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Fr. Joe, LEAD Ministry defy Archbishop on parade sign Abp. Lori continues silence on St. Matthew pro-LGBT group

On Saturday, June 16, photographer Tom Donohue snapped a photo of the “Faith Communities of Baltimore” marching in the city’s 2018 Pride Parade.

Among the signs identifying the various “faith communities” taking part was one naming St. Matthew Catholic Church in Baltimore.

One problem.

Archbishop William Lori had asked Fr. Joseph Muth, pastor of St. Matthew, that no signs identifying the parish be carried in the 2018 parade.

The minutes of St. Matthew’s LEAD (LGBT Educating and Affirming Diversity) Ministry meeting on June 10 report, under “Fr. Joe’s



TMD Enterprises/Tom Donohue

A marcher carries a St. Matthew Catholic Church sign in the 2018 Pride parade in Baltimore.



A large banner on the back wall inside St. Matthew Church welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning people.

Updates,” that “Bishop [Denis] Madden has conveyed Archbishop Lori’s request that no signs identifying St. Matthew parish be carried in the Gay Pride Parade on June 16.”

The minutes go on to say that a LEAD member “will explore ordering T-shirts printed with ‘St. Matthew Catholic Church—All Are Welcome’ for parade participants.”

Donohue’s photo, part of 106 Baltimore Pride Parade pictures

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Your tax dollars at work

Md. library hosts state's first drag queen story time

Balena Canto lumbers into the packed meeting room at Glen Burnie Regional Public Library on August 18, borne on a wave of enthusiastic applause and cheers from the adults seated on the carpeted floor with the kids they have brought from throughout Maryland to see the first Drag Queen Storytime at a Maryland public library.

Balena Canto's gauzy white gown, blue wig and tiara of multi-colored seashells, flowers and feathers contrast sharply with his broad-shouldered masculine physique and his heavy-footed gait.

But his audience, who have waited in a long line until the meeting room doors open, are with him as he launches into a fish-themed half-hour of songs, games and stories aimed at children from toddlers to ages five or six.

A beaming library staffer, wearing a feathery, rainbow-colored hair ornament, sits beside Canto and helps him hold open the book as he reads aloud to the wide-eyed and attentive youngsters.

Not Quite Narwhal, by Jesse Sima, tells about Kelp, a little sea creature who knows he is different from the narwhals he lives with in the ocean.

But the narwhals treat him kindly, despite the fact that the horn on his head isn't as long as theirs.

Fate finally leads Kelp landward to some unicorns, who tell him that he is actually one of them.

He wants to be a unicorn—but he also wants to be accepted and



Above, Balena Canto leads kids in song at Glen Burnie Library's Drag Queen Storytime, aided by a library staffer wearing a "rainbow" hair ornament. Below, he greets a woman and toddler after his performance.



loved by his narwhal friends.

The adults at Drag Queen Storytime recognize that the book, heavily illustrated with telltale rainbow motifs, is clearly an allegory, meant to inculcate into kids the LGBT principle that it's just fine to be either/or—or *both* genders, even if one of them contradicts your physical attributes.

So when Canto reads the final line, that Kelp realizes “that maybe . . . just maybe . . . he didn't have to choose,” they burst into cheers and applause.

‘I think it’s awesome!’

Drag Queen Storytime “gives kids glamorous, positive and proudly queer role models,” Anne Arundel County Public Library declared in its website announcement of Canto’s upcoming show: “In spaces like this, kids are able to see people who defy rigid gender restrictions and imagine a world where people can present as they wish and where dress up is real.”

“This is the first [public library] drag queen story time in the state of Maryland!” library staffer Catherine Hollerbach told a *Defend Life* reporter after Canto’s performance.

Glancing about the crowd, which numbered well over one hundred, Hollerbach, chief of Public Services and Branch Management for Anne Arundel County Library, exclaimed, “I think it’s awesome!”

Rudy Rodela, chief of Support Systems for the county library system, was also clearly pleased.

Asked how they got such a large turnout, Rodela told *Defend Life*, “We put it on Facebook, and the word just got out. It was very successful!”

Taxpayers were billed \$300 for the drag queen’s performance, which lasted less than an hour.

An invoice supplied by Anne Arundel County Public Library, responding to a request by *Defend Life* under the Maryland Public Information Act, shows a performer’s fee of \$200 plus travel expenses of \$102.46 to be paid to Matthew Maisano, performing as Balena Canto.

Support for the show came from the state’s LGBT community, including two men wearing Annapolis Pride T-shirts who handed out rainbow-colored heart-shaped stickers and wristbands to children and parents at the meeting room door.

In June, Anne Arundel County Library led other county libraries in Maryland in active participation in the American Library Association’s “celebration” of GLBT Book Month.

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Four of the county’s library branches held Rainbow Storytime, at which children were read books with LGBT themes.

At the county’s Odenton branch, author Gayle Pitman read from her children’s book praising gay pride parades.

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ALA pushes drag queens

The Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, has been pushing hard to bring Drag Queen Storytime to libraries across the U.S.

“Interested in bringing Drag Queen Storytime to your library?”

asks the ALSC on its blog.

At the American Library Association’s Annual Conference in June, the blog reported, “ALSC Committee Members received tips for optimizing success from library pioneers who have already done it.

“We also had a chance to meet a Drag Queen who talked about the value of offering this program, including fostering empathy, tolerance, creativity, imagination and fun” (alsc.ala.org/blog/2018/07/wish-you-were-here-ala-annual).

Drag queen at coffee bar

Belena Canto is the stage name used by Matthew Maisano when he performs as a drag queen.

On his Linked In page, Maisano describes himself as a “self-employed classical/opera singer” who presently works as a library assistant or library associate at three public libraries in the Philadelphia area, where he lives.

In the summer of 2010 he served as a camp counselor of children at YMCA day camps in Ridley and Lansdowne, Pa. (linkedin.com/In/matthew-maisano-8921bb72/).

Maisano performed as Balena Canto at Opera Drag Night at Win Win Coffee Bar in Philadelphia on July 8 and August 12 (matthewmaisano.com/performances.html).

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featured on the pro-homosexual website, The Advocate (advocate.com/pride/2018/6/21/106-photos-empowering-baltimore-pride#slide-48), shows that LEAD decided to ignore Lori's plea and march with the sign.

Marching, in addition to the St. Matthews' contingent, in the Pride Parade were nearly naked men wearing just jock straps, several women with only "pasties" covering their breasts, cross dressers, drag queens, and a large group from Planned Parenthood.

Condone homosexual acts

On September 23 LEAD was one of many "ministries" at the Ministry Fair hosted by St. Matthew Church, featuring displays by various church ministries and encouraging people to join them.

LEAD's booth offered flyers and brochures condoning and af-

firming homosexual behavior.

A brochure published by LEAD states that St. Matthew Church "envision[s] a society that embraces everyone, including those of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities."

Citing "Jesus' command for us to love God and love one another above all things," it declares, under the heading, "From Our Pastor," that LEAD is "A welcome center for LGBTQ+" and that "LEAD is Church. LEAD saves lives."

The brochure makes no mention of Church teaching of the sinfulness of homosexual behavior or of the need for those with homosexual inclinations to strive to lead chaste lives.

A handout card at LEAD's booth has a small rainbow-colored ribbon pinned to it with the message:

Please wear this ribbon
Solidarity Sunday!
Wear it everyday!
Solidarity Sunday

The Sunday before October 11



The LEAD Ministry booth displays a photo of St. Matthew's pastor, Fr. Joseph Muth.

(National Coming Out Day)



The LEAD Ministry booth at St. Matthew Church Ministry Fair offers brochures condoning and affirming homosexual behavior.

The handout (and "Solidarity Sunday") are creations of DignityUSA, a homosexual advocacy group that explicitly condones homosexual sexual acts.

A DignityUSA document expounds on the goodness of homosexual acts, declaring, "*We reclaim our sexuality and its genital expression as intrinsically good.*" [emphasis added] (dignityusa.org/book/sexual-ethics-experience-growth).

Archbishop continues silence

Father Muth was active for years, until 2012, in New Ways Ministry, a group condemned in 1999 by the Congregation for the

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Life and death dramas play out—literally—at Planned Parenthood

Even from a distance, pro-lifer John Roswell can see that the young couple walking down Howard Street toward Planned Parenthood are engaged in an agitated discussion, and that the woman appears hesitant or reluctant.

She turns and goes to the corner a block away on Mulberry Street; but the man crosses Howard to see if Planned Parenthood is open.

About then the front door opens. The man turns around, and refuses a flyer from Roswell.

Roswell can see in his face that this is one of those situations he hates the most: a man herding a reluctant woman to the slaughter of his own offspring.

The man goes over to the woman and they talk, then come back toward the abortion facility. Roswell tries to hand the woman a flyer, but her companion physically shoves him out of the way.

“Don’t force her to do something she doesn’t want to do!” pleads Roswell. The man replies with obscenities.

Two hours later, the time it typically takes for an abortion, the same couple comes out of Planned Parenthood.

The woman has tears running down her face.

On a Friday morning in mid-July, a young woman comes around the corner toward Planned Parenthood in obvious distress.

Pro-lifer Al Moulton offers to pray with her.

She tells him she has family in Illinois, but is living in Baltimore on her own. She’s not certain she is pregnant, and is traumatized by the thought of going into the abortion center.



Dick Schaefer gives a young woman a flyer in front of the Planned Parenthood facility on Howard Street in Baltimore.

Dick Schaefer immediately offers to drive her to a crisis pregnancy center and she agrees.

Her hands are shaking as she types her contact information for the pro-lifers into a phone.

Schaefer drives her to the CPC, where she is treated lovingly and offered help to carry her baby.

She thanks Schaefer profusely.

Life-or-death dramas

For five days a week at Baltimore’s Planned Parenthood, which recently euphemistically renamed itself the Baltimore City Health Center, every woman passing through the door for an abortion is living out a real-life drama that will end—literally—in the life or death of the unborn child she is carrying.

The pro-lifers standing out front are part of these dramas.

“When I started coming here in the spring of 2017, only one or two [pro-lifers] were coming one day

a week,” said Roswell as he stood outside the abortion facility on August 24.

John is leader of the Baltimore branch of Sidewalk Advocates for Life, a relatively new pro-life group whose philosophy is to save unborn babies by reaching out in love and compassion to the mother and responding to her needs.

As an active group, the Baltimore SAFL didn’t really get started until the fall of 2017, said Roswell.

“It’s been growing ever since!” he added.

‘We’ll pray for her’

That morning, a young, attractive African-American man and woman walked toward the front door of Planned Parenthood.

The fact that she was accompanied by someone who could drive her home was a sign that she was going in for a surgical abortion.

The woman accepted a “Bless-

ing Bag”—a small bag filled with snacks, candy and items appealing to women such as combs and Chap-Stick—and a flyer with information on nearby CPCs from Moulton.

She thanked him and told him she would read the flyer.

Later, the couple emerged from the building and got into their car, parked around the corner. The woman was still carrying the flyer Al gave her, and the pro-lifers hoped she had changed her mind.

But after sitting in the car for a short while, they went back into the abortion mill, only to come out again minutes later.

Schaefer heard the woman telling someone on her cell phone that they wouldn't do the abortion until she produced a photo ID. Soon after, the two drove off.

“She won't have the abortion today,” said Schaefer. “But any delay, even if by a day, is a chance that she might bond with her baby and change her mind.

“We'll pray for her.”

Blessing Bags are ice-breakers

Planned Parenthood schedules abortions every weekday except Tuesday, and on one Saturday a month.

Now, instead of just one day a week, “sidewalk advocates” are offering alternatives to abortion-minded women on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and the one Saturday a month that the center commits abortions. Roswell hopes that the advocates can start covering Mondays by September.

On August 24, Baltimore's notoriously high summer humidity was unusually low, and there was a refreshing breeze.

“If it was like this all the time, it would be great!” said Roswell.

“But we've faced all the weather extremes. We've had a devoted group—it's amazing!”

Mary Ellen Smith, a parishio-

ner at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in West Baltimore, has been coming to Planned Parenthood for about six months.

At the Hillcrest abortion facility on Route 40 in Baltimore, where Smith prayed monthly with a small group, logistics prevented the pro-lifers from talking to the women going in for abortions.

But because the Howard Street Planned Parenthood abuts directly onto a public sidewalk, advocates can freely talk with and offer help to women going in for abortions.

“That's what I like about coming down here!” said Smith.

A week ago, she recalled, a young woman going in for an abortion was “conflicted; she already had three young children.

“She was angry with her boyfriend because he wasn't supportive of her emotionally. But he *wanted* her to have the baby! She asked us to pray over her.”

Most of the women headed in for abortions will not talk to the advocates or accept flyers.

“When you try to talk to them, the most they'll say is, ‘I'm good’; that's the kiss-off line!” said Schaefer.

Giving them a Blessing Bag is a sign of friendliness and acts as an ice-breaker, he explained. They will then often accept a flyer that tells them about alternatives to aborting their baby.

Accepting the bag also “slows them down a little,” giving them time to think about the gravity of what they're doing, said Schaefer.

‘How can you sleep at night?’

Roswell often gets called a racist.

“It amazes me!” he said.

He recalled one African-Amer-



Al Moulton (2nd from right) leads (from left) John Roswell, Dick Schaefer and Mary Ellen Smith in closing prayers at Planned Parenthood.

ican woman saying angrily on her cell phone, “The bigots here are trying to tell me I can’t have an abortion!”

So Roswell is especially grateful for the growing number of sidewalk advocates from Huber Memorial Church, a predominantly African-American church in Baltimore: they can’t be accused of being racists when they talk to fellow African-Americans, he explained.

Moulton, a devout Christian from Huber, “is probably a little more contentious than I might be” in certain situations, said Roswell.

On a Friday in mid-August, Ricardo, the African-American security guard who mans the front door at Planned Parenthood, told some of the women advocates that they had to stay ten feet away from the door—a blatant falsehood.

Moulton promptly positioned himself close to the front door and told Ricardo he was not moving.

Then he blasted the guard, asking him, “What kind of security guard are you? How can you sleep at night when abortions of black babies are causing 61% of black deaths?”

“Ricardo has turned a cold heart” to such admonitions, said Roswell. “But maybe it was good he could hear about it from one black man to another.

“We have had such a wonderful response by the Huber Memorial Church,” he added; “if only more church groups would get as involved with us!”

For more information on the Baltimore branch of Sidewalk Advocates for Life contact John Roswell at saf.l.baltimore@gmail.com or 410-371-4188.

Google review describes horrifying abortion

(Editor’s note: The following are excerpts from a Google review made seven months ago by a client at “Baltimore Health Care Center,” the Planned Parenthood facility on North Howard Street in Baltimore. It is one of a total of 46 reviews that average just 2.8 stars out of a possible 5 stars. Many of the complaints in the low-starred reviews are about the lengthy waits, despite the fact that the reviewer had an appointment. Others complain about rudeness by the staff. Some misspellings have been corrected for the sake of clarity.)

Rachel Ciemny

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As far as the friendliness of the staff, all the women there were pretty nice. And for the wait, I see a lot of people complaining, but with my procedure, they did say expect to be there for 4 hours. I was actually out in a little over 3.

All that being said, that brings me to my horror story. I have had two abortions before (not with Planned Parenthood) and both times was actually sedated. For this, all they give you for pain/sedation is some Tylenol, and an Ativan.

15 minutes after I take the pills, I get called back. I felt totally alert, and no different than I did before taking the pills. Maybe I was getting rushed through because I was the first appointment that day, with lots of other women behind me waiting.

I don’t remember the name of the woman who actually did my procedure. She was not gentle at all. She pinched my labia twice just inserting the speculum. Then the actual process began. I wonder if the medication to dilate my cervix even kicked in, because this was the absolute most painful thing I ever felt in my life, and I’m no wimp.

I’ve heard other women describe it as very bad cramping when having an abortion done without full sedation. Not the case for me at all. It felt like a sword stabbing me again and again. I was crying and screaming in pain. It was the most traumatic thing I have ever experienced. I don’t know if the reason for this was this woman’s heavy-handed nature, or the fact none of my medications seemed to have kicked in (I surely started to feel them on the ride home with my boyfriend). I’m scared this whole ordeal may cause trauma to my cervix (since it was probably not dilated and just forced open), or some other damage.

I found myself two days later in the hospital, for uncontrollable

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Our first fall Lecture Tour featured Ann McElhinney who co-authored the best-selling book **Gosnell: The Untold Story of America's Most Prolific serial Killer** followed by a block-buster movie entitled **Gosnell**, scheduled to begin showing in **750** theaters across America on **Friday, October 12**.



This movie can change peoples' hearts about abortion. But I am getting ahead of myself. Back in April, 2013, Ann's husband, Phelim, had just completed his movie **Frack Nation**, a pro-fracking movie. Fracking by definition, means injecting high pressure liquids into underground rock formations freeing up natural gas and oil which are trapped.

Phelim was touring my beloved home state of Pennsylvania promoting his film in April 2013 when he learned about the trial of abortionist Kermit Gosnell which was taking place just blocks from the Liberty Bell in historical downtown Philadelphia. It was in impoverished West Philadelphia that Gosnell had been committing abortions for about **30** years without a single inspection by authorities.



The evidence against Gosnell was compelling! He was on trial for the murder of **3** aborted babies who made it out alive (he or one of his lackeys simply snipped their spinal cords) and 1 woman who had died from a botched abortion. What amazed Phelim McAteer was that there was **absolutely no media coverage!** The seats in the front of this huge courtroom reserved for media were completely vacant. As a matter of fact, other than court personnel, the huge courtroom was virtually empty.

Thus was hatched the idea for a book but it was a hard sell for Phelim to convince his wife Ann to write such a book. During her 4 talks for **DEFEND LIFE**, she explained that she had been **neutral** on abortion which, as she said is a code word for **pro-choice**, as the pro-aborts like to call themselves. Ann, a native of County Donegal, recalls her college days in Dublin where the common belief was that the victim images we use in America to depict this horror of abortion, were in fact **photo-shopped**.

Upon his return to Los Angeles, Phelim had a hard sell to convince his wife and their business partner Magdalena that a book and a movie on Gosnell were viable. But sell the idea, he did!

The research for the book was extensive, including:

- Visits to and numerous telephone conversations with Gosnell at his prison in Huntington, Pennsylvania where he is a **LIFER without the possibility of parole**.
- Interviews with **Jim Wood**, the tenacious Philadelphia Narcotics Detective who stumbled onto evidence that led to the raid on Gosnell's **HOUSE OF HORRORS** in West Philadelphia.
- Interviews with the key prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney, **Christine Wechsler**
- Interviews with Gosnell's high school age female clinic workers **who had little or no training**.
- Interviews with Pennsylvania Health Department officials who were under strict orders from their **pro-abortion governor Tom Ridge** to give abortion mills **free rein**.

In any case, read the book published by Regnery and available from Amazon (also available in **Audio Book**). But more importantly, view and review the trailer at

GosnellMovie.com. Then send that trailer to friends and not so **PRO-LIFE** friends. Find out where **Gosnell** is showing and then **buy out** a specific performance of **Gosnell** and invite your friends, church members, KofC members, and business associates to attend. **We must make the very most of this God-given opportunity!**

Ambassador Margaret Mary O'Shaughnessey Heckler, RIP

Margaret Heckler, Ambassador to Ireland, Secretary of HHS under President Ronald Reagan, and a Congresswoman from **1967-1983** representing Massachusetts went to her eternal reward on August 6 at age **87**. If ever there was a feisty lady on Capitol Hill, it was the indomitable Margaret Heckler. Here are a few of my favorite recollections of this great lady.



- Her birth parents were both from Ireland. Both worked at New York's most famous hotel, **the Waldorf Astoria**. Her father was a bell captain. Her mother was a maid.
- They married late in life and her father was not expecting any children. Suddenly, Margaret was on her way. Before she was even born, her father had arranged for her to be adopted.
- As a young girl, Margaret took piano but decided that her calling was not to be a concert pianist. She loved public speaking. She attended Albertus Magnus College in New Haven.
- Her birth father at times would come to her campus insisting on seeing **PEG**. Many girls named **PEG** would respond but he insisted on seeing the right one. She married at St. Patrick's Cathedral and her birth father paid for a lavish reception for his **5'¼"** birth daughter.
- Later, she attended Boston College Law School with such luminaries as Professor Charles Rice who later taught law at Notre Dame. Also present was Father Robert Drinan, the Dean of BC Law School who then was a conservative according to Rice.
- Margaret was the only female in her class and won every moot court competition.
- In 1967, then **36** years old, she ran for Congress defeating **Speaker of the House Joe Martin** who had served more than **40** years. She served until 1983 and then was then defeated by **homosexual Barney Frank** whose district had been **gerrymandered** into Margaret's.
- President Reagan campaigned for her. She recalled the 2 of them flying back to Washington on Air Force One and he gallantly waiting on her on that Saint Patrick's weekend with a green towel draped across his right arm.
- After she was defeated by Barney Frank, President Reagan appointed her Secretary of **HHS**.
- Amazingly while recovering from a hysterectomy at Walter Reed, Nancy Reagan dispatched her **hatchet man** Donald Regan, a Reagan cabinet member, to **fire** Margaret Heckler.
- Not to be dragged down by his **less than magnanimous** First Lady, President Reagan then appointed Margaret Heckler Ambassador to Ireland, a position she truly relished, doing all she could to build up the land of Saint Patrick from whence had come her birth parents.
- The last time I saw Margaret was at the 2017 March for Life Virgil Mass at the Shrine. I was standing on the steps of the Shrine wearing my **PRO-LIFE** T-shirt when an Uber driver spotted me and said that he had a passenger with him who claimed she was an **Ambassador**. Sure enough, it was the indomitable 5 foot ¼ inch tall Margaret Heckler. There is so much more to tell you about Margaret, but you will have to wait and read the book being written by her daughter-in-law. **Well done Margaret, good and faithful servant!**



Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames
Jack Ames, Director

Enclosure

Council defeats resolution declaring unborn are human

After an often raucous, exhausting three-hour hearing lasting to 1:30 a.m., the Anne Arundel County Council voted down a resolution declaring that unborn babies are human beings.

Resolution 30-18, in addition to “recognizing and declaring the humanity of preborn children,” urged the citizens of Anne Arundel County to “encourage the human treatment of all human beings, including preborn children, as well as to promote and defend the dignity of all human life.”

Council Chairman Michael Peroutka, who sponsored the resolution, began the September 4 hearing by explaining that “Since it’s a resolution that represents only the opinion of the majority of the council members, it does not compel or require any action by the Council.”

The first duty of government, according to the Declaration of Independence, is to protect the right to life, Peroutka pointed out.

“We can and have passed resolutions and bills to protect animals; we should do the same for preborn children,” he urged.

Chairman Peroutka told the approximately two hundred people in the packed meeting room that “outbursts, cheers or jeers from the audience” would not be allowed.

His words were promptly ignored.

Before testimony began, Democratic Councilman Pete Smith remarked, “There are seven *men* who are literally getting ready to make a declarative statement” on a subject that primarily affects women.

“In November,” he added, “the Council will more than likely include four or five women; maybe

they should be the appropriate body to determine if we are going down the right path!”

During and after Smith’s remarks, opponents of the resolution responded with loud applause and cheering.

Clapping, jeering and occasional derisive outbursts, perpetrated almost solely by the resolution’s



Michael Peroutka chairs the Anne Arundel County Council hearing on a resolution recognizing the humanity of preborn children.

opponents, occurred throughout the lengthy hearing,

Over 80 speakers, divided about equally between supporters and opponents, delivered emotional and often passionate testimony on the resolution.

Due to time constraints, speakers were limited to two minutes.

Therese Hessler, the first to testify, disputed Councilman Smith’s contention that the issue should not be voted on by an all-male council.

“It shouldn’t matter,” said the Maryland Right to Life’s director of legislation and administration: “This is an issue of human rights.”

She was followed by Jody Ward of Whiteford, Md., who declared,

“Being human doesn’t come in degrees; you either have it or you don’t.

“Some choices are just wrong,” she added. “Vulnerable and dependent human beings deserve our best efforts and our generous protection.”

“Abortion kills a baby and devalues life in society,” said Severna Park resident Gwen Murray; “medical science declares that it is a human life.”

Carl Schumaker of Annapolis noted that a baby in the womb “is not part of a woman’s body: the baby has a different DNA than the mother.”

On the opposing side, a male resident of Annapolis received loud applause and cheers for his one-statement testimony that “Fetuses are not babies, they are not people, and if you do not have a uterus, do not legislate them!”

Nelson Goodman, a physician, said that when he was teaching medical students in the 1960s, women were dying of septic abortions.

“The majority of women are very happy when they have abortions,” he asserted.

A Pasadena woman told the council that she had had an abortion when she was 19 and living with her boyfriend: “I was desperate; I was trapped,” she said. Abortion was “the right choice; I haven’t regretted it once over the last 22 years.

“This resolution is grandstanding for political purposes,” she concluded.

An Arnold woman declared, “I do not support anyone’s right to enforce their religious beliefs on others.”

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Pro-life men rally to protect Hampdenfest booth from harassers

Just like the Marines, the Respect Life Committee at St. Thomas Aquinas Church was looking for a few good men.

Committee Chairman Marty Taylor asked for men to help forestall possible problems at the pro-life booth at Hampdenfest, Hampden's annual community festival in Baltimore on September 8.

Things had not gone well at their booth in 2017.

Many fair goers had responded positively and thanked them for being there.

But a pro-abortion group of rowdies spent the last two hours of the festival in non-stop heckling, derision and harassment.

A heckler threw a beer at one of the pro-lifers. Someone else knocked over the display of unborn baby models, scattering it on the ground. They also knocked over a picture, shattering its glass.



Manning the Respect Life booth at Hampdenfest are (from left) Al Moulton, Gay Block, Dick Schaefer, Marty Taylor and Diane Schmit.

This year, Chairman Taylor asked for male volunteers to help man the booth and, by their presence, help prevent any repetition of last year's problems.

Pro-life men answered the call.

"They really rose to the challenge!" said Taylor.

"Some of the men who responded were from our parish. [Defend Life Director] Jack Ames recruited a lot; the Knights of Columbus put out a call, and the men themselves recruited their friends."

Taylor had asked for their help especially in the late afternoon and early evening of the festival, when harassers were more likely to cause trouble.

The number of volunteers, both male and female, increased as the afternoon wore on. By evening, said Taylor, "We had ten men and two women at the booth!"

There was no harassment at all—probably due, in large part, to the heavy rain on and off throughout the day.

"The festival attendance was way down," said Taylor, "and the people who were there weren't going to stop at a booth when it's raining.

"But even with fewer stoppers, there were still some good mo-



Why are these folks smiling?

They've stopped to gaze at the unborn baby models on display at the Respect Life booth at Hampdenfest.

ments,” she added.

“Even though we didn’t hand out much literature, it’s the conversations [with passersby] that are important,” she explained.

She noted one lengthy talk with three people in their early twenties who asked “the usual questions: How can you say it’s really a human being when it’s so small? And what about rape?”

Someone else challenged her, saying that that unborn babies don’t really look like the display models at two months.

“I pulled out a magazine from my gynecologist’s office that had a picture of an unborn baby at two months; it looked very much like our model!”

Despite the rain, many young people passing by the booth looked

intently at the unborn baby models, said new volunteer Al Moulton.

“Even though they didn’t stop to pick up literature, the image of those life-like replicas will stay with them,” said Moulton.

“They won’t forget. Once you see something like that, it’s imprinted on your mind.

“That’s why God gave us eyes.”

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Doctrine of Faith for its positions on homosexuality.

He began LEAD in 2012. Since then, he has labored indefatigably to promote not only acceptance but outright approval of active homosexual behavior by both St. Matthew Church and the Catholic Church in general.

A *Defend Life* reporter went undercover to LEAD’s monthly meeting in January 2016 and witnessed St. Matthew’s pastor enthusiastically lead attendees in their approval, promotion of, and in some instances, self-proclaimed participation in active homosexual behavior.

Father Muth and LEAD, in violation of Catholic moral teaching, have condoned, celebrated, and

encouraged active homosexual behavior for years with virtually no objection from the Archdiocese or from Archbishop Lori.

While the crisis of clerical sexual abuse—mostly homosexual—and its cover-up by bishops and cardinals rages in the Church, the Archbishop has stood by in silence, allowing a homosexual subculture to grow and thrive in his own archdiocese.

RESOLUTION, from page 10

Erin Wright, a certified nurse-midwife and assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University, said that she supports “the right to self-choice: medical decisions should be based on scientific evidence, not political ideology.”

“This is clearly an attempt by men on the council to control women and their reproductive rights,” charged a woman from Crofton.

Another female opponent agreed, saying, “The citizens do not want you in their bedroom or doctor’s office! This resolution is a veiled attempt to intimidate women.”

“Mr. Peroutka, you don’t care about the dignity of all human life!” declared Yazemin Jamison of Ar-

nold: “You only care about human life that turns out to be straight, white, and adherent to your warped vision of Christianity” and “your hateful ideology.”

Kathy Becket of Annapolis called the resolution “a last-ditch effort” by Peroutka, “a lame-duck Councilman, to perpetuate his far-right, extremist agenda.”

The resolution was defeated 4-3, with three Republicans voting in favor, and three Democrats and Republican Councilman John Grasso voting against.

Asked if he was disappointed in the outcome, Peroutka replied, “In the practical outcome of the vote, yes.

“But I was very encouraged by the people that turned out in support, and by the quality of their tes-

timony. And I think *they* were very encouraged by hearing the testimony of others in support.”

Despite the rancorous, exhausting hearing, the councilman said that he would “absolutely” do it all over again.

Such local efforts “need to be done all over the country,” he asserted. “People say it’s a national issue; but the national government is not ending abortion. I believe local governments have to grab hold of this issue and run with it!”

The personal attacks against him by some of the opponents did not upset him.

“You know what they did to my Savior,” said Peroutka. “He told us, ‘Whatever they do to me, they will do to you.’”

In My Humble Opinion

Scandals grow surrounding bishops, Cardinal Wuerl

By Janet Baker

No one with functioning eyes or ears can be unaware of the scandals that now surround our bishops and yes, even the Pope.

Now one might wonder why this is a topic of concern for an organization focused on the eradication of attacks against innocent human life.

The answer is very simple. Abortion and sexual perversions both stem from the rotten root of contraception. Contraception has served to sever the sexual act from its God-ordained role in the generation of human life in the context of marriage and family.

From contraception arises not only abortion, but euthanasia and homosexual conduct. We will never succeed in building a culture of life until we first root out the deadly corruption of sexual impurity from the Church herself.

Once we thought those societal plagues were well outside the walls of the Church. Now we find that not only are they inside the Church, but many prelates are embroiled in those mortal sins themselves and/or they are facilitating the commission of those sins by others.

With respect to the clergy scandals, we are speaking primarily of sins against chastity and homosexual perversions.

For years now, suspicions have always been there that many of our prelates were facilitating homosexual sins and that priests were the main ones implicated.

We recall the sex scandals first

broached by the *Boston Globe*. We have seen the “Child Protection Policies” on our diocesan websites.

In 2002 the nation’s bishops met in Dallas to discuss the matter and devise some safeguards. However, even those were very flawed—and perhaps deliberately so.

For one, the policies in question embraced an unspoken assumption that only priests needed scrutiny. Bishops were exempted from that scrutiny.

This time in Church history, while painful, is a time of purification.

Second, the focus was on children, to the exclusion of other young people who might be under the sway of pervert prelates—such as seminarians.

Third, there was the complete glossing over of the fact that between 80-90% of the victims were boys or young men; that is, the abuses were homosexual in nature.

This past summer Josh Shapiro, attorney general for the State of Pennsylvania, released a grand jury report that focused on the problem within Catholic dioceses in Pennsylvania. Names were named, and blame was ascribed.

During the time period investigated, Cardinal Donald Wuerl, now of Washington, was bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. His name was mentioned in that report time after time as someone who shel-

tered pervert priests and shuffled them from one parish to another instead of removing them from priestly ministry.

A few weeks ago, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, former Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, released his testimony that implicated not only former Cardinal McCarrick but also Pope Francis himself in sex scandal cover-ups. Moreover, McCarrick was revealed to be a serial abuser.

McCarrick resigned from the College of Cardinals and was ordered by Pope Francis to begin a life of prayer and penance and not to engage in public appearances.

Cardinal Wuerl said in an interview that this situation is “not a massive, massive crisis.” Many (including this author) have called for his resignation.

He has ceased most public appearances and at the time of this writing, is in Rome. The purpose of his visit there has not been officially announced.

Some of us are seeing that this time in Church history, while painful, is a time of purification. The rot must be exposed before it can be cleansed. More rot has yet to be exposed.

Since the state of Pennsylvania released its report, several other states have decided to launch their own investigations. Some church officials fear that a high number of these state investigations could trigger a RICO investigation by the US Department of Justice.

Should the results prove unfavorable to church hierarchy, they

could see their federal funding dry up. Many in the hierarchy fear that more than they fear the sin that runs rampant through diocesan structures and the USCCB. I for one would be delighted to see federal funds to the Church being curtailed, for those funds come from tax dollars—dollars that the US citizen has no choice but to pay the feds.

Moreover, the church has allowed its moral voice to be silenced as a condition for receiving those funds. Without such de facto bribery clouding their thinking, some clergy might—just might—find their moral voices again.

On September 24, it was announced that Maryland would be the 10th state to initiate such an investigation, specifically into the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

The Baltimore diocese shares much in common with the now-beleaguered Archdiocese of Washington. The current Archbishop of Baltimore served for two months as auxiliary for Cardinal McCarrick before becoming Bishop of Bridgeport. What did Archbishop Lori see

ABORTION, from page 7

bleeding. I'm talking huge chunks of blood. More blood than I ever saw in my life. I lost so much, I had to get IV fluids, and a freaking blood transfusion.

I can only hope there is no permanent damage. I'm so scared, and so stressed out. I do want to have kids one day. I hope this isn't something I'll have to regret the rest of my life, because it affects my ability to have kids. I am still pro-choice, but ladies, please do research about your doctor. And maybe consider going somewhere else for an abortion, even if it is more costly. No one should ever have to go through this. [[google.com/search?source=hp&ei=RO2wW6USxriCB8n1mfgJ&q=planned+parenthood+howard+street+baltimore+md](https://www.google.com/search?source=hp&ei=RO2wW6USxriCB8n1mfgJ&q=planned+parenthood+howard+street+baltimore+md). accessed 9/27/18].

when McCarrick replaced Cardinal Hickey?

I end this article knowing that between now and the time that this arrives in your mailboxes, seismic shifts may well have happened.

Cardinal Wuerl is in the Vatican as I write this. Will he announce his retirement? What other scandal will pop out of the woodwork?

I urge all readers to monitor things closely. Lifesitenews.com and Churchmilitant.com are good sites to watch.

Please continue to pray—Mass and the Rosary are primary. Remain in the state of grace.

But we must not only pray but act. Plans are afoot to pray and protest at the bishops' semi-annual meeting in Baltimore this coming November.

Most recipients of this newsletter are in the Maryland area, so I ask you to seriously consider participating. See thebishopsnew.com for details and updates.

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17. Planning Christmas Caroling at Union Station



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Abortion protesters at Bayview get support, angry tirade

Mary Lou Klausmeyer was holding a poster of an aborted baby and handing out flyers at Defend Life's demonstration at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical center on August 15, protesting Hopkins' committing of abortions of babies up to 24 weeks gestation, when Laverne, a Hopkins Bayview employee, stopped to offer her support.

"I hate abortions!" she told Klausmeyer. "I know people who've had abortions, and it's emotionally damaging to them. "I don't think people know the truth about abortion."

Not all the reaction at the August protest was positive.

"We got a couple of 'F-you's' from passing motorists," said Walt Klausmeyer, who was helping to hold a protest banner nearby.

"That's what people do when they're on the wrong side of an argument; they get loud and use profanity."

At Defend Life's September 19 demonstration, one irate driver took



An employee (right) stops to give support to Mary Lou Klausmeyer at Defend Life's August protest at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center.

his anger a step further.

Stopping his car in front of two men holding a banner and a third with a protest sign, the motorist rolled down his window and shouted a string of obscenities at the three men.

Then he parked his car, got out

and strode over to John Lewis, one of the banner holders, where he let loose with an expletive-laced tirade.

"What you're doing with these signs is harassment!" he yelled.

"It's a woman's choice—you're a man; you have no right to say anything!"

"We have freedom of speech," Lewis replied calmly.

His haranguer continued his denunciations, launching into a diatribe against God. "There is no God!" he shouted. "He doesn't exist!"

After about five minutes, when the man showed no signs of letting up, a Hopkins security guard walked over and advised him to quiet down.

The man finally stalked off.

"What you have here is the devil's representative, doing the devil's work," Lewis observed quietly.

Defend Life conducts protests against abortion at Johns Hopkins Bayview in Baltimore on the third Wednesday of each month.



An angry passerby yells profanities at a sign holder at Defend Life's September 19 protest of abortions at Johns Hopkins Bayview.

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