



# DEFEND LIFE

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

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Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*



Dear Friend of Defend Life,

May the peace that only Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your loved ones during the coming Christmas season!

Once again, we have been blessed with a \$10,000 **Christmas** challenge grant! Thanks be to God for a group of dedicated pro-life individuals who staunchly believe in the good work Defend Life has been doing for the last 20 years. These persons are once again offering us a \$10,000 challenge grant. In very simple terms, this means that anything that you give to **Defend Life** between now and December 31 will be **matched \$ for \$ up to a total of \$10,000.**

Your donation for \$50 becomes \$100, your \$100 becomes \$200, your \$500 becomes \$1000, and your \$1000 becomes \$2000. So please give, and give generously, and tell other pro-life friends who have yet to hear about the good work Defend Life does about this great opportunity to double their donation to a most worthy pro-life cause. **If with God's help and yours, we can raise \$10,000 by December 31, we will have \$20,000 to go full steam ahead in 2008!**

## SOME OF WHAT WE DID IN 2007 TO DESERVE YOUR SUPPORT

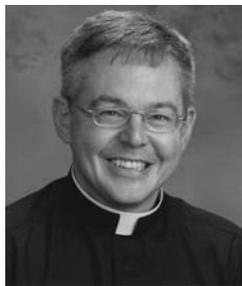
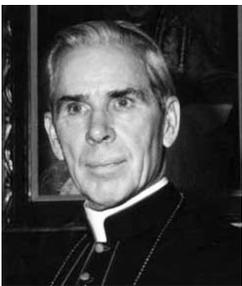
We sponsored 11 great pro-life speakers who spoke a total of 27 times. Some of our speakers included:



• **Mary Healy, STD** – Mary Healy spoke on *Contraception, Why Not?* She explained all the evils that flow from contraception so accurately predicted way back in 1968 by Pope Paul VI in his prophetic *Humanae Vitae*. This was our annual March For Life kickoff lecture and it was carried live to the world via *prolifenews.tv* thanks to Peter Shinn.

• **Rabbi Jehudah Levin** – The incomparable Rabbi Levin from Brooklyn told great stories of cooperation and networking between Orthodox Jews and the late John Cardinal O'Connor.

• **Monsignor Stuart Swetland** – Vice Rector in charge of Pre-



Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and Special Counsel to the University President spoke on *Keeping Your Children Catholic*. Monsignor Swetland, who while at the University of Illinois recruited over 60 young men to the seminary,



is clearly the next **Fulton Sheen**. I can honestly say that because I was privileged to hear the great Fulton Sheen speak 10 times in person in my younger years and know first-hand what an incredible impact he had on my life as well as my friends who heard him.

Monsignor Swetland is a convert, a Naval Academy graduate, a Rhodes Scholar, a naval officer, and an EWTN commentator and speaker. He is one of the most sought after speakers in America. He is having an impact



similar to that of the great Fulton Sheen. We first met Seminarian Stuart Swetland way back in the late 1980s when we brought **Joan Andrews** to speak to seminarians at the Mount!



- **Barry Sullivan**, a nuclear engineer, and a pro-life activist, gave a great talk entitled *Sowing the Seeds of Life and Reaping a Lifetime of Joy!* If you need an energizing speaker at your parish to spark pro-life activity, you could do no better than to invite Barry Sullivan!

- **Mary Ann Kuharski** – the mother of 13 who writes books in her spare time, spoke about the 5,000 (soon to be 6,000) pro-life billboards she has up across America. Visit her website at [www.prolifeacrossamerica.org](http://www.prolifeacrossamerica.org).



- **Father Thomas Euteneuer** – president of Human Life International, an exorcist, and Sean Hannity's worst nightmare; spoke 4 times for Defend Life on *The Demonic Abortion Connection*. Visit his website at [www.hli.org](http://www.hli.org).

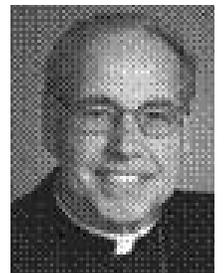
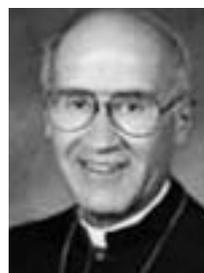
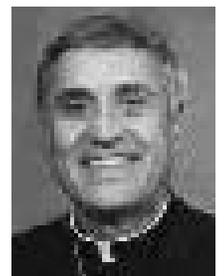
You can obtain free CD's of any of these talks and many more by emailing us at [CDs@defendlife.org](mailto:CDs@defendlife.org), specifying the talk you want and giving us your mailing address.

**David Bereit, 40 Days for Life; Paul Schenk, National Pro-Life Action Center on Capitol Hill; Erik Scheidler, Pro-Life Action League; and Ben Wetmore, Students for Life** all spoke at luncheons during our **Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour**. None of these talks would have been possible without your past support.

**With your generous support in 2007, here are some additional things we were able to do:**

- Give away several thousand CDs of our great lectures professionally recorded by George Maalouf.
- Sponsor our **7th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour** showing graphic images of aborted babies at 12 locations in Maryland, 2 locations in Washington, D.C., and 1 location in West Virginia. It was our best ever Truth Tour and included a Truth Truck from Tennessee which accompanied us as well as fantastic radio ads on 2 local **Rush Limbaugh** affiliates! We had well over 50 persons at several stops and nearly 100 at our White Marsh stop. We are also suing Montgomery County for violating our First Amendment rights at our Rockville stop! More to come on that later!
- Conduct our **1st Annual Bay Bridge Face the Truth Tour** about 1 mile west of this beautiful bridge. We did it to coincide with the tremendous traffic going towards Ocean City on a Saturday morning. There were only 10 of us but we stretched out over half a mile so it seemed to passersby that there were many more of us.
  - Arrange 2 **Genocidal Awareness Projects (GAP)** on local college campuses.
  - Arrange 4 talks on local college campuses.
- Continue to put out *Defend Life*, our world-class newsletter, now in color, and so capably edited by Diane Levero. Consider becoming a bulk distributor for *Defend Life*. E-mail us at [bulk@defendlife.org](mailto:bulk@defendlife.org) and we will automatically send you 10-15 extra copies of each issue to distribute as you see fit.
- Sponsor 3 college students to attend a nuts and bolts conference on pro-life activism at the University of Tennessee.
- Co-sponsor with the **Catholic Media Coalition** ([www.catholicmediacoalition.org](http://www.catholicmediacoalition.org)) a hospitality suite at the November Catholic Bishops meeting here in Baltimore. We handed out hundreds of invitations which urged Bishops to enforce **Canon 915 (no Holy Communion for pro-abortion Catholics)** as well as extending hospitality at our suite overlooking the Inner Harbor. We met numerous wonderful bishops, 9 of whom took the time to come to our suite overlooking the Inner Harbor. Some who visited us included:

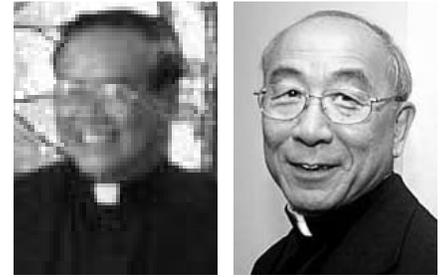
- **Bishop Joseph Nauman** – Kansas City
- **Bishop Joseph Charron** – Des Moines, Retired
- **Bishop Victor Galeone** – St. Augustine
- **Bishop Gregory Mousour**, Maronite Rite – New York
- **Bishop Robert Vasa** – Baker
- **Auxiliary Bishop Felipe de Jesus Estevez** – Miami



- **Auxiliary Bishop Dominic Luong**, Auxiliary – Orange
- **Auxiliary Bishop Ignatius Wang** – San Francisco
- **Auxiliary Bishop Robert Donnelly** – Toledo, Retired

One of the most memorable was **Bishop Estevez**, Auxiliary Bishop of Miami who came to America as a boy from Communist Cuba. We talked at length about the Church in Cuba and the various scenarios that could happen when Communist dictator Fidel Castro goes on to his eternal reward.

Another most interesting successor of the Apostles was **Bishop Vasa** of Baker, Oregon, who told us in detail about the wonderful chastity education video series he is preparing for Catholic parents and which should be available in 2008, possibly through *Ignatius Press*. This series addresses the folly of *safe environment* programs now mandated in Catholic schools.



- Helped spearhead and fund *40 Days for Life* at 5 different abortion mills in our area. **David Bereit**, the organizer of this fantastic effort, told me that an estimated 22,000 different individuals prayed at the 90+ abortion mills that were covered.

- Interviewed pro-life presidential candidate **Congressman Ron Paul**.

## WHAT WE HOPE TO DO IN 2008 WITH YOUR SUPPORT (everything we did in 2007, and more!)

- Continue to bring great speakers to parishes, schools and Knights of Columbus councils. Call me to strategize how we can arrange such a speaker at your parish (or perhaps a neighboring parish where there is little or no pro-life activity). Remember, *Catholic parishes are the sleeping giant of the pro-life movement* and we simply must energize them. In 2007, we had Defend Life Lectures in 3 new parishes. In 2008, let's shoot for 6! We have lots of targets! Call me at **410-337-3721!**

- Sponsor our 8th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour which is scheduled for July 28 – August 1. We are looking for a director and assistant director, preferably college students. If you are interested, it's not too early to call me at **410-337-3721**.

- Raise funds for a full-time paid college field director to promote pro-life activism on campuses throughout Maryland and Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia. In addition to the efforts of **Students for Life and Leadership Institute**, there is an urgent need for such a highly focused and highly energized young individual who would be a logical extension of Defend Life's 20 year efforts to fight the Culture of Death and promote the Culture of Life.

- Fight the opening of a *now under construction Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Easton, Maryland*. Contact me if you want to be on the ground floor of this effort!

- A greater presence at all the abortion mills in our area, especially **Planned Parenthood** in Baltimore, the flagship of the abortion industry, in Maryland! Because of its storefront location at 530 North Howard Street, it is a perfect location for sidewalk counseling! **We need you at Planned Parenthood!**

- Co-hosting another hospitality suite at the 2008 Bishops' meeting in Baltimore and making it even better than our 2007 effort.



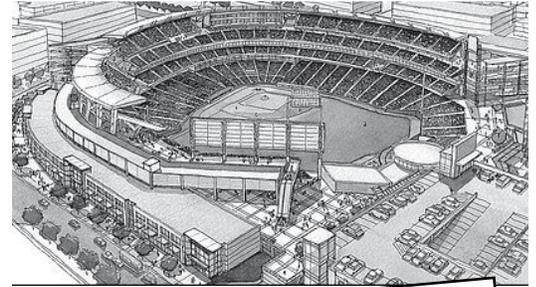
Certainly, our greatest opportunity for pro-life evangelization will be when **Pope Benedict XVI** comes to **Washington, D.C. on Thursday, April 17** for an outdoor Mass at the new Washington Nationals' Stadium in the shadow of America's Capitol Dome and our other great national monuments. **Please SAVE THIS DATE now!** You can help with this effort in 2 important ways:



- Write to **His Eminence Tarcisio Bertone**, Secretariat of State, Apostolic Palace, 00120 Vatican City State, Europe, and urge him to urge Pope Benedict to focus on enforcing **Canon 915 (no Holy Communion for pro-abortion Catholics)** in his homily that day. Please send carbon copies of your letter to **Most Reverend Archbishop Dominique Manberti** and **Reverend Monsignor Pietro Parolin** at this same address. Postage for 1 ounce first class letters to Rome is 90¢. Please email a copy

of your letter to us at [letters@defendlife.org](mailto:letters@defendlife.org). Imagine the impact if Pope Benedict speaks out forthrightly on this most critical subject!

• Volunteer to be with us in the parking lots of Nationals' Stadium and at nearby Metro stops to distribute thousands of free Papal bumper stickers similar to the one we gave away at in 1995 during **John Paul the Great's** historic visit to Baltimore in 1996. If you can help or want to be in on the ground floor of our planning for efforts, call me at **410-337-3721**, email me at [director@defendlife.org](mailto:director@defendlife.org) or write a comment on the enclosed reply-return envelope.



# *Pope Benedict XVI Says* **DEFEND LIFE**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TODAY!**

To make all of the above happen, we need your most generous support. Remember, every \$ you give up to a total of \$10,000, **will be matched \$ for \$** by our group of highly dedicated, incredibly generous individuals who have come to us time and again in years past.

So please donate, donate generously, and ask others who may not yet have heard about **Defend Life** to give us as well. Remember, to qualify for the matching challenge grant, your check payable to **Defend Life** must be dated no later than December 31, 2007.

Finally, remember this: **God** is never outdone in generosity! **And whatever you do for the least of His brethren, those preborn babies yet in their mothers' wombs, you do it for Him!**

Long Live Christ Our King!

*Jack Ames*  
Jack Ames, Director

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