to have abortions anyway, whether or not they're legal, and this way, women don't get harmed in the process.

"I replied that you don't make an action legal if someone is going to be killed in the process."

Harrison contended that until a fetus is viable, that is, it can live without being connected to the mother's body, it cannot make choices for itself.

She said that 98 percent of abortions take place before viability, which she placed at about the 24th week of pregnancy.

Gray showed a brief video of an actual first trimester abortion, in which tiny hands and feet were visible among the bloody remains. The audience viewed the video in absolute silence.

At the University of Maryland College Park on October 5, before 120 collegians, Gray debated Elizabeth Cavendish, an attorney and former interim president of NARAL.

"She proposed the usual arguments – that you may consider abortion immoral, but that doesn't mean it's going to be illegal," Gray recalled.

During the debate, Gray pointed out that the founder of NARAL, Bernard Nathanson, subsequently admitted that he had deliberately lied about the oft-touted claim that 5,000 women died each year from illegal abortions.

In a survey on the debate that Gray asked the audience to fill out, she said, "Some people wrote that they were pro-abortion, but they thought I argued better than she did."

The surveys, which she used at all her presentations, "showed a very positive impact," she said. "Several students said they changed their mind on abortion."



Students discuss abortion issues with Stephanie Gray after her talk at University of Maryland Baltimore County.

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Fight Planned Parenthood Texas-style, Bereit urges

When the Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan/College Station, Texas, decided to expand its services and start doing abortions, they didn't reckon on David Bereit.

The young pharmaceutical sales rep mounted a campaign against the clinic and Planned Parenthood in general that would send shock waves through Texas and eventually through the whole country.

Today Bereit is national director for American Life League's Stop Planned Parenthood (STOPP).

"I was raised in Pittsburgh, in a Protestant home," Bereit said in a Defend Life-sponsored talk at Immaculate Conception Church in Towson October 26. "I never heard the word 'abortion.'"

But when he attended Texas A & M University, "My evangelical and Catholic friends helped me to see how abortion destroyed the life of a child and how it hurt women," he re-

called. "I went from being ignorant to being passively pro-life."

Then, he said, "I met a little fireball named Margaret. She was raised as a Catholic in Corpus Christi, Texas. Her parents took her with them every weekend to pray before abortion facilities."

After graduation, David and Margaret married and settled down in Bryan/College Station.

In January, 1998, David read in the local newspaper that the town's Planned Parenthood clinic would build a \$1.2 million abortion facility.

'We had a very hostile media. They wrote editorials slamming us.'

The town was in an uproar. Several days later, at the Bereits' parish, St. Mary's, 500 people from 30 different congregations met to plan how to oppose the abortion clinic.

Though many there had more money, charisma, influence and political connections, said Bereit, "For whatever reason, God put a conviction in my heart, 'David, I have a role for you.'"

Despite this opposition, the abortion mill opened a few months later.

"We did a little bit, but we didn't do enough," Bereit admitted.

Over three years, the number of abortions increased until the clinic was doing over 500 abortions a year.

On June 26, 2001, as he talked on the phone with a friend about the abortion mill, he said in frustration, "How can this happen? Maybe I should quit my job and do everything I can to stop this!"

There was a long pause, he recalled. "Then my friend said, 'Maybe that is what you should do.'"

David went home, and he and Margaret talked and cried and prayed. Two weeks later, he quit his job in the pharmaceutical industry, "and we took a leap of faith and said, this is what we're supposed to do."

Bereit began a small group, the Coalition for Life.

His research of Planned Parenthood's own statistics convinced him that the organization was much worse than pro-lifers had depicted it.

According to their most recent annual report, last year Planned Parenthood terminated the lives of 255,015 unborn children – 1 out of every 5 abortions in America, or 5,000 babies every single week.

"They made \$104 million on abortions last year, and a total of \$1.2 billion since they began doing abortions in the 1970s," said Bereit.

They continue to distribute condoms, in high schools and colleges, that received *Consumer Report's* worst rating of 28 different condoms on the market.

"Why do they do that? Because if you get STDs or get pregnant, they make money treating you for the disease or for an abortion," he said.

Planned Parenthood also exploits children through their sex education programs in public schools and through organizations such as the Girl Scouts, because they recognize that the children are their future customers, he charged.

Their sexual manual, *It's Perfectly Normal*, uses cartoon pornography to show children from age 10 and up how to masturbate and use birth control, and touts homosexuality and abortion.

A study commissioned by Planned Parenthood found that children who went through their sex ed programs were 50 percent more

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In addition to the two debates, Gray gave talks at Towson University, University of Maryland Baltimore County and Johns Hopkins University.

She also spoke at Towson Catholic High School and gave seven talks in one day at Maryvale Preparatory School.

Three churches hosted her talks: St. Charles Catholic Church in Arlington, Va., St. Joseph Catholic Church in Eldersburg, and New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Abingdon.

Ms. Gray holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of British Columbia.

She has been interviewed by NBC, ABC, CBS and Fox network affiliates.



David Bereit (left) is welcomed at Immaculate Conception Church by Defend Life Director Jack Ames.

likely to become sexually active than those who didn't.

"They never released the findings of the study," said Bereit.

"And we taxpayers are paying the bill: last year, Planned Parenthood took in one-third of its income, \$272.5 million, from federal and state governments."

Armed with this damning information, Coalition for Life developed a nine-step program to fight Planned Parenthood:

"In our first year, we had hundreds of people, working tirelessly for thousands of hours, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars – and abortion dropped by 2 percent.

"We were a little discouraged," Bereit admitted. "But we realized that that 2 percent represented several children, made in the image and likeness of God, whose lives had been saved."

They worked even harder the next year, and abortions dropped by 15 percent. The following year, they dropped by 28 percent.

"That's when things began to bust loose all over Texas," he said.

They helped people in Huntsville to stop Planned Parenthood from opening there, and worked

with Chris Danze, the concrete contractor who formed a boycott to prevent construction of an abortion mill in Austin.

"We saw efforts spring up in Houston, Lufkin, and Dallas-Fort Worth; it was absolutely amazing!"

Bereit outlined his nine-step program:

1. Pray. "It's not very revolutionary, but it's crucial; with God, all things are possible."

2. Build a physical presence outside Planned Parenthood. This shows the community and the abortion mill's employees that this is not a good organization. Bereit's group went to churches and prayer groups and got 250 people to sign up, so that someone was in front of the abortion mill every hour it was open. "Immediately, their business took a dive."

3. Have sidewalk counselors – faithful people who can handle rejection and defeat, but occasionally save lives.

4. Create positive medical alternatives. "We went to Christian doctors in the community and asked them to help patients who couldn't afford to pay or who could pay on a sliding scale."

5. Educational outreach. "We

went to every health fair, schools, churches, anywhere, to get the message out."

6. Engage the media. "We had a very hostile media; they wrote editorials slamming us. But we knew we needed to reach people who never went to church." Knowing that the media love controversy, the coalition collected 3,300 signatures asking the local school board to ban Planned Parenthood from the schools. The board complied. TV and newspapers covered the story, and Dr. Laura Schlessinger spent 15 minutes talking about it on her radio show.

7. Develop specific activism projects, including short-list campaigns. One of Bereit's campaigns was asking Planned Parenthood business donors to stop their donations. "The media called us extortionists. The first year, only two withdrew their donations. The following year, 78 percent stopped donating."

8. Work to cut tax funding. Coalition for Life got pro-life State Senator Steve Ogden to attach a last-minute rider on a budget bill stripping funding for Planned Parenthood. "They lost \$13 million overnight." Planned Parenthood appealed to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and lost.

9. Do research and assessment. "That means if we're not getting results, we have to change course."

"Is it easy?" said Bereit. "Absolutely not. But the most important question is, is it worth it? Yes, it's worth it.

"You are part of God's plan for good," he told his audience at Immaculate Conception. "There's hope right here in Baltimore, and that hope is you, because you are willing to invest your time, talent and treasure into local pro-life efforts.

"Let's take this work to a whole new level."

Demographic impacts of abortion are seismic, says Clowes

Start talking demographics – the statistics dealing with the distribution, density, and other numerical data concerning populations – and you run the risk of seeing your listeners' eyes glaze over.

But the demographic impacts of abortion are too startling to be dull, as Brian Clowes proved in his talk at Immaculate Conception Church in Towson November 16.

"Almost nobody thinks about demographics, or the characteristics of a nation's population, because these effects take place so slowly," said Clowes, who is research manager for Human Life International.

But, glacier-like movement or not, abortion and the Culture of Death are causing some seismic demographic shifts that will affect the future of our nation and the whole world.

Because developed countries have succumbed to a culture of consumerism and self-absorption, we are facing some huge "demographic crossovers," in which nations and entire continents switch places in terms of numbers and power, said Clowes.

Of Europe's 47 countries, not one is having enough children to replace its population, he noted; the only Europeans having children at or above replacement level are Muslim immigrants.

In 1950 Europe had 22 percent of the world's population, while Africa had only 9 percent. But population trends indicate that by the year 2050, Europe will have only 8 percent of the world's population, and Africa will have 21 percent.

By 2050, the United States will level out at about 360 million people, said Clowes.

"Europe is already losing 2 mil-

lion people a year. They will go down to about 400 million. But Africa will be shooting toward 2 billion.

"The average African will be 30 years old; the average European will be 54 years old. There's a lack of hope in Europe because nobody has any children any more."

By 2050, we're going to have an Islamic Europe facing off a Hispanic North America, he predicted: "Africa and North America are where the future of the world lies."



Abortion is causing huge population changes, says Brian Clowes.

Over 30 countries in Europe and parts of Asia have tried to encourage people to have babies with incentives like cash bonuses and school discounts, said Clowes.

"But nothing works – people don't want to have babies any more; they just want to live for themselves, and the heck with the country."

Closer to home, the demographic picture is a little brighter, due to the simple fact that pro-lifers are having more children than pro-abortionists.

"The reason there are so few pro-choice women any more is because their parents have aborted them all,"

he observed.

One result is that the actual number of abortions per year in the United States has dropped 20 percent in the last 14 years.

There were 634 fewer abortion clinics in 2004 than in 1986, and 84 percent of the counties in the U.S. have no abortion clinics.

One of the demographic ironies pointed out by Clowes is that through their advocacy of abortion, pro-abortionists secured the defeat of their own presidential candidates in 2000 and 2004.

"Democrats have almost twice as many abortions as Republicans on a per capita basis," he pointed out. "If it weren't for abortion, both Al Gore and John Kerry would have easily won."

The demographic effects of abortion are also apparent in religious sects, said Clowes.

Pro-life churches, such as the Catholic Church, the Assembly of God, and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, are growing in membership, but pro-abortion churches, such as the United Church of Christ, the Presbyterian Church USA and the Methodist Church, are dying out.

Clowes, who in his work with Human Life International, travels all over the world, said, "The U.S. is looked upon morally by many of the countries I go to – the Philippines, all across Asia, Africa, up and down Europe.

"They're watching us closely – and what happens here affects what happens in the rest of the world.

"One of these days, we're going to win this fight," he predicted, "because we're having all the children. I think that's one of the reasons the pro-aborts are so angry!"

Pro-life task force looks ahead to next election

While most Marylanders are heaving a sigh of relief that the acrimonious and wearisome 2006 elections are finally over, two local pro-lifers are already gearing up for the next one.

“The day after this [November 7] election, we are going to recruit pro-life people for the next election,” Deacon Richard “Monti” Montalto told guests at the North Baltimore Pro-Life Study Group’s annual luncheon in Lutherville on October 26.

Deacon Montalto is half of the two-man team that makes up Gideon’s Task Force, whose mission is to recruit, train and support pro-life candidates for legislative office in Maryland.

“Monti’s and my goal is to have 50 percent plus 1 pro-lifers in the state legislature,” George Towle, the other half of the Gideon team, told the luncheon.

A primary GTF campaign tool is their two-hour training seminar for pro-life candidates and their supporters, in which they outline a six-step process for getting elected: (1) The environment; (2) The survey/poll; (3) The strategy; (4) The tactics; (5) The time line; (6) The budget.

“George and I have traveled all over the state; we’ve done five to six training sessions with candidates every year for the past four years,” said Montalto.

“The people that we’ve worked with have perceived it to be extremely valuable. We’ve had some failures and some successes.”

Both men are veteran campaign fighters. Montalto, a deacon at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Hampden, has been involved in politics for 53 years, and was Ellen Sauerbrey’s campaign manager in her 1994 run for governor.



George Towle (right) outlines campaign strategy while Deacon Monti Montalto listens.

Towle managed Sauerbrey’s 1998 campaign and also worked in Delegate Martha Klima’s campaigns.

Towle is a registered Republican; Montalto, a registered Democrat.

“We say we’re nonpartisan; there are some good Democrats who are pro-life. But it’s harder to be pro-life as a Democrat because of the pressure you get from the Democratic leadership,” Montalto admitted.

It takes money and sound strategy to get elected, the two stressed.

Towle noted that over 40 percent of the districts in Maryland are one-party districts: “If you win the primary, you get elected.

“It’s a lot cheaper to get elected in the primary than in the general election: \$20,000 compared to \$40,000-\$100,000 in the general election,” he pointed out.

GTF advises their candidates to carefully target their money and efforts toward pro-lifers who have voted in previous elections.

“It’s pretty easy to know who has voted – not *how* you voted, but *if* you voted,” said Towle. “And if you voted Republican in the primary and

general elections, the chances are good that you vote pro-life.”

“We use modern technology,” said Montalto. “On my computer, I have the entire voting list in Maryland, and how they’re registered.”

In addition to the candidate training sessions, GTF works to mobilize and train pro-lifers who will educate voters, register new voters, and get out the pro-life voters on election day.

“We need 1,724 pro-life people to be pro-life precinct advocates in the 1,724 precincts in Maryland,” said Montalto.

Recruiting precinct advocates is not easy.

“One of the problems with the pro-life movement is that it’s fractionalized,” said Montalto. “Most pro-life organizations have a mission: education, a newsletter, and so forth.

“When we come to them for support for candidates, they say, ‘That’s not what we do.’ They all have their own agenda.”

Pro-lifers who decide to run for political office must be ready to commit their time, treasure and great effort, said the deacon.

“It takes a lot of hard work and aggravation to be a candidate. They often expose their name and family to ridicule.”

As for his own and Towle’s efforts on the candidates’ behalf, he added, “What are we doing it for? For those women in a crisis pregnancy and the babies we save. For the unborn babies we pray for.”

The Gideon’s Task Force website is gideonstaskforce.com. Their phone numbers are 410-517-3925 (Baltimore area) and 1-800-450-3524 (in Maryland).

Malec slams abortion/breast cancer deniers

Five days before Karen Malec's October 22 talk on the abortion-breast cancer link, the naysayers struck again.

"Abortion does not increase breast cancer risk," proclaimed an October 17 Reuters story.

"Overall, the findings provide further unbiased evidence of the lack of an adverse effect of induced abortion on breast cancer risk," said the Reuters story, quoting from a recent Oxford University study headed by Dr. Gillian Reeves.

"This is their [Oxford researchers'] fifth attempt to mislead women," Malec told attendees at the Culture of Life Communion Breakfast at the Rosensteel Council Knights of Columbus Hall in Silver Spring.

"They compared young women who had abortions but didn't have enough time to develop breast cancer" with older women breast cancer patients, said Malec, who is president of the Illinois-based Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer.

The coalition, formed in 1999, is trying to get the word out that strong biological evidence and research provide overwhelming evidence of a cause-and-effect relationship between abortion and breast cancer.

"The first [relevant] study, done in 1957, showed a 150 percent increase in the risk of breast cancer for Japanese women who had abortions," said Malec.

Only a few decades ago, breast cancer was known as a grandmother's disease, but since abortion became legal and widespread, it has become a young woman's disease.

Since *Roe v. Wade*, breast cancer rates have skyrocketed. Lifetime risk for breast cancer for the average U.S. woman has climbed from 1 in 12 women in 1970 to 1 in 7 women in 2006.

The biological culprit in the case is estrogen, Malec explained: "In 2000, scientists added estrogen to the list of known carcinogens [cancer-causing substances]."

Estrogen is a hormone produced by the ovaries.

"The more estrogen a woman is exposed to in her lifetime, the higher her risk for breast cancer," said Malec.

Many factors increase a woman's exposure to estrogen, including the early onset of menstrual periods, the late onset of menopause, and never having children or not giving birth until after age 30.

Conversely, scientists agree that childbearing and breast-feeding reduce the risk of breast cancer, because menstruation is suspended during these periods and the exposure to estrogen thus reduced.

But while a full-term pregnancy reduces a woman's risk of getting breast cancer, an induced abortion actually increases her risk, said Malec.

She explained that breast tissue is made of lobules, units that contain a milk duct and some milk-producing glands.

At puberty, estrogen levels rise and cause breast tissue to develop into immature, cancer-vulnerable Type 1 and 2 lobules. Ninety percent of all breast cancers form in Type 1 or 2 lobules.

During a normal pregnancy, a woman's ovaries produce extra estrogen that causes her breasts to grow as her Type 1 and 2 lobules multiply.

At 32 weeks of pregnancy, however, a process called "differentiation" matures the breast tissue into cancer-resistant Type 3 lobules. After giving birth, the milk-containing lobules are called Type 4 lobules.

If a woman gives birth at full-term, over 70 percent of her lobules will consist of Type 3 lobules; she will have more cancer-resistant lob-



Karen Malec chats with a pro-lifer after her talk at the Culture of Life Communion Breakfast.

ules than she had before she became pregnant.

But if she has an abortion, she will have more Type 1 and 2, cancer-vulnerable lobules than she had before her pregnancy.

“Simply stated, there are more places for breast cancer to start,” said Malec.

One of many statistically significant studies showing an abortion/breast cancer link is a 1994 study commissioned by the National Cancer Institute, in which Dr. Janet Daling was lead author.

The Daling study found a 50 percent increase in the risk of breast cancer for women who had induced abortions.

“Highest risks (more than double) were observed when the abortion was done at ages younger than 18 years . . . or at least 30 years of age or older,” reported Dr. Daling, who describes herself as “pro-choice.”

Malec also pointed out the link between both birth control pills and hormone replacement therapy (HRT) with breast cancer.

Scientists of the World Health Organization’s International Agency for Research on Cancer concluded, after reviewing relevant medical literature in 2005, that combined oral contraceptives (those containing both estrogen and progestin) cause breast, cervical and liver cancer.

HRT puts women at greater risk of breast and endometrial cancers, they said.

Due to media coverage on the cancer risks from using HRT, millions of women stopped taking these drugs.

“Hormonal replacement therapy and combined oral contraceptives use the exact same drugs,” Malec pointed out.

But the breast cancer risk of



Protest at Basilica

Defend Lifers, including Olga Fairfax (left) and Kristin Kazyak, hold signs outside the newly restored Basilica of the Assumption in Baltimore prior to a November 12 Mass opening the fall meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. This was the fourth consecutive year that Defend Life has picketed the fall conference, asking the prelates to deny Holy Communion to pro-abortion politicians.

birth control pills remains highly unknown by the public.

Birth control pills *do* decrease the risk of ovarian and endometrial cancer, Malec admitted.

But, according to the American Cancer Society, out of 100 women with cancer, 31 have breast cancer, 6 have endometrial cancer and only 3 have ovarian cancer, so it’s not a good “trade-off” in risk, she said.

“They’re giving women the progestin-only mini-[birth control] pill

now,” Malec noted.

Progestin is a form of progesterone, a steroid hormone formed in the ovary.

“When a woman takes progestin-only, in a mini-pill, her body is already producing estrogen. Theoretically, there is a breast cancer risk, but we don’t have long-term studies on it.”

The Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer website is Abortion-BreastCancer.com.

Abortion and euthanasia are crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws, instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection.

John Paul The Great
Evangelium Vitae
Rome, 1995



Pro-lifers picket NARAL fundraiser

By Janet Baker

On October 21 at the Rockville Civic Center, NARAL of Maryland held its annual fundraising gala. It was scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

A number of pro-lifers gathered at the entrance an hour beforehand to conduct a "Face the Truth" session, so that the attendees/donors could see just what they were sponsoring.

Ben Cardin (now Maryland's U.S. Senator-elect) gave the keynote address. A visit to their website at www.prochoicemaryland.org/issues/eveningofchocolate.shtml#1 revealed that many Democratic office holders and candidates in Maryland are aligned with mortal sin and death.

Indeed, we saw many of these politicians drive right by us, although with a few cars, there was that telltale zoom, indicating that they were trying to hide from the truth of our posters.

Some neighborhood passers-by stopped. One was incensed that we would be out there with the pictures. "For the sake of the children," he called the police. The police came, spoke with him and that was the end of that. Another passer-by was very supportive of our stance.

A surprise visitor stood with us. Yes, it was the Grim Reaper, complete with hood and sickle! Apparently, the Reaper feared that

the pro-lifers might prick the consciences of the abortion promoters before they had the chance to partake of the food bought with babies' blood. So

he/she stood at the driveway with a helpful sign that pointed the way to the "NARAL Blood Feast."

How very helpful of the Grim Reaper! Will he/she be seen again? Unfortunately, because it was getting dark, a photograph of the Reaper was impossible to obtain.

Regrettably, many of the pro-abortion politicians who partook of the blood feast were indeed elected to office on November 7. All that means is that we have our work cut out for us. We must redouble our prayers and efforts.

Our ongoing presence in front of abortuaries, at the summer Face the Truth tours and at events such as this NARAL blood feast is more important than ever.

For efforts in front of Baltimore-area mills, contact Defend Life. For efforts in front of DC-area mills, go to www.restore-dc-catholicism.com/abortuary%20prayer%20ad.htm.

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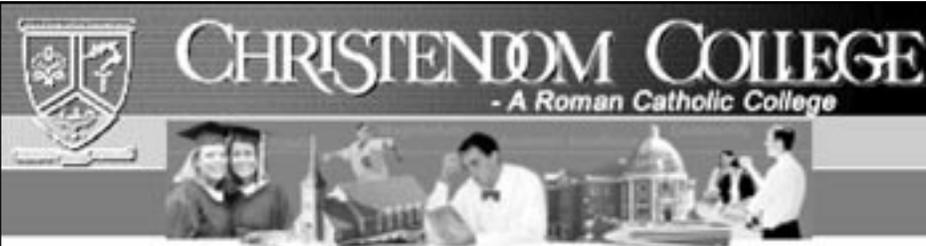
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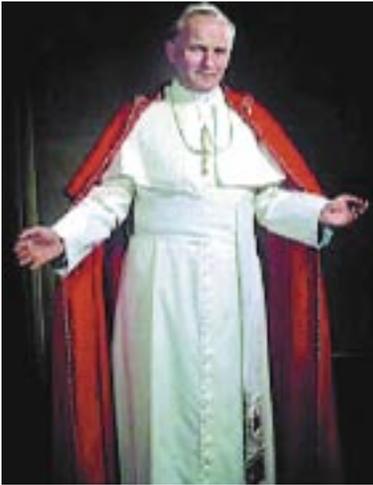
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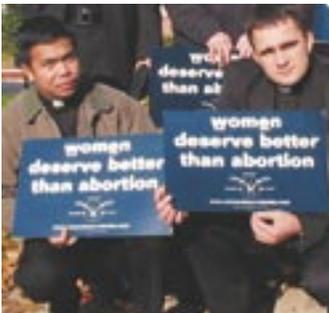
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