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## Current Legislative Battles in Annapolis

From an email that I recently received from Maryland Right to Life:

Today, Maryland Senate leadership announced the votes aren't there to pass a bill legalizing physician assisted suicide in our state.

In a press conference, Senate President Bill Ferguson said, "We are not going to be taking a vote on the bill this year. It does not appear that we have the votes to pass it in the Senate and so we will not be moving forward."

The vote was close – one to two votes short on the 11-member Judicial Proceedings Committee that was considering the bill. House leadership already said they would not move ahead unless the Senate did.

Your emails, calls and prayers made the difference.

Senator Will Smith, chair of the committee, said, "I think that as folks got closer to the vote and had more in-depth discussions with their constituents, folks just expressed unreadiness to move on it....[Y]ou have to respect the decisions of the individual senators who are listening to their constituents and listen-



**Mark Crosby and Laura Bogley testifying in Annapolis**

ing to their conscience on this issue."

What does this mean going forward?

While this is great news, he and Senator Ferguson made it clear they expect the bill to come back in the future. And, it's important we not only prepare for next year, but stay vigilant this year. The session isn't over until April 8.

Thus ends the email from Maryland Right to Life. The Senate bill number was SB0443; it was this bill that Senate leadership decided to put into abeyance for the time being. The House bill number was HB0403.

There are two key takeaways here.

1. The phone calls, emails, lobbying efforts of each and

every citizen counts. It certainly did in this case, as the vote was quite close in the Judicial Proceedings Committee. During another legislative battle, we became aware of a helpful lobbying tool on the MD legislative site that allows citizens to post testimonies regarding bills, from their own homes. The steps to use this tool are in the next paragraph.

2. We must always be vigilant regarding our legislators and be ready to act, no matter what else may be going on in life. The anti-life cartel is quite disciplined in that regard, ready to drop everything else and engage in lobbying. We must do no less.

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### INSTRUCTIONS TO GIVE TESTIMONY

(Please save for future use)

1. Go to Maryland General Assembly (<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/>)
2. Go to the upper right hand corner and click “MYMGA” Sign in or create an account. Name, address and password. Follow the prompts to confirm through your email. this will take you to the next page.
3. On the next page click “witness signup” and SCROLL TO FIND THE CORRECT SENATE OR HOUSE BILL.

4. Go to the “position” drop-down and choose the appropriate one
5. Go to the next drop down “testimony” and choose “written” (if giving written testimony, if not, choose neither written or oral testimony.)
6. In a separate PDF file on your computer WRITE A SIMPLE PARAGRAPH AS TO WHY YOU ARE FOR/AGAINST THE BILL. (If you choose to give written testimony)
7. Upload the testimony PDF file and hit “OK”.
8. On the upper left hand corner of the witness sign up page click “SAVE”
9. A pop-up box will appear. click “OK” (the pop up box will go away)
10. Look for the “signed up items” tab and click on it. you will see your bill, your position and your testimony.

As of this writing, another bill is before the Maryland State Senate. It is SB975, “Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program”. The text of the bill can be found at <https://legiscan.com/MD/text/SB975/id/2917787>. In a nutshell, the idea of this bill is to set aside \$500,000 of our tax dollars to set up security infrastructures for abortuaries, to “protect” them from all those dastardly pro-life people who offer alternatives to women and pray outside the mills. Excuse the snark. Whether or not any such grant would actually be used for new alarm systems or to pad the wallets of abortionists is anyone’s guess.

On March 6, the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing regard-

ing this bill. It was recorded and is on youtube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FuolVopF-I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FuolVopF-I). The relevant section starts at the 2:36:30 mark. Among those giving testimony against this bill were Laura Bogley, Executive Director of Maryland Right to Life and Mark Crosby, a sidewalk counselor who was severely injured when he was attacked outside of the Baltimore Planned Parenthood on Howard St. The attack against him was described in the May-June-2023 issue of the DEFEND LIFE newsletter. Other attacks against other pro-life activists are described in the Mar-Apr 2023, the July-Aug-2023. Over the course of 20+ years of sidewalk counseling, this writer has been on the receiving end of some violence.

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Maryland Right to Life maintains an excellent synopsis of Maryland bills that have direct impact on legal protections or threats for unborn children. It is at <https://www.mdrtl.org/legislation.html> and we’d urge our readers to check on that regularly.



# Gearing Up for Maryland's Primary Elections

Maryland's primary elections will be held on May 14, 2024. One might be tempted not to bother to vote since both the GOP and Democrat presidential candidates appear to be already chosen. Even if that were the case, it would be most imprudent to skip this primary as there are other "down-ticket" races to consider.

The most prominent one is that of US Senator. Pro-abortion Ben Cardin, late last year, announced his retirement after promoting abortion and all manners of immorality during his three terms in the US Senate. His seat is now open. At least one of the US Congressmen is now jockeying for Cardin's seat, namely David Trone who hailed from Maryland's 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district. That means his seat is now also open. Actually, all the US Congressmen are running, as their terms of office are only two years. However, there will be no incumbent running in Federal district 6.

Defend Life, as a "501{c}3" charity, cannot endorse specific political complaints. We are, however, allowed to reiterate basic Catholic teaching on the matter. In his 2004 letter to Theodore McCarrick, a Cardinal at the time, Cardinal Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XV!) wrote, "when a Catholic..votes for that (pro-abortion) candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons." Dear readers, what "proportionate reasons" could possibly justify voting for someone who favors the ongoing slaughter of millions of innocent babies? The answer, of course, is that no "proportionate reason" can possibly exist.

We can also state truths about the political parties that they themselves



**Maryland State House**

have made explicitly obvious. One of the two major parties, in their last national convention, came very close to removing mention of God from their party platform. Into that same

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platform they have already ensconced the promotion of abortion along with all the various sexual perversions that seem to be popping up like kudzu these days.

The opposing party has in its party platform the protection of innocent human life. While many in that party deviate from that platform, the planks

still remain. The planks may often seem like mere lip service, but at least they pay the babies that. Again, we just repeat what their public stances are.

The Maryland Board of Elections has a list of those running for US Congress, sorted by Congressional district. It is this: [https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2024/Primary\\_candidates/gen\\_cand\\_lists\\_2024\\_3.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/elections/2024/Primary_candidates/gen_cand_lists_2024_3.html). Please visit it, as this seems to be a good starting point for research of the candidates. The websites of the candidates are stated thereon.

Meanwhile, setting our sights on preparing for the proposed abortion amendment to the Maryland state constitution, we urge you to check in regularly with the site [healthnotharmmd.org](http://healthnotharmmd.org). There are handouts in both English and Spanish that can be distributed.

# Stop the Pharmacies from Becoming Abortuaries

The Guttmacher Institute, formerly affiliated with Planned Parenthood, remains a pro-abortion think-tank. Guttmacher stated that in 2023, about 63% of U.S. abortions were effected by chemical means, that is, by various abortion-inducing pills. 2023 is the first full year after the Dobbs decision overturned Roe v Wade.

On March 26, the US Supreme Court will hear oral arguments dealing with the question as to whether or not mifepristone should remain readily available. The name of the case in question is Food and Drug Administration vs Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine. The latter is represented by Alliance for Defending Freedom.

CVS and Walgreens have both announced their plans to dispense this pill. These will be prescribed by medical personnel without an in-person visit from the woman seeking these pills. The warning labels on the pills state that approximately 25% of women taking them will most likely have to go to an emergency room.

On March 26, the same day that the Supreme Court hearings will commence, the Pro-Life Action League will be spearheading protests at CVS and Walgreens locations throughout the country. The message that is to be sent to the two companies is that we don't want them to become de facto abortuaries. The website for this particular effort is stopabortionrx.com. On that site are helpful tools to help organize future events and to educate the public. Our job will not end once March 26 is past.

One such protest took place in Towson MD. Jack Ames, Director of Defend Life, was present. What fol-

lows is his account.

On Tuesday, March 26, eight PRO-LIFERS gathered in Towson, Maryland between 1 and 3 PM at the intersection of York Road and Fairmount Avenue. They protested the fact that both Walgreens and CVS announced on March 1 that they intended to begin selling the Abortion Pill. This protest was held in conjunction with the Pro-Life Action League and other major groups like 40 Days for Life to stage national protests against these corporate giants. Both have put themselves in lockstep with Planned Parenthood, the 1000-pound gorilla of the Abortion industry. Both of these companies are huge, with Walgreens having 8200 pharmacies and CVS having 9200 pharmacies nationally. Very often these pharmacies are immediately across the street from each other, so you can kill 2 birds with 1 stone.

We had numerous signs with Walgreens being targeted on 1 side of our signs and CVS being targeted on the other side. Cars passing by were in favor of our protest by a 2 to 1 ratio. One female driver actually stopped her car, got out said she was all for the Abortion Pill and then said she was going to call the police who never showed up, in fact she had called them. Another very PRO-LIFE lady commended what we were doing and said she had a daughter who gave \$50,000 annually to PRO-LIFE causes and a son who was a doctor who would never think of performing an abortion.

Besides blowing the

whistle on these 2 corporate giants who are selling the poison that is killing millions of pre-born babies, several other good ideas came from this effort.

- We estimated that 5000 vehicles passed us in the 2 hours we were there. We decided on the spot to make that great location one of our 15 STOPS for our 24th annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour scheduled for June 24-28. Please see ad on page 12 and consider signing up for our 26-member CORE TEAM.

- We were energized and plan to go back to this and other nearby Walgreens/CVS locations in the near future. If you would like to join us, call Jack Ames at **410-961-2008** for dates and locations. We plan to do some serious leafleting when we do this again.

- If you do not live in the Towson, Maryland area, find Walgreens/CVS locations in your area and stage your own protests. For resources, to make it easy, visit [www.Pro-LifeAction.org](http://www.Pro-LifeAction.org).



**CVS:  
Say NO to  
abortion  
pills.**

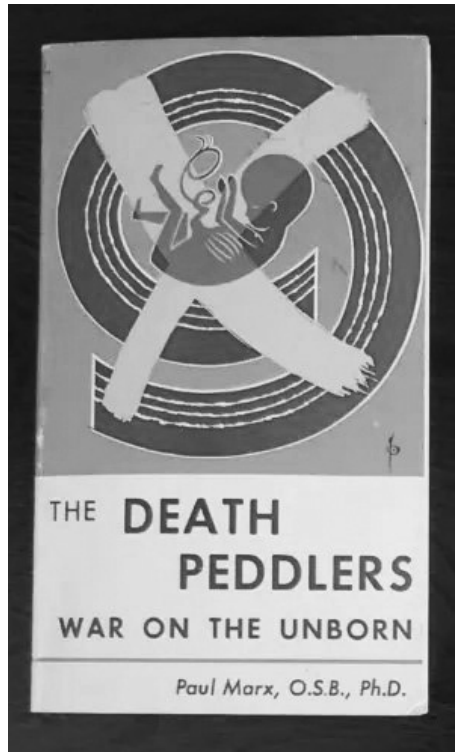


# The Death Peddlers: War on the Unborn (Part 2)

By Father Paul Marx, O. S. B.,  
PhD

Reviewed by Robert Dow

“The governor said to them, ‘why what evil hath He done?’ But they cried out the more saying, ‘let Him be crucified.’ And Pilate seeing that he prevailed nothing, but that rather a tumult was made; taking water washed his hands before the people, saying, ‘I am innocent of the blood of this just man; look you to it.’ And the whole people answering said, ‘His blood be upon us and upon our children.’ Then he released to them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered Him unto them to be crucified.” Matthew 27:23-26.



logic. Also, rather than listen in respectful silence as they had done the day before to the abortion doctors, conference-paying pro-abortion attendees, desiring to remain out of jail, would interrupt the pro-abortion lawyers mid-sentence, making their legal presentations interactive.

The mindless legal mantra of which these lawyers spoke was of a woman’s “fundamental right not to continue her pregnancy.” While feminist attendees sang the slogan, it still rang off-key to the American ear. Eventually Madison Avenue would be enlisted and the new battle cry of a woman’s “fundamental right to control her own body,” would be born. Someone needs to finally say it, “Crimes – or for that

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## They are executed without trial.

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The trial of Our Lord before Pilate is the only trial in human history where the judge found the accused to be innocent and then turned around and sentenced the innocent accused to death. Although they are also executed, not even the unborn are found innocent. They are executed without trial.

Unborn children are demonized and dehumanized in order to gas-light and cajole even those less-than-willing moms into signing their own children’s death warrants – called informed consent forms – after which they are one by one handed over to the abortionist who

puts them to a most painful death.

We now travel back in time again some fifty-two years ago, dear Defend Life reader, where we once more join Heaven’s pro-life spy, Father Paul Marx, as he reports to us the legal side of the “Abortion: A Symposium on Implementation” conference held at the five-star Los Angeles International Hotel.

The purpose of law is justice, but for SYMPOSIUM LEGAL the purpose of law was anything but. These death peddling lawyers had but one purpose: to deform justice, law, and truth so that the California medical community could safely ply their deadly trade and murder as many unborn children as possible under color and cover of law.

Nonetheless, the reader of Death Peddlers is able to garner much information in spite of all the towering legal Babel, for there remained a pattern to this twisted

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matter sins – can never be rights!”

Attendees were told that there were two possible ways for a woman to obtain a state-sanctioned abortion in California – the lawyer-

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

By now, I pray you have seen **CABRINI** which came to over **2,600** theaters in America on March 8. I'll tell you about our Maryland premier in a moment.

But first let me tell you about **Eustace Wolfington** who made it all happen. Eustace grew up in the Philadelphia area. He attended Malvern Prep which was originally the Prep School for Villanova, then he went to Notre Dame. When he was 23 years old, and beginning his business career in Philadelphia, he needed to find an 8 AM daily Mass. He found it at a church whose school Mother Cabrini had founded in 1912. Not knowing anything about her, he attended a 9-day Novena focusing on her life. He admired her fearless entrepreneurial spirit and patterned his life after hers. Another person who modeled her life after Mother Cabrini was **Mother Teresa**. On July 7, 1946, Mother Teresa attended the Canonization of Mother Cabrini in Rome. On the spot, she decided to model her life after Mother Cabrini. Within a month she resigned from her Order and soon began the **Missionaries of Charity** in Calcutta. We all know the rest of that story.



In business, Eustace successfully pioneered the idea to lease personal vehicles rather than to buy them. This was appealing because very often monthly lease payments were less than monthly loan payments. Also, the typical buyer would tend to lease a more expensive car than the one he would have financed. The other factor that was appealing was that the typical lessee would lease a new car with more bells and whistles after he had driven it for only 2 years.

In his personal life, Eustace was the father of **10** children, **32** grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. About the year 2000, Eustace sold his car leasing and selling businesses and started his movie career producing and financing great movies like **Bella**, **Sound of Freedom** and his latest **CABRINI**. About 2017, **Sister Mary Louise Sullivan**, the former President of **Cabrini College** in Radnor, Pennsylvania wanted to get Eustace to produce a movie on Mother Cabrini. After several years, Eustace finally relented after he saw the script for the proposed movie which he thought to be too bland and too pious. He wanted to have complete control which was not too much to ask from a man who came up with the **\$50 million** needed to produce the fabulous CABRINI movie in Italy. Other key elements were getting **Alejandro Monteverde** suddenly on board as the Director and **Cristina Dell Anna** on board as the superb Italian actress playing Mother Cabrini. The film was shot in Northern Italy not far from where Mother Cabrini had grown up, and during the extremely difficult conditions of the Covid.

In February, I met **Chuck Laubach** through a mutual friend. Chuck had a good connection with **Angel Studios**, a Mormon-owned company in Provo, Utah who had done phenomenal work distributing Sound of Freedom. We worked together along with a group of other wonderful persons. The original plan was to have 1 special showing on February 29. Somehow, for reasons we still do not know, it was suddenly cancelled. But we regrouped and bought out 2 showings at Regal Hunt Valley on Friday, March 8, which was the official opening date for CABRINI. Between the 2 showings, we had nearly **200** people attending. The



response was wonderful. I was privileged to introduce both showings.

Here are some of my takeaways from seeing CABRINI, some certainly apply to end abortion:

- The movie runs **2 hours and 25 minutes** but it does not seem that long.
- I have seen it 3X, but each time I saw additional things that I had missed in my earlier viewings. It's a classic like **"It's A Wonderful Life."**
- Her quote **"The Whole Word is Not Large Enough for What I Envision"**
- Her world-wide travels including 24 transatlantic voyages
- Never willing to take a NO. Always finding a way to accomplish her goal.
- Being tireless. Telling her Sisters that they must work 16 hours a day and that there will be plenty of time for rest in Heaven.
- Her fearlessness in reaching out to the media which were the newspapers
- It's great for atheists & agnostics because there is no preaching, only **Good Works.**

## Willa Ann Johnson — National Hero and Conservative Leader RIP

My dear friend of many years, **Willa Ann Johnson**, passed away on February 25. She accomplished so much in her 81 years of life. Here are some of the highlights. I thank another dear friend, Fran Griffin for filling in the gaps.

In 1964, shortly after the **Goldwater** debacle in that year's presidential election (Lyndon Johnson won in a landslide), providentially I met a lovely young woman by the name of Willa Ann Johnson. She had tirelessly worked in the Goldwater campaign as a staff of the Republican National Committee. We became lifelong friends. Shortly thereafter she became a Roman Catholic, which shaped her life from that time forward.



Willa's mother once told me this story. Willa's dad had become good friends with Richard Nixon in California. When Richard Nixon was VP, and Willa's family was living in D.C., Pat Nixon would often come by limousine and take Willa and her mother to Camp David for the day. Willa would then babysit the Nixon girls, Julie and Tricia who were several years younger than herself. I once asked Willa why she had never told me this story. She replied with her typical humility: ***Mother taught us that there are certain things we we were never to share with others.***

After the Goldwater campaign, Willa worked for dynamic Indiana Congressman **Don Bruce**, a founder of the **American Conservative Union**. Later she worked as a legislative assistant in both the U.S. Senate and House. One of those persons was **Senator George Murphy** of California, a former Actor and close friend of then **Governor Ronald Reagan**. Then in the early 1970s, Willa became a senior vice president of the newly-formed **Heritage Foundation**, helping to get that organization launched into prominence.

In 1981, at the beginning of the Reagan Administration, Willa was appointed as Director of the **White House Office of Presidential Personnel**, assisting many conservatives to get key positions in the Reagan Administration.

But Willa, a true Reaganite, was a conservative visionary and wanted to do more. On her own in 1984, she founded the **Capital Research Center**, America's investigative think tank, which exposes left-wing foundations, unions, environmentalist groups and left-leaning advocacy groups. CRC continues today to protect our freedoms by exposing the power-seeking interests that oppose our nation's founding principles.

As I said, Willa was a devout Catholic. Having achieved much success as a conservative activist and leader, she aspired to do more. While she never told me nor her family the reason, while in her 10th year at the Capital Research Center, she resigned as president. She then did a baffling thing. She sold her house, gave away all her money to charitable

# The Most Important Pro-Life Work

It is quite common for dedicated pro-life activists to believe that their chosen avenue of pro-life activism is the most important. In a way, that is understandable that they would have that conviction. Else, they would not be pursuing such activism, and with such commitment.

Where trouble can ensue, however, is when said activists take dim views of other avenues of pro-life efforts. I have seen too often where these dedicated activists will belittle other facets of pro-life efforts, going so far as to sit in judgment over those other activists who are equally engaged in those other pro-life efforts. For instance, I recently heard one such activist who participates in rescue type of activities talk rather condescendingly about sidewalk counselors, alleging that the latter are allowing abortions to con-



Showing the truth of abortion

tinue because they are not engaging in rescues. Conversely, I heard another pro-life leader (now deceased) describe sidewalk counseling as “the most important work”. They can’t both be right now, can they? I believe neither one is.

So what, in my opinion, is the “most important pro-life work”?

Truth be told, I believe there is no one “most important pro-life work”. All avenues of pro-life activism are needed. No one is sufficient in and of itself. In no one particular avenue will the proverbial “silver bullet” be found.

We need front-line activism such as the rescues and sidewalk counseling. But if all activists were only front-line activists, that wouldn’t stop abortion for there would still be women seeking, in this godless age, to kill their offspring. And who would stand up for the front-line activists if they were to get into legal hot water? Recall that Mark Houck

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causes, donated all her possessions, and decided to live as a homeless person on the streets of Washington, D.C.! Willa spent much of her time in prayer at churches, and in contemplating Our Lord’s will for her. What she learned and what she did for others at that time no one will ever know. Eventually, she was persuaded to return to the “real” world. In 2004 she left the streets to take a job at the **Clare Booth Luce Center for Conservative Women**, where she again had the opportunity to promote conservative principles. I already miss my soft-spoken but determined friend. *May Willa Ann Johnson rest in peace for all Eternity.*

**Long Live Christ Our King!**

*Jack Ames*

**Jack Ames, P.E., Director**

Enclosure

P.S. Both Fran Griffin and myself believe there is a great biography waiting to be written about Willa. If you knew Willa, please send any anecdotes you may recall to Fran Griffin at [FGF@FGFBooks.com](mailto:FGF@FGFBooks.com). If you know friends who knew Willa, please have them to do likewise.



was acquitted, but only with the assistance of pro-life attorneys and legal firms – Thomas More Society, to be precise.

Let's start with activities such as Red Rose Rescues or the older type of rescues that were often done in the 1990s. When they happened, abortuaries were closed and babies saved. However, pro life activists were also jailed. Perhaps that jailing served other purposes, but it also meant that while they were jailed, they could not be actively in the fight. The FACE act was then passed, giving some pro lifers "cause for pause". Some might opine that the activists got cold feet. I'm more inclined that the activists had to weigh not only personal costs, but also detrimental effects to their own familial responsibilities – responsibilities that, under God's law and natural law, take precedence over any others. As it was, the 1990s rescues did much to serve notice on the nation that some found the presence of mills and the baby slaughter to be repugnant.

Many turned to sidewalk counseling. I did, as I myself became active as rescues were waning. I can attest that we put up with a lot of nonsense as we stood in front of mills in Washington DC and uber-liberal Montgomery County. That nonsense was its own testament to our effectiveness, as was the fact that I personally saw three mills either close or skedaddle from its current location. Let me address a misconception that I recently heard. The claim was put forth that "physical interposition is the only action proliferers can take that is not a compromise." That same person continued by acknowledging respect for sidewalk counselors and people trying to have pro-life laws enacted. But then that person said that they are "allowing people to choose to kill" and "be-



### Sidewalk counselors

ing effectively pro-choice."

That is utterly inane. There is a world of difference between "compromise" and realizing limitations. Think of the scene at the Crucifixion of Our Lord, with the Blessed Mother, Saint John, Saint Mary Magdalene at the foot of the Cross. Were those three "giving permission" for Jesus' crucifixion by not attempting to take Him from the cross? To claim that would be absolutely ludicrous, if not actually blasphemous. The statements that I heard to that effect are a clear example of the unfortunate phenomenon that I described in the second paragraph of this piece. We saw a goodly number of women choose life because of our witness. But all of us would say that the best days at the mills is when no women showed to have their babies murdered. That brings me to my next point.

Rescues and sidewalk counseling are, by definition, "last-ditch" measures. As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure. Abortion, heinous as it is, is one of many manifestations of an ungodly culture. Thus we need activists who will educate the public regarding the nature of abortion. I have several

friends who have gone to local community colleges on a regular basis to educate young people about the horror of abortion. Many of these young people had been brainwashed by the public education system that is infested with humanism and atheism.

Many Christians understand not only the godless nature of public education, but also the fact that God lays upon parents the responsibility for educating their children. Thus these parents are homeschooling their children and/or establishing private schools at all levels of education. I would argue that any parent who is educating their children in this matter is engaging in activism that is just as vital as pro-life activism outside their home. Hopefully that education would include some outside activism, but obviously that would be impossible with smaller children.

We also need more activists on the political front. That entails lobbying for life and family related matters and the placing of pro-life people in all levels of civil government (removing pro-aborts in the process). This past June we received a happy lesson of that necessity, when *Roe v Wade* was finally overturned after almost fifty years of disgracing our legislative landscape. Two crucial lessons that we should consider:

1. Donald Trump was by no means a perfect person, having brought with him some significant baggage. Yet it was he who nominated three of the five justices that threw *Roe* into the dung heap of history. Those who claim that they could never vote for a compromised candidate really need to grow up a bit and understand the reality of how elections work.

2. The elimination of *Roe v*

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# *Activism at the Grass Roots*

Editor's preface: Several months ago, we asked our readers to send accounts of their own pro-life actions taken to protect innocent human life. Michael Bray, a former pro-life leader who has since moved to Ohio, responded with his account below. Please note that while the use of bombs and other similar violence are not condoned by Defend Life, we do salute his leadership in clinic rescues and other ventures. Mr. Bray's words now follow.

I have been for many years an avid reader of *Defend Life* and I note your request for some biographical testimony in your December 2023 issue. Working as an assistant to a local church pastor in Maryland, I was teaching a class on ethical issues of the day - which, of course, could not exclude the slaughter of innocent babies by abortion.

As my mind was informed and engaged, I became heartily aware of the absolute, decadent evil of child-slaughter by abortion. Working on staff at a church, I was able to round up support for the starting of the 13th "crisis pregnancy" center (as they were then called) in the nation. That was in Bowie and that center went on to spawn a few addition "CPCs" in the Annapolis-Baltimore-D.C. area. (Inspiration from these ventures was passed to those in Ohio where we moved and now live. She was able testify the Maryland success and encourage the starting of centers there.)

I was able to muster support from my local - much to the chagrin of some "pro-choice" members. We started the Center which continues strong to this day - thanks be to God and His churches.

[Yes, I went on to do 46 months and 10 days in prison for bombing abortuaries and then got sued by the feds under FACE, but that is another story.]

As is well to this day. My wife and I had three children, pre-prison, and eight more post-prison. (A twelfth, Athanasia, died in the womb.)

We have about 22 grandchildren. All healthy, well-behaved, productive and God-fearing.

Pax tecum,

Michael Bray  
8 Dec., 2023

**Please feel free to send accounts of your pro-life activism to the Editor of Defend Life newsletter for possible inclusion in future editions of the newsletter. Email delivery is preferred. Either send your accounts in the body of the email or attach a Word document to the email [JanetBaker01@comcast.net](mailto:JanetBaker01@comcast.net).**



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Wade is by no means sufficient. However, it was absolutely necessary. Babies are alive now who would have been aborted, had Hillary Clinton won instead. Much work remains to be done.

Many years ago, when I was relatively stupid and naïve, I believed that politics didn't matter when it came to pro-life activism. As the years passed, I learned that laws have much to say about what we will tolerate as societies. Law is also a teacher. Martin Luther King once said, "I know the law can't make my white brother love me, but it can keep him from lynching me." In Maryland, we face a crucial battle as the so-called "right to reproductive freedom" bill will go to referendum in November 2024. We ALL need to work to keep that from happening. Moreover, we need to work for a Human Life Amendment for the US Constitution.

The individual who uttered those unfortunate remarks about sidewalk counselors stated that we need more activists willing to engage in rescues. He's right. But we need activists in ALL avenues of activism. If we focus only on rescues or any other single avenue, we will never see an end to abortion and other sins against human life and families. So what is the "most important pro-life work?" NONE! The different facets are ALL important – each and every one of them (including those not mentioned in this article).

Let's stop sniping at each other and work together. The pro-aborts, for all their faults, understand the necessity of working together for their warped goals. Certainly, we can do the same for our good and honorable goals. We must.

**PEDDLERS, from page 5**

ing way and doctoring way. If the mother chose the lawyering way, she would have to involve the local district attorney's office. She would have to file some sort of police report and swear that she had been raped; the father, the facts, and the circumstances of the rape all could be omitted. Afterwards, the woman would be given the required paperwork to take to a nearby hospital. Lawyers then told their listeners that at the time of this conference all fifty-eight district attorneys' offices, however rural or remote, had processed the paperwork for at least one abortion. That made all fifty-eight California district attorneys, however reluctant, complicit. No explanation was given as to how abortion could be "therapeutic" for rape victims and no one attending the conference bothered to ask.

The doctoring way remained far more popular even though it involved much more paperwork and required a mental health evaluation by some sort of shrink. Not that they've ever been known to object quietly, but feminist attendees loudly objected to the very idea that any woman seeking abortion was presumed crazy. Mental health care professionals signed as many pre-prepared boiler-plate abortion forms as possible – for a fee. Many just evaluated women over the phone. Over time and with abortion case-loads exploding, one wonders for how long they even did that.

The lawyers then told the feminist contingent something that gleefully delighted them. Since the statute provided abortion for reasons of health, and since health included mental health, women state-wide should do what women in San Francisco were already doing – request an abortion because the pregnancy was causing them stress.

With the Therapeutic Abortion Act's enactment, "pregnancy counseling centers" sprang up throughout the state. For from being even remotely faith-based, these counseling centers were often bankrolled in full by the local hospital. More truthfully described as "abortion counseling centers", it was here that a woman would go to pick-up her all-but-completed abortion paperwork (less signatures and date), be coached on what to say and what to expect when she appeared before the hospital's Therapeutic Abortion Committee or TAC, and commit to a specific method of birth control that she would henceforth use after her abortion.

With the statute requiring two signatures these hospital TAC's seldom exceeded three people all of whom were required to be doctors. The performing abortionist was permitted to serve and sign-off on that very committee. Indeed, all TAC members could be abortionists. TAC committees quickly became a rubber stamp in search of signatures. Nearly all abortions were approved unanimously. No one ever asked what to do if a woman's abortion request was denied. Presumably that never happened.

Having shown how bad law begets black medicine with that I'll leave you until next time dear Defend Life reader. In the next Defend Life issue, I hope to show how both bad law and black medicine proceed from the love of money – the root of all evil.

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