




# DEFEND LIFE

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

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Dear Friend of Defend Life,



It's hard to believe that our **7th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour** is coming up soon. It's scheduled for **Monday, July 30** through **Friday, August 3**. I'm excited! Once again, we will show the people of **Maryland, Washington, DC, and West Virginia** (yes, West Virginia this year!) the ugly evil truth about abortion yet to be seen in our newspapers, on our major TV networks, or taught in most high school and college classrooms around America. That's exactly why we must continue to do **Face the Truth Tours**. They expose abortion for what it is, the deliberate sucking apart of innocent pre-born babies made in the image and likeness of Almighty God! Truth Tours work! They save lives! They work to counter the Culture of Death so pervasive in our society!



Before I tell you what **YOU** can do to make this the most successful Face the Truth Tour ever, let me tell you about our wonderful new Director, **Tricia Dougherty**, and Associate Director, **Laura Mancini**!

Tricia Dougherty is our new Director, replacing **Chrissie Walsh**, last year's outstanding director, who will joyfully be entering the **Sisters of Life** after a year of discernment.



Tricia Dougherty, who will graduate in three years from **Franciscan University**, is a double major in mathematics and computer science. This was possible because she had 18 advanced placement credits when she graduated **Aquinas Academy** in Pittsburgh, her home town. She has also taken summer courses at a local community college in order to graduate in three years. Tricia has been involved in pro-life since 8th grade, is adopted herself, has four adopted siblings from Poland, has done Face the Truth Tours in Western Pennsylvania and is a veteran sidewalk counselor using the Franciscan University method. She is an amazing young lady!

You **Ravens** and **Orioles** fans may be asking why a young lady from Pittsburgh is our Tour Director? That's a fair question! Way back in 2001 at our first Maryland Face the Truth Tour, we were joined for several days by **Bob Newman**, a retired food broker from Pittsburgh, and the father of 11 adult children. Bob was ecstatic about our Maryland Face the Truth Tour. It didn't take much to convince him that he should start doing **Truth Tours in Pittsburgh**.



On a business trip to Pittsburgh shortly thereafter, I met with Bob, his wife Joan, and some of their friends to tell them the great good they could accomplish by doing Truth Tours in **Western Pennsylvania**. Because

of past generosity of wonderful donors like **YOU, I was able to send Bob a check for \$1,000!** This helped him purchase an initial supply of Truth Signs. He's been doing Truth Tours ever since. Besides Pittsburgh, he has visited other major Pennsylvania cities such as **Johnstown, Altoona, State College, Harrisburg, York, Lancaster, Reading, Allentown, Easton, and Bethlehem.** He has also visited Morgantown, West Virginia. Every year, Bob brings his 50+ signs to Maryland to join forces with us and provide us with a huge armada of Truth Signs we need for volunteers like **YOU** to hold.



To make a long story much shorter, Bob forwarded our blanket e-mail stating we needed a director for this year's Truth Tour to **Mary Kay Brown** who forwarded it to **Tricia** and the rest is history. When I spoke to Tricia on the phone, I was **convinced** she would be a great director. When I met her several days later at a Bob Evans Restaurant in Breezewood, I was **positive** she would be a great director. **The bottom line is that God is never outdone in generosity!**

Tricia wants to work full-time in the pro-life movement after her graduation from Franciscan. We need young pro-lifers like Tricia to provide the future leadership of the **PRO-LIFE** movement! As our Truth Tour Director, Tricia will be responsible for:

- Recruiting and working with **Captains** and **Co-Captains** for each of our 15 Tour Stops. See the enclosed list of stops and consider volunteering.
- Recruiting 15 to 20 **Core Team** members who will travel with us all 5 days to all 15 stops. Being a Core Team member is something you'll never regret as long as you live. We are especially looking for high school and college students, but adults are also welcome as well! Tricia has already recruited 6 students and several adults so don't delay in signing up
- Responsibility for publicity and public relations.

To sign up as a Captain, Co-captain, or Core Team member, contact Tricia at **412-478-0894** or [tricia@defendlife.org](mailto:tricia@defendlife.org).

Now let me tell you about our wonderful Associate Director, **Laura Mancini**. Laura is from **Bel Air, Maryland**, where she is a member of the **St. Margaret's Parish**, one of the largest parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. She is the mother of two adult children. She grew up in the Detroit suburbs. Laura is a convert to Roman Catholicism and would tell you her Catholic faith is easily the most important aspect of her life.

Laura has tremendous organizational skills and has already come up with two great ideas for our two **Bel Air** stops. Our Friday morning stop will be on **Route 24 at Route 924**, just north of I-95 where there is mega traffic. Our final stop on Friday afternoon will be on **Route 22** in front of **Harford Community College** where there are also tons of traffic due in part to the 6,000 new jobs coming to **Aberdeen Providing Ground** in the next few years because of base closings.



Laura will be in charge of transportation, arranging for daily **Mass** as well as arranging for meals and overnight accommodations for our Core Team. She will also be responsible for finding a place to host our wonderful closing picnic in the Bel Air-Fallston-Forest Hill area on Friday evening! The way Laura heard about this position was through her long-time friend and Defend Life member Maureen Dunphy who received our blanket e-mail. **Thanks, Maureen!** Laura will replace **Nancy Bradford** who has done a tremendous job in years past as both our Director and Associate Director. **Thanks, Nancy!**

**YOU** can help Laura by contacting her at **443-910-4977** or [laura@defendlife.org](mailto:laura@defendlife.org).

And now for your part! Here's what **YOU** can do to make our 7th Annual Truth Tour the best ever:

- Mark the dates **July 30** through **August 3** on your calendar in indelible ink. Don't **YOU** dare go on vacation! Be with us at least one stop. Consider joining us for an entire day or more. We will have **Mass** each morning, luncheons every afternoon with a great speaker such as **Paul Schenck, Joe Scheidler, or Randall Terry** and great picnics in the evening, and **YOU** are invited to all of them.



- Check our website [defendlife.org](http://defendlife.org) for details as the dates approach.
- Volunteer to be a **Captain** or **Co-Captain** for a particular stop. See enclosed list of stops. Or Volunteer to be a **Core Team** member. **Contact Tricia.**
- Help with meals, transportation and overnight accommodations for Core Team members. Help recruit priests to say daily **Mass**. **Contact Laura.**
- Volunteer your home for an evening picnic including our Friday evening closing picnic in the **Bel Air –Fallston – Forest Hill** area. **Contact Laura.**
- Help with publicity by making copies of this flyer, posting them, and passing them out to friends. The enclosed flyer can be downloaded from our website at [defendlife.org](http://defendlife.org). This flyer will be updated as time goes on with more specific information.
- **Last but certainly not least, give generously!** We need to raise **\$16,000** to make this the most successful Truth Tour ever! Once again, **PRO-LIFE** heroes **Michael** and **Stephen Peroutka** are offering a **fantastic matching grant**. This year it's up from **\$6,000** to **\$8,000**. This means whatever you give will be doubled. For example, your gift of **\$2,000 becomes \$4,000**. A donation of **\$1,000 becomes \$2,000**, **\$500 becomes \$1,000**, **\$250 becomes \$500**, and **\$100 becomes \$200**. But whatever you give up to a total of **\$8,000** will be **matched \$ for \$** by Michael and Steve Peroutka.

**Not only give generously, but convince friends to give!** Most of your pro-life friends will never hear about **Defend Life** and **Face the Truth Tours** unless they hear it from **YOU**. Certainly they will never read about it in the *Baltimore Sun* or *Washington Post* or see it on **TV** because of the media blackout. So that leaves it squarely up to **YOU!** **YOU** are our best salesman for **Defend Life** and



**Truth Tours.** Just as **YOU** helped us recruit **Tricia Dougherty** and **Laura Mancini**, **YOU** can recruit others to give and participate!

Here is a breakdown of how we plan to spend the **\$16,000** that **YOU**, please God, will help us raise:

<b>Director and Associate Director Salaries</b>	<b>\$ 4,000</b>
<b>Students Interns</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Core Team Scholarships</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Air Fare for Speakers</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Rush Limbaugh Radio Ads</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Vehicle Fuel</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Literature</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Pro-Life T-Shirts</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Truth Truck Expense</b>	<b>1,250</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,000</b>

We will add a few new twists for this year's Truth Tour. If sufficient funds are raised, we hope to do two things that will dramatically increase the effectiveness of our Truth Tour.

- **Bring a Truth Truck from Tennessee** to drive back and forth at our various Truth Tour stops.



When we did this three years ago in Washington, DC, **the impact was dramatic.** I will never forget some of the looks from persons sitting at sidewalk cafes on Connecticut Avenue and in Georgetown as we passed by.

- Run ads on the three local **Rush Limbaugh** affiliates in **Frederick, Washington, DC,** and **Baltimore** to increase local participation and awareness of our Truth Tour.



This year's Truth Tour is being dedicated to **Lewis Fleury**, a long-time friend of Defend Life and the pro-life movement. Lewis is suffering from prostate cancer and will begin undergoing radiation therapy on June 28. Nobody has been more generous to Defend Life in terms of giving direction, giving encouragement, working actively, hosting picnics, and giving financially than this wonderful man and retired barrister. Please pray for the successful recovery of **Lewis Fleury**. Pray also for his wife **Genevieve**, one of the founders of the pro-life movement in Maryland.

**In closing, remember whatever you give to Defend Life through Monday, August 6 will be doubled \$ for \$. Remember, this as well. Our Great and Glorious Lord is never outdone in generosity!**

**Long Live Christ Our King!**

**Jack Ames  
Director**

Enclosures



P.S. Great news! **Peter Shinn**, the computer guru of the pro-life movement with carry 30-minute segments or each of our 15 Truth Tour stops live on [www.prolifenews.tv](http://www.prolifenews.tv). These daily segments will be from **8-8:30 a.m., Noon-12:30 p.m., and 4:30-5:00 p.m.** If you can't be with us, join us on the world wide web at [prolifenews.tv](http://prolifenews.tv).

P.P.S. We are also looking for **local attorneys** to be with us each day at each of our Truth Tour Stops! We need a minimum of five attorneys, one for each day. Please call me at **410-337-3721** or email me at [director@defendlife.org](mailto:director@defendlife.org) to volunteer.

