



DEFEND LIFE

Proclaiming the Culture of Life and Fighting the Culture of Death since 1987

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Dear Friend of Defend Life,

First let me thank all of you who gave so generously to our \$10,000 Christmas matching grant campaign. Thanks to our wonderful anonymous donors who put up the \$10,000 and those of you who gave so generously to match it. Because of your generosity, Defend Life, will be able to continue what our beloved **John Paul the Great** called *the most important work on earth*.

There is much to tell you about since I last wrote to you. On Wednesday, January 3, we organized a demonstration at the Italian Embassy in Washington. The event was a gala black tie dinner honoring **Nancy Pelosi**, our new Catholic pro-abort Speaker of the House. It was part of her four-day-long *coronation* ceremony. We were there with our signs **Pelosi Preys on Babies** as nearly a thousand guests passed 10 feet away in their black limousines. We would love to know where Pelosi lives in D.C. so we can visit her neighborhood often in the future. Can anyone tell us?



On Wednesday, January 10, we had a combination **Face the Truth Tour and GAP (General Awareness Project)** at the State Capitol in Annapolis on the opening day of the State Legislature. We had to overcome many obstacles to make this happen including **State Senator Andy Harris** who had to explain the **First Amendment Facts of Life** to the Capitol Police Chief who at first had verbally denied our request. Only in America are such displays possible. Thanks be to God for our heroic **Founding Fathers** such as **Washington,**



Jefferson, and **Madison** and the other framers who so wisely wrote such guarantees into the First Amendment. It has served our cause so well. Whenever we use these graphic images, it both conveys the truth about abortion and it drives the militant pro-aborts crazy. Afterwards, we marched triumphantly through the streets of Annapolis and enjoyed a celebratory **Feast for Life** at Buddy's Crab House at the City Docks.



On Friday, January 12, we had our annual **March for Life Kickoff Lecture** at Annunciation Church in Northwest Washington. **Mary Healy, STD**, adjunct professor at Ave Maria University and Christendom College graduate school, gave a wonderful talk entitled: **Cohabitation: Why Not?** She explained this terrible problem which is so rampant, even among Catholic engaged couples. Some reports say that a high as 80% of engaged couples live together before marriage. This lecture was carried live on Internet TV at www.prolifeneews.tv, the **C-Span of the pro-life movement**. Imagine, pro-lifers world-wide could see and hear this great talk live. Read more about [prolifeneews.tv](http://www.prolifeneews.tv) in this issue and bookmark it as one of your favorites! You can also obtain a free CD of Mary Healy's talk by simply emailing CDs@defendlife.org.

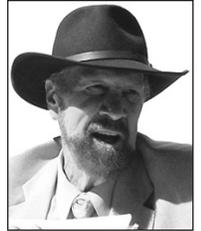


On Friday, January 19, we kicked off the March for Life weekend with a GAP at the University of the District of Columbia on Connecticut Avenue and made a second stop at DuPont Circle. We were joined by *The Survivors*, a group of dedicated high school pro-lifers from Southern California. They call themselves *Survivors* because these great kids were all born long after *Roe v Wade*, and could have been legally dispatched had their mothers chosen abortion.

On Saturday, January 20, we had a table top display at the **Students for Life of America** conference held at Catholic University. There were about 450 enthusiastic college pro-lifers there and we talked to many of them. Because of your past generosity, we had a dozen or so of our **PROLIFE/Abortion Kills Babies** T-shirts left over from last summer's Maryland **Face the Truth Tour**. These tenacious pro-life college students gobbled them up with the understanding that they would wear them to class at least once a week. What a great way to get out the pro-life message at their colleges!



There were many great speakers at this conference, such as *Mark Crutcher*, *Mike Schwartz*, *Paul Troiani*, *Vicki Thorn*, and *Joe Scheidler* who was given a special award at that evening's banquet.



We were particularly impressed by many of these students who said they wanted to continue their pro-life efforts on college campuses on a full-time basis after graduation. **Students for Life of America** now has many such recent graduates doing just this in various areas of the country thanks to the generosity of one fantastic benefactor.

Also in attendance was the great *Bernadette Smyth* who has heroically kept abortion out of Northern Ireland. Bernie, who spoke for one of our Defend Life Lecture Tours two years ago, called early in January, saying that she was coming over for the March for Life. She was first flying to New York for a visit with *Chris Slattery*, another great hero of the pro-life movement before heading down to Washington. Chris Slattery heads up the **Pregnancy Help Centers** in New York's five boroughs. I asked Bernie if she would like to speak at *Nellie Gray's* March for Life Conference and then called Nellie to tell her what a great speaker Bernie Smyth would be. Bernie did speak and she stole the show at the Saturday night conference.

Then came Monday, January 22, 2007, the **34th Annual March for Life**. It was a cold day but clear day. As I drove down the B-W Parkway towards DC, I was passed by dozens of buses from places like **Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, New York**, and points north heading for the **March for Life**. It's the same every year and I am always elated because I know these buses contain hundreds of fellow pro-lifers going to exactly where I am going and for the same reason. They were going to the March for Life in huge numbers to let their fellow Americans know that *we pro-lifers will never rest until life in the womb is once again safe for every pre-born baby!*



One of the first persons I saw at the march was *Angela Michael* from St. Louis, mother of 7, who has her own radio program *Small Victories* on KSTL 630 AM. She interviewed me at length and then I directed her to interview *Joe Healy*, our outstanding database manager. Next I saw a banner from **St. James Catholic Church** in nearby **Charlestown, West Virginia**. *Fr. Brian Owen*, the pastor, is one **on-fire** priest who was there leading his flock. Father Owen told me he was a graduate of **Mount St. Mary's Seminary** (always a good sign) and had grown up in North Carolina. He has just built a new church for his rapidly growing 1100 family congregation in Charlestown. We spoke about *Monsignor Stuart Swetland*, the fabulous new Director of Pre-Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, who was responsible for **60 vocations** to the priesthood while he was the chaplain at the **University of Illinois Newman Center**. Welcome back to Maryland, Monsignor Swetland. I'll never forget when I first met you way back in 1990 when a fairly new Defend Life brought the great *Joan Andrews* to speak at the Mount, and then a year later when I attended your ordination at **St. Mary's Cathedral** in **Peoria, Illinois**. That's the same Cathedral where a young altar boy named *Fulton Sheen* first served **Holy Mass**.

As always, there were great speakers prior to the March including *Senator Sam Brownback* from Kansas who had just announced his candidacy for president, *Rabbi Yehudah Levin* who will be our speaker in March (see ad on the back of this newsletter), and *Pastor Luke Robinson* from Frederick, Maryland, who explained how blacks are rapidly exterminating themselves in America by abortion. Quite possibly, there is no more fervent and impassioned black speaker in the entire pro-life movement than Pastor Luke Robinson, except for *Alan Keyes* who is in a class all by himself.



Then I ran into my good friends *Mary Lou Warren* from Seton Home Study in Virginia, and *Bud MacFarlane, Sr.* from North Jersey, one of the most outspoken critics of the contraception problem. Bud and I were walking together towards the head of the March when we ran into the great *Sisters of Life* from New York City. Bud introduced me to their superior, *Mother Agnes Mary Donovan* who was munching on a small bag of Utz potato chips. Those of you who knew me well, know that one of my most frequent questions upon meeting a person for the first time is, *Where did you grow up?* It turns out that Mother Agnes Mary grew up near Montrose, Pennsylvania. Montrose is only an hour from Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania, where I was blessed to

spend my formative years at *Our Lady of the Snows*. Look for an article about the Sisters of Life in a future issue of *Defend Life*.



God bless you!
Today you
marched for
life.



But what about
tomorrow?

YOUR "MARCHING ORDERS"

Keep fighting for life tomorrow—and throughout the year.

What you can do:

- ✓ Spend one hour each month in prayer at an abortion clinic.
- ✓ Lead a public protest against abortion in your home town.
- ✓ Pass out pro-life leaflets in your neighborhood.
- ✓ Start a pro-life club at your school or church.

Bud and I marched together to the Supreme Court. At that point, I helped *Ann and Joe Scheidler* pass out *Marching Orders* they had shipped in from Chicago. These *Marching Orders* were simply a large color postcard commending individual Marchers for having come to Washington to March for Life but reminding them that the real work would begin when they got back to their respective states. *Marching Orders* gave them four simple tasks they could do to stamp out abortion once they have arrived back home. We distributed thousands of these to enthusiastic Marchers.

One thing that was extremely obvious at this year's March was the increasing number of high school students, probably a majority of those attending. Many of these students were on fire with enthusiasm and clever chants such as *Life is Good – Abortion is a No-No-No!* There were also lots of large young marching families including ones with toddlers packed into wagons being towed by their dads.

At the end of the March, post-abortive women (and some men) gathered in front of the Supreme Court as part of the *Silent No More* campaign to tell the stories of their abortions. They were all heart wrenching but there was one I shall never forget. It was a husband and his wife, both telling their story. During their unmarried college days, the woman had become pregnant and abortion seemed like the easy way out. Later this couple, very much in love, did marry. The husband said poignantly, *I would give anything if somehow I could reverse that decision of long ago*. Sadly, they had killed the only child they were ever to bear! For more information about this great effort, visit www.silentnomore.org.



At the Rose Banquet that evening, two pro-life presidential candidates were present. *Senator Sam Brownback* from Kansas who was one of two keynote speakers. Sam Brownback is the only senator in the history of the United States Senate to convert to Roman Catholicism while holding office. Another pro-life presidential candidate whom I met was *John Cox*, an industrialist from Chicago (God only knows that we could use more manufacturing in America). John is a remarkable man. He was raised poor on Chicago's south side by his single

mother after his father walked out shortly after John was born. You can find out more about Sam Brownback at www.brownback.com and John Cox at www.cox2008.com.



Archbishop Raymond Burke of **St. Louis** was the other keynote speaker. He spoke eloquently about **embryonic stem cell research** and **human cloning**, two closely associated battles we cannot afford to lose.

During the week of January 29, I traveled to Dallas to attend the annual Air Conditioning Exposition as part of my work as a professional engineer. While there, I visited **Mark Crutcher**, the founder of **Life Dynamics**, in nearby **Denton, Texas**. Mark is one of the great geniuses and heroes of the pro-life movement. Life Dynamics is the only pro-life organization that courageously does undercover intelligence on the abortion industry. If you believe that the evils we are fighting are truly a **WAR**, then we can never know too much about what our enemy, the evil abortion industry is up to. It was Mark Crutcher who was responsible for **Lime 5**, the expose of the abortion industry written unknowingly by abortionists themselves. It was Mark Crutcher who exposed the **Aborted Baby Parts** scandal proving that organs and various parts of aborted babies are routinely being sold for BIG \$ to giant pharmaceutical companies and research hospitals like **Johns Hopkins**. It was Mark Crutcher through his **Child Predator Project** who exposed the fact that the vast majority of teenage pregnancies are caused by **adult men** (not by teenage boys as many of us had thought). He also proved that Planned Parenthood and other abortion mills have never had any problems **performing abortions on these 12 to 15 year-old-under-age-girls – no questions asked!** Life Dynamics is the only major pro-life organization that courageously performs this dirty undercover intelligence on the abortion industry.

Here are just some of the great resources that Life Dynamics offers to pro-life activists:

- www.prolifeamerica.com - A single gateway to all the numerous Life Dynamics websites plus the **Priests for Life** web site
- Free email service with an email address such as **Margie5@ProlifeAmerica.com**. With such an address, every time someone emails you, they have to type or see the words **Prolife America**.
- **Life Talk**, a great monthly DVD featuring Mark Crutcher, Father Frank Pavone, Janet Morana, and Troy Newman. Some pro-life groups use this DVD to keep current on pro-life issues at their monthly meetings.
- The book **Lime 5**, a must read for any serious pro-lifer.
- **Pro-life Answers**, a great pocket sized pro-life apologetics primer.
- 46 different **Activism** cards like the ones shown here. There are tons of ways to distribute these cards such as leaving them in restrooms, putting them on business card bulletin boards in stores, enclosing them in postage paid envelopes, enclosing with bill payments, and the list goes on.



Get a free supply of these last three items at our next **Defend Lecture Tour** or order directly from **Life Dynamics** at **800-401-6469**.

Thanks for all you do to save innocent pre-born babies from death-by-abortion and thanks especially for your generous and continuing support of **Defend Life!**



Long Live Christ Our King!

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P.S. Here are some more pictures from the "March for Life."

Enclosure