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Coloradoan bares rift in pro-life movement

The photo of 15-year-old Daniel Rohrbough, lying dead on the sidewalk outside Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, won a Pulitzer prize for the photographer.

But for Brian Rohrbough, the photo was a searing reminder of the murder of his son in the Columbine massacre, an event that changed his life forever.

He struggled with the question, "Why did Columbine happen?" and came to the conclusion that it

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Be like Braveheart, Fr. Chavez tells men

A priest and leader of a movement to return men to their rightful roles as leaders, protectors and providers turned movie reviewer on January 15 to make a point.

"'Braveheart' is the standard men's movie by which all men's movies are measured," Fr. Phillip Chavez said in a Defend Life-sponsored talk at the Rock Creek Knights of Columbus Council in Bethesda.

In "Braveheart" the hero, commoner William Wallace, leads a Scottish revolt against the villainous

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March for Life draws record crowd

Fr. Frank Pavone (above) rallies the troops at the Supreme Court; Fr. John McHale (below, right) leads the Crusaders for Life along the march (Story on page 5).



6 receive \$600,000 in first Life Prizes Awards

By Carol Monaco

Six pro-lifers received a total of \$600,000 in the first annual Life Prizes Awards in Washington, D.C., January 23 for their heroism in defending the sanctity of human life.

Approximately 1,200 guests attended the Life Prizes Awards Ceremony at the National Building Museum to honor the winners.

The winners were measured by their achievements in public advocacy, scientific research, outreach and public disclosure, legal action or other noteworthy achievements that further the pro-life cause.

“Saving human lives is a calling of unsurpassed importance, especially today,” said radio talk show host Laura Ingraham, who emceed the ceremony.

The Gerard Health Foundation, a private charity, sponsored the awards.

The Norinne A. and Raymond E. Ruddy Memorial Pro-Life Prize is named in honor of the parents of Raymond Ruddy, president of the foundation.

The awards are meant to not only reward those who work to promote the culture of life, but also to inspire others, particularly young people, to join the cause.

“The desire is to do something positive,” said Mr. Ruddy.

The prize money was split among:

- The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG)
- Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’

Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities

- Margaret Hartshorn, President of Heartbeat International
- Jill Stanek, proponent of the Born Alive Infant Protection Act
- Lila Rose, founder of Live Action
- Kay Coles James, founder and president of The Gloucester Institute.



RICHARD DOERFLINGER

AAPLOG, one of the largest physician groups within the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, engages in physician education, disseminates information about the harmful effects of abortion on women, and provides pro-life professional testimony at federal, state, and local levels.

AAPLOG members put their careers on the line to challenge the concept that abortion is good for women.

“Truth is powerful... Truth does not go away,” said Dr. Donna Harrison, president of AAPLOG’s Board of Directors, who accepted the award on behalf of the associa-

tion. Dr. Harrison said the association hopes to use the prize to launch pro-life projects.

Richard Doerflinger, known as “a walking encyclopedia,” has published dozens of articles, testified numerous times before legislative bodies, and served as a chief researcher and drafter of many important statements issued by the U.S. Bishops’ Conference.

He has advised the Senate, the House, and the White House on bio-ethical issues, and has played an important role in every major pro-life policy debate in the last 25 years.

“We need articulate voices for those who have no voice,” said Doerflinger.

After the *Roe v. Wade* decision in 1973, Margaret “Peggy” Hartshorn and her husband began housing pregnant women in their home and then established a pregnancy resource center in Columbus, Ohio.

Peggy left her career as a college professor to lead Heartbeat International, a pregnancy services affiliation organization which is now the most expansive network of life-affirming, volunteer ministries in the world with 1,100 affiliates in 43 countries.

Peggy plans to use the award to support their call center, 800-395-HELP, to provide teaching and training of African-Americans and Hispanics in the pregnancy center for leadership positions, and to continue their international effort.

Her advice to those who want to join the pro-life cause: “Just start. Just do it... Take one step and God will direct you.”

Jill Stanek was a registered nurse

in the Labor and Delivery Department at Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn, Illinois, when she discovered that babies who survived abortions were being left to die without medical care.

She urged hospital administrators to stop this practice, and when they refused, she went public with the scandal and was fired.

Since then, Jill has become a national figure in the effort to protect both born and pre-born infants. President George W. Bush publicly thanked Jill for her help at the signing of the Born Alive Infants Protection Act.

Stanek noted that the Born Alive Infants Protection Act is not being enforced. She plans to use her award to develop a pro-life blog consortium.

Although she has been a target of criticism by the pro-abortion ad-

nia. It conducts student-led investigations and releases the findings through Live Action Films, *The Advocate* (Live Action's quarterly student magazine), and other independent media.



LILA ROSE

Lila has launched several successful undercover investigations exposing racism and sexual abuse cover-ups by Planned Parenthood.

"We Americans have consecrated ourselves to great causes. We must choose well and devote our short time on earth where oppression is deepest," said Rose.

"I am dedicating my life to ending the injustice of abortion."

Kay Coles James and her husband, Charles James, have worked to advance the pro-life cause for three decades.

As founders of a pregnancy resource center and Black Americans for Life, they were pro-life pioneers in the African-American community.

She also served as Director of the Office of Personnel Management under President George W. Bush and as Secretary of Health and Human Resources under Virginia Governor George Allen.

Kay is founder and president of The Gloucester Institute, an outreach and education initiative for young African-Americans focused on developing solutions for the challenges facing communities today.

"The most important civil right is the right to life," said James.

The awards ceremony was topped off with music by the D.C. Boys Choir and by the Christian Rock band BarlowGirl.

Among the many guests were author George Weigel, former Senator George Allen, Congressman Chris Smith, Congressman Trent Franks, and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.

Life Prizes is the newest initiative of the Gerard Health Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through the funding and financing of pro-life initiatives throughout the world.

The foundation's efforts include extensive support of HIV/AIDS prevention, pregnancy resource centers, international pro-life education, youth outreach and development, judicial reform, abstinence education, and children's hospitals in Africa.



KAY COLES JAMES

vocates, Stanek is not backing away. "[They] take a lot of shots at me. It's really meaningless compared to what we are fighting for."

Lila Rose is a pro-life student activist at UCLA.

At fifteen years old, Lila founded Live Action, a growing nonprofit with several chapters in Califor-

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Conference calls for defining the unborn as persons

By Kathleen Burke

The American Life League called for a new direction in the pro-life movement at its Personhood Conference in Washington, D.C., January 23: the personhood movement.

We must work for the legal recognition of the personhood of the unborn, said ALL Executive Director Shaun Kenney.

“Personhood for all must be the last chapter of the civil rights movement,” he declared.

Any incremental progress that the pro-life movement has made in the 36 years since *Roe v. Wade* will be eliminated with the passage of the Freedom of Choice Act, Kenney predicted.

“But there is still a way we can win. Justice Blackmun left a loophole in the *Roe* decision. If society ever defines personhood, the issue is resolved. Define personhood, and abortion ends.”

Kenney’s talk set the stage for Kristi Burton, the co-sponsor and spokesperson for Colorado’s Personhood Amendment.

Burton independently got together a few friends and started Colorado’s Personhood Initiative.

They collected over 130,000 signatures to get it on the ballot and, al-



Ambassador Alan Keyes talks with a pro-lifer after his speech at American Life League’s Personhood Conference.

though the initiative went down to defeat, over half a million people voted for it. Despite the loss, said Burton, the new battle has begun.

Burton said that with the lessons learned in Colorado this fight can be taken to other states.

“Personhood is an issue we can all unite behind. It’s always the right time to do what’s right.”

Ambassador Alan Keyes expanded on the theme of personhood, comparing the Freedom of Choice Act to the Fugitive Slave Act.

The passage of the Fugitive Slave Law required people to violate their conscience and co-operate with the evil of slavery, said Keyes.

“FOCA is the Fugitive Slave act of our day. It is not about choice, it is about tyranny.”

Lila Rose, the UCLA student whose undercover expose of Planned Parenthood has made national headlines, reminded the audience that the personhood of certain groups has been denied throughout history.

It was through the use of images that these groups won the recognition of their personhood, she said.

Rose explained how she has used

the images made possible with new media by videotaping what happened when she posed at Planned Parenthood clinics as a pregnant 13-year-old with a 31-year-old boyfriend.

Rather than reporting an apparent case of statutory rape, as they are required to do by law, clinic employees coached her to lie about her age and the age of her boyfriend, and even coached her to cross state lines to get an abortion.

Rose showed “Here’s the Blood,” the newest film produced by her production company, Live Action Films.

The graphic footage, showing unborn abortion victims, was taken by undercover workers from the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform.

Closing out the Personhood Conference was Dr. Theresa Deisher, who founded her own biotech company, AVM Biotechnology, because she couldn’t find a biotech company that didn’t work with aborted stem cell lines.

Echoing a theme that was heard throughout the conference, Dr. Deisher warned against compromise: “Compromise does not get us anywhere.”

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March for Life has record turnout

By Kathleen Burke

No matter your political affiliation, January of 2009 was a historic time in our nation's history.

Up to 1.8 million people flocked to our nation's capitol January 20 to witness the inauguration of our first African-American president. Two days later, over 200,000 came to march for life.

Asked about the 36th Annual March for Life's record turnout, March founder Nellie Grey responded, "I don't think there's any doubt that it was in reaction to the election; as they started to see the issues in the news, they felt compelled to come out."

Many elected officials, pro-life leaders and clergy spoke to the crowds gathered on the Mall.

Pastor Luke Robinson of the Quinn Chapel AME Church in Frederick, Md., called on "the president of change, Barak Obama, to be an agent of change as it relates to the lives of over 1 million children who will be slaughtered by abortion in his first year as president.

"Please, Mr. President, be that agent of change that can commute the sentence of over 1,400 African American children and over 3,000 children sentenced to die every day in this country by abortion."

Rabbi Yehuda Levin reminded the President of "the God-given promise that all our people will walk free and all deserve a chance to pursue their full means of happiness," and urged him to extend this "to the most defenseless amongst us, the pre-born."

Rabbi Levin urged America to open its heart to the pre-born and to "shake off the shackles of our



Rabbi Yehuda Levin (right) walks in the March for Life.

enslavement to the selfish pleasure principle, which says, I had my fun and now the baby must die."

The participants at this year's March for Life were generally a young group, mostly under 30.

Some school children from Hazelton and White Haven, Pa., came dressed for battle. Wearing crusader costumes, led by Fr. John McHale, pastor at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in White Haven, they dubbed themselves the Crusaders for Life.

Shawn and Sarah Ridenour, from St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Emmitsburg, brought the two youngest of their four children to the March: Finnian, 3, and Lucien, almost 1.

Shawn was initially disappointed at the size of the crowd. But as the masses continued to arrive, his disappointment changed to joy.

Among the many school groups at the march was one from the Academy of the Holy Family in Baltic, Conn., a boarding and day school for girls run by the Sisters of Charity.

The Academy put up a pro-life billboard on Highway 85 in Con-

necticut seen by 40,000 drivers a day.

They are also developing a pro-life TV series and will focus on Down Syndrome in their first episode.

When the marchers reached the Supreme Court, they were greeted with music by Rock for Life and about eight counter demonstrators.

Priests for Life Director Fr. Frank Pavone introduced the marchers to Janet Morana and Georgette Forney, co-founders of Silent No More.

Forney proclaimed, "We will be silent no more about how abortion has not solved our problems."

Both men and women told of the destructive impact abortion had on their lives.

Many women told of their descent into drug and alcohol abuse, unhealthy relationships, depression, and suicidal behavior.

All of them emphasized the indifference of the doctors and clinic workers, the lies they were told, and their realization that the clinics didn't see real people with real problems, just walking dollar signs.

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happened because of our culture of death.

“Abortion is promoted in our public schools,” Rohrbough told listeners at an Institute on the Constitution-sponsored lecture in Pasadena January 9.

“We teach that God does not exist. We teach that there are no moral absolutes; instead, there is natural selection and survival of the fittest.”

The Columbine killers, Harris and Klebold, said themselves that they had the right and the obligation to kill the unfit, said Rohrbough.

“Who taught them? Our government schools did.

“My son was in a godless school, where they tried to teach that the strong can kill the weak, and I put him in that school even though I knew what they taught,” he admitted.

From a self-described “couch potato” pro-lifer, Rohrbough became a leader in the “personhood” wing of the pro-life movement, a wing that works to establish the legal personhood of the unborn child.

It doesn’t mince its criticism of the pro-life opposing wing, the “incrementalists,” who strive to reduce the number of abortions through laws regulating or limiting abortion.

Rohrbough describes the opposing wings as the “pro-life ministry” which, he says, really wants to end abortion and return to their normal lives, versus the “pro-life industry,” a self-perpetuating group which gives its members “bloated salaries and generous retirement benefits.”

Allowing a legal exception permitting abortion to save the life of the mother is what originally began the abortion holocaust, he said.

“But there never was a need for

the life of the mother exception,” he asserted.

“The pro-life *ministry* knows this, but the pro-life *industry* continues to promote life of the mother and health, rape, and incest exceptions.

“They oppose everything that could actually end abortion.”

Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun, author of *Roe v. Wade*, wrote that if the personhood of the unborn child is established, the case for abortion collapses, Rohrbough pointed out.



Brian Rohrbough is working to establish the legal personhood of the unborn child.

“God’s morality allows no exceptions; He says, do not murder, do not shed innocent blood.

“If we give validity to immorality by advocating any legal exceptions for abortion, then immorality gains credibility,” said Rohrbough.

“We will never end abortion while allowing exceptions.”

Rohrbough had harsh words for National Right to Life, which, he said, is run by secular humanist lawyers whose moral relativism undermines the personhood of the unborn and their God-given right to life.

He charged that NRTL led the pro-life industry in the wasting of a quarter billion dollars supporting the partial-birth abortion ban bill,

which “never saved the life of one child.

“Now there’s a new [fundraising] tool of the pro-life industry,” he declared. “It’s called the Freedom of Choice Act.

“Defeating FOCA cannot trump establishing personhood. Personhood is the silver bullet to end abortion.”

As president of Colorado Right to Life, Rohrbough along with other pro-life leaders signed an open letter to Dr. James Dobson, director of the Colorado-based Focus on the Family, faulting him for praising the Supreme Court ruling upholding the ban on partial-birth abortion.

The letter was published as a full-page newspaper ad in May 2007, titled, “Dobson Thanks God for Brutally Wicked Ruling.”

The writers charged Dobson and other pro-life groups, including National Right to Life, with “celebrating this evil ruling.”

In June 2007, National Right to Life disenfranchised Colorado Right to Life as a state chapter.

Rohrbough and others launched Denver-based American Right to Life, of which he is now president, in November of that year.

American Right to Life advocates a three-fold strategy for ending abortion:

1. Criminalize: recriminalize the intentional killing of the unborn through state and national personhood efforts.
2. Demoralize: create unbearable social tension to coerce the government to correct the injustice of shedding innocent blood.
3. Evangelize: persuade people by education and evangelism to honor the God-given right to life.

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and tyrannical rule of the English.

In doing so, Father Chavez explained, Wallace is living up to his God-given nature.

“In his nature, a man is called to protect his family, his state, his religion; he is called to protect life.”

Every man is a warrior; warriorship is his paradigm for everything he does and how he views the world.

“For a man, everything is conquest, all is battle, whether he’s mowing the lawn, playing pool, or winning the heart of his wife,” said Father.

“Every man wants to be known as a man who is willing, able and ready to lay down his life for what he believes.”

The ultimate question is not whether he is victorious, but did he fight well: every man wonders to himself, “Do I have what it takes?” said Chavez.

That’s why movies about bravery and heroism, like “Braveheart” and “Gladiator,” resonate so well with men.

Men today have the same warrior instincts and natural vocations to be protectors and defenders, but they are being emasculated by a society determined to feminize boys, the priest charged.

“In our culture, boys are often trained not to stand up for anything. Today in some schools, the boys must play games where everybody is a winner, no one is a loser, and they’re not to keep score.

“How is a boy to learn about competition in battle and to strengthen his nature?” Father demanded.

“This is one reason why he fails to stand up, because he’s not validated and strengthened and led in these masculine gifts.”

The other major factor holding him back is fear.

Men want to be heroes like William Wallace, but they find themselves instead being like Robert the Bruce, said Chavez.

In “Braveheart” Robert the Bruce, the leader of the Scottish nobles, lacks the courage to stand up and fight the English. He doesn’t want to risk anything; he’s afraid of what it will cost him.

To overcome fear, said Father, “What will help you above all things, gentlemen, is your meditation of Jesus Christ on the cross.”



Today’s society is determined to emasculate boys, says Fr. Phillip Chavez.

When St. Thomas Aquinas listed seven reasons why Jesus experienced death on a cross, first on his list (“This may surprise you!” said Chavez) was: To help men overcome their fear.

Aquinas quoted St. Augustine: “The primary reason that Jesus chose the cross [as His means of death] is to show that men need not fear the worst kind of death, so that we can overcome our fears and lead a life of righteousness.”

“Christ said, ‘Be not afraid’ more than any other admonition he gave us,” Father pointed out.

“Imagine, guys, if you lived a life in which you feared nothing; only then could you be completely at peace, and only then, according to Augustine, could you really be a Christian.”

It’s in a man’s blood to fight for a cause greater than himself. That’s why he will leave wife and family to defend his country.

“The villains today are those who want to snuff out human life and shove perversity down the throats of our children, even in kindergarten,” said Father.

“Gentlemen, the battles are all around you, and evil thrives because good men do little or nothing.”

Men today see all these battles, but they don’t know where to start: “It’s hard today because men can’t go into battle alone – they need training and leadership.”

But Chavez pointed to pro-lifer Ed Snell who, while counseling at a Harrisburg abortion mill in 2007, was viciously attacked and came close to losing his life.

He also recalled a talk with one of the founders of the Pennsylvania-based The King’s Men, Damien Wargo, who told Chavez about a protest he led at a strip club.

“He told me, ‘This man came out of the club with such vitriol and hatred, I knew he could have easily pulled out a gun and shot me.’

“I said, ‘That’s right, Damien; so, keep going.’ That’s what he wanted to hear!”

These are the kind of men who need to rise up in great multitudes to stop the holocaust against the unborn and protect our society against perversity, Chavez declared.

“You men have to go out on your own. There are not a lot of other men, even in the Church, to lead you. I’m sorry about that.

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NPLR offers welcome sounds to pro-life ears

Pro-lifers tired of hearing themselves portrayed in the mainstream media as dour, angry, frumpily dressed, half-crazed fanatics have got a welcome media alternative these days: it's called National Pro-Life Radio.

If you click on nationalproliferradio.net (or simply nplr.net), you can tune in to 24 hours of talk shows, news coverage, music, and information and education programs all aimed at promoting dignity and respect for human life.

NPLR began about three years ago as a gleam in the eye of pro-lifers Paul Schenck and Rob McQuay.

"We started doing internet radio for Faith in Action in October 2005," recalled McQuay.

In the spring of 2006 they pitched the idea to do National Pro-Life Radio to Steve Peroutka.

Peroutka, a pro-life activist and attorney, liked the concept. He founded and incorporated NPLR, which formally launched operations in September 2006.

The station operates out of offices and a three-room broadcasting suite on Ritchie Highway in Pasadena.

Schenck, who is CEO and general manager, also hosts the station's "Life Ethic" show. McQuay oversees operations as general manager.

John Lofton III is the station's engineer and produces three NPLR programs.

Businesswoman, media consultant, veteran on-air personality and producer Day Gardner anchors NPLR's "Daily Life News" program.

Intern Lindsay Rupprecht acts as the station's liaison with other pro-life organizations.

And broadcast student George Ramirez helps out with technical, editing and recording work.

NPLR'S program schedule, posted on its website, is a veritable Who's Who of pro-life movers and shakers:

- "Face the Truth: Coast to Coast" host Steve Peroutka has interviewed guests such as the Cardinal Newman Society's

Patrick Reilly, Martha Nolan of Crossroads, *Washington Times* religion editor Julia Duin, and senior White House Correspondent and *Washington Examiner* reporter Bill Sammon.

- In "On Campus with Students for Life," Students for Life of America Director Kristan Hawkins talks with leaders of SFLA-affiliated pro-life campus groups nationwide.
- "Chastity: The New Sexual Revolution" anchor Missy Smith has explored chastity themes with young chastity speaker Rocky Rhodes, Cindy Collins of Operation Outcry, and sidewalk counselor Dick Retta.
- "The Jesse Lee Peterson Show" airs Peterson's no-holds-barred critiques of the Jesse Jackson-style civil rights establishment.
- On "The American View," political and cultural conservatives Michael Peroutka and John Lofton, Jr., take witty and irreverent shots at politically correct icons.
- "America's Lifeline" features Bobby Schindler and Suzanne Vitadamo, Terri Schiavo's brother and sister, on the pro-life aspects of health care. The show originates from station WGUL in Tampa.

In December, NPLR added "Rock for Life" with host Erik Wittington to its program mix.

"The show highlights contemporary young musicians and discusses current pro-life issues, such as the impact of President Obama, from a young person's perspective," explained McQuay.

NPLR routinely blurs media



Rob McQuay (left) and John Lofton III oversee National Pro-Life Radio at its broadcasting studios in Pasadena.

lines. The website posts print news stories and videos; recently, it carried Brian Rohrbough's talk at Institute on the Constitution on live streaming video.

Listeners can tune in to the station not only on the internet, but on an internet radio. They can also listen to it on their iPod by plugging the iPod into a computer or into their car radio.

Some NPLR shows can also be picked up on broadcast stations. "Face the Truth" airs on XM radio. "Daily Life News" is on WCAR (Michigan Catholic radio), and four NPLR shows air on WWOW in the Cleveland metro area.

In a partnership with Catholic Online, NPLR has recently added online advertisers such as Lowe's, AT&T, Weight Watchers and H&R Block.

"Trying to do a radio station that's 24 hours a day pro-life content can be a challenge," McQuay admitted.

"But I think we've come a good distance in two years."

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"But you have to move forward, nonetheless, like Jesus, who was on His own.

"It takes prayer. It takes resolution. But somebody has got to take the first step. Somebody has got to pick up the standard and move forward.

"My brothers, if you would only lead, men would follow you, and so would I."

Father Chavez, a resident of Glen Rock, Pa., is a priest of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity and the director of Amator Institute.

Fr. Chavez's website is amator-institute.org.

Assisted suicide bill introduced in Annapolis

By Janet Baker

House Bill 30, entitled "Health – Terminal Condition - Counseling," was introduced in the Annapolis legislature on January 14.

Its wording, in key sections, is identical to that of the California bill that passed its legislature – the part written by the Hemlock Society.

The first internet link below contains the text of the bill, along with the bill's sponsors and the committee to which it is assigned.

We suggest that those of you

living in the districts of all involved legislators write them, asking that this bill be killed.

The following two links are to the website of the International Task Force on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide. They contain information on this bill and similar bills.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2009rs/bill-file/HB0030.htm>

<http://www.internationaltaskforce.org/iaa44.htm#17>

<http://www.internationaltaskforce.org/iaa45.htm#29>

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Their tactics for criminalizing abortion include lobbying, campaigning, running for office and legislating, but "never supporting any law that ends with 'and then you can kill the baby,'" said Rohrbough.

Last year he worked to get a "personhood" amendment on the ballot in Colorado that declared that life begins at conception.

In the November election, said Rohrbough, "We received 585,000 votes; 27 percent voted for it, even

though the major Republican candidates opposed it."

Focus on the Family also opposed the amendment until shortly before the election, when they reversed their position.

The whole personhood campaign spent \$200,000, while Planned Parenthood spent \$5 million to defeat the amendment, he noted.

"Had Focus on the Family and other groups supported it, it might have passed."

American Right to Life's website is AmericanRighttoLife.org.

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St. Valentine's Day, February 14, 2009

Dear Friend of Defend Life,

I urgently need your help in what is, without doubt, the **most important project Defend Life has tackled in its 22-year history**. But before telling you about it, let me tell you about pro-life events that happened in Washington Inauguration Week that you certainly didn't read about in our managed media.

January 21

The week before the Inauguration, I received a call from **Matt Truwella** of **Missionaries to the Pre-Born**. Matt, who started **Face the Truth Tours** way back in the mid-nineties in Milwaukee, was bringing a group of pro-life activists to Washington. He said they hoped to repeat what happened in 2005 when President Bush's motorcade passed their Face the Truth Signs on Embassy Row. This had happened the day after the Inauguration while Bush and Cheney were returning from a prayer service at the National Cathedral. **Believe it or not, it did happen again but this time for the Obamas and Bidens**. This is a great example of simply stepping out in faith and letting God do the rest.

The **Pro-Life Vigil Mass** was celebrated on the evening of January 21 at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. **Justin Cardinal Rigali** of Philadelphia was the main Celebrant. He gave a ringing call to arms for the serious challenges America now faces from this most evil Obama administration. Thousands of pro-lifers from all over America flock to this Mass annually. Many come from states as far away as **Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri**. Many travel 18 to 24 hours in each direction utilizing multiple bus drivers. One group told me how their bus had broken down in the middle of the night on the **Ohio Turnpike**. Fortunately, there were enough spare seats and baggage space on the other four buses in their caravan that they could split up and crowd aboard them.



January 22 – 36th Annual March for Life

The turnout at this year's **March** was enormous. **Fox News estimated 300,000**. The March really is phenomenal. With hardly any advance publicity or promotion, many thousands of chartered busloads of activists descend upon Washington. This year, for the first time ever, **Steve Sanborn**, the founder of **Crossroads Walk**, organized an effort to film the March and turn it into a documentary. To find out more about this effort, visit www.thineeyes.com and pre-order this great DVD

More and more, the **March** is being dominated by the youth of America. The youth – the very ones who could have been legally aborted by their mothers had their mothers so chosen – the youth who are increasingly more pro-life than their parents – the youth, many of whom have lost siblings and cousins whom they will never know nor meet at a family reunion because of abortion!

Don Fedder, a respected journalist, spoke at the **Rose Banquet** about his documentary film **Demographic Winter** which spells doom for the west because of its ever-decreasing birthrates either approaching or already well below the 2.1 replacement rate. To see a trailer of this **mind numbing** documentary, visit www.demographicwinter.com.



The **American Life League Personhood Activism Conference** was held January 23, the day after the March. It featured such great speakers as **Lila Rose** (Life Action Films.com); **Kristi Burton**, the brilliant 21-year-old home-schooled law student who at age 19 came up with the idea for the Colorado Personhood Amendment, **Alan Keyes**, America's greatest orator, who gave one of the most impassioned speeches I have ever heard (*he referred to FOCA, the Freedom of Choice Act, as the Fugitive Slave Law of the 21st century*); **David Bereit** of 40 Days for Life; and **Shaun Kenney**, Executive Director of ALL. All of these great talks are available at all.org.



The **Students for Life Conference** was held at Catholic University on January 24. Nearly 800 students, both college and high school, were in attendance at this outstanding conference so professionally organized by Kristen Hawkins and her associates.

Speakers included **Steve Wagner, Jill Stanek, Fletcher Armstrong, David Bereit**, and many other heroes of the pro-life movement. **Defend Life** had a tabletop display where we were trying to recruit a full-time campus outreach director (*more about that in a moment*). A high school teacher came who taught at an all boys Catholic high school outside Detroit stopped by. He noticed the picture of **Monica Miller, Ph.D.**, on our poster and mentioned that she was the reason he was here with 30 of his students. You see, he had been taught by Dr. Monica Miller, one of the well over 100 speakers **Defend Life** has hosted since 1987, while he was a freshman at St. Mary's College in Michigan. He was so inspired by her that he took every Theology course she taught during his four years at St. Mary's. Now he is teaching high school Theology and inspiring his students just as he was inspired by Monica Miller. **What a great example of why it is so important for us to take back our schools and colleges.**



Now let me tell what, **pray God**, I believe is the next step for **Defend Life** if we are to further impact the **Culture of Death** in our area.

There is a dearth of pro-life activism on the college campuses in the Baltimore-Washington-Northern Virginia area. This was very evident at the outstanding **Students For Life** conference. *Not a single student was there from any school in Maryland. There were no students registered from Catholic University which hosted the conference. There were a total of four from other D.C. campuses. There were none from Northern Virginia. There were none from Baltimore.* If this were in the Texas panhandle where there are only a handful of colleges, it would not matter so much. But we are in the **Belly of the Beast** where there are **100,000 college students** and where the very **Future of America** and the very **Future of Western Civilization** hang in the balance!

My hope and prayer is to have a **full-time campus outreach director** who would begin working on or about August 20 of this year. I am almost positive I have already met this lovely young lady. Her name is **Gina Fazenbaker** and she is amazing. She has worked wonders at **Clarion University** in Western Pennsylvania where she heads the campus pro-life group. She **passionately** wants to work full-time in the pro-life movement after graduation.



My only obstacle in hiring her, and **IT IS HUGE**, is to raise the additional funds needed to pay her so she can support herself. Pray that these funds will somehow be raised. Let's say the cost will be **\$30,000** annually. That may sound like a lot, but that boils down to **\$2,500 a month**, which sounds much more manageable. That could be raised with 10 generous donors giving \$100 per month, 20 giving \$50 per month, and 20 giving \$25 a month. We could even set up a plan where such monthly donations are automatically deducted from your checking account. It's a fairly painless way to donate on a regular monthly basis and think of the incredible good you would be doing to fight abortion!

Perhaps there is a financially blessed pro-lifer who reads this letter who could pledge a \$1,000 a month or 2 persons who can pledge \$500 a month. Perhaps there are pastors of large parishes who could donate \$200 a month. Perhaps there are pastors who would let me speak briefly at the end of each Mass and take up a free will offering afterwards.

If you can help in this **most important cause ever undertaken by Defend Life**, please call me immediately at **410-337-3721**. If you have an idea to share or the name of a financially blessed person or pastor to contact, I would love to hear from you!

In any case, please **PRAY, PRAY, PRAY** for the success of this most daunting challenge. I thank you for your prayers. Finally, remember this, **Our Lord Jesus Christ loves a generous giver and is never outdone in generosity.** Please use the enclosed envelope to indicate how you are willing to help.

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames
Jack Ames, Director

Enclosure

P.S. Thanks to all who gave so generously to our Christmas Matching Grant Program. Because of you, we met and slightly exceeded our goal, in spite of these financially challenging times in which we live.

Spotlight on chastity

Chastity Programs International sponsored three chastity speakers at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C., January 21 and 23: Angela King, Rocky Rhodes and Dawn Eden.

Advice to the lovelorn: True love wants commitment

When Naval Academy grad Angela King was a navigator on a guided missile destroyer, one of the ship's missions was to board commercial vessels to check them for contraband.

On one occasion, the ship's commander thought he had the rudder at the proper angle to keep his vessel parallel to the boat that they were boarding.

"But the wind and currents were pushing us on a collision course; we almost hit the other ship!" King told her young audience at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center.

King compared that harrowing episode with her experience growing up in the D.C. metro area.

As a child, she had decided to remain a virgin until marriage.

"But I wasn't taking into account all the cultural influences that were pushing me into a collision course with my goal," she said.

Immodest fashions were one such influence.

"In high school I wanted to gain attention, so sometimes I dressed in a way that accentuated certain parts of my body," she confessed.

Alcohol was another bad influence. After a party at which she and her date had been drinking, "I didn't go all the way, but I started to chip away at my purity."

When she went home, she had to

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Ex-druggie traces his rocky road to chastity

As a young teen, Rocky Rhodes was a rebel *with* a cause: He didn't want to go to church.

"I was forced by my parents to go to church," the 22-year-old graduate of Franciscan University in Steubenville told his young audience.



Rocky Rhodes offers advice on chastity.

"I almost hated God," he admitted.

Rhodes decided to "do his own thing." He wore blue spiked hair and did drugs.

One day when he was 13, his mom, a devout Catholic who went to daily Mass, told Rocky, "Let's go do something."

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Chesterton led rock critic to Christ, chastity

Most books on chastity are written by virgins, said chastity speaker Dawn Eden, author of *The Thrill of the Chaste*.

"But I came back from the other side and said, there is something better."

Growing up in a liberal Jewish household, "The overwhelming theme of my life was loneliness," the former *New York Daily News* columnist and rock music critic recalled.

Eden's parents were divorced when she was 6.

"I was raised by my mother who, like many women in the '70s, embarked on a journey to 'find herself' through relationships with men."

Dawn's father was "distant: I wasn't unconditionally lovable to him. I was lovable if I did well in school and was a good kid."

Suffering from loneliness, Eden escaped into the world of fantasy books. *Through the Looking Glass* was one of her favorites.

But in the real world, when she tried to live out her dreams, she was always frustrated.

"When I was in high school, my mother made it clear that at a certain age, I would go to the doctor and be put on contraceptives; that was the *responsible* thing to do!"

She was on the Pill for several years before she became sexually active.

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pass a beautiful picture of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the hallway.

"I turned away from her gaze in shame," she recalled.

By the time she finished high school, "My heart had been broken in many relationships," she said.

Technically, she was still a virgin.

"I didn't get pregnant or get any STDs; but it doesn't take actual sexual intercourse to chain a soul."

As an adult, Angela came to realize that there is something about true love that desires permanence.

True love always desires to make a gift of itself, she said.

"If true love wants to make a gift of itself, it will want to commit itself in a lifelong relationship called marriage."

The body speaks a language that can contradict what lovers are saying in words, she pointed out.

"When two people who aren't truly committed to each other lie down together, they are saying with their bodies, 'I give myself to you forever,' because they are giving the most precious gifts of themselves.

"But if they're not in the committed relationship of marriage, they know that a piece of them can walk away."

They are, in effect, parodying the marriage vows by sending a confused message that they are committed to each other for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness or health — or until someone better comes along.

Having sex during dating is not a good preparation for marriage, King warned.

"If we keep going through uncommitted relationships while committing our bodies, we are setting ourselves up for divorce, not marriage."

Angela, who was married last



Angela King (center) enlists two volunteers to play "bride" and "groom" to make her points on chastity and marriage.

year, said that she is happily married now because she and her husband Paul had a good dating relationship.

Angela and Paul knew each other for years before they decided to start dating.

"We weren't sure it was true love," she admitted.

"So we prayed the rosary for nine days. Then he came to my house with a rose."

They went together to Our Lady of the Rosary Church in San Diego and placed the rose before a statue of Our Lady, entrusting their love to Christ through her.

"Back home, he had a dozen roses for me, because he said true love always multiplies.

"I was a virgin when I got married. Paul was not a virgin, but he completely understood what chastity is all about.

"We didn't want to base our relationship on a lie. We said no to sexual desire out of love for one another before we were married."

Chastity before marriage builds a foundation, grounded in love, that bears fruit later in marital fidelity, said Angela.

In the Holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit exist in an eternal communion of love, she said.

God created man and woman so they could reflect this communion between the three persons of the Trinity.

When a man and woman marry, they become one, and out of their communion they create new life.

"This is why marriage is a sacrament," she explained.

King founded the San Diego-based Goretta Group in 2003 to promote chastity.

The Goretta Group website is thegorettigroup.org.

Chastity Programs International is run by a committee composed of Ellen Sarnecky, Missy Smith and Dick Retta.

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When she did start having sex, said Eden, “I kept thinking that in each relationship, I was coming closer to understanding what kind of relationship would satisfy me.

“That is a way that many people live in our culture – playing the field. I called it the ‘Sex and the City’ rule: sex pushes the relationship.”

But as soon as you bring sex into the mix, you’re playing with fire, Eden warned.

“I was caught in a merry-go-round of dead-end relationships. I was terribly depressed, even to the point of suicide.”

One day, in her job as a rock music critic, interviewing a rock band member, she asked him what she thought was a clever question: what was he reading?

G.K. Chesterton’s *The Man Who Was Thursday*, he replied.

Curious, Dawn picked up the book herself, having no idea the writer was a Christian author. She was hooked.

“The book was about rebellion,” she explained. “Two kinds: the false rebellion of the anarchist, who builds up only to destroy – and the true rebellion of those upholding truth and beau-

ty against the powers of darkness.

“Chesterton was implying that the true rebels were Christians. That was disturbing to me. I wanted to read more of Chesterton and the people



Dawn Eden explains how she left dead-end affairs for the joy of chastity.

who influenced him.”

That brought her to the Gospels.

“I had this experience of the presence of God. I realized for the first time that God existed and cared for me.”

Experiencing Christ’s love personally turned her into a believer. And reading more Chesterton and St. Augustine, plus a book about John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, led her to the Catholic Church.

As a Catholic, she said, “I realized I had to change my life, and do things that could be painful at first.

“But I hadn’t been happy for a long time.”

Eden didn’t truly understand what chastity was. “I just thought in terms of abstinence until marriage.”

As a result, she said, “I experienced a cycle of sin, repent, sin, repent, sin, repent.

“I would resent God for putting arbitrary limitations on my ability to self-medicate!”

It took time for the new convert to understand that chastity is a virtue.

“Virtues are always positive, never negative.

“Chastity is the virtue that enables us to love fully in a manner that is appropriate to each relationship. There is single chastity, married chastity, chastity of the celibate religious.”

In being chaste, we love God and love everyone whom God loves. We become closer to everyone, she explained.

“It’s heavy stuff! It takes time to absorb.”

Eden thinks that one obstacle to chastity for young people is their not being able to distinguish between pleasure and joy.

“The short-term pleasures that I had gone after were fleeting, and made me more unhappy than before.

“But once I became chaste, I started experiencing joy.”

Through living chastely, Eden said, she has discovered an answer to her longings.

“I had a narrow world before I was chaste, but my world has opened up,” she declared.

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Driving by their church, they saw some activity going on. Rocky's mom asked him to find out what was happening.

The boy went inside, then came out and yelled, "Hey, mom, it's a youth group!"

"She called back, 'Good, I'll pick you up in two hours,' and took off."

At the youth group meeting, the boy met a charismatic older teen leader with a deep voice who introduced himself as "Dan the Man." Rocky was highly impressed.

After the meeting, Rocky's mom promised him that if he got confirmed, she would never force him to go to Mass again.

Rocky chose Dan the Man as his confirmation sponsor.

He queried his new role model about his sex life ("That's what's on every 13-year-old boy's mind," he explained to his audience).

"I don't have sex; I'm chaste," said Dan.

"A life of chastity isn't saying 'no' to sex. It's saying 'yes' to recognizing that my body is special," he explained.

Inspired, Rhodes and four of his friends made a pact that they would be chaste and treat women like princesses.

Dan went off to college. When he came back, he admitted to his young protégé that he had started drinking and was having sex with his girlfriend.

"I was shattered," said Rhodes. "I thought, if he can't live up to this standard, how can I?"

The disillusioned youth regressed into some bad behavior, including a two-year period of drug-dealing.

But eventually, he said, "I realized the only role model that's never going to fail you is Jesus Christ."

Rhodes had some recommendations for being chaste:

- Pray. "Turn to Mary; she is the ultimate example of purity. She stayed a virgin her entire life for Jesus."

- "If you do things like masturbation, which is a mortal sin, go to Confession and then receive the Eucharist."
- Ask your friends to keep you accountable. "At college, we'd text message each other, 'Yo - pray the rosary!'"

To the all-important question, "How far is too far?" Rhodes suggested as a guideline, "Guys, imagine asking your date's dad, 'Sir, I was wondering, how far can I go with your daughter tonight?' and guess what his answer would be."

Or, as an alternative, imagine you had a 13-year-old daughter: "If you walked in on your daughter and her boyfriend, what would you want to see them doing?"

Rhodes, who is a chastity speaker for The Goretti Group, is getting married in August. He and his wife plan to do missionary work in Africa.

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Book Review

Fatherless poses the Catholic dilemma with style, grace

By Diane Levero

When Defend Life Director Jack Ames gave me a copy of Brian Gail's new novel, *Fatherless*, hoping I would write a review, I had definite misgivings.

A novel that, as its jacket blurb promises, "goes to the heart of the Catholic experience in the late 20th century"?

A tall order. How could a devout Catholic writing his first novel, doubtless with the noble intention of delivering an edifying message, produce anything but embarrassingly amateur prose awash in treacly piety?

Four hundred and ten pages later, I had my answer. Brian Gail can write.

A former Madison Avenue advertising executive, Gail can, and does, conceive an important overarching theme, outline a gripping plot focused on his four main characters, then fill it in with fast-paced scenes and authentic dialog.

Fatherless, set in the Philadelphia suburb of Narbrook in the 1980s, centers on Fr. John Sweeney, an idealistic young priest, and three of his parishioners, each with unique problems.

Michael Burns, an up-and-coming young ad executive, is offered a job with the Hal Ross ad agency as account director for the Home Show Network, a new cable network whose products include R-rated movies and borderline soft porn.

Joe Delgado, the chief financial officer for Pittman Labs, accidentally discovers old, top-secret company files detailing a mass conspiracy by a consortium of pharmaceutical manufacturers, researchers and medical journals to conceal the significant

damage done to women by oral contraceptives.

Maggie Kealey, the beautiful and accomplished wife of a high-powered Philadelphia lawyer and mother of six, struggles with the horror of a once-lovely daughter whose inexplicably strange and frightening behavior has spun out of control.

All three come to Father Sweeney for advice. The young priest responds to all three with feel-good platitudes.



Brian Gail zeroes in on the modern Catholic dilemma in his novel, *Fatherless*.

He truly wants to help them, but he also wants to be liked – and, modern Catholic priest that he is, he hasn't really come to grips with the nasty reality of evil.

As his three parishioners' problems intensify, Sweeney is also wrestling with disconcerting changes in the Catholic Church and trying to figure out what kind of priest God wants him to be.

Gail masterfully weaves the several strands of his tale to some unexpected resolutions, finally crescendo-

ing to a stunning climactic scene.

For me, the proof of his success as a novelist is that I want very much to know what happens to Michael, Joe, Maggie, and most of all, Father Sweeney *after* that final scene. (Without giving too much away, I'd love to know Sweeney's bishop's reaction.)

A few final comments. As might be expected, Michael Burns, the young ad exec, is the most fleshed-out and believable character.

Gail's scenes and dialog in the dog-eat-dog world of Madison Avenue advertising are punchy, fun, and occasionally a bit raunchy.

Poor Joe Delgado's struggles with his moral dilemma and his all-too-human wife Fran make him a believable and sympathetic character.

Maggie, in my humble opinion, is a tad too perfect. Charles Dickens has often been criticized for making his female characters little plastic saints instead of flesh-and-blood women. I think Gail has done that with Maggie.

I could also do without several of the stereotypical minor characters (how many devout Irish widows with nine children do we need?)

That said, I give *Fatherless* two thumbs up. Gail has confronted two stark truths in contemporary Catholic life. The first is that sincere Catholics will almost inevitably find themselves at war with the prevailing culture.

The second is that, in this often deadly battle, the Church, in all too many instances, has left us hang out to dry – as Gail says, has left us "fatherless."

Gail has packaged these sobering realities in a bang-up good story that you'll have a hard time putting down.

Marylander joins Justice for All at Carolina campuses

Seeing a display of large, graphic pictures of aborted babies after you've had an abortion can be a shattering experience.

Lindsay Rupprecht understands that. So when on different occasions, three young college women yelled and berated her as she stood beside a Justice for All exhibit on North Carolina campuses last October, she could react with compassion and patience.

"We were trained to respond in love," she explained; "to just listen and meet them where they're at."

Lindsay told one of the angry students, who had had an abortion, that they were not there to condemn anyone who had an abortion, but to raise awareness on the issue and let them know that God and their baby forgive them.

To another student, who had had an abortion after she was raped and was screaming nonstop at her, Lindsay was only able to show love and compassion "through listening. I just said, 'Thanks for sharing,' after she yelled at me and was gentle toward her in my body language."

Lindsay recalled.

More than tempers flared when, at the North Carolina State University campus, a woman tried to jump over the barriers around the exhibit and burn down the posters with a lighter.

A man was able to calm her down, however, and she was quickly led away by police.

The five-day Justice for All trip to North Carolina began with pro-life apologetics training for the volunteers on Sunday, October 19.

JFA staff and volunteers then displayed the exhibit for two days at the North Carolina State campus, followed by two days at the University of North Carolina.

"I was apprehensive at first; you don't know what to expect," admitted Lindsay.

"But overall, I had a great experience. It was very encouraging to be with other pro-life activists, seeing everyone so passionate on the issue and working together."

Each exhibit day began with prayers. Setting up the exhibit took two to three hours.

To Lindsay, the students at the UNC campus seemed calmer overall than those at NC State. But there were organized protesters, including some Obama fans and a "reproductive rights" group.

But several students on both campuses let the pro-lifers know that they were very happy Justice for All had come.

"One guy at NC State told me, 'A picture is worth a thousand words. You guys have definitely captured that.'

"Another NC State student said that his heart had been burdened about this issue and he was praying on Sunday for activism and visual aid on campus – and we were there on Monday!"

Later, at UNC, a young man told Lindsay that his biology teacher said it was the duty of parents to abort handicapped children.

He and some of his classmates were so upset over this, they went and prayed at a nearby children's hospital.

"They prayed that God would impact people's hearts on campus. And he said, 'Here you guys are.' I got chills when I heard that!"

Lindsay, who was raised in Glen Burnie, first learned about Justice for All, a project of Students for Bio-Ethical Equality, during a 2004 spring semester program studying family, church and society issues at the Focus on the Family Institute in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Her church, Jenkins Memorial Church in Pasadena, Md., helped sponsor her study semester.

Prior to that, they had sponsored her at Philadelphia Biblical University, where she received her bache-



Students and faculty listen to Justice for All's David Lee (right) at JFA's University of North Carolina exhibit.

In My Humble Opinion

Reflections on the election: let's stop mincing words

By Janet Baker

For better or worse (mostly worse) the 2008 presidential election is behind us. Barack Hussein Obama, an anti-Christian person, is now president.

So how did we get here? How did we, as a nation, come to be in such a state that we elected a man who 1) promises to declare open season on unborn children vis-à-vis unrestrained abortion, 2) remains friends with America-bashing preachers and unrepentant terrorists, 3) has ties to corrupt "community organizing" rackets, etc?

How did we, as a nation, come to be so hypnotized and hoodwinked by such a shallow, smooth-talking charlatan?

I believe that those who fell for Obama's siren songs did so because they are accustomed to living on the level of their passions and emotions, as opposed to logic and reason.

When one looks at the culture and sees how it is dominated by rebellion against God and the elevation of sensuality and selfishness, is it any wonder that logic and reason are jettisoned in favor of the "feel-good" mentality? Sin darkens the intellect and weakens the will.

We as pro-life activists simply will get nowhere in establishing the Culture of Life until we address the general spiritual, intellectual and moral mess that has swallowed up the minds and hearts of people.

We, as a nation, need to be called to conversion; by that, I mean we need to become aware that 1) the Holy Trinity is a reality; 2) we need to start living our lives as though we are preparing for eternity – for we are; 3) we all will face the Last Four Things; and 4) either heaven or hell will be the eter-

nal destiny of each of us. Moreover, we must govern all our life choices accordingly.

Certainly the Church needs to step up to the plate and start preaching solid truth once again: traditional faith and morals, need for sacraments, adherence to teaching on life issues and moral conduct, vice and virtue.

If there has been any blessing at all about the last few months, it's that a few bishops have started to find their voices and their spines and to make

How did we, as a nation, come to be hoodwinked by such a shallow charlatan?

clear that a vote for Obama constituted grave sin. We pray that such continues and that this groundswell grows within the hierarchy.

Sadly, we read that the USCCB has congratulated Obama on his victory. They should not have congratulated him; rather, they should have forthrightly called him to task for his antipathy towards God while assuring him of their prayers.

It is not only the USCCB and other church structures that have shown reticence in proclaiming the reality of the afterlife, but even some pro-life organizations have been similarly bashful about these all-important topics.

I've mentioned before my bemusement at this omission on the part of One More Soul. They are a chastity-promoting organization that has as one of its primary tools a poster that depicts the difference between chastity

and promiscuity by picturing a flower and a weed side by side. Each is surrounded by attributes that one might expect for each.

However, the key results of both chastity and promiscuity are curiously absent. Those ends are, respectively, heaven and hell. Such omission is most curious when one considers that heaven and hell are the ultimate consequences that will not pass with time.

At least twice I've sent to them inquiries regarding their thinking behind this error by omission; I've yet to receive the courtesy of a reply.

Regardless of how One More Soul responds, we cannot allow ourselves to follow this unfortunate example. We as activists must proclaim the entirety of our Faith – including the eternal realities.

Once upon a time, we understood the necessity of meditating on what were known as the Last Four Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. How is it that we as pro-life activists do not shout these realities far and wide?

At a talk given by a chastity speaker a few months ago, I brought up this point. I could tell from his response that the eternal consequences were simply things not considered by him (or many of his colleagues).

He cited the need to "win over hearts" and being "positive versus negative." I pointed out to him that young people really weren't that stupid or shallow, and shared with him the following illustration.

A song popular among young people, by a group called The Bloodhound Gang, has the refrain, "You and me baby ain't nothing but mammals, so let's do it like they do on the Discovery Channel."

The song really is quite vile; how-

ever, I think the refrain deserves close study. It's a proposition stated in the form of a premise followed by a conclusion. While we might get all atwitter about the conclusion, I hold that the premise is the real problem; if the premise is true (we ain't nothing but mammals), then the conclusion logically follows.

This is corroborated by none other than St Paul the Apostle in I Corinthians 15:12-33. A key sentence is: "If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

Paul the Apostle and the Bloodhound Gang agree on the logic, but from opposing perspectives. The Bloodhound Gang erroneously assumes that there is neither spiritual life nor resurrection of the dead.

However, we, like St Paul, hold to the truth that there is eternal life, and that all men will ultimately consign themselves to heaven or hell, depending on their life choices – including votes.

We need to start proclaiming that and stop worrying about how it will be received. It certainly won't be received at all if we remain tight-lipped about it!

Too many Catholics (54% of them, to be precise) forgot all about their eternal destinations when they cast their votes. For all the talk about "single-issue voting," this turned out to be a single-issue election, the overriding issue being the economy.

Too many Catholics (clergy and bishops included) were worried about their own pocketbooks (temporal matter) and disregarded their duties to establish the Culture of Life (eternal life).

Unfortunately, we too have tended to drop the ball when it comes to incorporating the truths of eternity in what we try to convey to the culture at large. We've got to amend that, starting immediately.



Lindsay Rupperecht (right) and fellow Justice for All volunteers enjoy a light moment in a tunnel on the North Carolina State campus.

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lor's degree in Biblical Studies.

Lindsay, who now works as a project assistant for National Pro-Life Radio, was able to promote NPLR to other pro-lifers during the North Carolina trip.

When she was driving home from North Carolina, Lindsay reflected on what had been accomplished by the five-day Justice for All project.

"I wept for the unborn babies and prayed that God would sear people's consciences," she said.

"But I was confident that we had been a light for the Lord and the babies who cannot speak.

"When Christians unite on a single purpose, great things can happen!"

The Center for Bio-Ethical Equality, based in Wichita, Kansas, was founded by David Lee in 1993.

The group's first project was the Choices Medical Clinic, a full medical clinic and prenatal hospice program located across from George

Tiller's notorious late-term abortion mill in Wichita.

"We were saving 300 babies annually, but Tiller was killing 3,000 a year," said Lee in a January phone interview.

So his group launched Justice for All, an education project designed to train young adult Christians to bring the pro-life message to their peers on university campuses.

"Our mission is to train thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions, one person at a time," Lee explained.

JFA has held exhibits at approximately 60-70 campuses, several times at each campus, since 1998.

Justice for All's website is JFAweb.org.



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