



DEFEND LIFE

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Dear Friend of Defend Life,

Much has happened since I last wrote to you about our most successful 6th Annual Face the Truth Tour, held last July. For instance, thanks to **Peter Shinn** and numerous pro-life groups, **PROFLIFENEWS.TV** is now a reality. You can see interviews of participants at our recent Truth Tour by visiting www.prolifenews.tv and clicking on **Face the Truth Tour 2006**. You might even see yourself being interviewed. Read more about **PROLIFENEWS.TV** in this issue!



More recent events include the **Terri Schindler Shiavo** Memorial Statue announced at the National Press Club on October 4. This was **Steve Peroutka's** brain child. Bob and Mary Schindler, Terri's heroic mom and dad, were at this news conference as was her brother Bobby Schindler, who is going around the country talking about Terri's ordeal as she was slowly and painfully starved to death, dying within days of **John Paul The Great**. More about the Schindlers and my connection to them in a moment.



Last summer, Steve Peroutka was playing in a father-son tournament with his son Richard at **Pebble Beach**, America's most famous golf course, located on the beautiful Monterey Peninsula in northern California. Every golfer dreams of golfing at least once at Pebble Beach! Steve was talking with his caddy, **Ron Berry** about Terri Schiavo, who just months before had been starved to death in Florida. Most Americans, who had been thoroughly brainwashed by the pro-death media, stood by, yawned, and did nothing! Ron Berry had bought into this pro-death media deception until Steve explained what really had happened to Terri Schiavo.



In California, many people have two jobs, one to put bread on the table and pay their bills, and the other, the profession to which they aspire, do part-time, and are waiting for that big break to go full-time. Steve asked Ron Berry *what his other job was*, and Ron explained that he was a **sculptor**. Thus was born the idea

of creating a statue, commemorating the life and saga of Terri Schiavo. Formal plans were announced at the October 4 National Press Club news conference. A small bronze scale replica of this beautiful statue showing Terri on her death bed being comforted by her guardian angel was unveiled. The ultimate statue will be an enormous 12 feet wide by 14 feet high. It will be placed in an appropriate location yet to be determined. Of course, all this depends on sufficient funds being raised. For more information about this wonderful statue memorializing Terri's struggle, visit www.ronberrystudios.com. Give generously if you can and send a link to this website to your pro-life friends asking them to do likewise.

More about Terri's family. Her father Bob was born and raised in the Great Northeast of Philadelphia where he grew up in **St. Henry's Parish** and attended **North Catholic High School** which had a class size of well over 1,000. Bob became a mechanical designer for Day & Zimmerman, a Philadelphia engineering firm. He was assigned to a project at the world-



famous Corning Glass Works in Corning, New York. That's where he met his future wife Mary who had grown up in that area. Their first child was Terri who was born at Nazareth Hospital in Philadelphia and baptized at St. Henry's.



Outside after the news conference, I asked **Mary Schindler** what her feelings were when Terri was born. She said, *I was scared. I was only 20 years old and Terri weighed only 5 pounds.* Soon came **Bobby Schindler**, Bob and Mary's second child. Later, they had their third child, **Susan**. Very often Mary would take Terri and Bobby back to Corning, New York to visit their maternal grandparents.

The Schindlers would drive to **Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania**, my adopted hometown which was about halfway between Philadelphia and Corning. They would drive to **Toppers Diner** in Clarks Summit, where they would meet Mary's parents who had driven down from Corning. Mary's parents, Mary, and her two young children, Terri and Bobby, would then drive back to Corning for a visit. What that means to me

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is that young Terri Schindler frequently traveled along State Street of Clarks Summit, my wonderful hometown, going past **Our Lady of the Snows** where my Catholic values were formed and where

I served proudly as an **Altar Boy**, going past the very lawns I used to mow and the sidewalks I used to shovel. Little did I know then that in March, 2005, I would travel to Florida with 35 other **Defend Lifers** to be an advocate for Terri as she was being legally starved to death. Perhaps this connection is just a coincidence. But I honestly believe that **with God there are no coincidences!**



The second recent highlight was On October 5 when **Steve and Michael Peroutka** hosted their **5th Annual Pro-Life Awards Banquet**. Honorees included **Vince Perticone**, the heroic head of the pro-life movement in Carroll County; **Dick Retta**, sidewalk counselor par excellence, who has been responsible for 175 saves, 8 in one day; **Dee Becker**, founder of the pro-life movement in Delaware and co-founder of the



March for Life; the **Peter Kuhnert Family** for their heroics in displaying pictures of aborted babies, and **Diane Levero**, author and editor of this great Defend Life newsletter which you are now reading. Also honored was **Pastor David Whitney** who received the **John Peter Muhlenberg Award**. Be sure you read the article about David Whitney in this issue.

Joe Scheidler gave a most eloquent and stirring blessing before this great banquet began. Steve Peroutka once again introduced the Schindlers and explained the Terri Schindler Schiavo Memorial. **Mark Crutcher** of **Life Dynamics** gave a great talk explaining why the pro-life movement is much closer to winning than most pro-lifers realize. You can obtain a CD of this great talk by calling the **Institute on the Constitution** at **410-760-2271**. Finally, a demonstration of **NPLR, National Pro-Life Radio, radio you can see and hear**, was given by Peter Shinn, the computer guru of the PRO-LIFE movement. You



can listen to NPLR at **www.nplr.net**. The voice you hear is Rob McQuay. It has the sound of National Public Radio which is strongly biased to the left, but be assured **NPLR is 100% PRO-LIFE**. You'll love it. Don't be surprised if you soon hear Defend Life Lectures on NPLR.net!

Most recently, there was the October 4-11 **Stephanie Gray** Defend Life 12-Stop, 18-Talk **Marathon Lecture Tour**. It featured talks at 5 colleges, 3 churches, 2 high schools, and included 2 debates. Stephanie Gray, now 26 years old, heads pro-life activism in western Canada where she directs the **Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform**. Visit her outstanding website **www.unmaskingchoice.com**.



Stephanie first came to our area back in April 2002. She came highly recommended by her mentor **Scott Klusendorf**, the C.S. Lewis of the pro-life movement. Stephanie is a great believer in using graphics. As a result of her visit, we hope to have **GAP (the Genocidal Awareness Project)** at such schools as **UMCP, UMBC, Johns Hopkins, Towson, and Harford Community College**. Pray that this happens! **GAP is easily the most significant activity any college pro-life group can do on their campus.**

Several highlights of Stephanie Gray's Marathon Lecture Tour include:

- The debate at College Park where she decimated former NARAL Interim President **Elizabeth Kavendish**.

- The debate at George Washington University where she did likewise to GWU Women's Studies Professor **Cynthia Harrison**. The GWU group is headed by **Laura Graham**, is the best organized of all local college pro-life groups.
- The great talk she gave at St. Charles Borromeo in Arlington arranged by young PRO-LIFE activists **Meghan O'Malley** and **Jon Berry** (no relation to Ron Berry, the sculptor).
- The talk at Johns Hopkins where we met **Leif Parsell**, field representative for **The Leadership Institute**. Leif, along with 59 other campus representatives, is working full-time to assist college students to establish and sustain campus **PROLIFE** groups, Student for Western Civilization groups, and alternative newspaper groups on campuses in Maryland and Delaware. Thanks to **Morton Blackwell**, founder of **The Leadership Institute** for coming up with this concept and raising over **\$2,000,000** to fund it. We look forward to working closely with Lee and his fellow field directors who are responsible for doing the same on campuses in Washington, DC and Virginia. Watch for a future article about the great work this organization is doing.
- The great talk at New Covenant Presbyterian in Abingdon arranged by **Bob Brown**.

Your generosity made possible the Stephanie Gray Lecture Tour! For a CD of her great talk at St. Charles Borromeo in Arlington, please email us at CDs@defendlife.org or call us at **410-296-5483**.

Your continued generosity will also make it possible to bring great speakers like **David Bereit** and **Brian Clowes** to your parish or church at absolutely no cost. See the enclosed flyer listing their appearances. If you would like a great pro-life speaker at your church or parish, contact **Missy Smith** at **202-337-1966** or special@defendlife.org. Missy needs about three persons *who are good on the phone* to help her arrange such talks which have always been the **CORE ACTIVITY** of Defend Life. Please call me at 410-337-3721 for more information about how you can help with this effort.



Please continue to give generously to Defend Life. We are an all volunteer group that depends on and needs your financial support. Tell your friends about the good work we do and visit us often at www.defendlife.org.

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. Mark Monday afternoon, November 13, 3-5:30 p.m., on your MUST DO calendar. That's the date of the opening Mass for the U.S. Fall Bishops Meeting which will be held in Baltimore. Once again, we will be exhorting our Bishops to refuse Holy Communion to the pro-abortion Barbara Mikulski's of our America!