



DEFEND LIFE

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

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The Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Dear Friend of Defend Life,

It hardly seems possible that Christmas is approaching and that we are almost 9 years into the new millennium. First and foremost, I want to extend to you my wishes for a happy and Holy Christmas season. Even with the election of pro-abortion pro-infanticide Barack Obama as America's 44th president, the sun still came up on November 5 and even more importantly, **Jesus Christ still reigns as Our Risen Savior and the King of Kings!** Deo Gratias! More about what pro-lifers should be doing to fight this even more ominous **Culture of Death** in a moment.



Once again, I need your help. **Defend Life** has two annual appeals, both matching grant campaigns. The first is our **Face the Truth** appeal which supports our summer Truth Tour and the second is our **Christmas** appeal which supports such important efforts as our Lecture Tours, our newsletter, our free CD's, and so many other efforts that Defend Life promotes throughout the year.

**\$10,000
Matching
Grant**

Again this year we are blessed with a **\$10,000 matching grant** thanks to the generosity of several major donors. What that means is that anything you give to Defend Life between now and December 31 **will be doubled \$ for \$ up to a total of \$10,000**. For example, if you could give \$1,000, it becomes \$2,000. \$500 becomes \$1,000; \$250 becomes \$500; \$100 becomes \$200; and so on. So please be as generous as is humanly possible. Remember

what **John Paul the Great** said to **Father Paul Marx, the founder of Human Life International**: *The work you are doing is the most important work on earth!* If anything, our pro-life work is even more important than ever given our incoming pro-abortion president and the pro-abortion majorities in both the House and Senate.



Here are some of the things that **Defend Life** has done in the last year to deserve your most generous support:

- Sponsored 10 different nationally known speakers who gave 30 different talks. You can get free CD's of nearly all these talks by simply visiting our website at www.defendlife.org and clicking on **RESOURCES**. We'll be glad to send you these CD's via the U.S. mail. If you do not have Internet access, simply check the list of available CDs on page 16 of this newsletter and send us a postcard.
- Sponsored **GAPs** (Genocidal Awareness Project) at 2 different college campuses. See the article in this issue of **DEFEND LIFE**.



- Sponsored our most successful yet **Face the Truth Tour** with 17 stops and 20 Core Team members.
- Initiated lawsuits against the Maryland State Police because of their illegal arrest of 18 of us on August 1 in Bel Air, Maryland! We must stand up for our First Amendment rights! Otherwise, we will surely lose them!
- Gave out over 20,000 Papal bumper stickers like the one you see here at Pope Benedict XVI's historic mass on June 17 at National's Stadium. You can still get 2 free bumper stickers by simply sending us a #10 self-addressed envelope with a 42¢ stamp affixed.
- Distributed over 300 pro-life T-shirts.

- Distributed 21,000 copies of **DEFEND LIFE** so superbly edited by Diane Levero.
- Helped organize a prayer vigil on November 11 outside the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel where our American Bishops held their semi-annual fall meeting.
- Co-sponsored a sidewalk counseling seminar with **Life Guard**.
- Helped promote countless other pro-life events through our website defendlife.org which we hope you are visiting regularly. **Please also sign up for our blanket e-mails at our site. It's the very best way we have in contacting you quickly.**
- Participated in the annual **Students for Life** conference in Washington which was attended by approximately 500 college students from across America.

We hope to do all these things again in 2009 (except for the Papal Mass) and **even more** with your generous support. In deciding how much to give, please remember this, **Our great and gracious Lord is never outdone in generosity!** So please give, give generously, and ask others to give who are yet to hear about **Defend Life** and the great work we do. **Do not assume that everyone who is pro-life is on our mailing list. THEY ARE NOT!** Remember that whatever you give is **tax deductible!**

Working at the Grassroots to Fight the Culture of Death

Imagine if somehow abortion on demand had been made illegal in 2002 in all 50 states. Would abortion have stopped? Most likely, many abortionists would simply have gone underground. Many women would have gone north to Canada. An offshore abortion industry would have popped up overnight. Without widespread support, millions of pre-born babies would continue to have died by abortion!



Several weeks ago, I received a call from **Cal Zastro** who lives in upstate Michigan. Cal had just returned from **Colorado** where there was a personhood initiative on the November 4 ballot in that state. This ballot initiative simply stated that **human life begins at conception**. Even though it lost overwhelmingly, over **500,000** citizens of Colorado voted the right way. It all started with a 20-year-old young lady who did not accept the conventional wisdom that **such things are simply not possible**. Out of this defeat, good things are already happening. For example, there are four new pregnancy centers that have already been established!

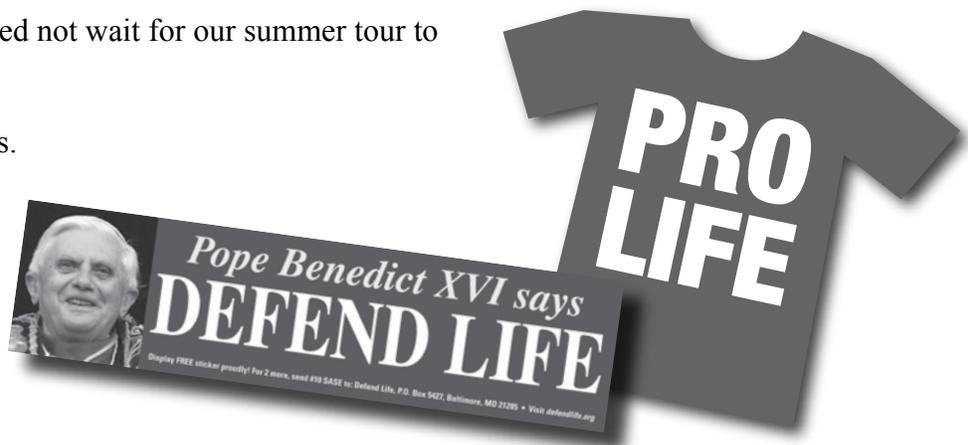
Can God bring good out of defeat? The answer is a resounding YES!

Maybe such a ballot initiative is exactly what is needed in various states throughout America. States like Mississippi and Louisiana, which were embarrassed when pro-abortion Colorado beat them to the punch, are now considering such an initiative. Think of how many new pro-lifers could be recruited into the movement with the names and addresses we would obtain from the petition drive needed to get this initiative on the ballot.

Please think and pray about such an effort in your state!

The point is that we must work from the bottom up, not from the top down. More than ever, we must continue to do and increase the things that **DEFEND LIFE** has been doing for the past 21 years including:

- Inviting Defend Life speakers into our churches and schools.
- Sponsoring **Pro-Life 101** Apologetics training by persons like Scott Klusendorf, Stephanie Gray, and their likes.
- More **Face the Truth Tours**. We need not wait for our summer tour to have a Face the Truth Tour.
- More **GAPs** on college campuses.
- Proudly wearing our pro-life T-shirts.
- Wearing pro-life jewelry.
- Using pro-life checks.
- Having pro-life license plates.
- Talking about pro-life issues to our friends and business associates.
- Putting pro-life bumper stickers on our cars.



40 Days for Life Produced Great Results Locally

Here are some of the highlights:

- The 40 Days at the Hillcrest in Catonsville, Maryland, produced great results including three saves. Thanks to **Tim McCarthy**, the organizer, who personally spent over 80 hours at Hillcrest and parishes like St. Louis, Clarksville, and St. John's, Westminster who each took an entire day.



Here are some of the details of one of the saves. A woman scheduled for an abortion saw the sign **PRAY TO END ABORTION** before she entered the back door of the Suburbia Building where Hillcrest Abortuary is located. All access to Hillcrest is from the back door parking lot side which makes it impossible to sidewalk counsel since pro-lifers must be on the locked front door sidewalk Route 40 side of the building. The woman was escorted by three men. After going in the back door, this woman simply sat down in the corridor. She was visible to the pro-lifers who were out front since this corridor is clearly visible through the all-glass locked front doors. The three men were obviously trying to coerce her into having an abortion and getting her to board the elevator to the abortuary which is on the sixth floor. At one point, she walked the length of the corridor to the locked front doors to see if the pro-lifers were still praying for her. **Minutes later, she and the three men coercing her were seen leaving and driving west on Route 40. Such is the power of prayer!**

- **Jody Hammond** of St. John's in Frederick headed up the effort in Frederick and recruited 60 persons from that parish. This abortuary was completely covered Monday through Saturday 12 hours a day. As a result, three other nearby parishes who participated are now starting parish pro-life groups. They include St. Timothy's, Walkersville; St. Francis of Assisi, Brunswick; and Holy Family, Middletown.
- In Severna Park, a group of Evangelicals from Living Hope Church in Glen Burnie and Severn United Church in Severn, spearheaded an effort at the Gynecare Abortuary. So successful was this effort that one of the primary organizers, **Michael Martelli**, is in the process of doing the following:
 - Having a weekly 30 minute public access TV program featuring pro-life activists (this program has already begun).
 - Sponsoring a weekly pro-life radio program featuring interviews with pro-life activists.
 - Retiring 67-year-old Filipino abortionist **Romeo Ferrer** who sucks apart pre-born babies six days a week. Be watching for www.retireferrer.com which will be coming out soon. If you have any information at all about abortionist Romeo Ferrer, please e-mail Michael michael@mywebguy.com.
- Other local sites where successful 40 Days for Life campaigns were held include:
 - Planned Parenthood, York – headed by Peg Pritch
 - Planned Parenthood, Washington, DC – headed by Missy Smith
 - Planned Parenthood, Falls Church – headed by Ruby Nicdao
 - NOVA Healthcare, Fairfax – headed by Matt Marazzo

The Great Paul Schenck!

Paul Schenck is amazing. For those of you who do not know about Paul and his **National Pro-Life Action Center on Capitol Hill**, visit www.nplac.org. If you do not know about Paul's **National Pro-Life Radio** (24/7 pro-life Internet radio), visit www.nplr.net. If you would like to hear just part of Paul's incredible life story, listen to **Our Journey to the Hill**, available on CD from Defend Life. Just e-mail CDs@defendlife.org requesting it, or write us.



Now Paul Schenck has done it again. He has been named **Pro-Life Director** for the Diocese of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, so capably shepherded by **Bishop Kevin Rhoades**. Bishop Rhoades, the former rector at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, is the youngest bishop in America. He is also the epitome of what a pro-life bishop should be, leading his flock in procession to the two death camps within his diocese, one in York and one in Harrisburg. The one in Harrisburg is owned by infamous abortionist **Earl McLeod**. Bishop Kevin Rhoades hired Paul Schenck on Tuesday, October 21. Paul, **Father Frank**





Pavone and Bishop Rhoades dined together that evening. Bishop Rhoades told Paul that he wanted the Diocese of Harrisburg to have the **model pro-life program of any diocese in America**. With Paul Schenck at the helm and by the grace of God, I predict that the two abortion mills, Hillcrest in Harrisburg and Planned Parenthood in York, will be history within the next several years. Bishop Rhoades also told Father Pavone that he and any of his **Priests for Life will always be welcome** in parishes throughout the Diocese of Harrisburg.

March for Life Kickoff Lecture on January 15

Our Annual March for Life kick-off lecture will be held Thursday evening, January 15 at 7:30 p.m. in northwest Washington at a location to be announced. Our speaker will be **Father Philip Chavez** of Amator Institute. Father Chavez's full-time apostolate is inspiring Catholic men to act like real men! His talk will be entitled *Every Man's Summons: Defending Life and Family*.



Joe Scheidler to Speak in Harrisburg on January 16



Speaking of Harrisburg, the great **Joe Scheidler** will be speaking there for Defend Life on Friday evening, January 16 at 7:30 p.m. This talk will be held at the Cardinal Keeler Center, 4800 Union Deposit Road in Harrisburg. Watch for details in the postcard you will be receiving in December. Joe turned 80 within the past year, but shows no sign of slowing down. He is truly one of our greatest heroes. Joe Scheidler has been my continuing inspiration ever since I met him in Chicago way back in 1974 or 1975. In 1985, I was privileged to move to Chicago to raise funds for this legend of the pro-life movement. **Consider having your parish charter a bus to travel to Harrisburg that evening to honor this great pro-life hero!** At the very least, carpool or van pool.

Pro-Life Apologetics Training

It's been a while since we had a one-day **Pro-Life 101** training seminar conducted by **Scott Klusendorf**, **Stephanie Gray** or **Jojo Ruba**. The need for such apologetic training is more obvious than ever with millions of Catholics and Christians having voted Barack Obama into the White House. If you have never attended one of these training seminars, you are in for a treat.

If at least 20 persons contact me indicating interest, Defend life will take the leap of faith and make arrangements for this one day seminar some Saturday in February, March or April. **The location will be determined by where the majority of participants are located.** Please contact me at jack@defendlife.org using the subject line Pro-Life 101 to indicate your interest or call me at **410-337-3721**.

If a **Pro-Life 101** is brand new to you, visit the following:

Prolifetraining.com – Scott Klusendorf's site

Unmaskingchoice.ca – Stephanie Gray's site

Thanks for Giving to Our Christmas Matching Grant Campaign

Finally, thanks again for your generosity to **DEFEND LIFE** and our **Christmas Matching Grant Campaign**. During these financially challenging times, pre-born babies may be much more in jeopardy of being aborted than ever. Our work must continue now more than ever! **Remember that your generous tax deductible donation will be matched \$ for \$ if postmarked by December 31, 2008.**

Long Life Christ Our King!

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