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## Two Violent Attacks Against Local Prolifers in Two Days



Justice for the Five at DOJ

On Thursday March 30, three pro-life activists were assaulted by violent pro-abortion people as they gave witness outside of Columbia Heights Education Campus, a DC public school located at 3101 16th Street NW in Washington DC.

They were doing so to spread awareness of the five nearly-full-term babies that were murdered in the abortuary owned by Cesare Santangelo. Last March, several activists from Progressive Anti Abortion Uprising discovered these children and sought justice for them, suspecting that their murders were in direct violation of even the most meager legal protections offered to children. To date, the bodies of these five children languish in the DC Medical Examiner's custody.

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“Today in DC three of us showed up outside Columbia Heights Education Campus (a high school) to show the Justice for the Five banner I'd borrowed from PAAU and pass out flyers asking people to sign the Jfor5 petition. Everything went fine and students were horrified by abortion (as they usually are), until a few vehement pro-abortion adults got the teenagers angry at us instead. One wicked young woman snatched the microphone out of XXX's hands and destroyed it, and then she and her friend attempted to break our sign. Before you knew it the whole mob came at us violently and soon both XXX and myself were on the ground getting kicked and punched. I lost my phone and broke my glasses in the process.



**Columbia Heights Educational Campus**

Also someone made off with an amplifier. A couple teachers attempted to protect us and removed us from out in front of the school and away from their “students”. XXX had sustained a fairly bad bruise to his/her head so he/she called 911. Police showed up, as well as paramedics, and took him/her to the hospital. My jaw hurts terribly as I was sucker-punched there several times, but otherwise I'm okay. “

Strategies for legal action are being weighed.

On the prior day, Wednesday March 29 at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Students for Life president Kristan Hawkins was slated to give a talk. However, pro-abortion students, along with Antifa agitators, violently shut down that presentation. This mob blocked Hawkins and the local SFL chapter members from entering the room, shouting vulgarities to drown her out. Then they started assaulting the pro-lifers. The local SFU president's leg was injured and she required medical attention. Another SFU member was recording everything; the mob at-

tacked him and struck him with signs.

The VCU police responded by removing Students for Life from the assembly hall, not the antifa rabble.

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To their credit, though, they did arrest some of the belligerent left. Interestingly enough, those arrested were not students. Most likely they were outside antifa agitators. The interested readers can go to Kristan Hawkins' Instagram account at <https://www.instagram.com/kristanmercerhawkins/> to see video of the antics.

Afterwards, Students for Life demanded that they be invited again to the campus, and adequate protection given to their free speech rights.

# Mark Houck and Son Share Their Experiences at Rosensteel Knights of Columbus

On the evening of Friday March 3, Mark Houck and his son Mark Jr. ended their Defend Life lecture tour with a stop at the Rosensteel Knights of Columbus Hall in Silver Spring Maryland. During that talk, the Houcks relayed the events of several months ago, from the initial encounters with the Philadelphia deathscort up to the acquittal of all charges.

He started his talk by stating that our country has devolved into Nazi Germany of the 1930s. He added that a Polish woman in his homeschool network informed him that what is happening now happened in Poland thirty years ago, and that is why they fled Poland. He repeated Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen: “first we overlook evil. Then we permit evil. Then we legalize evil. Then we promote evil. Then we celebrate evil. Then we persecute those who still call it evil. Evil will have its hour, but God will have His day.”

It was on October 13, 2021 when Houck and his son went to do a four-hour vigil at the Philadelphia Planned Parenthood. As they were driving to the mill, they prayed the Rosary together in Latin. The younger Houck, then twelve years old, was accosted by a deathscort on a street corner. After the elder Houck insisted that the deathscort stop harassing his son, the deathscort sill remained in the boy’s personal space, so the father protected his son by pushing away the son’s verbal assailant.

Then Mark Jr. went to the microphone and told his firsthand account of how the deathscort harassed him. Essentially, he repeated the testimony that he gave at his father’s trial. Then the father resumed his place at the micro-



**Mark Houck and son**

phone and said that the City of Philadelphia declined to pursue charges for the shoving, noting that shoving matches seem to be a somewhat regular occurrence at various venues. Likewise, the local district attorney and Civil Affairs Offices decided that the matter wasn’t worth their while. Mark asked his wife

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if she approved of his actions, and she said yes, noting that she’d expect that their son would be protected by his father. Planned Parenthood had recorded that encounter, but they apparently destroyed that recording.

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hearings. The Houcks did. Mark Sr. hypothesized that the Department of Justice, even then, was watching the case and advised the deathscort to not show for the hearings. Two months after the final attempt at a hearing, Mark Sr. was at the abortuary. A man approached him and served him with a target letter to notify him that he was under a Federal grand jury investigation and that he should engage an attorney. At that time he had already engaged the Thomas More Society and turned the target letter over to them. The More attorney contacted the Feds and said that Houck would cooperate with any investigation. Bear in mind that this was in April 2022, well before the Dobbs case was decided.

The More attorney tried to remain in contact with the Federal investigators, but the latter never returned any phone calls. This state of affairs continued through August. That ended Friday September 21, 2022 at 6:30 am. That is when the storm troopers descended upon the Houck residence,

awakening everyone and terrorizing the children. They banged on the door, shouting “open up!” without announcing that they were law enforcement personnel. Only when Houck asked did they announce that they were FBI.

He opened the door, asking for some quiet because of the children in the house. When he stepped onto the porch, he saw fifteen vehicles. Eight agents were on his porch, dressed in body armor with shields, and rifles pointed at him. State troopers behind them likewise had weapons pointed at him. They did not serve him with any warrant. Houck’s wife asked for a warrant. They answered that they were taking him “with or without a warrant”.

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Houck remarked that they wouldn’t be at his home if Donald Trump was in the White House. At that, they put their heads down, in apparent sheepishness.

Then Mark Jr. gave his account. He heard the racket and walked out. When his younger siblings emerged, he tried to restrain them and keep them out of the way. After his father was taken away, he saw all the vehicles. Immediately afterwards, none of them could talk, they were so dumbfounded.

Mark was dressed in nightwear and they didn’t allow him to put on daytime clothes. They did allow him to bring his rosary. They didn’t allow him to say goodbye to his children. One of the children begged “don’t take my daddy”. He emphasized to us that this is the kind of terror that the woke feds are prepared to inflict upon us and our families.



**Mark Houck Jr.**

After they arrived at the Federal facility, they fingerprinted him and then shackled him at the waist and his bare ankles. Then they took him into a room where he was chained to a table for over six hours. He said that the reason was to humiliate him, instill fear in his family and intimidate the pro-life community in general.

While in that room, he got the sense that he was at the foot of Mount Calvary. He thought of all the saints who had suffered similarly. After the six hours were up, he was taken, still shackled, to a US Marshall’s office. He then began to see the similarities of his experiences, up to and including the trial, as a “stations of the Cross”. He journaled about it, and I believe a book will be published by Ignatius Press.

Eventually he was released on a \$10,000.00 bond. Five days later was the arraignment, which he saw as Pilate’s condemnation. This “way of the Criss” culminated in the January 24<sup>th</sup> trial. He then spoke of the overwhelming support that he received from all over the world as his plight became known. He knew he was facing eleven years in prison to be followed by supervised probation for three years, plus a \$2,000.00 fine. Moreover the feds at that time had a 98% conviction rate. He then related how different incidents over the months were likened



**Mark Houck Sr.**

to various stations along the Way of the Cross. He was prepared to go to prison.

After all the testimony was given, the jury went to deliberate. It was discovered that one juror wouldn’t enter into the deliberation process so he had to be replaced with an alternate. Af-

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ter that, the newly-composed jury took two hours to deliver the “not guilty” verdict. Afterwards, Houck thanked the judge, who then said “no, thank you”. Mark realized he said that because precedent was set that will impact future cases involving pro-life activists.

Next month the Houcks intend to testify before Congress and they are going to seek justice for the unconscionable way in which they were treated, particularly at the Houck residence. They will sue Planned Parenthood for destroying the video that would have been evidence in Houck’s favor.

# March, the Month of St. Joseph

By Robert Dow

March is the month of St. Joseph. St. Joseph is the patron saint of a happy death and of the Universal Church.

In apostolic times Our Lady appeared to St. James when he was evangelizing the Iberian Peninsula. The Mother of God asked James to be the first martyr amongst the apostles. Our Lady had been a mother to James since he was twelve – the year that his earthly mother died in childbirth giving birth to his beloved baby brother John. St. James said yes to Our Lady and is today the patron saint of Spain. Yet it is given to St. Joseph the honor of being the patron saint of Spain's possessions in the new world.

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**Saint Gabriel came down from heaven and addressed St. Joseph as “Joseph, Son of David.”**

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As far as eternity is concerned, St. Joseph fully enjoys this honor today - in spite of such miscellaneous footnotes in time such as the Alamo, the Spanish-American War, and the Cuban Revolution. St. Joseph remains the patron saint of Cuba and of Florida, of California and of Texas, of the Strait of Magellan and of Manila Bay. St. Joseph is also the patron saint of Canada.

In the first chapter of the first gospel of Sacred Scripture, Saint Gabriel came down from heaven and addressed St. Joseph as “Jo-



seph, Son of David.” The archangel ignored the earthly reality that through bribery and blackmail, Herod the ambitious bad seed of Esau, managed to prevail upon the occupying governor to install him as puppet king over Israel.

Caesar back in Rome accepted this arrangement but was never fooled. Augustus knew quite well even before the massacre of the Holy Innocents that Herod would stop at nothing in order to protect his fake throne. If the emperor's ears ever caught wind of Herod's name, Augustus would remind those around him that it is safer to be one of Herod's pigs than to be one of Herod's sons. For Caesar knew that as a devout Jew in all things external Herod would never harm let alone touch that filthy animal. If a son were born to Herod, the newborn would be put to death shortly thereafter. The fluid and effeminate heir that eventually did succeed Herod was secretly raised as a girl until his father's death.

The pagans throughout the

Greco-Roman world had complete disdain for manual labor, yet a slave could at least command some respect if only on account of his master. The Jews awaiting their Messiah – and with that the restoration of Israel as the premiere world power - saw even less of a need to teach their sons one of the trades. Yet

St. Joseph the rightful king of Israel led a hidden life supporting the Holy Family as a humble carpenter for thirty years.

St. Joseph was and always remained a virgin. He never committed the slightest venial sin throughout his entire life. For one moment, original sin did grip his regal soul, but God freed him from original sin the moment *after* his conception.

Knowing the future death that

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awaited his foster son, St. Joseph wished to die on Calvary with Him. God was pleased with St. Joseph's desire, but did not allow such events to occur. Instead, God tried St. Joseph's final years with a last illness accompanied by headaches which grew worse with time. The headaches permitted King Joseph to share the merits of his Divine Heir's holy crown of thorns. St. Joseph was given by God the mission of prophet of limbo where upon his ar-

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,



Allow me the honor to tell you about the late great **Mark Crutcher**, founder of **Life Dynamics**. Mark grew up in Fort Worth, Texas, where its motto is “Where the West Begins.” Although Fort Worth is only 30 miles west of gigantic Dallas, the 2 cities are as different as day and night. In the same way, Mark was vastly different than the mainstream of our **PRO-LIFE** movement. He not only thought Outside the Box, he acted Outside the Box as well. I often referred to him as the CIA of the **PRO-LIFE** movement. I am so proud that we had Mark speak for **DEFEND LIFE**, along with the **150+** other heroes we have hosted since we began **36 years ago in 1987**.

Before I give you some examples of Mark’s heroic work, let me tell you more about his life before founding **Life Dynamics** in 1992. Mark and his future wife, Tulane (named after Tulane University), both grew up in Fort Worth. They attended different high schools but somehow met and began dating at ages 17 and 15. They were married while Tulane was still studying home economics at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas. That’s when the young married couple and decided to make their home in Denton. Mark had been selling cars in Fort Worth but, as Tulane told me, if you are good at selling cars, you can sell them anywhere.

Mark was a natural salesman and even moved up to management at one of the car dealerships where he worked. Later their first child Jackie was born but tragically lived only 1 day. Later, they adopted Sheila who still plays an integral role at Life Dynamics, Jackie’s death was probably what propelled Mark to dedicate his professional career to our movement. But before yet going there, here are some other things you should know about this great man.

- He loved being a Texan! He was a man’s man!
- He never attended college. He didn’t need to!
- He loved animals, especially dogs, and would often bring them to his office.
- He gladly gave \$ to a person in need without ever a thought of repayment.
- He loved motorcycles and motor scooters and often disassembled and reassembled them just for the pure love of working with his hands.

But here are several examples of Mark's great ingenious work at Life Dynamics:

Mark's team made hundreds of perfectly legal undercover recorded phone calls to abortion mills across America. The person making the calls was an adult lady who had a teenage-sounding voice. She posed as a 13-year-old mother who was a minor and wanted an abortion. Because sexual intercourse with a minor was statutory rape, the person answering the phone at a **Pennsylvania Planned Parenthood** would often tell the callers to call a **Planned Parenthood** in nearby Maryland but be sure to make no mention of the age of the pregnant mother. Mark's teenage-sounding caller was careful to make calls only to states that did not require notice that the call was being recorded such as California.

**LIME 5** is still available, it is a book based on undercover research sponsored by Life Dynamics. It disclosed how male abortionists would often have sex with abortion patients under anesthesia before aborting them. It also disclosed how male abortionists (now sadly, we also have female abortionists) felt shunned by the medical community.

With the help of an undercover assistant, he exposed the aborted baby parts scandal. This simply means that the abortion industry was double-dipping, making 2 incomes from the same evil procedure. The first was murdering the pre-born baby and the second was selling the aborted baby parts to places like elite medical institutions. Mark testified about this scandal before Congress.

Mark also produced the film **Maafa 21**, which documented the incredible evils that were inflicted upon black citizens for nearly a century after slavery was made illegal in 1865 by the 13th Amendment. An example of this was the forced sterilization of black women that was still going on in states like my beloved Virginia as late as 1950s and 1960s. This film was shown in the Capitol Visitors Center and is still available from Life Dynamics. Visit [www.LifeDynamics.com](http://www.LifeDynamics.com) to see a trailer and to order.

Another feather in Mark's cap was that he trained such heroes as **Lila Rose and David Daleiden** to go undercover to further expose **atrocities** still being committed by **America's Abortion Industry!**

There is so much more to say about this great man but there is not enough space. Simply said, **well done good & faithful servant!**

Enclosure

P.S. Be sure to listen to Mark's over  
100 podcasts at [LifeDynamics.com](http://LifeDynamics.com)

**Long Live Christ Our King!**

*Jack Ames*

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

## Archdiocesan Social Ministry Convocation — Encouraging Mortal Sin

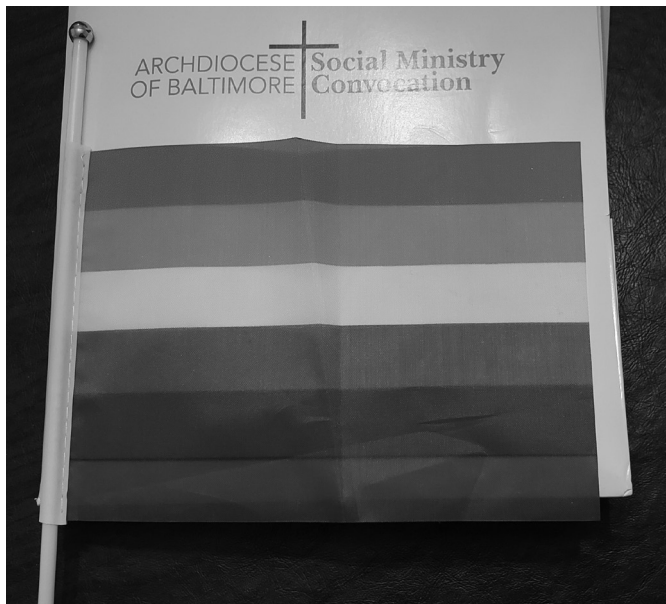
By Janet Baker

On February 25, the Archdiocese of Baltimore Social Ministry Convocation took place at Mercy High School, located on E Northern Parkway at the Loch Raven Boulevard intersection. I first got wind of this when I was researching something else on the archdiocesan site; that is to say, this even was advertised on the website of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The webpage for the event still exists at archbaltsmc.org.

If you look at the “workshop” subpage, you’ll notice a gap in the numbering. There is a reason why – one that shows the good that can happen when good people – like you – raise their voices. Workshop # 12 was basically to be a gab-fest conducted by “transgender” individuals, whining about their “struggles” in Catholic parishes. The blurb that you see is taken right from the website. Some of us faithful Catholics voiced aloud our intentions to publicly protest the event. Noticing that Erin Younkings, the Director for the Archdiocesan Office of Life, Justice and Peace, was on the Planning Committee for this Social Ministry Convocation, I made my concerns known to her in this email, that I now quote verbatim.

“Ms. Younkings, I write to you in your capacity as the Director of the Office of Life, Justice and Peace for the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

“No doubt you are aware of the gathering that will occur this coming Saturday at Mercy High School of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Social Ministry Convocation. You are listed on the 2023 Planning Committee. I and others have scoured that website and find not one men-



**Gay pride flags distributed at Archdiocese meeting.**

tion of abortion, an evil that the US-CCB described as the greatest social evil. We find all sorts of other issues mentioned, all of which any radical proponent of baby-slaughter could use to claim alliance and compliance with the Church.

“Most troubling is workshop #12, obviously designed to garner support for gender-confused individuals as they engage in objectively mortal sins of sexual perversions. That the Archdiocese of Baltimore is lending its name to that constitutes a serious sin of scandal. You in particular bear responsibility if you do not publicly and vehemently denounce that workshop. The individuals slated to speak at that workshop need to be guided to repentance and healing, not applauded as they literally careen towards misery in this life and likely damnation in the next.

“Please be advised that this communication and any responses (or lack thereof) will be publicized.”

While Younkings did not respond herself, we did hear from Christian Kenziarski, Executive Director for Communications for the Archdio-

cese. He informed us that the sin-coddling workshop had been cancelled. With that news, we decided to cancel our appearance on the sidewalk in front of the school; we had been planning to pray a Rosary in reparation for the blasphemy inherent in that workshop.

What was most curious, however, is that on the same day that Kenziarski contacted us, we also received an email from WBAL inquiring about our planned action. We never issued any press release. So how, oh how, did WBAL learn of this? Knowing how the gay-pandering media would twist anything said to them, and having canceled our plans, we opted not to respond to them. Readers, we know how WBAL got wind of this, and why.

While they did cancel that workshop, much gay-pandering still occurred at that event. We were able to acquire some gay-advocating literature. There was a flyer from “Faith Communities of Baltimore with Pride”. There were “gay” flags;

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# The Squalid Aura Of Baltimore Planned Parenthood

By John Roswell, Baltimore Sidewalk Advocate for Life

I have several pictures here for you to see. One is a picture of the side of Mulberry Street across from the Baltimore Planned Parenthood building. You will notice the collapsed sections of roof, fallen out as well as boarded up windows, a tree growing out of a 3<sup>rd</sup> story wall and gang graffiti. Another picture is across Howard Street from the Planned Parenthood building. All but one small building are boarded up, covered in graffiti and some have trees growing on roofs.

You may wonder why I am showing these pictures. The reason is because death starts at Planned Parenthood and then spreads all through the city.

When abortionists kill a large portion of potential new life year after year, generation after generation, it has an obvious detrimental effect on the local population. Buildings become vacant, businesses fail and the buildings as well as the city begin to crumble. Kill the babies and the city dies!

Even if one ignores morality, common sense should tell everyone that a species that kills its offspring will not survive. Society needs strong families to flourish, so this legislature should be



**Planned Parenthood squalor at Howard Street**

searching for ways to strengthen families rather than supporting the destruction of preborn children.

The purpose of HB0705 and SB0798 is to spread and support the abomination of premeditated contractual murder all over the state. If these bills become law, eventually Maryland will succumb to the same fate that that has befallen Baltimore when there will not be enough taxpayers to sufficiently fund a properly run state administration. Please open your eyes to the damage already done and think of the future of this state and do not vote to move HB0705 or SB0798 forward.

These bills may also open the door

to the legalization of pedophilia. What is to stop a man from saying that his reproductive rights permit him to impregnate a child if these bills become law?

As an added note, when more black people are dying than being born, I wonder how Ms. Adrienne Jones and others can justify their support of an ongoing genocide that Margaret Sanger envisioned.



**Planned Parenthood squalor at Mulberry Street**



**Planned Parenthood botched abortion**

# The People Who Ended Roe – Part Two

By Theodore King

Editor's note: Part one of this pair of articles appeared in the previous issue. If you missed it and don't have a paper copy, please go to the **Defend Life** site and go to the Jan-Feb 2023 issue in the archive section. And now, part two.

Phyllis Schlafly was a wife, a mother, attorney, activist and author. She was born Phyllis Stewart in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1924. Her father was a machinist and her mother a librarian. They struggled economically during the Great Depression, but found a way to pay for their daughters' education in a Catholic school. Phyllis had one sister. In 1944 she graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Washington University in Saint Louis. The following year she received a Masters from Radcliffe Women's College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 1978 Phyllis Stewart received her law degree from Washington University

After college Phyllis Stewart went to work for the American Enterprise Institute think tank in Washington, D.C. and she campaigned for Claude Blackwell who was elected to Congress from Saint Louis in the Republican sweep of 1946. Congressman Blackwell lost his seat to the Democrat whom he had defeated two years later. She herself ran for congress in 1970 but lost to the incumbent Democrat.

In 1949 she married John Fred Schlafly Jr, a Saint Louis attorney who came from a wealthy family in the city. They were both strong Roman Catholics that saw the fight against Communism as a holy crusade. After their 44-year marriage,

he died in 1993. They had six children.

In 1972 Mrs. Schlafly founded Eagle Forum to fight the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in which ratification was well underway, 28 states having already ratified the ERA. Ten more states were needed and the ERA would have become a new amendment to the Constitution. The Equal Right Amendment (ERA) would bar any distinctions in law between men and women. Originally, it enjoyed wide bi-partisan support. It was Mrs. Schlafly's Eagle Forum that argued women could lose their advantages in court proceedings such as child custody cases and that the ERA would mandate that women register for the draft. The deadline for ratification was 1982. Due to Eagle Forum's efforts several states that had ratified the ERA un-ratified it making it impossible to reach the deadline for ratification in 1982. While the Moral Majority appealed to conservative Protestants, Eagle Forum appealed to a broader constituency from Roman Catholics to Mormons as well as Protestants.

In 2016 Mrs. Schlafly, then 92, endorsed Donald Trump for the Republican nomination. This caused a revolt among the board at Eagle Forum and she was ousted as head of the group she founded and led for 44 years. She died at her home in September of that year. Candidate Donald Trump attended her funeral Mass.

Eagle Forum and Rev. Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority were grass roots organizations that focused on social issues and national defense. Both organizations were opposed to abortion and feminism

as well as the gay movement. Both groups saw these social changes as a threat to western Christian civilization. Her contribution to the pro-life cause was similar to that of Rev. Jerry Falwell in that both were culture warriors fighting on a variety of fronts including the right to life of the unborn. It was their combined efforts along with their supporters throughout the nation that captured (in the words of pro-abortion advocates) the Republican party making it a pro-life party.

Ronald Wilson Reagan was the 40th president of the United States from 1981 to 1989. His election in 1980 was the culmination of work by social conservatives who seized the Republican party and changed it from being a party of the well-to-do, of which in all honesty Ronald Reagan was a member, to the party of middle-class conservative Americans. As president, Mr. Reagan's contribution to the right to life movement was limited. He appointed Justice William Rehnquist, the dissenter in the 1973 *Roe. v. Wade* decision as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in 1986 and he appointed Antonin Scalia to the high court that same year. He also instituted in 1985 what is known as the Mexico City Policy (named for Mexico City after a United Nations Conference held there on population) which had been the policy of the federal government not to fund abortion related activities regarding foreign aid packages.

Symbolically, his presidency was enormous. He was the first openly pro-life president of the United States. He was also the first occupant of the Oval Office to call in to the March for Life rally held

on the National Mall. He did not shy away from proclaiming the humanity of the unborn. He once said, “I’ve noticed that everyone who supports abortion has already been born.” Because of his stance every Republican president who followed him followed his pro-life position and in the long term that would prove decisive. President Reagan died in California, the state he once served as governor, in June of 2004. He was 93.

We’ll continue with some other pro-life luminaries in the next issue of the **DEFEND LIFE** newsletter.

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rival he announced to the just – including our first parents Adam and Eve – the soon-to-be-accomplished redemption of mankind and the re-opening of the gates of heaven.

Although St. Joseph did not actually shed his own blood during his life on earth, his sufferings made him the first of the Church’s white martyrs. St. Joseph’s greatest suffering was dying, knowing that he would not be on earth to console Our Lady of Sorrows during the Passion. St. Joseph had the happiness of dying in the arms of Jesus and Mary which is why the Faithful pray to him for a happy death.

St. Joseph was the foster father of Our Lord and Our Lord was St. Joseph’s foster son. The two looked, spoke, and acted so much alike that all who saw them took them for actual blood father and son. Indeed, each was the other’s nearest male relative. By rights Our Lord inherited the throne of David from His father St. Joseph.

Today still stands as a landmark in Beijing: the now centuries-old

Cathedral of St. Joseph. Out of this cathedral the new Catholic convert and first casualty of the undeclared Cold War, John Birch was buried in August 1945. Captain Birch was only twenty-seven years old. Although in the hands of the Chinese Government, St. Joseph’s Cathedral remains open and functioning today to convince foreign visitors that freedom of religion is in fact allowed in China. St. Joseph is also the patron saint of Free China – Taiwan.

For what it is worth there is at least one credible nineteenth century Italian prophecy that predicts that one day the holy body of St. Joseph will be found incorrupt.

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what is pictured here is one of them. There was a letter from LEAD apologizing for the cancellation, saying that they were concerned with “safety”. We noted with displeasure that they “intend to coordinate with the Archdiocese to safely hold the workshop soon”.

In regard to that letter from LEAD (For more information on LEAD, see the DEFEND LIFE

newsletter archives, especially the Sept-Oct 2018, the Jan-Feb 2016, and the Mar-Apr 2021 issues), if true, what that means is that the Archdiocese simply plans to postpone its own sin of cooperation with sexual perversion to another time. Make no mistake – it would be grossly sinful, if not mortally so, for them to give approval and even assistance to the practice of homosexually-oriented sexual perversions. By now they’ve heard from enough of us to understand that this sin involves a grave matter and goes against God’s laws. They’ve certainly demonstrated their willful indifference to God’s laws so that doesn’t leave much room for doubt that all conditions for mortal sin are present.

A necessary action for all Catholics, particularly those in the Baltimore archdiocese to take, is to contact both Erin Younkens and Archbishop Lori to determine the veracity of that LEAD claim. If it is false, the archdiocese needs to clearly repudiate that. If it is true, the archdiocese needs to correct that serious error, and perhaps make some personnel adjustments in the archdiocesan Office of Life, Justice and Peace.

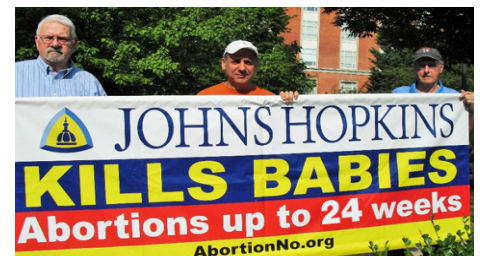
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