



DEFEND LIFE

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

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Dear Friend of Defend Life,

As usual, much has happened since I last wrote to you – most of it good. Let me bring you up to date.

Bella Premiere, Baltimore, Friday, October 26



Bella, the movie which can potentially change the heart and soul of America on abortion, is finally here. It has a first-rate distributor which is a great blessing since distribution is key! Remember that Mel Gibson had to start his own distribution company to distribute **The Passion of the Christ**.



Bella will open on the weekend of October 26. Thanks to Sue Melesky and her daughter Amanda, there will be a special **Bella Premiere** on Friday evening, October 26 in the Baltimore area at a theater to be announced shortly. Besides seeing this great movie on the wide screen, this blue carpet event will include other festivities such as a **Bella** party at a nearby restaurant afterwards. The movie will continue at this same theater for public showings at least through the weekend of October 26. How **Bella** fares that opening weekend



in Baltimore and major cities throughout America will largely determine its success. It must do well to create the **buzz** so necessary for any movie to succeed. Here's how you can help create that **buzz** for **Bella**:

- Buy tickets at \$10 each for the **Bella** premiere in Baltimore, Friday evening, October 26. Contact **Sue Melesky**, **410-879-7535** or rns1978@hotmail.com to reserve your tickets.
- Invite leaders of your parish to come with you that evening and reserve tickets for them. Remember that this premiere will be held in a small theater that will only hold about 300, so it is essential that you reserve now and not be disappointed!
- Get on the phone, call friends, and tell them to **save the dates** of Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28 to attend showings for the general public at this same Baltimore area theater which will be named shortly.
- Whether you are from the Baltimore area or elsewhere, call your local favorite theater this week, speak to the manager, and ask him **when (not if)** he plans to show **Bella**. Tell him he can find more information by visiting www.bellathemovie.com.
- Tell your parish priests about the movie and ask them to promote it from the pulpit. At least some of them should be aware of it because of a special pre-release showing of **Bella** for clergy and other leaders that was held at the Charles Theater in Baltimore on Thursday, October 11.
- Brainstorm with others about ways to promote this great movie, such as leaving business size cards in ladies' rooms, and dozens of other clever ways presently trapped in the recesses of the great mind that Almighty God gave you.
- Finally, **pray unceasingly!**

40 Days for Life Needs Your Help To End Abortion

40 Days for Life, a national prayer campaign to end abortion, kicked off on Thursday, September 26 in 90+ cities in 35 states across America. In Texas alone, there are 17 cities that are participating. The idea is to pray continuously 24/7 if possible, in front of abortion mills across America. There was a wonderful kick-off rally held the evening of Tuesday, September 25



at Farragut Square in Washington, D.C. I was honored to be the master of ceremonies on this balmy evening at this lovely park only blocks from the White House. In my remarks, I compared *what we are trying to do to what our Founding Fathers did*. They fought so valiantly against the British with little chance of success, but succeed they did with the help of **Almighty God**. As a result, **America**, a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the precept that all of us are equal in the eyes of **God** was founded.



It's sort of like **David** slaying **Goliath** in the Old Testament. Here was Goliath (some scripture scholars think he may have been 13 feet tall) and David (a little boy with a sling shot). There was no earthly way that David could slay Goliath. But, he did, because with **God**, *all things are possible!*

In this **battle for life**, we are like David. All the major pro-life organizations put together raise about **\$60 million a year**. **Planned Parenthood**, the flagship of the abortion industry, raises close to **\$1 billion a year** about **16 times as much as do we**. There are probably 50 times as many full-time paid workers in the abortion industry as there are full-time paid pro-lifers in our movement. In addition, secular humanists for the most part control our government, our media, and our schools! So that's what we are up against! **In spite of all that, we will win!**



There are already some great results from **40 Days for Life**. On September 26 at Planned Parenthood of

Metropolitan Washington, where we had prayed and processed by candlelight the night before, someone accidentally left a black suitcase filled with pro-life literature unattended in front of this death camp. Someone inside the death camp spied it, assumed the absolute worst, and called **911**. The police also overreacted and sent out the bomb squad. As a result, the entire block was cordoned off and it's reasonable to conclude that **no babies died from abortion during that two-hour shutdown**. Isn't **God** great? He even brings good out of our blunders!

Other prayer warriors have been harassed at other Planned Parenthoods, even though they're on public property and completely within their rights. At Planned Parenthood in Baltimore, **John Nugent**, the CEO, stands inside with a scowl on his face as a single prayer warrior prays outside on his knees. Please pray for the conversion of this **former Catholic seminarian!** Some harassment and intimidation has also occurred at **Hillcrest** in Catonsville. We have long known that the mere presence of pro-lifers outside these death camps creates tremendous consternation inside them that we could never imagine.

Our immediate goal is to keep **40 Days for Life** going through **Sunday, November 4**, the end of the 40-day period. Volunteers are urgently needed (**that means you!**) at these locations. Please respond generously with a few hours of your time.

Baltimore (2 locations) • **Joe** • 410-322-1481 • joe@defendlife.org
Frederick • **Bob** • 301-663-4508 • bobscouver@juno.com
Washington, DC • **Missy** • 202-288-4984 • special@defendlife.org
Falls Church and Fairfax • **Ruby** • 703-795-2216 • hsgrace3@verizon.net

Interviewing the "Second Tier" Candidates at Morgan State

On Thursday, September 27, a nationally televised **PBS Republican presidential candidates' debate** was held at the beautiful Murphy Fine Arts Center on the campus of historically black Morgan State University in northeast Baltimore.

Candidates who participated included former **Governor Mike Huckabee** of Arkansas, **Congressman Ron Paul** from Texas, **Congressman Duncan Hunter** of California, **Congressman Tom Tracedo** of Colorado, **Senator Sam Brownback** from Kansas, and American's greatest orator, former **Ambassador Alan Keyes**. All of them are pro-life and all spoke eloquently during the question and answer format. Candidates such as **Senator John McCain**, former **Governor Mitt Romney** of Massachusetts, pro-abortion former New York City **Mayor Rudy Giuliani**, and former **Senator Fred Thompson** of Tennessee, did not participate as they purportedly had



other more important activities. Perhaps, the real reason was that they did not want to give Americans a side-by-side comparison with these so-called *second tier* candidates.

Huckabee, when asked about the genocide in Darfur said he thought it was terrible but thought the bloodbath going on in America as a result of abortion was even worse. *I cheered wildly from the balcony!* It was the only mention of abortion that evening.

The candidate who absolutely stole the show, in my opinion, was **Congressman Ron Paul**. Something amazing and unprecedented is going on in America which you won't read about in the main stream media. Ron Paul's campaign, which is being waged largely on the Internet, appears to be the largest, most significant grass roots presidential campaign in the history of our Republic. As I drove down Argonne Drive that evening going towards the debate, there were at least a hundred Ron Paul supporters on the grassy median strip waving their *Ron Paul for President* signs. It reminded me of our *Face the Truth Tours* where we often occupy such median strips with our signs. As we waited in line to get in, I talked to several Ron Paul supporters. They were invariably *blue collar types*, most of whom had avoided the pitfalls of college, who were working hard to earn a living. They had come not only from **Maryland** but from neighboring states such as **Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, and Delaware**.

Invariably, they were horrified by how our invasive government is taking us down the *road to serfdom*. They see great hope in Ron Paul's simple message that we have to get back to the limited government that our **Founding Fathers** enshrined in the **Constitution** and give back to the states the powers that our federal government has usurped from the states.

After the debate, thanks to the pro-lifers **Doctor Mike Hargadon** and **Steve Krukar**, former head of the Constitution Party of Maryland, I was able to meet and interview Ron Paul in the *spin room* that had been set up in the Morgan State basketball arena.

Here are some of my impressions and some facts that you should know about Ron Paul. Some are a result of my interview and some are based on what he said at the debate.

- Ron Paul is totally self-effacing. He doesn't have a proud bone in his body. He doesn't make up answers to questions when he doesn't know the answers. When asked during the debate why the first tier candidates didn't show, he simply said, *I don't know. You'll have to ask them.*
- Amazingly, Ron Paul is unifying persons from the left and the right. Ron Paul is a family man, father of five, and an OB-Gyn who has delivered thousands of babies.

Here are several questions I was privileged to ask Congressman Ron Paul and his straightforward answers:

- *Congressman, one of the things Ronald Reagan perhaps failed in was he did not surround himself with people of like mind. What sort of people would you surround yourself with if you were elected president?*

Like minded people. And that is very important but somebody could take a look at what I've done in my congressional office. I've been elected on a couple of occasions. You know I was out for 12 years and came back again. *One of my rules about hiring people on my congressional staff was if they ever had experience on the Hill, I didn't take them. I wanted new ideas and people who understand the message, knew the Constitution and you didn't find them on the Hill all that often.*

- *So you'd bring in outside the Beltway people.*

It would be independent minded people who understood the Constitution. You know, the conservative Republicans talk like strict Constitutionalists, yeah, on economic events. But do they talk Constitutionally when it comes to the declaration of war or personal liberty or the dry wars – **no!** Their strict interpretation is completely different. I want somebody who understands really strict interpretation, whether it's personal liberty, economic liberty or foreign policy or declaration of war or national sovereignty and there's an explanation in the Constitution. **And the people I would pick would have to take the Constitution seriously all the time!**

- *Where did you learn and develop your great reverence for the Constitution?*

Well, I can't say that I did it in school. I went through public school. And even, I went to a private college. I didn't learn –

- *Gettysburg, right?*

Yeah, that's right. And I didn't learn it in college. I think I just learned it in seeking the plain truth of things. I had to look for it in economics and then it finally dawned on me that the Constitution was very reliable in defending all the things that I believed in. I thought wow, this is great. I can take the oath of office in a very serious manner. But I have a very good textbook at home that describes the debates on the Constitution. I still refer to it because people think, well I am a real expert. But I'm not the expert. You could probably find something in there and say Article –



- *The Federalist Papers.*

Yeah, I'd have to go back and double check it but I do it constantly to try to understand it. The debates are very important, but even in addition to the *Federalist Papers*, there is **W. Cleon Skousen** who wrote a fantastic book, *The Making of America*. I refer to it all the time.

- *What American president do you identify with most?*

Probably Grover Cleveland.

- *And why?*

Because he was a strict Constitutionalist and was ready to take some knocks on vetoing bills that sounded wonderful and beautiful, just like all these – that came up tonight. Right after 9/11 within weeks we had to pass the **Patriot Act**, sounds great and wonderful. So he was able to veto bills that sounded wonderful to help people that were destitute. You had to throw out the Constitution to do that. So I admire him for that. He was a hard money man, too. He realized that a central bank would destroy currency and destroy the economy and that of course is what we're doing, but he was one of the last presidents that believed that.

- *As a doctor and a former OB/GYN, obviously you're opposed to abortion! Could you explain your position on abortion?*
- I think that legal life begins at conception, even though you can't deal with it legally at the first two, three or four days. That's a different position, but legally the life is established at conception because if a father dies, you know, there's an inheritance right established at conception. As a physician, if I injured the fetus by giving the wrong medication, I was liable. If you're in a car accident and a fetus dies, you're liable. If there's a violent crime, you're vulnerable. So, my position is that the federal government should stay out of it, respect life and let the state should deal with it, especially because it's a difficult issue.

When the interviews seemed to be all over, Ron Paul stayed on to answer the questions of any reporters who still remained. ***He was not whisked off as is so often the case with today's managed candidates. What you see and hear from Ron Paul is what you get. It is so refreshing!***


I was curious as to whether any of the other five candidates had come over to the *spin room*. I asked an attractive blond lady, standing not far from Ron Paul and those who were still questioning him, if she had seen any of the other candidates. She wasn't sure. When I asked her name; she said, **Peggy Paul**. It turned out she was Ron Paul's daughter-in-law, married to Ron Paul's son **Ronnie**, the oldest of five siblings. She was a delightful Texas lady!

I asked Peggy what denomination Ron Paul was and she said he was raised Lutheran while growing up in Pittsburgh, became an Episcopalian while living in Texas, but left that church when they began ordaining female priests and consecrating homosexual bishops. She said that her in-laws now attend a small Baptist Church in Texas.

It turns out that Peggy is a **Catholic** and attended **Texas A&M** where they have one of our greatest Catholic student centers. She and her husband Ronnie, a convert, have three daughters, two in college and one in high school. She volunteered that Ron Paul was more Catholic than most Catholic candidates who have run or are running for president and I totally agreed. In parting, I said to Peggy, ***Wouldn't it be great if your father-in-law became Catholic and were elected President? He would be our country's first really Catholic president!***

And thanks for all you do to save innocent pre-born babies from death by abortion.

Long Live Christ Our King


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Enclosures

P.S. Please attend the Maryland United for Life Conference on Saturday, November 3.
See the enclosed flyer for details.