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Dark times call for armor of God, says Swetland

It is getting pretty dark in our land – not just for the United States, but for many parts of the world, says Msgr. Stuart Swetland.

Abortion on demand is the rule almost everywhere, the chair of Catholic Identity at Mount St. Mary's University told his audience at a Defend Life-sponsored talk at St. Joseph's Church in Baltimore April 26.

The Minister of Justice of Ireland proposed a bill in April requiring a priest to break the seal of confession and report to police if a penitent confesses the sexual abuse of a minor.

"In my alma mater, Oxford, two professors, in a leading medical ethics journal, have coined a new phrase: 'post-birth abortion.'

"They argue that there are no ethical differences between late-term abortion and infanticide: since we recognize the former, we should recognize the latter."

Massachusetts will vote this year on whether to legalize euthanasia.

"Some of our most cherished freedoms we hold are now up for grabs," declared Monsignor, referring to the Obama administration's mandate that Catholic hospitals, universities and charitable groups must cover contraception and abortion-inducing drugs in their employee insurance plans.

"They're going to come into our Church, which is protected by the Constitution, and say that healing, teaching, and taking care of the poor and sick are not religious activities, so you can't have an exemption for these activities."

The Church does these things



Some of our most cherished religious freedoms are 'up for grabs,' warns Msgr. Stuart Swetland.

because Christ told us to do them, said the priest – but the government has now declared that they are secular activities.

"Most people, including a huge number of our so-called brothers and sisters in Christ, don't see anything wrong with this. But many of our senior spiritual leaders realize what's at stake," Monsignor Swetland asserted.

He recalled Cardinal Francis George's ominous prediction in 2010: "I expect to die in bed, but my successor will die in prison, and his successor will die a martyr in the public square."

"Cardinal George is not a rash man, but he recognizes that we're two generations away from blood martyrdom."

We are living in a dark time, but it is actually the norm for Christians to be persecuted, Swetland noted: "Jesus told us that if we really followed His way, we would be treated just like He was."

The monsignor described what it was like for the first-century Christians under Roman persecution, who underwent horrible tortures and death for refusing to deny Christ.

It isn't like that yet here, but it's getting there, he predicted.

"If I live to be 80 – I'm 52 now – I fully expect that some of what I preach and teach today will be illegal.

"If they make same-sex marriage a civil right, then they will have to make illegal my proclamation of the Church's teaching on marriage."

In Ottawa the legislature is currently trying to pass a bill that would make it illegal in Catholic schools to teach that marriage is only between a man and a woman.

“I’m just telling you previews of coming attractions,” he said.

We are supposed to be the Church Militant, but for all too long, we have been the Church Milquetoast, Monsignor charged.

“We’ve allowed ourselves to become soft. We’ve tolerated the intolerable, we’ve accepted the unacceptable. We must now carry on the mission of Christ and have the courage of Christ.”

How are we going to do it?

Look at Paul’s letter to the church at Ephesus for guidance, advised Swetland.

“Paul is in prison; his death is not that far off. He writes about how we ought to live as Christians in the darkness of persecution, hatred and misunderstanding.”

Sitting in a prison cell in chains, the apostle looks at his Roman guards and uses their armaments as a metaphor.

He tells us to put on the armor of God, so that we may be able to stand against the tactics of the devil.

Stand fast, with the truth as a belt around your waist, Paul says.

The belt the Roman guards wore held their sword, and held their tunic in place, Monsignor explained.

“The truth is going to allow you to hold everything together and allow you movement; the truth sets you free.”

You must have righteousness as your breastplate, Paul insists.

“The best defense is a life well-lived,” said Swetland. “Our lives must be irreproachable. Our opponents must violate their own principles to get at us, which is what they’re going to do with the violation of the First Amendment.”

Zeal to propagate the gospel of peace should be your footwear, the

apostle advises.

In antiquity, having your sandals on meant you were ready to move, to get on your way, Swetland explained.

In all circumstances, says Paul, hold faith up as your shield.

“Our faith protects us like a shield,” Swetland observed. “But for all too long, we have failed to teach the faith.”

When the seminarians come to Mount St. Mary’s, men who have given up everything for Christ and are strongly motivated, even *they* don’t know the catechism well, he lamented.

‘She has made herself a Judas in what she is doing to her Church.’

“For the first year, we have to teach them the catechism – not theology – just the basic faith.”

Our helmet is salvation, says Paul.

“We know the end of the story: it is that we have a live relationship with God that will go on forever,” said the priest.

Paul tells us to take “the sword of the Spirit,” which is the word of God.

“It amazes me that some Catholics feel themselves biblically illiterate,” Monsignor reflected.

“The Bible is God’s love letters! What should you know better than this? If you can tell me all the contestants on ‘American Idol’ but can’t tell me the books of the Bible, there is something wrong.”

The seventh and final part of the armor of God is prayer.

“Notice how Paul talks about prayer: it should be constant, it should

be unselfish – for others,” said Swetland.

“Pray constantly, attentively – prayer of all kinds: prayers of thanksgiving, of adoration, contrition, intercession, contemplative prayers, novena prayers, sacramental prayers.”

In this time of darkness, one of the things the opposition is trying to do is divide and conquer us, he warned.

“It’s not surprising that the [Obama] administration, in its attempt to destroy the institutions of our Church, is looking for willing accomplices within the Church.

“The Health and Human Services Secretary [Kathleen Sebelius] claims to be a Catholic, but when she was governor of Kansas, she had a big sign on her desk with the date of *Roe v. Wade*, and underneath, it said, ‘Women’s Liberation Day.’

“I pray for her; she’s my sister in Christ. But she has made herself a Judas in what she is doing to her Church.”

In response to this opposition we must come together all the more, lovingly and with meekness, urged Monsignor.

Most people think that meekness means being a holy doormat.

But when Jesus took a whip and drove the moneychangers out of the temple, *that* was an act of meekness, he declared.

The meek person is one who has his or her anger under control and channels it for the eradication of evil.

If you are angry about what is happening to unborn babies through abortion, that is like Jesus’ righteous anger against the moneychangers, said Swetland.

“It’s Christians on fire with the Lord who, fully armed with the armor of God, will be able to help lead the Church in the battle we must fight.”

Defend Life marks free speech victory after settlement

At a heavily covered press conference in front of Maryland State Police headquarters in Pikesville April 16, Defend Life spelled out the importance of the recent lawsuit settlement with the State Police over their unconstitutional arrests in 2008.

“Our group, Defend Life, and other groups now have a clear mandate to do what we were doing back on August 1, showing graphic images,” said Defend Life Director Jack Ames.

Eighteen Defend Lifers were arrested by the Maryland State Police on that date, along Route 24 in Bel Air.

The group was at its final stop on its five-day annual Face the Truth Tour, in which it displayed large posters of aborted babies along roadways in Maryland.

“A key part of this settlement is that the content of speech is protected against retaliation against the speaker,” said Tom Brejcha of the Thomas More Law Society, a co-counsel for the Defend Life plaintiffs.

“The duty of law enforcement is to protect the speaker in the exercise of that free expression.”

Our country’s concept of free speech “hearkens back to the fact that this country was founded as an act of rebellion,” noted Brejcha.

“We need to remind ourselves that freedom to express your opposition to what you see as a grave evil is essential to our society’s capacity to confront and correct actual social evils.”

The \$385,000 settlement of the case in Defend Life’s favor is a major step, not only in Maryland, but nationally, said Brejcha.



Angela Swagler recounts the traumatic experience of her unlawful arrest and jailing by Maryland State Police.

“Increasingly, the courts are recognizing that no matter how some deem pro-life protests politically incorrect, it is indeed an exercise of fundamental, pristine First Amendment rights.”

The settlement mandates that Maryland state troopers must re-

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Maryland State Police
officers to know
that I forgive them.’**

ceive training in constitutional law relating to the First Amendment and incidents like the 2008 Bel Air arrests.

Defend Life’s victory came at a price.

“When the arrests occurred, I had just graduated from high school and was only 18 years old,” said Angela Swagler, one of the 18 arrested

(the lawsuit was titled *Swagler v. Sheridan*).

“I participated in the Face the Truth Tour because I wished to bear witness for those who could not speak for themselves.

“I knew in my heart that what I was doing was right and that I was protected by the First Amendment.”

But the arrests, handcuffing and overnight jailing were “a traumatic experience,” said Swagler, now a senior at Christendom College.

“I would never want anyone, women in particular, to experience the same horrors that I did, of getting shackled, imprisoned and invasively strip-searched twice.”

Other protesters, like 18-year-old Joan Walsh of Owings Mills, experienced the same shock at the violation of their constitutional rights.

Walsh tried to stifle her emotions as she videotaped her 20-year-old sister Beth, the Truth Tour director, being handcuffed, but burst into

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In My Humble Opinion

Faithful Catholics protest Sebelius at Georgetown

By Janet Baker

In mid-April pro-lifers learned that Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius had been invited to give the commencement address to Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute on May 18.

Georgetown's invitation followed on the heels of the draconian HHS mandates (of which she was the primary author) that will force Catholic institutions to provide contraceptives with employee health coverage. The U.S. bishops have rightly decried this mandate.

Georgetown's invitation to Sebelius can be seen as nothing other than a direct poke in the eye to the Magisterium and all people of good will. Even without the mandate, Sebelius' pro-abortion record as governor of Kansas would have been more than sufficient to disqualify

her as an appropriate speaker at a Catholic event.

We petitioned Georgetown's president, Fr. John DeGoia, to rescind the invitation. Sadly, but expectedly, he made clear that the invitation stood. Therefore, we had no choice but to be at Georgetown that Friday morning to protest.

The number of people who protested was small (too small, and I'll have more to say on that later). One long-time activist, Olga Fairfax, arrived at 8 a.m. and handed out business cards bearing pro-life facts and quotes. She had just finished handing out her last card when a campus official told her that she could not do that on Georgetown property.

The official was shocked – shocked! – that anyone would dare distribute pro-life literature on a Catholic campus! My! What is the world coming to? If such behavior keeps up, we might even see people

suggesting, on this Catholic campus, the practice of frequent Confession and recitation of the Rosary!

Catholic/pro-life groups protesting included the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property, the Society for Truth and Justice, and several individuals (two came all the way from Rochester, New York).

We were split between the two entrances to Leavy Center: at 37th and O Streets and 38th and Reservoir. I was at 38th and Reservoir with Dick Retta, Albert Stecklein and others. We were at different corners of the intersection with the “graphic” signs, explaining why Sebelius was a terrible choice for a commencement speaker. By and large, the people going in pretended to ignore us. Several, though, objected vehemently, displaying their complete ignorance of things Catholic.

At about noon, we realized that most of the people had already gone in, so we packed the signs away. I went over to the 37th and O Streets location. We had heard that a member of the Society for Truth and Justice managed to get in and interrupt Sebelius's speech. He had already been ushered out by the time I got over there.

The men of TFP were still there. They were an impressive presence with their signature red sashes and banners. They even had bagpipe players in Scottish regalia (must have been hot under those wool hats). They were handing out literature to people who were starting



Members of the American Society for the Defense of Tradition, Family and Property protest at Georgetown University.

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Institute fights to restore constitutional government

Thomas Jefferson and George Washington would understand exactly where Institute on the Constitution's co-founder, Michael Peroutka, and his colleagues are coming from.

The average American – not so much.

“Since our Founding Fathers, we Americans have become very socialistic, communistic, and un-Christian,” said Peroutka.

On January 9, 2000, spurred on by “the realization that something was broken in America,” Michael Peroutka and his brother Stephen held their first meeting with a group of like-minded friends at the law office of Peroutka and Peroutka in Pasadena, Maryland.

“My brother and I, as attorneys, had taken oaths to defend the Constitution of Maryland and the Constitution of the United States, but we didn't know them very well – we had never really studied these documents.

“Law schools don't teach the Constitution; they use the ‘case law method,’ which teaches how to subvert and pervert the Constitution,” explained Michael, who is a graduate of Loyola University Maryland and University of Baltimore School of Law.

The fledgling group began a study group, starting with some materials put together by Colonel John Eidsmoe, a professor of Constitutional law at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama.

They developed a course on the U.S. Constitution using Eidsmoe's tape set and other material, including *The Law* by Frederick Bastiat, a 19th-century statesman and defender of limited government.

Whitney joins IOTC

The following year, an activist

pastor who worked to defend the unborn, thoroughly disillusioned by “politics as usual” in Maryland, joined the Institute.

“I had become involved in opposing the Anti-Discrimination Act of 2001 – [Gov. Parris] Glendening's sodomite law,” recalled Pastor David Whitney.

“We had succeeded in bringing it to referendum – the attorney general had approved it – but the opposition took it to court and they threw it out



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on a technicality that was not ever used before.

“That really upset me. I realized I had to refocus my energies on educating people on the Constitution and work for a restoration of constitutional government.”

Pastor Whitney, a graduate of Rutgers University with Honors in History who received his Masters Degree from Denver Seminary, developed two additional courses for the Institute, and serves as their primary instructor.

His course on the Maryland State Constitution is unique: “No

law school in Maryland has one,” he noted.

His second course, *The Duty of the Jury*, posits some information that would probably surprise the average Marylander.

“The judge will tell a jury that they can't judge the law, they can only judge the guilt or innocence of the person based on the law,” said Whitney.

“But the duty of the jury is to defend the Constitution: they are to judge the law and its constitutionality *before* they judge the guilt or innocence of the person on trial.

“Article 23 of the Maryland State Constitution states that as a fact. So if they find a law is unconstitutional, then they should declare the defendant innocent.”

Roe v. Wade not a law

Pro-lifers are “a classic example” of people who see that something is wrong with the way government is functioning, said Michael Peroutka. “The murder of babies is just one of the symptoms of a nation that has lost its way.

“But we need to go much deeper than try to lobby the Supreme Court to reverse *Roe v. Wade*. Pro-lifers, like all citizens, need to get to the root of that evil that they see. We have lost the understanding that law comes from God and natural law.”

“Part of what people need to understand is that *Roe v. Wade* is not a law, it's an *opinion*,” said Whitney. “It only involves *Roe* and *Wade*, no one else.”

Abortion could be stopped in any jurisdiction, the pastor maintained.

“A sheriff is the highest law enforcement officer in his county, his jurisdiction.

“Our Maryland Constitution recognizes English common law, which says that. The founders wanted the power as close to the people as possible.”

Most sheriffs, however, not knowing their own power, kowtow to the FBI and other federal officials, said Whitney.

“You have to have a sheriff who understands this, and a populace that backs him up.”

First Friday speakers

In addition to its three regular courses, IOTC sponsors a monthly “First Friday” lecture series, “to give topical applications to our basic understanding of the Constitution,” explained Peroutka.

In 2003 over a thousand people packed the Archbishop Spalding High School auditorium in Severn and gave a rousing standing ovation to IOTC’s speaker, Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore.

Judge Moore had become a national figure after he defied a federal judge’s order to remove a Ten Commandments monument from the State Supreme Court building.

“He was under attack for acknowledging God as the source of law and liberty,” said Peroutka.

Constitutional scholar and attorney Dr. Herb Titus has given several First Friday lectures. In his most recent talk, on May 4, Dr. Titus outlined eight cases for which Institute on the

Constitution has joined with other groups to file *amicus* briefs to defend the U.S. Constitution.

One of those briefs was filed in a case currently under consideration by the U.S. Supreme Court against The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, popularly known as “Obamacare.”



People need to understand that *Roe v. Wade* is an opinion, not a law, says Pastor David Whitney.

“This law goes beyond any prior Congressional exercise of the Commerce power, mandating that individuals purchase private insurance, overriding any religious, moral, or practical scruples they may have,” said Dr. Titus.

The American View

Michael ran as the Constitution Party’s candidate for President in

2004 on a platform which sought to honor God, protect the family, and restore the republic.

The platform came to be known as “The American View of Law and Government,” from which IOTC takes its website name, TheAmericanView.com.

The American View postulates that:

- There is a God, the God of the Bible.
- Our rights come from Him.
- The purpose of civil government is to secure our God-given rights.

In addition to teaching its courses live at its Pasadena classroom, IOTC offers online courses and Course Host Kits.

The Host Kit on the U.S. Constitution, which contains 12 video lectures by John Eidsmoe and other study materials, enables “hosts” throughout the country to lead a class without having to have any special knowledge of the Constitution.

Tens of thousands of people from all 50 states have graduated from the course using this “IOTC in a box,” said Peroutka.

“We see citizens who begin to understand these principles,” said Pastor Whitney.

“In Western Ohio, where I’ve been working for the past three years, we’re beginning to see this happen. We teach people that you need to find candidates who understand these principles as well – and if you can’t find them, then run for office yourself!”

IOTC will be offering its courses on the U.S. Constitution, the Maryland Constitution, and The Duty of the Jury at its Pasadena classroom in the early fall.

For more information on IOTC, phone 866-730-9796 or see *TheAmericanView.com*.

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CBR leads protest at Ocean City Race for the Cure

By Kurt Linneman

The message was simple, clear and loud as 11 pro-lifers joined CBR Maryland on April 22 to demonstrate at the Susan G. Komen Ocean City, Maryland, Race for the Cure: Defund Planned Parenthood – take the funding away from the No. 1 provider of abortion services in America.

The issue seems so simple and at the same time illogical. I do not understand the continued funding of this treacherous organization that received \$680,000 from the Komen Foundation in 2011.

Why would such a prestigious organization associate with Planned Parenthood, which is in the business of killing innocent, defenseless babies in the womb?

Why would Komen invest their sponsors' hard-earned dollars in an organization that does not perform mammograms and arguably does little to prevent or cure breast cancer?

Why would Komen support an abortion provider when medical studies link breast cancer and abortion?

Even the remote possibility of the two issues being connected should cause Komen to discontinue their support of any abortion provider.

For these reasons, CBR Maryland organized the demonstration at the Ocean City Race for the Cure.

For four hours in a heavy rain, pro-lifers stood along the race course with large photo panels of aborted babies and handheld signs that said "Defund Planned Parenthood."

It was apparent by the response



Protesters at the Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure in Ocean City, Maryland, call on Komen to stop funding Planned Parenthood.

of the management of Komen Maryland that our presence brought attention to a subject that Komen would rather go away.

Like Komen Maryland, 3,400 racers were confronted with the ugly reality of abortion and Komen's indirect participation in the killing of babies at Planned Parenthood.

It is our hope that Komen Maryland, which itself does not contribute to Planned Parenthood, will encourage the Komen Foundation to defund Planned Parenthood.

If you have any questions or would like to join CBR Maryland, please contact us at CBRMaryland@CBRinfo.com.

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Here we go again, it's time for our **12th Annual Face the Truth Tour July 23-27**. Once again, we plan 3 major stops 5 days in a row exposing the ugly hidden face of abortion. In addition to Maryland, we plan to visit West Virginia, Washington, D.C. (the belly of the beast), and Pennsylvania. Ever since we began our Truth Tours way back in 2001, **DEFEND LIFE** has grown far beyond our most optimistic expectations. For example, this magazine will reach about 4500 directly by mail. We continue to bring the greatest **PRO-LIFE** speakers in America and beyond to churches and schools in Maryland, Washington, D.C., Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. We continue to retire baby killing abortionists through our relentless, clever and perfectly legal tactics; we publish one of the greatest magazines – the one you are reading right now - in the entire **PRO-LIFE** movement; we sponsor religious freedom rallies to oppose the dictatorial Obama's evil power grab; and we refuse to back down when we know we are right as evidenced by our **\$385,000** settlement with the Maryland State Police who violated our First and Fourth Amendment rights on August 1, 2008. **Visit YouTube.com/4DefendLife to see what I mean. But none of this would have ever been possible without faithful and ever generous supporters like you!**

Why We Continue to Do Face the Truth Tours?



Fr. Frank Pavone of **Priests for Life** has said many times that **until America sees abortion, America will not reject abortion!** Our Truth Tours make this happen. They cut through the media and academia blackout on abortion. **Only in America** do we have the First Amendment right to show pictures of our aborted brothers and sisters. **Obama** and the **Pro-Aborts** would love to take that right away from us, but we will fight that to the death just as we did with the Maryland State Police back in 2008.

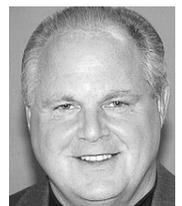


Our Co-Directors this year are **Jordan Mooney** and **Andrew Golden**. Jordan, who is from South Carolina, is a student at Wyoming Catholic College, Class of 2015. Andrew, a student at Christendom College, Class of 2014, lives in Pennsylvania, just north of Hancock, Maryland. His older sister Sarah just graduated from Christendom.

We need your help for our **2012 Core Team!** Core Team members are with us all **5 days**, participate in all **15 stops**, and must be passionately **PRO-LIFE**. So far, we have 6 Core Team members. We need 14 more. Anyone 15 or older, including adults like myself, who is in good shape physically and can take the July heat, qualifies. Contact **Jordan 864-553-8250 – Jordan@DefendLife.Org** or **Andrew 717-504-2282 – Andrew@DefendLife.Org** if you are interested, or if you have a son, daughter, or grandchild who might be.



The tentative schedule for our 15 Stop Tour is shown on page 16. I urge you to **SAVE THESE DATES** and to actively participate in as many stops as possible. Each day we will have **Mass** between our morning and noon stops, and lunch after our noon stop featuring an outstanding **PRO-LIFE** guest speaker. **Let Jordan or Andrew know how you can help with lunches and picnic suppers each of the 5 days as well as overnight housing close to the next day's first stop.**



We also need your generous financial support. **We need to raise \$16,000 just as we did last year.** Believe it or not, there are substantial expenses including air fare for some speakers and Core Team members, **\$1,000** for the Truth Truck from Ohio, **\$2,500** for our beautiful **PRO-LIFE** T-shirts, a **\$600** bus rental fee on Thursday, **\$2,000** for radio ads on **Rush Lim-**

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baugh's local affiliates, fuel for our vehicles, stipends for our Co-Directors, and the list goes on.

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Father Norman Weslin RIP - The Story of a Pro-Life Legend

Father Norman Weslin, Founder of the Lambs of Christ, went on to his eternal reward on Thursday, May 17. Here are a few facts about this saintly priest. He was born in Iron City, Michigan, on the Upper Peninsula. He was the 16th of 18 children. His first 10 older siblings died in infancy. While in fifth grade, he met his future wife, Mary Lou. She was Catholic. He was Lutheran. At 17, he joined the Army. He went to OCS and in 1951 was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant. That same year he converted to Catholicism and married Mary Lou.



He then went to Airborne School, began to drink heavily, and became in his own words, **a hopeless alcoholic**. His drunkenness nearly killed Mary Lou in a car accident. He pinned a green scapular on her pajamas and miraculously she walked out of the hospital 3 days later. He served in Vietnam and Korea and his drinking continued until 1968 when he retired from the Army as a Lt. Colonel. He then joined AA and **turned his life over to God as few of us have**. In 1969, he and Mary Lou became fully immersed in the **PRO-LIFE** movement fighting a Colorado bill to legalize abortion. In 1980, Mary Lou died in a tragic car accident. After her death, he converted their home in Colorado Springs to the **Mary Weslin Home for Pregnant, Unwed Mothers**. Over 300 expectant mothers have stayed there prior to giving birth. He then joined the priesthood, worked with Mother Teresa in the South Bronx counseling alcoholics and drug addicts, and then founded the **Lambs of Christ** who rescued babies across America, and was arrested 70-90 times – he lost count!

On **May 15, 2009**, Father Weslin was arrested at Notre Dame protesting the **evil Obama's** reception of an honorary degree. I am so proud to say that I was arrested with this **saintly priest!** I'll never forget 'til my dying day seeing Father Weslin sprawled on a huge rubber blanket (he had gone limp after being arrested) being dragged along by 8 Notre Dame cops.



Father Weslin suffered from Alzheimer's in the last years of his life. In the last weeks of his life, Father was filled with excitement in anticipation of his reunion with the Blessed Mother, all his friends who had departed before him, and his beloved **Mary Lou**. Here is what the great **Professor Charles Rice** of Notre Dame Law School said about Father: **A few days ago we were praying for Father Weslin. Now, we should be praying to him.**

Bring America's Greatest Pro-Life Speakers to Your Parish This Fall



Here are the great speakers we have scheduled for **Fall 2012**. They include **Dr. Haywood Robinson**, former abortionist from Texas who is available to speak at your parish the evenings of **September 13 and 14**. **Patricia Bainbridge**, Chairman of Human Life International, will speak on **Planned Parenthood: The Sinister World-Wide Flagship of Death**. She is available to speak the evenings of **October 18 and 19**. Her talk will be limited to those 18 and over. **Guy Gruters**, a POW in North Vietnam, father of 8, and an airline pilot, is available to speak on the evenings of **November 15 and 16**.

Learn more about this great American hero at **GuyGruters.Net**.

All speakers are **FREE!** To schedule one, contact **Daria Phair** on a **first come—first served basis 443-830-0408 Daria@DefendLife.Org**.

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

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

Commentary

It's time for Komen to defund Planned Parenthood

By Ellen Staniszewski

By now, most of America has heard of the debacle of The Susan G. Komen Foundation unsuccessfully attempting to stop funding Planned Parenthood and focus more on breast cancer research education.

Twenty-four hours after announcing they would no longer be sending donated money to Planned Parenthood, the Komen Foundation reversed its decision, bending under pressure and aggressive attacks of pro-abortion groups and the liberal media.

Now begins the season of the Race for the Cure events around the country; and pro-life groups are organizing to fight for the defunding of Planned Parenthood.

Sunday, April 22, was the Race for the Cure in Ocean City, Maryland, raising thousands of dollars for the Komen Foundation.

While the oppressive, cold rain may have deterred some racers, the pro-life demonstrators continued to protest abortion funding throughout the race.

In the midst of this race, the controversial decision to fund Planned Parenthood came to the forefront, with pro-life protesters holding graphic signs of the horrors of abortion as well as Defund Planned Parenthood signs.

Information linking abortions to increased risks of breast cancer was also handed out, with large graphic signs warning of breast cancer caused by abortion held for all the racers to see.

The emotions on both sides of the issue were palpable, with one racer resorting to threats of violence against the pro-life protesters. One person said, "Get out of here with your signs."

Some objected to the graphic nature of the signs, saying they were

against the Komen Foundation funding Planned Parenthood, but disliked the signs.

However, one racer said, "Komen Foundation should not be funding Planned Parenthood with our donations. I'm against abortion and it's wrong to fund abortion."

Another comment was, "It's the liberal media that forced them to go back to funding Planned Parenthood." "Keep up the good work, and God bless you" was heard many times.

Perhaps the most telling comment was this: "This Race for the Cure will never be the same for me or anyone, because the pro-life group came to protest today.

"Now we all have to consider what the funding of Planned Parenthood by the Komen Foundation really means to each one of us."

Indeed, Komen must live with the graphic pictures of the horrors of abortion being part of their Race for the Cure, now and in the future.

It's time for the Komen Foundation to recognize their dilemma and take appropriate actions to defund Planned Parenthood or face decreased donations and more protests from being connected with sponsoring abortion.

It's also time for each person supporting the Susan G. Komen Foundation or running in the Race for the Cure to consider how that donation is used to fund abortions.

The choice is clear for anyone who knows that life is precious and unborn babies deserve to feel the raindrops and sunshine.

Ellen Staniszewski's article originally appeared on AmericanThinker.com.



Raining on their parade

Pro-lifers protest the funding of Planned Parenthood by the Komen Foundation at the Ocean City Race for the Cure.

Book Review**Author ruminates on the Pill's not-so great results****By Diane Levero**

“Let’s talk about the Pill,” Mary Eberstadt might have titled her new book, *Adam and Eve after the Pill: Paradoxes of the Sexual Revolution*.

Yikes, isn’t that what the nation has been doing for the past several months, ever since the Obama administration’s mandate ordering Catholic hospitals and other organizations to provide contraception and abortion-inducing drug coverage in their health insurance plans?

The liberals have shrilly demonized opposition to this mandate: after all, don’t women have a constitutional right to free birth control pills? This is nothing less than a “War on Women,” they shriek.

Virtually every woman today uses the Pill – or has at some point in her life, they argue – including Catholics.

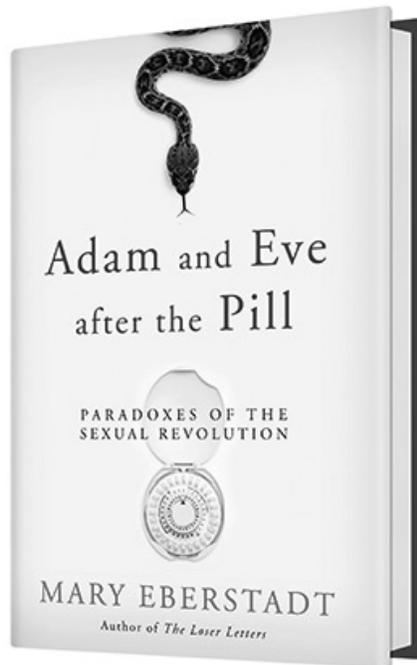
The Pill has become a way of life, one that has radically transformed society on a scale comparable to, say, the Russian Revolution, says Eberstadt.

Yes, there have always been attempts at birth control; but they’ve been crude and chancy.

With the Pill and its backup plan, abortion, we have been able to sever sex from procreation more effectively than ever before in human history.

The Pill’s fiftieth anniversary, in 2010, became an occasion for celebration in the mainstream media, notes Eberstadt.

“In this standard celebratory rendition, the sexual revolution has been a nearly unmitigated boon for all humanity....it has liberated women from the slavery of their fertil-



ity, thus freeing them for personal and professional opportunities they could not have enjoyed before.

“It has liberated men too... chiefly from the bondage of having to take responsibility for the women they had sex with and for the children that resulted.”

Being able to limit family size has been better for children too, say the Pill’s proponents, because with fewer children, there is more time and money to spend on each.

But, Eberstadt contends, “The negative empirical fallout from the sexual revolution has been met with deep and entrenched denial among academic and other cultural authorities.”

The stats and studies are there, but like the academic and media defenders of Communism prior to (and even after) the fall of the Soviet Union, our intellectual elites stubbornly refuse to acknowledge them.

First and most obvious in this documentation of sexual revolution-

related disasters is the collapse of marriage, with all its attendant miseries.

Who is not familiar with studies showing that married, monogamous couples are much better off in all kinds of measures of well-being: they earn more, are healthier, live longer, etc., etc.?

And conversely, who has not heard the statistics on children from broken families or raised by single mothers – that they are more likely to do poorly in school and drop out, do drugs, have children out of wedlock and live in poverty, commit crimes, and end up in prison?

But Eberstadt explores other, less obvious but still very real aspects of the sexual revolution.

One is the change in the character of modern men. The author cites Kay Hymowitz’s well-documented *Manning Up: How the Rise of Women Has Turned Men into Boys*.

With the Pill, to be blunt, women have lost their main excuse for refusing sex to guys (“What if I get pregnant?”), so guys have no reason to buckle down and get a good job so they can marry the girl they want to have sex with. What’s the hurry?

So the guys remain in a state of “suspended adolescence,” as Eberstadt puts it, eschewing the responsible roles of manhood to be perennial boys.

Nowhere is the sad outcome of the sexual revolution revealed in more stark relief than at the typical college campus, which Eberstadt dubs “Toxic U.”

There, dating has been replaced by “the hookup culture” and its related fallouts: binge drinking, date rape, and increased rates of STDs,

depression, other psychiatric problems, and suicide.

With the sexual revolution's "anything goes" mentality came an attempt in the 1970s through the 1990s to erase society's longstanding taboo against pedophilia, notes Eberstadt.

Ironically, she argues, it came to a screeching halt with the scandals involving Catholic priests sexually abusing boys.

Here was the golden opportunity for the usual foes of the Catholic Church to dump on it – but in order to do so, they had to condemn pedophilia as the reprehensible act that it is.

Eberstadt also tackles the uncomfortable subject of the gluttonous consumption of pornography by the modern male.

Pornography has always been with us, but with its unlimited access on the internet, its deleterious effects on men, marriage, children and society in general have become alarming.

On this subject, the author poses an intriguing question: is pornography the new tobacco?

Tobacco used to be tolerated by society, she reminds us: the consensus was that it may be harmful, but it was a free choice for the smoker and it was nobody else's business.

Of course, we all know how the tide has turned, how smoking was condemned and the resultant dramatic drop in tobacco use.

In the same way, she postulates, pornography is tolerated today and its disastrous effects purposely ignored. But Eberstadt hopes that the irrefutable evidence against it will turn society against it as well.

In her final chapter the author reflects on *Humanae Vitae*.

"Of all the paradoxical fallout from the Pill," she observes, "perhaps the most spectacular is this: the most unfashionable, unwanted and ubiquitously deplored moral teaching on earth is also the most thoroughly vindicated by the accumulation of secular, empirical, post-revolutionary fact."

Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical is one doctrine that the world loves to hate: this despite the fact that

Humanae Vitae's predictions about what would happen if artificial contraception became widespread have come true.

The encyclical warned of four resulting trends:

- A general lowering of moral standards throughout society.
- A rise in infidelity.
- A lessening of respect for women.
- The coercive use of reproductive technology by governments.

Secular social scientists have confirmed what *Humanae Vitae* predicted: the Pill, which was supposed to erase all consequences of sex once and for all, turned out to have huge consequences of its own.

But we who have lived through the birth of the Pill and the resultant sexual revolution don't need social scientists to tell us that Pope Paul's predictions have been vindicated with a vengeance.

After the Pill offers a sobering picture with no ready solutions.



Defend Life demands license revocation of late-term abortionist

Defend Lifers, led by Director Jack Ames (left), demonstrate at the Maryland State Board of Physicians office in Baltimore on May 2, the date of the board's Case Resolution Conference concerning charges against abortionist Harold Alexander of Forestville. The board's multiple charges against Alexander included allegedly botching a second-trimester saline abortion and then trying to deny that the woman was even his patient.

Seeing the horror of abortion through the eyes of a child

**By Bob Brown, President
Harford County Right to Life**

My 7-year-old son's jaw dropped, and his eyes widened in horror. Joshua turned around and faced me, demanding clarification for what obviously must have been a mistake. "People are killing babies?"

The expression on his face, however, had a glint of hope – that his father would explain to him that he had misunderstood the speaker's words. I could not return that hope.

My wife and I took all four of our boys – Joshua is the oldest – to the Maryland Right to Life banquet on May 10. It was a strategic step in the raising of our children; we wanted to move them along slowly in their knowledge of what abortion is, and we knew that the banquet would provide as gentle a first step as possible.

Up until then, I had described to my children any pro-life activity that I was involved in as "a meeting about saving babies." I wasn't going to be able to keep up that line for too much longer.

To my boys, a "baby" is their baby brother or the baby sister of a friend from church. The older three talked to and prayed for Matthias, now 9 months old, while he lived and grew inside Mama. And during family devotions each night, we pray that God will protect little babies born and not-yet-born who are in need of His protection.

So, of course, we want to take care of babies! Who wouldn't? We love them! So, you can imagine the utter disbelief and confusion that gripped Joshua when he heard MDRTL banquet keynote speaker

Dr. Ben Carson mention that people are killing babies who are inside their mother's womb – the very opposite of what he has learned to be good and right.

Over the last few days, Joshua and I have had a few conversations, and I've answered his questions tenderly yet honestly. He's too smart, too much of a thinker, for me to be less than truthful.

More questions will surely come, and I'll probably record those dialogues in some written form. I am grateful and humbled to be ap-

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pointed earthly father of these precious boys, these men-in-training, through one of whom I was reminded of the horror of abortion.

It's that horror that I want to talk about. I'm not going to try to make the point that horror must be the motivating factor for right to life work, replacing love or justice-seeking.

However, a less than full "appreciation" of the horror of abortion can lead to ineffectiveness and complacency – in my own life, as much as in anyone else's.

Our banquets and conferences should be sober events with little celebration. This is what I feel. I'm no pessimist, but the glass is far, far from even being half full – so why raise it in a toast?

Each of us must enter these types of events as we would ap-

proach a station in "The Amazing Race": out of breath, maybe, but not willing to rest and certainly not satisfied with the accomplishments that have come before. Where do I go from here? What can I do next?

When we march, we do not march for "our cause" or to promote "our movement." If we march to wield our political power, we do not do so in order to boast of the rightness of our position. We march in *protest*, the movement of our bodies a kinetic witness to the horrible destruction of other bodies, of innocent bodies.

When a friend or stranger announces that she is contemplating abortion, our response must be more urgent than, "Whatever you choose, I'll be there for you on the other side."

You wouldn't say such a thing to your neighbor who had just informed you that she was thinking about going back inside her house and murdering her own 2-year-old daughter. We are working to protect the mother, too, from the horror of "choice" – from the life that follows the taking of a life.

If we do not acknowledge the horror, then perhaps we underestimate the enemy and overestimate our own strength. The vastness of the horror should drive us to our knees in prayer. Perhaps we find victory only as long as we, like Moses did in Exodus 17, lift our arms up to heaven.

Jesus said, as recorded in Luke 18, that we cannot enter the kingdom of God unless we receive it as a child does. And, so, perhaps we cannot end abortion until we are horrified by it the way a 7-year-old boy is.

Pro-lifers infiltrate ‘War on Women’ march

By Ellen Staniszewski

On April 28 I traveled to Washington, D.C., to observe and interact with the participants at a “War on Women” march in sight of the White House.

What began as a “War on Women” march quickly turned into an impromptu “war” between the pro-abortion marchers and some pro-life counter-marchers.

Democrats and their liberal allies in the media have been claiming for months that conservatives have been waging a “War on Women.”

They claim that conservatives have launched an assault on women’s health and freedom through their opposition to the Obama administration’s contraception mandate, to funding for Planned Parenthood, and to abortion in general.

On April 28 a group called

Unite Against the War on Women held marches and rallies across the country, including one in Washington, D.C.

On its website, UniteWomen.org, the group claims to be a “grass-roots” organization formed to fight against state and federal legislation attacking women’s reproductive and other rights.

Among the rally sponsors are the National Organization for Women, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, and groups called “Rock the Slut Vote” and “This Slut Votes.”

At the D.C. march, less than 40 people came out to fight this ambiguous, amorphous “war.” Several easily recognizable participants were from the lice-and-rat-infested Occupy D.C. camp, a few blocks away.

As the march began, chants

from the protesters included, “Get your rosaries off my ovaries!” and “I want free contraceptives and abortions.”

Some signs stated, “Stop the GOP War on Women,” while other signs demanded free abortions and contraceptives.

One woman pointed to her belly and proudly exclaimed, “I had an abortion and I’m proud of it!”

In the midst of this were a few counter-protesters, with one woman holding a sign and shouting, “It’s not a war against women, it’s a war against the unborn!”

A large homemade sign read “Stop the Real War – End Abortion.” Another pro-life protester was yelling, “It’s not an attack on women, it’s an attack on babies!”

The march rapidly became pro-choice protesters rallying against pro-life counter-protesters.

One counter-protester with the largest anti-abortion sign suddenly ended up in front of the “War on Women” marchers, hijacking the entire march for a few minutes.

The pro-abortion group was yelling, “This is our march! You can’t take over our protest!”

Behind this almost comic war of words in the streets between the “War on Women” marchers and the pro-lifers lay some serious issues.

One of the worst effects of free contraceptives, sterilization, abortions and abortifacients is that children and young adults will be given the wrong message: that sex has no consequences and there are no reasons to abstain from sex with anyone, anytime, anywhere.

More of our youth will be freely engaging in sex, and less able to form healthy, lasting relationships,



Counter-protesting at the ‘War on Women’ march are (from left) Marilyn Iyengar, Ellen Staniszewski, Jonathan Darnel and Joan O’Reilly.

marriages, and strong families.

Increased sexualization of our young adults will lead to more abortions, sterilizations, cases of sexually transmitted diseases, aborted children, and traumatized lives.

We need to send a strong message that this phony “War on Women” is really a war on the unborn and the future of all our children.

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tears when a trooper proceeded to handcuff her next.

The nine men arrested were hauled to the state police barrack in Bel Air in a paddy wagon, then put in a jail cell measuring about 10-by-10 feet.

“It was really tight,” recalled Ames.

The jailed male pro-lifers tried to keep up their spirits by praying and singing hymns back and forth with the seven women, who were in a cell about 20 feet away.

But as the night wore on, spirits began to flag as fatigue and frustra-

tion set in.

Friends had managed to get pizza sent in. The men made makeshift mattresses out of the pizza boxes on the cold concrete floor.

“We didn’t get a lot of sleep,” said Ames.

At about 3 a.m. the police began transferring the pro-lifers to the Harford County Detention Center where, one by one, they were taken before a state commissioner.

The Maryland residents were released on their own recognizance, but three out-of-staters had to post \$3,000 bail, which pro-life attorney Steve Peroutka provided.

Ames was the last to be released, at 10:45 a.m.

“The case ended on a positive note, though,” said Swagler, “and I’m so grateful for the settlement and the outcome of the case.

“I’m grateful that this will help everyone in the state of Maryland and the Maryland State Police officers in regards to protecting the First Amendment.

“After all this, I want the Maryland State Police officers to know that I forgive them.”

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to depart. They met with the same treatment we met earlier.

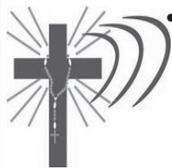
In my opinion, the insult to the faith proffered by Georgetown was on a par with that of Notre Dame, when it had pro-abortion President Obama give its commencement address in 2009. At the 2009 commencement, hundreds of people came from all over the country to offer Christian witness. On May 18 we numbered less than 50.

In the weeks preceding this event, 26,000 people signed the Cardinal Newman Society’s online petition. While that was good in and of itself, it was hardly a sufficient response.

I realize many people have jobs, but couldn’t more people have taken off for this occasion? We are *not* going to make any headway in building a Culture of Life unless we are willing to take to the streets – that means each and every one of us. Please let’s consider this truth carefully and govern ourselves accordingly.

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