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Dear Pro-Life Activist,



By the time you read this, Pope Benedict XVI will have completed his historic trip to America, including his historic Mass at the new Washington Nationals' Stadium. With your help, we were able to make the very most of this unprecedented opportunity for pro-life evangelization by passing out thousands of bumper stickers like the one you see here. More about that event in our next newsletter. If you can't wait that long, visit our website at defendlife.org for a gallery of pictures.



PAUL SCHENCK – OUR JOURNEY TO THE HILL

On February 21-22, Paul Schenck, one of the true heroes of the pro-life movement, spoke on four different occasions about **Our Journey to the Hill**. If you missed this talk, you really must hear it on CD. We record all of our outstanding speakers and a CD of this talk is yours for the asking by emailing CDs@defendlife.org or by calling us at **410-296-5483** and leaving a message.



Paul's life is a life of miracles. This talk is about how Paul first became involved in pro-life activism while pastoring a church in the Buffalo, New York area where he and his identical twin brother Rob had been raised in the Jewish faith.



It's the story of how Paul and Rob made that geographical and spiritual leap from Buffalo to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. It's the story of how they came to own a house which is literally a stone's throw from the Supreme Court and have come to know most of the Supreme Court Justices on a face-to-face basis. It's the story of how miracles really do happen when we **pray incessantly, work wisely, and put our trust completely in Him.**



Here is just one miracle that was not included in Paul's talk. While Paul was still pastor at Bishop Cummins Church in nearby Catonsville, Maryland, there was an outside event on the church grounds on a Saturday afternoon. While cleaning up afterwards, Paul was in the woods adjoining the church grounds. Minutes later, a long-time member of his congregation said, **Pastor, stay out of those woods! They are full of POISON OAK!**

Paul knew he was in trouble because he had been all through the woods and certainly had been exposed. He also knew that he had three services at which to preach the following Sunday morning and an enormous youth rally at which to speak in Pennsylvania early that following week. Immediately, he washed down his entire body. That evening, Paul called a doctor friend in New York who said he could prescribe a medication but it would not take effect until Thursday at the earliest.

By Sunday morning, Paul was breaking out between services. When he went to the drug store early that afternoon to pick up his prescription, Paul looked for every across-the-counter medication that might possibly help. He saw a drug called **ZANFEL** just as he was about to leave. It was very expensive but Paul was so desperate for immediate relief that he bought it. Later that Sunday afternoon, Paul called the **ZANFEL 800#** knowing full well that it was very unlikely that anyone would answer. On about the 20th ring,



somebody did answer. It was the owner and inventor of Zanafel. When Paul identified himself as Paul Schenck, he said **Paul Schenck, the Paul Schenck originally from Buffalo, New York? I supported your family when you were in jail, but then I lost touch with you!** To make a long story short, the owner of Zanafel, was a pro-life activist just like you and me. But he had wanted to do more so he prayed to God to make him very rich so he could give more money to the pro-life movement. In a dream, God revealed to him a simple formula for a product that would cure not only poison oak but poison ivy and poison sumac, as well. When he awoke, he wrote down the formula, made some samples from inexpensive ingredients, and then tried it out. **It worked!** He then shared it with a dermatologist who was impressed. This dermatologist shared it with other dermatologists and that is how Zanafel came to be. It is also the story of how Paul was totally cured of his poison oak when he awoke Monday morning.

Paul Schenck continues to do great work on Capitol Hill under the name **National Pro-Life Action Center on Capitol Hill**, located at 113 Second Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002. Find out more by visiting www.nplac.org. Consider supporting Paul's great efforts in addition to your support of **Defend Life**.

TOM STROBHAR – THE UNHOLY ALLIANCE

On March 13-14, Tom Strobhar of **Life Decisions International**, www.fightpp.org, and **Pro Vita Advisors**, www.provitaadvisors.com, spoke four times for Defend Life. His topic was **The Unholy Alliance: How Corporate America Supports Abortion, Pornography, and the Homosexual Lifestyle**. Tom has been described by Pat Buchanan as a **one-man Planned Parenthood wrecking crew**.



Tom lives in Dayton, Ohio, where he has been a stockbroker since the 1980's. His office was right across the street from an abortion mill where **abortionist Martin Haskell**, who developed partial birth abortion as it later came to be known, was sucking babies' brains out with his new technique. That's how Tom Strobhar first became a **PRO-LIFE ACTIVIST**.



Tom, through his research, finds out which corporations are funding **Planned Parenthood**, purchases a minimum number of shares of that corporation, submits a shareholder's resolution for that company to cease its funding, and then shows up at the annual shareholders' meeting to offer his resolution in person. So far,



160+ corporations have stopped their funding of PP, including such giants as **AT&T, American Express,**



and **Target**. Other groups such as American Family Association (AFA) and Project Mustard Seed have joined in the fun and corporate America is slowly getting the message. **Ford Motor** recently threw in the towel for promoting same-sex marriage and homosexual lifestyle because of an AFA boycott. AFA is now aiming its guns at **GM. McDonald's may be next!** When a company agrees to stop funding PP, their name is quietly removed from the next issue of the Life Decisions boycott list.



Some prominent corporations which still support Planned Parenthood, including **Adobe, Bank of America, Chevron, Dallas Cowboys, DuPont, eBay, Four Seasons, Gannett (USA Today), Johnson & Johnson, JP Morgan, Marriott, Outback Steakhouse, Wachovia, Disney, Whole Foods, Wells Fargo, and Wyeth**. Remember these names and spend accordingly!

Obtain the most current boycott list by mailing a check for \$19.95 to **Life Decisions International, P.O. Box 429, Front Royal, VA 22630**. Your donation for this list is the sole source of support for Life Decisions. Please do not duplicate this list as it quickly becomes out of date. Visit their website at fightpp.org. **Tom Strobhar** is a great example of what one courageous individual can do to fight abortion!

BARBARA ANTOSHAK – PRO-LIFE HERO

Barbara Antoshak of **St. Ignatius Parish** in Forest Hill, celebrated her 70th birthday on March 19. On March 25, a belated surprise birthday party was arranged by Sue Melefsky and Jeanne Murphy, members of the Pro-Life posse at St. Ignatius. Little Barb, as her friends call her, is typical of the thousands of pro-life heroes out there like you who work tirelessly in the ranks staffing Pregnancy Centers and energizing parish pro-life groups. Without the Barbara Antoshak's of the movement, persons like **Joe Scheidler, Judie Brown** and **myself** would fall flat on their faces in about two seconds! Whether it's been the Mother's Day Flower Sale, the March for Life in D.C., the March in Annapolis, Life Chains, Face the Truth Tours, or Respect Life Sundays, Barbara has always been there since she became involved way back in the 1970s.





Barbara grew up in the Bronx at St. Helena's Parish and School (grades 1 through 12). She marvels about her great pastor, Monsignor Arthur Scanlan, who personally handed out every report card to every student, who personally attended every session of every play at St. Helena's (there were always at least four), and who personally showed the workmen what had to be done to renovate a school for the deaf that St. Helena's had taken over at the foot of the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge. Visit the website of this model parish at sthelenabronxny@org. I readily identify with Barbara and St. Helena's because my own dear mother, **Helen Rita Cebrelli Ames**, had grown up in another Bronx parish about 40 years earlier.



Barbara is the mother of four fine adult sons, Paul, Mike, John and Billy, and the proud grandmother of 11. Barbara is a pro-life hero for another important reason! You see, when Barbara's youngest was only



three, she lost her beloved husband, Joseph. They had met and married in the Bronx before moving to New Jersey and then to Maryland where Joseph worked at Aberdeen Proving Ground. Barb raised those four young boys all by herself. If you asked her about it, she would say *it was no big deal*. What a blessing, Barb Antoshak and the hundreds like her have been to the **PRO-LIFE** movement here in Maryland!

BUD HINKE – GREAT PRO-LIFE HERO – RIP



Clarence "Bud" Hinke went onto his eternal reward on Monday, February 4, two days before the beginning of Lent. He was buried on Thursday, the day after Ash Wednesday, from St. Dominic's Church on Harford Road where he and his wonderful wife Marie had raised their five sons and four daughters.



I first met Bud in the early years of Defend Life. It was probably about 1988 and Bud had seen one of our flyers announcing an upcoming Defend Life speaker at Loyola College. When Bud first called me, I knew he would be a passionate pro-life activist forever. Bud was passionate about everything including his Catholic faith, his family, sports, and social causes such as **Prison Ministry** and **Suicide Anonymous**. He was amazed when I told him that 4,000 babies were being legally slaughtered by abortion every day in America. After that, Bud could never do enough to *rescue those being led to the slaughter*. Often he would say to me something like, *Look, we have 150 parishes or so in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. If only we had a few persons in each parish to start an active pro-life group, what a powerhouse we would have to end abortion!* Bud was exactly right then and his words are still exactly right today!

I would try to pacify Bud and keep him from taking over the Q&A period after our various lectures by saying things like, *Remember, Bud, Rome was not build in a day!* But that did little to appease Bud. He was like **George Allen**, the legendary coach of the Washington Redskins, who said *The future is now!*

Soon Bud was off and running as a part of the **Rescue Movement**. Pro-life Rescuers would arrive very early on a Saturday morning at places like the old Planned Parenthood abortion factory at 610 North Howard Street in downtown Baltimore. They would sit down in front of the outside doors and lock arms effectively shutting these death camps down until the police came and physically removed and arrested them. Sometimes, they would get inside these death camps and go into the procedure rooms where the pre-born babies would be killed, and chain themselves to the procedure tables. Locally the Rescue Movement was led by such heroes as **Kip Gannett, Rob Bart, Marilyn Szewick (RSP), Bob Haase (RIP), Dee Silverman, Sister Nancy Hanson, Sally Wineke, Sue Priest, Maryann Kreitzer, Harry Hand, and John Cavanaugh O'Keefe**.

Bud Hinke loved Rescue and was not afraid to risk arrest to save these pre-born babies. He was arrested dozens of times at Rescues up and down the east coast and spent many months in jail as a result. He actually liked being in jail because it gave him a fantastic opportunity to witness to his fellow prisoners about the terrible injustice of abortion that was slaughtering pre-born babies.

Bud, as many of you know, suffered from asbestosis, emphysema and two types of cancer. How he endured these four major illnesses, only God knows! He often was



short of breath and had only about 10-20% of breathing capacity in one lung and virtually nothing at all in the other lung. As a result, he literally lived with his oxygen bottle in his later years. On one occasion, Bud traveled with that oxygen bottle by Greyhound Bus all the way from Baltimore to St. Louis to participate in a Rescue. **What incredible dedication and courage!** Some of Bud's favorite expressions were: ***Do your best and God will do the rest!*** - ***Stand for something!*** - ***Be hot or cold, don't be in the middle!*** - ***Whatever you decide to decide to stand for, give it 110%. But stand for something!*** What great words or wisdom.

Kip Gannett, the primary organizer of Rescues in Maryland, tells stories about Bud when he was on trial for his Rescues. The fearless Bud would blurt out in the middle of court something like, ***Your Honor, what about all these babies that are dying at these abortion mills? Where is the justice for them?***

Besides faith, family, and pro-life, one of Bud's great passions was sports. He was a star quarterback at Patterson High School and was an MSA wrestling champion in the 145 pound class. He also lettered in track. During WWII, while still at Patterson, Bud enlisted in the Marines. After two years, he came back to graduate from Patterson. He had won an athletic scholarship to Johns Hopkins but gave that up to stay at home and care for his dying mother who had raised 13 children. Bud was the 12th of her 13.

Bud Hinke never played a game of soccer in his life but that didn't stop him from coaching soccer at St. Dominics for over a decade. How was this possible? Bud simply visited the local Pratt Library Branch, found a book on soccer, and studied it thoroughly. He decided the key to winning soccer was to excel at teaching and practicing fundamentals as well as huge amounts of physical conditioning – calisthenics, as we used to call them – before every practice and every game. His strategy paid off. Bud's teams won every championship possible in Baltimore City year after year including wiping out their arch rival St. Ursulas every time they met!

While coaching soccer, Bud would run up and down the sidelines screaming encouragement to his players and keeping the referees in line. Whenever the refs made a bad call, Bud would be on their case. It was not uncommon for Bud to be banished from the sidelines while coaching. Even then, Bud could be heard coaching from afar shouting encouragement from atop the nearby hill.

Semper Fi, Always Faithful, the Marine motto, epitomizes what Bud Hinke, a great pro-life warrior, was all about! Keep coaching us from afar, Bud, until we meet again!



MARYLAND FACE THE TRUTH TOUR - JULY 28 – AUGUST 1

Keep the dates of July 28-August 1 open for our 8th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour.

Whatever you do, **do not vacation that week!** **Beth Walsh**, a sophomore at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg will be our Director. Several years ago, Beth's older sister, Chrissie, was our Director. Beth needs your help in the following areas:

- An assistant director in charge of travel, meals, and overnight accommodations for the Core Team. **This is a paid position!**
- **Core Team** members to be with us the entire week.
- **Captains** for all 15 stops.
- **Families** to provide housing for Core Team members.



Please contact Beth at 410-935-6837, or **Beth@defendlife.org**. Let's make our 2008 Truth Tour the best ever! And thanks for all you do to save innocent pre-born babies from death by abortion! And thanks especially for your wonderful generosity to Defend Life.

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames
Jack Ames, Director

Enclosure

P.S. We urgently need more persons to take a leadership role in *Defend Life*, especially for our Lecture Tours. Most work can be done from home. Please call me at 410-337-3721! THANKS!