



# DEFEND LIFE

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*June 14, 2008 Anno Domini*  *Flag Day*

Dear Friend of Defend Life,

**Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1** are the dates for our **8th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour**. Mark these dates indelibly on your calendar! We need your presence and your generous financial help to once again expose **the ugly evil of abortion** with our graphic signs. We live in a highly visual society and that's why it's absolutely necessary we continue our Face the Truth Tours.

Do Face the Truth Tours actually work? **You bet they do!** **Bob Newman** from Pittsburgh, attended our very first Truth Tour back in 2001. In 2002, Bob began conducting Truth Tours all over his adopted state of Pennsylvania with the help of his wonderful wife Joan and several of their 11 adult children. Bob has even ventured into the wilds of West Virginia.



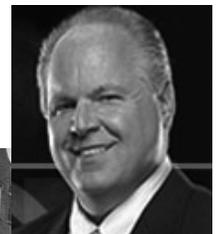
Here is an incident from Bob's recently completed Pittsburgh Truth Tour that occurred on May 9. Bob tells about it in his own words:

*Despite all the abuse we take on the streets, it was all worthwhile when an older woman stopped her car (and all those behind her) coming out of the Liberty Tunnels and spoke to John. He expected the usual, **There are children in these cars! You should be ashamed of yourself showing these terrible pictures!** But no, instead, she said, **My daughter had an abortion planned a few years ago and changed her mind when she saw these pictures. Because of you I now have a wonderful little granddaughter. Thank you and God Bless you.** And off she drove to the honks of about twenty cars backed up behind her."*

What a great testimonial that Truth Tours actually do cut through the **media blackout** on abortion and do actually save lives.

Here's what we need you to do to help make this year's Tour another tremendous success. First and foremost, help us raise the **\$16,000** needed to fund this Tour. If you are wondering where the \$16,000 figure comes from, here is the breakdown:

- \$ 4,000 - Stipends for Director and Assistant Director
- \$ 2,000 - Stipends and travel allowances for Student Core Team Members
- \$ 2,000 - Truth Truck Expenses
- \$ 2,000 - Radio Ads on Rush Limbaugh
- \$ 1,200 - Gasoline for Core Team vehicles
- \$ 500 - Food and water for Core Team
- \$ 500 - Air fare for speakers
- \$ 1,800 - Pro-Life T-shirts
- \$ 1,200 - Literature and signs
- \$ 800 - Miscellaneous
- \$ 16,000 - TOTAL COST



Once again, pro-life heroes **Michael and Stephen Peroutka** have offered us a generous matching grant of **\$8,000**. What that means is that anything that you donate and is postmarked between now and August 4 will be **matched \$ for \$ up to a total of \$8,000**. If you give \$1,000, it instantly doubles to \$2,000. \$500 becomes \$1,000, \$250 becomes \$500, \$100 becomes \$200, \$50 becomes \$100, and so on. So please **give, give generously, and convince others to give!**



Regretfully, thousands of **PRO-LIFERS** will not receive this letter and have never heard about **Defend Life** and our wonderful work. Be an ambassador for **Defend Life** and tell all your **Pro-Life** friends about us!

In deciding how much to donate, please remember these two important thoughts:

- Every student member of our **Core Team** is almost certain to be a future leader in the **pro-life** movement. **Your donation to Truth Tour 8 is an investment in the future of the pro-life movement!** Remember **Chrissie Walsh**, our Director from 2006 and **Christendom College** valedictorian that year. Chrissie should soon be entering the **Sisters of Life**.
- Later this very day you may be standing before **Our Lord** giving an accounting of your deeds **as we all must ultimately do**. If **He** were to ask you what the last thing you did here on earth to save **His** innocent pre-born children from abortion, **would you be comfortable with the amount you had just given?**

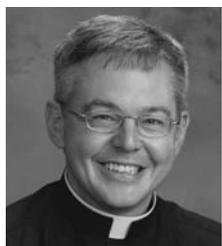
Please write your check today and remember that **Almighty God is never outdone in generosity!** Please use the enclosed reply envelope to send your generous donation which will be **doubled up to a total of \$8,000**.

Now let me tell you about our wonderful director and assistant director for Truth Tour 8. **Beth Walsh**, Mount St. Mary's Class of 2010 will be our **Director** and her sister **Joanie Walsh**, Franklin High School, Class of 2008, will be our **Assistant Director**.

Beth will be in charge of recruiting Core Team members, Stop Captains for our 15 stops (**we still need 8 more Stop Captains**), publicity, and overall direction of Truth Tour 8. Joanie will be in charge of arranging for daily Mass, lunches, picnic suppers, travel and overnight accommodations.

Beth and Joan are the fourth and sixth children of their very proud parents **Irene and Gerry Walsh**. The entire Walsh family became involved in pro-life activism years ago when an abortion mill opened just a long fly ball from Franklin High School in Reisterstown, where all the Walsh children attended. They have been at it ever since.

Beth is a junior at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland. She is majoring in political science, with minors in both history and philosophy. She is the president of the **Legion of Mary** on campus as well as **Mount Students for Life**. After graduation, Beth plans to work **full time in the pro-life movement**. At the Mount she works very closely with the ubiquitous **Monsignor Stuart Swetland**. Oh what a blessing to have an ally like Monsignor Stuart Swetland!



Beth still needs Captains for our **Charlestown, Frederick, Westminster, Towson, Catonsville, White Marsh, Bowie-Crofton, and Bel Air** stops. Stop Captains, merely need to make phone calls to persons already on our list urging them to join us for 90 minutes at their particular stop. **It's that easy!** Beth is also looking to recruit additional Core Team members. Anyone from 16 upward who is mobile and willing to take some heat both literally and figuratively qualifies. Don't be afraid to recruit your children or grandchildren for our 20-member Core Team. Core Team members will typically be with us all five days beginning late Sunday afternoon, July 25, and ending Friday evening, August 1. But if you can be with us only two or three days, it would be great to have you with us as well.

You can contact Beth at **410-933-6837**, [beth@defendlife.org](mailto:beth@defendlife.org). Even if you are in an area where Beth has already recruited a Stop Captain, you can volunteer to be an assistant to that Stop Captain!

Joanie Walsh just graduated from Franklin High School in Reisterstown, Maryland, where she organized numerous pro-life events, such as pro-life T-shirt days, days of silence, and prayer at the flag pole. She was also the founder and president of Franklin's Christian Culture Club. Just like her older sisters, I am confident that

Joanie will be a future leader in the pro-life movement. When Joanie came into the world back in 1991, she was named by her parents after the great **Joan Andrews Bell**, one of the true heroes of the **PRO-LIFE** movement. Joanie's older brother, **Joseph**, was named after the great **Joe Scheidler**. Joanie can certainly use your help in providing lunches, picnic suppers, overnight accommodations, and vehicles for our Truth Tour. For example, we could really use a passenger van or two to help transport our **Core Team**.



You can contact Joanie Walsh at **443-204-4870**, [joanie@defendlife.org](mailto:joanie@defendlife.org) to volunteer your talents.



And thank you once again for whatever you can give towards our \$8,000 matching grant from Michael and Stephen Peroutka. **Please remember that whatever you give will be doubled up to a total of \$8,000.** Once again, remember also that our Great and Gracious God is never outdone in generosity!

Long live Christ Our King,

*Jack Ames*  
Jack Ames, Director

ENCLOSURE

## 8th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour • JULY 28 – AUGUST 1

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>MON. • JULY 28</b>   | <b>TUES. • JULY 29</b> | <b>WED. • JULY 30</b> | <b>THUR. • JULY 31</b> | <b>FRI. • AUG. 1</b>     |
| <b>Charlestown, WV*</b> | Rockville              | <b>Bowie/Crofton*</b> | <b>Towson*</b>         | <b>Catonsville*</b>      |
| Hagerstown              | Embassy Row, DC        | Arundel Mills Mall    | Downtown Balto.        | <b>White Marsh Mall*</b> |
| <b>Frederick*</b>       | Downtown DC            | <b>Westminster*</b>   | Northern Parkway       | <b>Bel Air*</b>          |

### KEEP THESE DATES OPEN!

Morning stops 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. Noon stops 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Afternoon stops 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*\*Stop Captains still needed.*

### Doctor Frank J. Ayd – RIP



Doctor Frank J. Ayd, Jr. went to his eternal reward on February 11, 2008. The psychiatric profession, the troubled souls he served, his family, his friends, the pro-life movement and the world lost a brilliant researcher, a sensitive and caring doctor, a great husband and father, and a true friend. Frank Ayd was one of a kind!

He had many interests and loves. He was a daily communicant. When traveling internationally, he would always find a scheduled Mass for the following day! During a trip to the **Holy Land**, Frank was visiting the

**Basilica of the Annunciation** in **Nazareth**, the very location where **Jesus Christ** was made flesh in the womb of our **Blessed Mother**. The day was getting along and suddenly Frank realized that he had yet to participate in the **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**. He wandered

off and returned a short time later announcing to his friends that a priest he had found would be celebrating a private Mass for them in the Grotto in five minutes. That Grotto was the very spot where the Angel Gabriel had appeared to Our Blessed Mother. He was a devout Catholic gentleman; his wife **Rita** was always first and each child was special. His daughters were always called **Princess**. He loved beauty and was an avid art collector. He and Rita decorated their home for all occasions.



He published his monthly **Medical Moral Newsletter** single-handedly for 37 years. He worked on it or one of his other numerous publications whenever he had a spare minute. He also published a **3300-page drug**

**lectionary.** As busy as he was, he always took phone calls from patients and colleagues, wherever he was.

He loved life and lived every day as if it were his first, his last, his only day! He was the **proud father of 12.** Frank was an early, strong and constant pro-life advocate, supporter and advisor. He was also a founder of **CATHOLIC UNITED FOR THE FAITH** which bravely challenged much of the nonsense that invaded the church after the false implementation of Vatican II.

Frank Ayd was an exuberant cheerleader while at Loyola College. He would back-flip again and again. He was first in his class in medical school at the University of Maryland. He was a speed reader and could read, retain and digest written material as fast as he turned the pages. His interest in psychiatry began when he was a young naval lieutenant doctor assigned to Perry Point Naval Hospital during WWII. His grandfather had been a pharmacist and his father a pediatrician before him. He chose psychotherapeutic pharmacological medicine as his life's work. He was one of the founders of this medical specialty and pioneered in treating patients with lithium. He was an internationally acclaimed researcher and lecturer. He received numerous honors, degrees and citations from universities, societies and nations from all over the globe.

Frank was a person of boundless energy and drive, who typically arose at 4 AM each morning. While in medical school, he met his future wife, **Rita Anne Coraseniti**, also a medical student. After graduating and being commissioned in the Navy, Frank and Rita married and began their family. Soon, their first child arrived and then four more followed rapidly **before Frank**

**could accumulate enough money to buy his first car.** During that period, Frank held two jobs simultaneously. His day began at Perry Point Veterans Hospital about 50 miles northeast of his Baltimore home and his night work was in Washington teaching at Catholic University, about 60 miles southwest of Baltimore. Sometimes he traveled by train. **More often, he hitchhiked!**

In 1962, **Pope John XXII** summoned the hierarchy of the Church to Rome for **Vatican II.** Frank suspended his recently established psychiatric practice in Baltimore and moved his entire family of 14 to Rome. Pan American Airways provided free passage in exchange for a picture of the huge Ayd family boarding the Pan Am plane.

During his three years in the Eternal City, Frank Ayd became the first layman ever to teach at the **Gregorian University**, counselor to Father Francis Furlong, S.J. (advisor to Vatican II) and producer of weekly Vatican radio programs on mental health and medical morality. While doing all of this, Frank was looking after his family and from time to time lecturing at medical schools and societies in both Europe and America. During his life, he crossed the Atlantic well over one-hundred times and went around the world once.

Frank Ayd is survived by his wife of 67 years, Rita Ann Ayd, their 12 children, 33 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren (5 of whom are waiting to be born). Doctor Frank Ayd, Jr. was indeed **one-of-a-kind. Well done, good and faithful servant!**

N.B. This tribute was written by Frank Ayd's dear friend Lewis Fleury.



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