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Keep Abortion Out of the State Constitution

The 2023 Maryland legislative session ended on April 10th, mandating another ballot battle for pro-life activists during the November 2024 election. The last time we had this was during the November 1992 elections, when the SB162 measure allowed for almost unfettered baby slaughter in the state of Maryland. That infamous law unfortunately passed. Today the stakes in this legislative battle are far higher, for the measure in question would enshrine a so-called “right to abortion” in Maryland’s state constitution.

The House version of this measure is HB705 and the Senate version is SB798. On March 30, both houses passed SB798 by over 60%. That margin allowed for the placement of the measure on the November 2024 ballot, removing the requirement that Governor Moore to sign it, although he approved it.

Secretary of State Susan Lee, who NARAL once designated “Legislator of the Year”, will craft the language for the ballot question. So now we have a ballot battle ahead of us, like we did thirty-two years ago with SB 162. This time the stakes are much higher since we are now talking about an amendment to the state constitution.

Those of us who were involved



Matthew Tilghman led the drafting of the MD Constitution

in that effort know that our failure was quite spectacular. If we are honest, we know that we made many serious blunders. I will summarize them now in the hopes that we have learned some things and won’t repeat those blunders.

Most of the blunders stem from the conduct of the Vote Know Coalition, a local organization formed to fight the SB162 ballot initiative. It was comprised of several local pro-life leaders and some questionable political consultants. However, there was very little effort on their part to team up with local pro-life

activists.

The effort was divided into two phases, with separate objectives:

1. Successful petitioning of the measure to ballot. Since it wasn’t proposed as a constitutional amendment, it would not have automatically gone to ballot. If that was successful, then the focus would shift to:
2. Education of the public to ensure that they would vote against the measure.

When petition signatures were being collected, grass-roots activists were very much involved in that phase (although the training was quite spotty). We were in churches, shopping centers, county fairs, etc, feverishly working to obtain enough qualified signatures. Ultimately we were successful in that phase.

During the second phase, though, the leaders of the Vote Know Coalition shut off all communication with the local activists. We were directed to no efforts to educate the public about the measure. We were asked continually to do one thing, and one thing alone: raise money. I remember going to local pro-life gather-

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Pro-Life Activists Brutally Attacked at Baltimore Planned Parenthood

On Friday, May 26 2023 between 9am – 1pm, two pro-life activists were viciously assaulted in front of the Planned Parenthood in Baltimore, on Howard Street at Mulberry.

The two are Dick Schaefer and Mark Crosby. The apparent pro-abortion attacker spoke to Dick but was not threatening. After this brief conversation, Dick turned away to pick up some of his *Blessing Bags*, which he gives to abortion-minded women entering PP in an effort to persuade them not to abort their babies. Suddenly, Dick was violently attacked

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from behind, knocking him out, and knocking over a huge concrete planter. In an attempt to help Dick, Mark was also blind-sided. He too was apparently knocked out. Dick was injured but apparently not so seriously that he could not drive home. Later he visited a local Urgent Care facility and is now at home.

Mark is currently in the University of MD shock trauma facility. He is on morphine. The plate bone in his upper right cheek is completely fractured. He is bleeding from some unidentified area behind his eye and the bone eye orbit is completely shattered and will have to be replaced with metal. He is on a drip antibiotic which he will probably be on for 6 days and the doctors are still conferring on how to treat his injuries. Apparently,



Mark Crosby after his attack

the assailant asked one of the deathscorts to hold his drink (which she did) and then lunged at Dick who believes his back was turned at that time to the assailant. He picked up Dick and slammed him against the glass window knocking over the planter in the process and Dick landed on top of the overturned planter and hit the back of his head on something, either the pavement or window ledge. Mark who was in the street tried to go to Dick's aid and was hit in the face knocking him on the ground. The man then kicked him in the head. Both Dick and Mark were apparently momentarily unconscious. A client leaving Options@328 screamed as this took place and a nurse from there came to their aid.

The deathscorts, by their presence at the Planned Parenthood, inspire and

embolden violent threats especially when the pro-life people are outnumbered by them. We need more people to prevent these sorts of events. There is safety in numbers! Are the devil's minions going to be allowed to overwhelm and intimidate us?

What are the lessons learned from this violent attack?

- We urgently need more courageous persons to be present at

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PP during their M-F, 9 AM to 1 PM, killing hours. Contact John Roswell at 410-371-4188 for more information.

- This includes lay persons, men and women, priests and Bishops, teenagers with an adult parent, Catholics and non-Catholics.
- We need Knights of Columbus to be present!
- We need fearless priests and pastors speaking out from their pulpits about this abomination and leading their congregations there at least once a month.
- If a priest or pastor does not want or cannot speak out himself, suggest to him that he invite Jack Ames 410-961-2008 to speak.

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

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one such activist who participates in rescue type of activities talk rather condescendingly about sidewalk counselors, alleging that the latter are allowing abortions to continue 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 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



Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center, vandalized by pro-aborts

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 pro-lifers 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 “being effectively pro-choice.”

That is utterly inane. There is a world of difference between “com-

promise” 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

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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



Praying Rosary at a Planned Parenthood



Sidewalk counselor offering life-affirming help



Showing the truth of abortion to unaware public

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 lob-

bying 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

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The People Who Ended Roe – Part Three

By Theodore King

Editor's note – This is our third segment of Mr. King's informative article. Parts one and two of this series of articles appeared in the previous two issues. If you missed them and don't have paper copies, please go to the **Defend Life** site and go to the Jan-Feb 2023 and the Mar-Apr 2023 issues in the archive section. And now, part three.

Dr. Alveda King was born in 1951 in a segregated Atlanta, Georgia. Her uncle was the civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Her father was a younger brother of Dr. King. According to Alveda, her mother wanted an abortion, but her mother's father convinced her not to have an abortion, allowing Alveda to come into this world. Alveda's early life would not be without pain. In 1963 the family was living in Alabama and her father had taken a leadership position in the civil rights movement. For his association the family home was bombed. In 1969, when she was 18, her father drowned in the family swimming pool under suspicious circumstances.

She went on to receive a master's degree in business management from Central Michigan University and an Honorary Doctorate from Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire. Her actual doctorate comes from Aidan University in Jacksonville, Florida, a degree in applied theology.

In 1978 she was elected as a Democrat to represent part of Fulton County in the Georgia state house. She served in that position through 1982. She ran for congress



Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King Jr.

in 1984, but ran afoul of the black political establishment and was unsuccessful in her bid. That same year she supported Rev. Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign.

In the years to follow Dr. Alveda King had a change of heart, becoming a Republican and in 2012

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supporting fellow Georgian Herman Cain in his bid for the White House. In 2016 she supported Donald Trump.

She claims to have had two abortions before her own religious conversion in 1983. She has described abortion as "womb lynching" and accusing Planned Parenthood of profiting from "aborted black ba-



Norma McCorvey, Jane Roe of Roe v Wade

bies." It is interesting to note that Planned Parenthood clinics always appear in the poorest of American communities and always in black communities. Today she is director of Civil Rights for the Unborn and the African American outreach for the Catholic group Priests for Life. In 1996 she even dared to criticize her aunt Coretta Scott King for her support of abortion.

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Norma McCorvey, known to the nation as Jane Roe in Roe v. Wade, was the plaintiff in the 1969 Texas case against Dallas County District Attorney Henry Wade. It should be noted for the record that Henry Wade was a registered Democrat and was defending the Texas law prohibiting abortion in the state. Norma became pregnant with her third child and wanted an abortion. Abortion advocate attor-

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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Believe it or not, it's time for our **23rd Annual Maryland National Face the Truth Tour, July 24-28**. This will be our **first** Truth Tour since **Roe was reversed by the Dobbs Decision on June 24 of last year**. We will have 3 major STOPS each day beginning in West Virginia on Monday and ending in Baltimore on Friday. See page **12** for a schedule of our **15 STOPS**. With the PRO-ABORTS trying to enshrine abortion into State Constitutions as is the case in Maryland, our **Face the Truth Tours** are needed more than ever. Here are several things **YOU** can do to make our 23rd ANNUAL TRUTH TOUR the best ever



- Be on our **26-member CORE TEAM**. Travel with us all **5** days and attend Holy Mass each day. Hear inspirational speakers each day. We pick up all expenses for core team members including local travel, meals and housing. **16** slots are filled, **10** slots remain — sign up NOW!

- We want students, both high school and college students, as well as adults to be on our CORE TEAM. Students are the future leaders of our movement and this is a great opportunity to train them. Students must be 15 years old by September, or be accompanied by a parent, an older sibling or relative. Sign up by contacting **Rochelle Kane** at **410-952-4941**.

- As in the past, we need your generous financial support. We need to raise **\$12,000** just as we have done in recent years. Believe it or not, there are substantial expenses including air fare for some speakers, \$2,000 for our beautiful PRO-LIFE T-shirts, stipends for our directors and lots of other miscellaneous expenses.

- The good news is that several generous donors have once again promised to match YOUR donation \$ for \$ up to a total of **\$6,000**. **\$ for \$** To qualify for this matching grant, please send your donation TODAY! It must be dated no later than August 1. So please give generously and ask others to give. **Remember, our Good and Gracious God is never outdone in generosity!** Please use the enclosed envelope, or you can donate online at **DefendLife.org** by clicking on **Ways to Give**. Thank you ever so much for your generosity. **Remember, your donation is 100% TAX DEDUCTIBLE!**

Nefarious — Fighting the Fight for Truth

Over the last few decades our society has continued to devolve into more and

more evil at every turn. Unrestricted abortion through the moment of birth, boys being allowed in girls' locker rooms and in their sports, transgenderism being pushed on toddlers and kids in the public schools and drag queen story hours, sex change drugs and surgeries being made accessible to kids without their parents' permission and the list of atrocities continues to grow. Many people ask me *Why would people*



push all this evil? I suggest the new movie **Nefarious** answers this question in a very succinct and moving presentation that I recommend for all. A very good summary and review of the movie is available on the **Focus on the Family** site **Pluggedin.com**, specifically at <https://www.pluggedin.com/movie-reviews/nefarious-2023/>. Here are **10** reasons I recommend **YOU** see this movie:

- Acting is outstanding in this film! Many Christian films do not contain high quality performances but this film does.
- This is a blatantly Christian film so the points are discussed from a strong moral foundation including references to the Natural Law.
- Very pro-life in many different life issues and really challenges each of us to address these issues in the tough situations we may each find ourselves in.
- Euthanasia is addressed in a very personal way that challenges all of us to address this issue now as opposed to when we are actually in the situation.
- The discussion of the devil and evil are rarely presented from the pulpit; consequently, few are prepared and willing to discuss with family, friends and co-workers.
- This film perfectly portrays the fact that many priests no longer believe in the **devil** and **evil** and how this plays into the devil's plan.
- The devil explains to the psychologist how society's **virtues** allow everyone to ignore God's Law thereby destroying the Faith of all, especially the young.
- A liberal psychologist is called **James Martin**.
- The movie is not scary, just a discussion of Truth and Evil.
- Saint Peter told us **Your opponent is like a lion prowling about the world to devour souls**. We need to know the plan of the opponent (the devil) if we want to defeat him. In **The Screwtape Letters**, C.S Lewis presents the devil's plan to destroy souls and this movie incorporates this very same theme.

Some persons have expressed an unwillingness to see this movie because they would not be **comfortable** because it is about evil. We must remember that Our Lord suffered and was crucified for the Truth as were **11** of **12** apostles and millions of Christians since then. I thank God they were **willing** to **leave** their **comfort zones** and were concerned about all of our souls. Seeing **Nefarious** is a giant step towards **Restoring the Kingdom** and saving many souls.

Enclosure

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, P.E., Director

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neys Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee seized on McCorvey's situation to advance the abortion cause. This case was litigated all the way to the United States Supreme Court in 1972 and the decision was released on January 22, 1973.

She was born Norma Leah Nelson in September 1947 in Louisiana to a dysfunctional family. Her father left when she was 13. Her mother was a violent alcoholic. When she was just ten years old, she robbed a cash register at a gas station and ran away from home winding up in Oklahoma City with another girl before she was returned home. She was declared a ward of the state and sent to at least two reform schools. She later had to live with a cousin who she alleges raped her. She met and married her husband Woody McCorvey in 1963 when she was 16. The couple eventually divorced. Like her mother Norma had a substance abuse problem with drinking including drugs. When Norma was pregnant with her third child, the one she wanted to abort, she wound up giving birth to her daughter because she could not legally obtain an abortion in Texas. Her situation was the subject of her case against the Dallas County District Attorney. Her third child was given up by McCorvey for adoption. Years later her daughter revealed that she felt betrayed by her mother for not wanting her.

Norma McCorvey published her autobiography in 1994 titled "I am Roe". She met Pastor Flip Benham who was the national director of Operation Rescue that was founded by Randall Terry. Norma apparently had a change of heart and decided to be baptized by this pastor in 1995. From that point on, Norma McCorvey publicly regretted her support of

abortion. In 1998 she was baptized into the Catholic Church. One of the participants at her baptism was then-Father Frank Pavone of Priests for Life. Pavone was recently laicized by the Vatican for remarks he made to an abortion supporter.

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publicly renounced her support for abortion. Close to death in 2017, she allegedly made a death bed confession that she hadn't cared one way or another about abortion and that she merely wanted financial support from whatever side was willing to provide it.

Norma McCorvey's life was that of a sketchy character. Was she telling the truth at the end? It doesn't matter for us, but it does matter for Norma's soul. When the poster lady for abortion publicly jumped off the abortion poster, that proved a moral victory for the Right to Life movement. Norma McCorvey died of kidney failure in Texas in February 2017. She was 69.

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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 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 repro-

ductive 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.

Geese Family Sidewalk Counselors



Geese family – God can use you, too!

By John Naughton

On Saturday, April 29, I drove to the abortuary and entered at the south end of the office complex, got my crucifix out of the car and walked a short distance to the sidewalk in front of the abortuary. I chatted with a couple of counselors and then started to pray the rosary walking toward the north entrance. I pray one decade as I walk between the two entrances. After completing the third decade, I saw a family of geese strolling in the parking lot, heading toward the south entrance, didn't know they were on a mission.

When the geese family of 8 got to the south end, they paused at the entrance. Just then a car with tinted windows came roaring in, the kind that doesn't want to hear anything from counselors but just wants to get straight to the abortion facility. They saw the geese family and stopped and watched them for quite a while. I stood there with my crucifix wondering how long they would watch the

geese. Finally, instead of heading to the abortuary in the back of the complex, the car drove straight toward the north exit and parked midway between the exits very close to where all the praying pro-lifers walk by. Three decades later the car headed out of the north exit and onto the highway. As they left, I raised my crucifix and blew a kiss at the car as if to say, "Thank you for not aborting your baby."

The car drove south, made a U-turn and drove back toward the north. As it went by the driver rolled down the window and gave us a big wave.

We all rejoiced at how someone in heaven sent the geese family to meet the car as it drove in to save a baby from abortion.

John Naughton is a long-time pro-life activist in Montgomery County, MD, and can regularly be found at the Potomac Family Planning Center owned by Earl McCleod. This incident took place at that particular abortuary.

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ings, Right to Life meetings, Lobby Night, etc to get some kind of update, and I was not alone in wanting some marching orders. None were forthcoming – save the clarion call for more fund-raising.

Eventually, quite a few activists lost interest. Who can blame them, when for almost a year the Vote Know leaders treated them like glorified cash cows? Finally, in the last few months leading to the November 1992 elections, the Vote Know leaders did ask local activists to distribute yard signs, do literature drops, etc. But it was too little, too late. We should have received direction on how to educate and engage the public well before that. Had that happened, might we have had a different outcome?

We cannot repeat that disgraceful and insipid blunder again. So what courses of action are needed now?

First, we need to be praying that God will bless our efforts to eliminate this bill that, before anything else, is an insult to Him. If Catholics reading this are not praying daily Rosaries, they need to start to do so immediately.

Second, we need to educate ourselves regarding all the details of this proposed amendment. The text of this bill can be found at <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0798?ys=2023RS>. I suggest that it be downloaded. If passed, this legislation will become an amendment to the Maryland State Constitution, rendering impossible any statewide legislation to restrict or eliminate child slaughter. We've already seen an influx of abortionist

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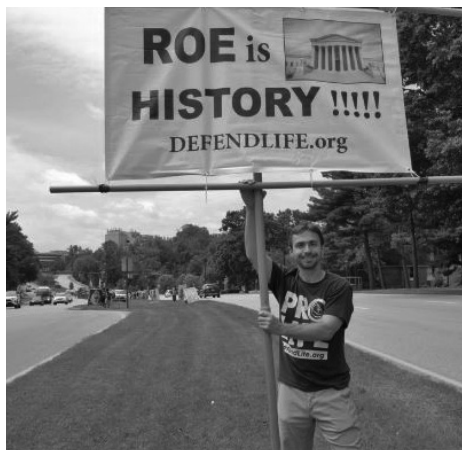
Jonathan Darnel Addresses Pro-Lifers In Westminster MD

On the evening of Friday April 29th, a group of Christians and other conservatively-minded people gathered at the Save-A-Patriot offices in Westminster in Carroll County MD to hear an address by Jonathan Darnel. This lecture was promoted by DEFEND LIFE.

The purpose of Darnel's talk was three-fold. First, he gave an account of his most recent clashes with civil government on account of his pro-life activism. In April of 2022, he and eight other pro-life activists were at their respective homes throughout the country, asleep during the wee hours of the morning. They were all awakened to federal agents barging through their doors and were arrested at gunpoint over a rescue that happened eighteen months prior. Darnel was able to record his arrest and displayed it to the audience gathered in that room. It was an outrage, to say the least.

From that he segued into the topic of how much risk are pro-lifers willing to assume in order to bring abortion to a stand-still. He stated, correctly I believe, that too many are not willing to forego their comforts, family ties, jobs, etc, in order to address the scourge of abortion. Even fewer are unwilling to undergo physical inconveniences, assaults, arrests for the purposes of direct intervention. I myself can attest to that, having struggled, usually to little or no avail, to get pro-life people in front of the abortuaries to simply pray there.

Then Darnel expounded on what is called doctrine of the lesser magistrate. Darnel didn't go into its origins, but this article will. This so-called "doctrine" was first set forth in 1550 in the Magdeburg confession. That was the statement of several Lutheran



Jonathan Darnel, celebrating end of Roe v Wade

leaders of that city after Charles V attempted to rein in the Protestant rebellion initiated by Martin Luther.

Matt Trehwella, founder of Missionaries to the Preborn, brought these statements to current attention. These statements can be found simply by googling them. To quote from one of the sites, the doctrine of the lesser

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magistrate states: "when the higher or superior authority makes an unjust or immoral law or decree, the lower or lesser magistrates have both a right and a duty to interpose and refuse obedience to the superior authority, and if needs be, openly resist their unjust or immoral law or decree."

Of course these concepts, sans rebellion against the One True Church, go back to the Bible. Think of Act 3:18-20, where Peter declares to the Jewish officials that they must obey

God rather than men. Go back to the Old Testament, 2 Maccabees 6:8-31 and 2 Maccabees 7 (entire chapter). They are replete with examples of Jews who refused to adopt sinful customs of their captors.

The United States Constitution, the supreme law of the United States, is also infused with these ideals, particularly in the first ten amendments, collectively known as the Bill of Rights. The Tenth Amendment is very relevant here. That amendment says, "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people." It is important to emphasize the importance of the Constitution, for the sake of those citizens who do not adhere to Christian principles. In those cases, appeals to Scripture would prove useless and only secular law would be understood by them. That is why a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution is of paramount importance. In Maryland, a federal human life amendment would be absolutely necessary, should the so-called abortion amendment be ratified into Maryland's state constitution in the next election.

We will soon be focused on that amendment campaign. It will require much street action on our part to educate the Maryland populace. The language to be used in the ballot question will be crafted by the Secretary of State, Susan C Lee, a woman who has dabbled in many progressive organizations. Does the reader think this language would be clearly and honestly crafted? We will all have to step out of our comfort zones, no matter our gut reactions. This year's Face the Truth tour will be an excellent start in that direction.

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low-life slither into Maryland in the wake of the Dobbs decision. Do we want more of these predators?

We also need to challenge the three Maryland bishops (Cardinal Gregory of the Archdiocese of Washington, Archbishop Lori of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Bishop Koenig of the Diocese of Wilmington) to start now and educate their flocks regarding the sinfulness of supporting such legislation. We need to challenge the Maryland Catholic Conference to lay aside their focus on BOOST scholarships and put this amendment situation as their top, if not sole, priority.

Other statewide and county-wide pro-life organizations also need to get on this issue immediately (if they aren't already). They simply cannot use this situation as an excuse to issue fundraising pleas. If I receive any letter from them asking for money without stating a concrete plan to train and equip grass-roots proliferators for immediate activism, and I mean immediate as opposed to some fuzzy date in the future, I will toss it in the trash.

For now, I'd suggest that all proliferators talk to people in your families and churches about this matter. Many probably have no idea that this measure passed and they need to know. They also need to know that, per the language in this bill, that a "yes" vote on the question is a vote to make this a constitutional amendment while a "no" vote (our position) will keep it out of the state constitution. At this time, we don't know the question number.

Obviously this is a developing matter. We'll have more to say in future issues of this newsletter, as well as email and voicemail blasts.

Other Annapolis Attacks Against Life

Besides the so-called "right to abortion" being advanced to the November 2024 ballot (lead article in this newsletter), there were other bleak spots to the legislative session that ended in April. Democrats, aided by Governor Moore, enacted legislation that will allow for Medicaid funding of transgender surgeries and drugs for children. Only one parent or guardian needs to consent. This law goes into effect in 2024.

Previously, young people had to wait until they were 18 years of age before they were able to agree to such procedures as voice surgery, puberty blockers, genital alterations, etc. In other words, children will be more vulnerable to doctors looking to make a quick dollar off any child's momentary confusion and submit him/her to permanent and scarring alterations, all on our tax dollars.

The Coercive Abuse Against Mothers Prevention Act (HB 1043 / SB 832) was put forth with the realization that a goodly percentage of abortions are coerced. That is, a mother is put under extreme pressure to have her child slaughtered. As a side-

walk counselor, I have witnessed first-hand many such cases, usually by belligerent boyfriends or their parents. The bill would have made such coercion of the woman illegal and would mandate a waiting period if a clinic worker suspected that a mother was being coerced. The Democrats, being in control of both houses, prevented a vote on these measures. Of course they are beholden to the baby-slaughter industry, and consider themselves obliged to fatten the wallets of their sugar-daddies. So much for "a woman's right to choose"!

The one bright spot in this otherwise dismal state of affairs is that once again good people were successful in rebuffing yet another attempt to make "physician-assisted suicide" a part of our legal landscape. Both HB 933 and SB 845 died in their committees. That doesn't mean they won't try again. No doubt they will, and I wouldn't be surprised if the Democrats go the "constitutional" amendment route, if they are successful with the abortion-related amendment attempt.

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