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## Courage, pathos mark Notre Dame protests

### D.C.'s Smith helps lead May 8 protest

When Alan Keyes stepped onto Notre Dame University property on May 8, knowing he would be arrested for trespassing, Missy Smith was right beside him.

But protesting against President Obama's pro-abortion stance and policies was nothing new for the Washington, D.C., resident and president of WAKEUP (Women Against the Killing and Exploitation of Unprotected Persons).

In January, Operation Rescue founder Randall Terry asked Smith to spearhead a 100-day rosary, starting on Obama's inauguration January 20, at Lafayette Park in front of the White House.

"I said I would, and then I had second thoughts; it was a big commitment," said Missy.

Nevertheless, she kept her word.

"Very few people showed up," she admitted. "But we were vigilant about having someone there every day."

In the meantime, things began heating up, and Smith found herself embroiled in a series of demonstrations aimed at Obama — or more ac-

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### Baltimore/D.C. 8 join shock troops

President Barack Obama, holding forth on May 17 under the admiring gaze of Notre Dame University President Fr. John Jenkins and other well-wishers, declared that those on both sides of the abortion issue should agree to disagree agreeably.

Joan McKee begged to differ.

"No child should die like this! The pictures we show and you take away from us, these are portraits of pro-choice!" she cried as TV cameras recorded police arresting her and 20 others for trespassing at Notre Dame

May 15.

McKee was one of eight pro-lifers who traveled by van, leaving Baltimore at 9:30 on the morning of May 14 and arriving at South Bend, Indiana, at 11:00 that night.

They had made the long and tiring drive because, despite strong opposition from 80 bishops and 350,000 petition-signing pro-lifers, President Jenkins had remained obdurate.

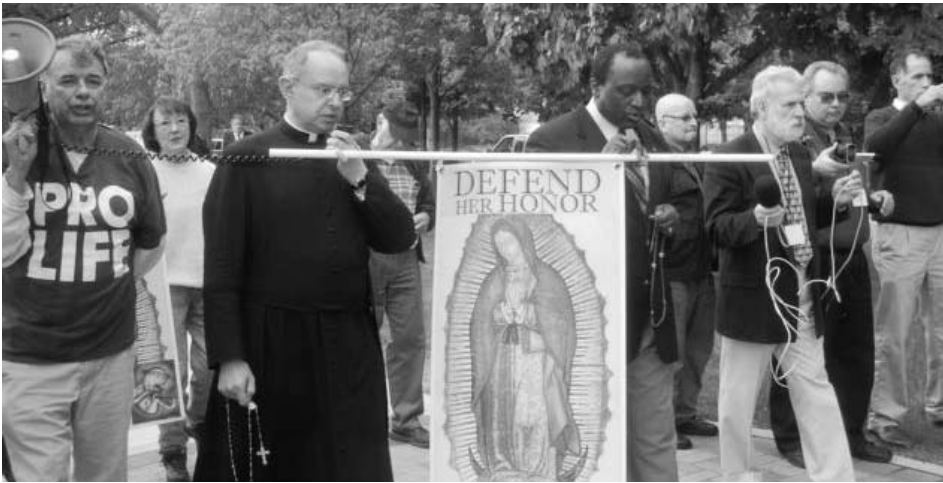
He would not rescind his invita-

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### Under arrest

Joan McKee speaks out for the unborn at Notre Dame University as a police officer leads her away.



**Leading the May 15 protest onto the Notre Dame campus are (from left) Jack Ames, Fr. Paul Petko of Indianapolis, and Alan Keyes.**

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tion to the most pro-abortion president in U.S. history to give Notre Dame's commencement address and receive an honorary degree.

Commencement weekend, beginning Friday, May 15, would see end-to-end protests by pro-lifers from all over the U.S., angry that the country's premier Catholic university was thumbing its collective nose at basic Catholic moral teaching for the sake of prestige.

Of the hundreds who demonstrated, nearly 80 would intentionally get arrested for trespassing, as part of the effort to focus the nation's attention on what they viewed as Notre Dame's betrayal of its Catholic identity.

Their effort worked. The national media were riveted on the campus protests for the entire weekend.

"We created a firestorm, and we made Father Jenkins the center of the firestorm," said Defend Life Director Jack Ames, who organized the van trip from Baltimore.

The May 15 protest began with a two-block walk to the entrance to Notre Dame by about 40 pro-lifers

reciting the rosary.

The protesters paused at the entrance gates for a brief talk by former U.N. ambassador and presidential candidate Alan Keyes.

Then they proceeded onto the campus, carrying banners of Our Lady of Guadalupe that proclaimed, "Defend her honor; rise and strike for the unborn."

The Notre Dame security police were waiting for them about 100 yards up the sidewalk.



**A phalanx of campus security police and cameramen wait for the protesters down the sidewalk.**

"They were very gentlemanly," said Ames.

"They said, 'You really don't want to be arrested, do you?' But 21 of us *did* want to be arrested."

Besides Ames and McKee, from the Baltimore/D.C. contingent, Dick Retta and Jim Fritz (from West Virginia) were also arrested.

So was Missy Smith, who had planned to leave the campus after taking some photos.

But campus police recognized her as a trespasser from the previous Friday and decided to arrest her as well.

Also arrested was Fr. Norman Weslin, founder of the pro-life group, Lambs of Christ.

"Notre Dame is arresting a priest!" he cried as police loaded the enfeebled, 78-year-old cleric onto a stretcher.

"Why are you arresting a priest for trying to stop the killing of a baby? You've got it all backwards!"

The other arrestees were handcuffed with plastic tape, then walked to a mobile command center for processing and paperwork, "including

a paper saying we were banned for eternity from the Notre Dame campus,” said Ames.

After they were loaded onto a bus, he said, “Here come the police, carrying Father Weslin on a rubber hammock. We thought he had had a heart attack. We yelled, ‘Call 911!’”

But the elderly priest was able to board the bus on his own volition.

In the holding cell at St. Joseph County jail, “Alan Keyes was holding forth, being as brilliant as he always is, but in a low-key manner,” said Ames.

The Defend Life director was among the first to bail out, after just 1½ hours.

McKee spent 30 hours in the women’s holding cell.

“A vent in the ceiling was pouring out cold air. They wouldn’t give us blankets,” she recalled, but added, “Jail was not that scary.”

She and some of the others wanted to stay in jail until Sunday so they could be there during Obama’s speech. But friends bailed her out on Saturday afternoon.

A judge had ruled on the previous Thursday that people arrested a second time on a misdemeanor charge could not bond out of jail until a hearing before a judge.

The “emergency” ruling meant that second-time arrestees like Keyes and Smith would have to remain in jail until Monday.

“Missy was pretty shaken up,” said Ames. “Her husband isn’t well, and she was planning on going back home to take care of him.

“It’s one thing when you plan on being arrested, but it’s another thing when you hadn’t planned on it.”

But a Michigan attorney appeared at the jail “like manna from heaven,” as Ames described it.

Working pro bono, he got Keyes and Smith released Saturday after-



**Fr. Norman Weslin is put on a stretcher by police during his arrest.**

noon.

Saturday morning saw 19 more people arrested for trespassing. Among the protesters, although not arrested, was Norma McCorvey, the “Jane Roe” of *Roe v. Wade*.

On Sunday morning about 500 sign-holding pro-lifers lined the south

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side of the campus for several miles.

Pro-Life Action League’s Joe and Eric Scheidler spearheaded the effort, bringing four busloads of pro-lifers from Chicago, said Ames.

“A lot of locals came out, despite the fact that the local pastors didn’t talk about it, or even warned their parishioners against protesting.”

Around noon, protesters entered the campus grounds. Thirty-nine were arrested, including Norma McCorvey.

Fifteen members of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, a Michigan group, carrying photo-posters of aborted babies, got within 200 feet of Notre Dame students lined up outside the Joyce Center to process into the commencement ceremony.

Two graduates, one with tears in her eyes, left the line after seeing the photos and did not attend the commencement.

When McKee returned to her job at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., the following week, two doctors came up to her and asked, “Were you at Notre Dame?”

On her replying that she was, they said, “Thank you for what you did.”

At the hospital Mass, which McKee often attends, someone had told the chaplain that McKee was in jail in South Bend.

“They prayed for us,” she said. “The priest commended us for being there.

“I’m not that noble,” she was quick to add; “but people were really stirred by what we did. I think we were successful.”

Ames agrees. Without the arrests

and vigorous protests, there would not have been one-tenth the media coverage or the national focus on the issue, he said.

“We did the hard things. I can see a lot of good fruit coming from this – a lot of good pro-life activity.”

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curately, at the honoring of the notoriously pro-abortion president by ostensibly Catholic universities.

On April 14 Missy stood with pro-lifers holding graphic abortion signs during the president’s speech at Georgetown University.

Inside Georgetown’s Healy Hall, where the president was speaking, Randall Terry could be heard, shouting on a megaphone, “Obama, abortion is murder.”

A photo of the protest made the front page of the *Washington Times*.

But it was only a warm-up for Operation Rescue’s bigger push to pressure Notre Dame University to cancel its plans to have Obama deliver its commencement address May 17.

“When we got the news that Obama had been invited to speak at Notre Dame and receive an honorary degree, we were just blown away,” said Smith.

“I was very upset. To me and my Catholic friends, it seemed like a slap in the Blessed Mother’s face.”

On April 24 Terry, Smith, and 16 other pro-lifers staged a demonstration at Jones Day law firm in Washington, D.C., where Stephen Brogan, a Notre Dame trustee, is a managing partner.

They followed up the next day with a “Truth Tour” at Brogan’s home in Olney, hoping to pressure the trustee to use his influence to

## Heckler No. 3 is glad he did it

Andrew Beacham, the third heckler at President Obama’s speech at Notre Dame University May 17, thinks he did the right thing.

“That was what the Holy Spirit wanted me to do,” the Elkhart, Indiana, resident told *Defend Life* in a phone interview.

Beacham, 26, an Evangelical Baptist, agreed with his Catholic friends that it was wrong for a Catholic university to invite a pro-abortion president to give its commencement address, when their Church teaches that abortion is evil.

He felt so strongly about it that he joined Alan Keyes and other pro-lifers in a protest May 8 and got arrested for trespassing.

Then an assistant to Randall Terry, the organizer of the Notre Dame protests, urged him to infiltrate the commencement exercises and disrupt Obama’s speech.

A sympathetic insider slipped him a ticket to the graduation.

He decided to try it and leave the outcome in God’s hands.

Getting through the two security checkpoints wasn’t that hard: “I showed my ticket and there was no I.D. check,” he recalled.

Inside the Joyce Center, seated high up near the media control room, he waited for his chance.

“I’m praying the whole time, ‘Give me the words to say,’ he recalled.

Ed Marino from Long Island was the first to yell at the President and be shouted down by the crowd.

Next, pro-lifer Joe Landry stood up.

“He yelled, ‘Abortion is murder! You have the blood of innocent children on your hands!’

“The crowd went into full anger mode; he got them very upset,” said Beacham, who began to feel like Daniel in the lion’s den.

But at a pause in the President’s address, the pro-lifer was on his feet.

“Stop killing our children!” he shouted. “Fetus means ‘little child.’ What you’re doing is wicked in the eyes of the Lord!”

The crowd went wild, chanting, “Yes, we can!”

“It sounded like they were saying, ‘Yes, we can kill children,’” Beacham reflected wryly.

A diminutive Asian lady in front of him punched him in the stomach. He was rescued by the security guards, who quickly took him away.

“One of them said, ‘That was really inappropriate – do you think it was?’ I said ‘Yes.’

“It worked out perfectly, according to God’s plan.”

help cancel the president’s appearance at Notre Dame.

But Notre Dame President Fr. John Jenkins remained intransigent in his plans to honor Obama. Terry drove to Notre Dame in his RV and rented a house two blocks from the campus.

On May 6 Missy got an e-mail from Terry, containing a letter from Keyes.

The former U.N. ambassador and presidential candidate was asking pro-lifers to come to South Bend and go to jail with him.

Missy wanted very much to go and, planning to come the following week, phoned Terry.

“If you’re coming, come by tomorrow morning,” Terry urged her.

He was going to try to meet with Fort Wayne-South Bend’s Bishop



John D'Arcy, and wanted her there for moral support.

"I was a bit floored at the speed at which I needed to act!" said Smith.

She asked her husband Lewis how he felt about her going.

"He had known I was really wishing I was there and he said, 'All right, just don't get arrested!'"

"I of course had to say, 'Well, we need to talk about that, since that was the reason for going.' He kind of laughed and said okay."

Missy raced about, washing necessary clothes, cooking some food for Lewis, and running to the bank to put money in that she would need to bail herself out of jail.

She threw into a bag her signature black jeans, three long-sleeved black T-shirts, a black wool sweater, face wash and pajamas, called a cab and flew out the door.

By 9:40 p.m. she was on a flight out of Reagan. She arrived at Chicago's O'Hare Airport two hours later, where Terry's assistant, Tui Bombeck, met her and drove her to South Bend. It was 4:00 a.m. when her head hit the pillow.

A couple hours later Missy was up and off to Ft. Wayne with Terry and others to try to meet with D'Arcy.

The meeting didn't come off, but a press conference in South Bend later in the day with Dr. Keyes did.

At the press conference, a rather sheepish Notre Dame police official warned Keyes that if he set foot on Notre Dame's campus the next day, he would be arrested for trespassing.

Keyes replied in a friendly tone that all he planned to do is what all Christians are called to do: witness to the truth.

That's all St. Paul and the other apostles did, he pointed out – and



**Alan Keyes and Missy Smith head up the procession of pro-lifers onto the Notre Dame campus.**

for that, they were flogged, chained, and thrown into prison.

"I have professed all my life to be pro-life," Keyes told the officer; but witnessing like the apostles and Randall Terry "was just not my thing."

Then he came to realize that everything that Christians have accomplished has been done by witnessing and even being willing to die, if necessary.

So, Keyes said, "When a man who represents the very heart of

abortion evil – who is the epitome and focus of that evil right now – is invited to Notre Dame to be honored with a degree – to be smiled at, his hand shaken, to be treated like he's worth something," Keyes would stand in witness with Terry who was, in contrast, treated like a criminal.

After a rally that night, Missy was off to Walmart to buy 22 baby strollers. Other pro-lifers picked up 22 baby dolls at the Salvation Army.

At 11:00 a.m. the next day, May 8, the pro-lifers, led by Keyes and Smith, lined up with the "babies," streaked with stage blood, in the strollers, and walked the two blocks to Notre Dame's main entrance.

After an impassioned speech by Keyes that brought Missy to tears, the pro-lifers filed slowly onto the campus, reciting the rosary.

"We were looking straight into the eyes of about 25 Notre Dame



**A security officer arrests Missy Smith for trespassing.**

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## *Moral climate at Notre Dame, Ave Maria differs sharply*

At Notre Dame University the notoriously sleazy “Vagina Monologues” as well as “queer” film festivals and other homosexual-affirming activities are regular fare.

At Ave Maria University the most popular student clubs are the Pro-Life Club and the Chastity Club.

“Both clubs were started by the students themselves,” Dr. Nicholas Healy, president of Florida’s Ave Maria University, said as a guest on National Pro-Life Radio’s “Face the Truth Coast to Coast” April 4.

Host Steve Peroutka interviewed Dr. Healy in the wake of the furor over Notre Dame University’s invitation to President Obama to speak at the school’s commencement exercises, despite his aggressively pro-abortion record.

He also had as a guest Bill Dempsey, a 1952 graduate of Notre Dame and president of Project Sycamore, a group trying to shore up the university’s Catholic identity.

The interviews highlighted the sharp contrasts in the moral climate of the two Catholic universities, and Catholic universities in general.

Dempsey and other Notre Dame alumni founded Project Sycamore (named after an ancient tree that “stands sentinel” over the campus’s Grotto) three years ago, after Notre Dame President Fr. John Jenkins authorized the on-campus production of “The Vagina Monologues,” which features the glorification of the lesbian seduction of a teenager.

“‘The Vagina Monologues’ is terrible,” said Dempsey. “But the root problem is the secularization of the faculty: they’ve fallen from 85 percent Catholic in the 1970s to 53 percent Catholic.

“You can discount that number

by the dissident or nominal Catholics also on the faculty, and you’re way below what the university’s mission statement requires, which is a solid majority of Catholics on the faculty.”

“Notre Dame has been symbolic of something great,” Peroutka commented; the decision to invite Obama “hits everybody at all levels.”

“It does,” Dempsey agreed; “Notre Dame has been an icon of American Catholicism for so long. I’m getting torrents of e-mail from people who are angry or sad.”

This is a question of Catholic identity, he added: “Is Notre Dame just going to be another university that has a Catholic name but is not different from Yale or Harvard or Stanford or Chicago?”

President Jenkins’ “reckless action” teaches two things, said Dempsey.

“It tells other Catholics that abortion is really not that important; it can be outweighed by the prestige of having a president come to your campus.

“It also teaches Catholics to forget what the bishops say: if you don’t want to do it, don’t do it.”

Dempsey was referring to a 2004 statement by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops that “those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles . . . should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions.”

He urged listeners to go to their website, Projectsycamore.com.

“If you like what you see, join our mailing list. We’re in this for the long haul.”

Nicholas Healy, a former practicing attorney, law professor and

businessman, told Peroutka that during the 1980s, “I came to the conviction that the real problem for our country was not economic or political, but a moral crisis, and only the Church has the authority and resources and graces to address that moral crisis.”

Healy, along with Domino’s Pizza founder and philanthropist Tom Monaghan and others, came up with a plan to help start new, genuinely Catholic colleges.

One they helped start was Ave Maria College in Ypsilanti, Mich., the predecessor to Ave Maria University, which was founded in 2003 and is located just northeast of Naples, Fla.

The university has 500 to 600 students and is expecting a fall enrollment of 800.

In addition, the Ave Maria School of Law, currently located in Ann Arbor, Mich., is scheduled to relocate to the Florida campus in the fall.

The Church did not confront the sexual revolution in the 1960s very well, Healy noted.

“Catholicism became associated with all the things you can’t do and all the fun you can’t enjoy.

“We want to help young people not only to get a first-rate education, but encourage them to lead a Catholic moral life.

“Our students learn that the Catholic moral life is a way to joy, not a burden.”

*For more information on Ave Maria University, see [avemaria.edu](http://avemaria.edu).*

*“Face the Truth Coast to Coast” can be heard at [nplr.net](http://nplr.net).*

# Pro-lifers rain on Multicultural Day

Inviting Planned Parenthood to take part in what is supposed to be a family fun day is not a smart move, a Fairfax, Virginia, community group learned to their chagrin.

When Culmore Partners invited Planned Parenthood to set up a booth at Culmore Multicultural Day on April 26, they set off a protest that caused folks in the Fairfax suburb to stay away in droves.

"People might say it was too hot, but all of us know that Hispanics, especially us from Central America, are very used to warm weather," said Lucy Gonzalez, who spearheaded the protest.

Culmore is a poor Hispanic community located off Leesburg Pike, said Gonzalez, who chairs the Respect for Life Committee at nearby St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Most of Culmore's residents are from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

When Culmore Partners, an alliance of businesses, nonprofits,



**A protester displays a sign, Aborto Mata Niños (Abortion Kills Children), at Culmore Multicultural Day.**

and government agencies, invited Planned Parenthood to Culmore Day, Gonzalez got angry and started organizing the protest.

So did Fr. Andrew Heintz, a vic-

ar at St. Anthony's. The night before the event, Father Heintz and other pro-lifers went through the community, handing out fliers and talking to many Culmore residents.

"He said, 'If you come, come to protest,'" recalled Gonzalez. "He's something else!"

"Father had a lot of courage to do this – because in Culmore, Mara Salvatrucha reigns," she added, referring to the notorious criminal gang also known as M-13.

Heintz also let the police know about the planned protest.

"The police asked Father how many people would be protesting," said Gonzalez. "Father said he didn't know; it could be anywhere from 50 to 300."

"The police immediately called [Fairfax County] Parks and Recreation staff, and the panic set in, since, as a group, pro-lifers are being watched by Homeland Security."

On Sunday morning, the day of



**Fr. Andrew Heintz greets Delores Wisecarver, director of Falls Church's A Woman's Choice crisis pregnancy center, at Multicultural Day.**

the event, the police presence was heavy at the park in front of Woodrow Wilson Library.

By noon, when the event kicked off, “we had a whole army of pro-life warriors,” said Gonzalez.

In addition to their Respect Life table, “we had people with signs and handing out brochures. We had T-shirts, 12-week fetus models, buttons, pro-life balloons and everything you can imagine to give out to the community.

“Our friends from American Life League, The Mustard Seed, Defend Life and every pro-life person gave all they had on Sunday so we could claim victory over the Planned Parenthood minions that dared to come into our community to steal the souls of our children.”

After he offered 1:00 p.m. Mass, Father Heintz brought over more pro-lifers. A total of about 50 pro-lifers took part.

Planned Parenthood operatives, who were giving out “lubricants” to young people from a big bowl at their table, were not happy.

They were especially unhappy at the sparse attendance.

Many Culmore residents are illegal immigrants, Gonzalez explained.

“These people being illegal, seeing so many police, they weren’t com-

ing. Mostly women came. The men said, you think with all this showing of police, we’re going to come?”

At 2:30 p.m. Defend Life’s Face the Truth signs were in place and the police were “on full alert,” said Gonzalez.

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The controversy was too much for the people manning the various information tables, and they started packing up to leave.

The event was supposed to end at 5:00 p.m., but by 3:00 p.m., the tables were almost all gone, and the Parks and Recreation people were cleaning up, even though a band was setting up their instruments to perform.

“We always told the parks people that we did not want Planned Parenthood setting up business in our Hispanic community and that we would fight that decision,” said Gonzalez.

“They knew it, but did not want to accept it.”

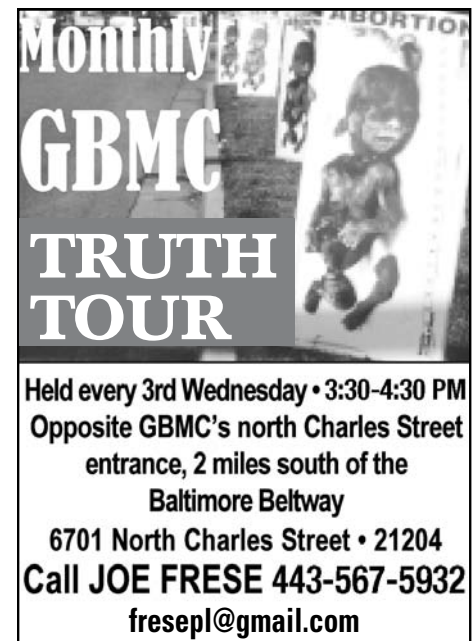
The pro-lifers stayed to enjoy the live concert of salsa and other Latin music.

“It was really good!” said Gonzalez.

Their presence helped educate the few Culmore residents who did come as to the true nature of Planned Parenthood, she said.

“A lot of people think Planned Parenthood is good; after all, they have it in the schools. These people come from countries where abortion is illegal, but here, everything is easy and free.

“And all of these people are Catholics,” she added sadly.



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Security Police 100 yards up the sidewalk,” said Missy.

“We didn’t get very far before they descended on us and without a word, handcuffed Dr. Keyes and Tui.”

The rest of the 22 pushing the strollers refused to leave and were also arrested, read their rights, and taken by van to St. Joseph County jail.

The men and women were separated into two holding cells.

“It was freezing,” said Missy. “It felt like 30 degrees. The cell was all cement and had a big dome ceiling. Every word you said reverberated in your head.”

Time dragged slowly.

At 4:30 p.m. someone shoved some food through the door.

At 9:00 p.m. a supervisor “who looked like Robert De Niro” came in and told them there were three

ways they could get out: by cash, credit card, or someone could call in with credit.

One by one, they bailed out. Missy was out by 10:30.

A week later, Missy would be back in South Bend again – and though she hadn’t planned on it this time – back in jail again too.



# Creighton Natural Family Planning office comes to D.C.

By Michaela Dasteel, FCP

Last year, of the 2,000 Catholic couples who made their wedding vows in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., only 150 prepared for married life by taking a class in natural family planning from one of the 20 Office of Family Life teachers.

This was despite the fact that they all were supposed to have gone through a marriage preparation course in which the Church's position on contraception was explained.

Apparently, they weren't convinced.

Here's hoping that the recently opened Potomac FertilityCare™ Services office at 1413 K Street in the District of Columbia can help vindicate this most ridiculed but essential of our Church's teachings.

Before this May, there were no regularly scheduled NFP classes being offered in the District.

Now, plans are to accept appointments for weekly lunch and commute-time group introductory sessions and to schedule private intros and follow-ups between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

The location, only a few blocks from the White House and three Metro stops, was chosen for the convenience of those working and/or living in D.C.

So, it's been built; let's see if they will come. Let's see if this "Green" alternative to unnatural and abortifacient contraceptive devices and drugs will catch on in the land of "alternative" approaches.

In the interests of journalistic transparency, I need to tell you that I am the director of Potomac FertilityCare™ Services. When I was going through my 13-month internship

out of the Pope Paul VI Institute to become a Creighton Model FertilityCare™ Practitioner, my spiritual director advised me not to expect too much of my fellow Catholics.

He wryly noted that when NFP becomes the latest thing to do, then Catholics will take it seriously. This confirmed me in my choice to teach the Creighton Model. I wanted NFP to spread.

The fact that the Creighton Model (CrMS) is a medical model of NFP (originally designed to be taught out of Catholic hospitals) gives it some legitimacy in the culture at large.

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**Many ask why we  
don't use thermometers.  
The answer is simple:  
we don't need them.**

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Women turn to healthcare professionals for birth control. Now they can be prescribed NFP by pro-life physicians and sometimes even get insurance reimbursement (especially since the ICD-9 codes now include NFP).

Another aspect that makes CrMS attractive, to non-Catholics as well as Catholics, is its ease of use.

Women are taught a standardized way of describing their observations of a single biomarker. In eight hours of private sessions over the course of their first year using the system, their difficulties can be "case managed" until they feel confident.

Also, even though the guide used by couples is full of John Paul II's "adequate anthropology," the method assumes that the explicitly theological instruction has been provided by the Church.

Finally, in order to provide a culturally acceptable alternative to contraceptives, it helps if an NFP method has been proven as effective in avoiding pregnancy as "the pill."

A study published in the *Journal of Reproductive Medicine* in 1998 confirmed the use effectiveness of the Creighton Model (including user and teacher errors) as being 96.8 percent.

On the flip side, 20-40 percent of couples who have tried unsuccessfully to conceive for at least a year achieve pregnancy by charting the CrMS alone. In couples of normal fertility, 76 percent conceive in their first cycle, and 90 percent by the third cycle.

Some have questions about aspects of the Creighton Model. Because it is taught professionally in private sessions, it is more expensive than NFP methods taught by volunteers in group settings.

But I believe that the personal approach reaps rewards in a lower "churn" rate and greater confidence.

This should encourage those who hesitate to refer couples because of the expense (a challenge which might yet be met by access to scholarships, insurance reimbursement or government funds).

Many people ask why we don't use thermometers. The answer is simple: because we don't need them. Temperature rises *after* the fertile period has already begun and we can identify a peak day without them.

We also don't need to have our clients make a couple of other checks which might offend the more modest.

What we do have them do is

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Dear Friend of Defend Life,

It hardly seems possible that **Monday, July 27, through Friday, July 31**, with your help, we will be conducting our **9th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour**. Our first one was way back in **2001**. **DEFEND LIFE** has at least tripled in size and impact since then, largely as a result of our **Truth Tours**. I need your financial help to make our **9th Truth Tour** an enormous success. **I'll tell you exactly how you can help make this happen in a moment!**

Our graphic signs show what abortion really is. They cut through the media and academia blackout on abortion that continues to be so effective. Thank God, that **only in America**, do we still have our **First Amendment** right to publicly show pictures of our aborted brothers and sisters. **These pictures open peoples' eyes to what abortion really is.**



Last year's **Truth Tour** was particularly effective. Who will ever forget the total gridlock on Connecticut Avenue just north of **Chevy Chase Circle** as cars inched by us for several hours just three feet from our Truth Signs. In **Bowie**, there were thousands of morning rush hour vehicles heading south on Route 301 who saw our signs which stretched out at least a half mile. But the **coup de grace** was on Friday afternoon in **Bel Air** when our signs were so effective they triggered dozens of 911 calls which led to the **out of control Maryland State Police illegally** arresting 18 of us. Most of us who were arrested were teenagers including two minors. **I emphasize these were illegal arrests** because 12 days later all charges were

dropped by Joseph Cassilly, the Harford County State's Attorney. **Adolph Hitler** and **Joseph Stalin** would have been very proud of the way the Maryland State Police **acted like criminals!** They acted much like the **Gestapo** in Nazi Germany and the **KGB** in the Soviet Union. The Maryland State Police blatantly violated our rights and **then lied about what actually had happened on their website.**

We will be making an announcement soon regarding our plan for legal redress against the parties which so obviously violated our **First Amendment** rights! **Please stay tuned!**

This year we will have **two Co-Directors**. One **Co-Director** will be **Angela Swagler, Christendom College, Class of 2012**. Angela is a Classics major and hails from Erie, Pennsylvania. She has four sisters and one brother and her father is a medical doctor. Our other **Co-Director** is **Jonathan Benitez, Mount St. Mary's Class of 2010** who is a Theology major. **Benitez**, as he likes to be called, lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland, where he is a member of St. Martin's Parish. His mother and father immigrated to America from Peru and El Salvador. Benitez got involved in **PRO-LIFE** activity during his high school years. **Beth Goslin**, the fantastic youth director at St. Martin's, had a remarkable impact on his passion for **PRO-LIFE** activism.



Our schedule for our **15-Stop Tour** is shown below. I urge you to **SAVE THESE DATES** and to actively participate in as many stops as possible. Each day we will have **Mass** between our Morning and Noon stops. After the Noon stop, we will have lunch with a different pro-life celebrity each day as our guest speaker. Tentative speakers include **Alan Keyes, Randy Terry, Eric Scheidler, David Bereit, and Paul Schenck!** Let **Angela** and **Benitez** know how you are willing to help. For instance, we need captains for each of the 15 stops. **Their very important job is to simply recruit others to participate.**



## TOUR SCHEDULE

For more details, and a downloadable flyer, visit [defendlife.org](http://defendlife.org).

**Monday, July 27**

Charles Town, WV 6-8 AM  
Hagerstown 11:30 AM – 1 PM  
Frederick 4 - 5:30 PM

**Wednesday, July 29**

Bowie/Crofton 7:30 – 9 AM  
Arundel Mills Mall 11:30 AM – 1 PM  
Westminster 4 – 5:30 PM

**Friday, July 31**

Hanover, PA 7:30 – 9 AM  
White Marsh Mall 11:30 AM – 1 PM  
**Guess Where?** 4 – 5:30 PM

**Tuesday, July 28**

Rockville 7:30 – 9 AM  
Embassy Row, DC 11:30 AM - 1 PM  
Chevy Chase 4 – 6 PM

**Thursday, July 30**

Towson 7:30 – 9 AM  
Harborplace 11:30 AM – 1 PM  
North Baltimore 4 – 5:30 PM



To make our Truth Tour a reality, **we once again need your generous financial support. We need to raise \$16,000 just like we did last year.** Believe it or not, there are substantial expenses including air fare for some speakers and Core Team members, **\$1,000** for the Truth Truck from Ohio, **\$2,500** for these beautiful blue **PRO-LIFE** T-shirts, a **\$900** bus rental fee, **\$2,000** for radio ads on **Rush Limbaugh** local affiliates, fuel for our vehicles, stipends for our Co-Directors, literature to distribute, and the list goes on.

The good news is that **Michael** and **Stephen Peroutka** and several other generous donors once again have promised to match your donation **\$ for \$ up to a total of \$8,000.** To qualify for this matching grant, your check payable to **DEFEND LIFE** must be dated **no later than August 1.** So please give, give generously, and get others to give. **Remember our Good and Gracious God is never outdone in generosity!** Please use the reply envelope enclosed between pages 2 and 3!

## THE NOTRE DAME-OBAMA SCANDAL

Well, we didn't get Obama cancelled as ND's commencement speaker, but pro-lifers certainly did make life uncomfortable for **Father John Jenkins**, ND's duplicitous president who invited **PRO-ABORTION** Obama to speak and receive an honorary degree.



Here are some of the remarkable things that happened as a result of the **Obama-ND Debacle.**

- **Mary Ann Glendon**, former Ambassador to the Vatican, declined to appear and receive the **Laetare Medal.**
- **83 American Bishops condemned Notre Dame for honoring Obama!**
- Thousands of pro-lifers came from all over America to protest the debacle at ND. There were several thousand at Notre Dame on Sunday, May 17 alone!
- Over 100 **PRO-LIFERS** were arrested for such offenses as *Praying the Rosary* and *carrying banners of Our Lady of Guadalupe* onto the Notre Dame campus.
- Fifteen pro-lifers led by **Dr. Monica Miller**, a Theology Professor at St. Mary the Madonna University in Michigan, were arrested within the shadow of the Joyce Center where Obama was about to be honored. Given the intense security on the ND campus, this was quite an achievement. They showed pictures of aborted babies that Monica Miller had found in a dumpster outside a Detroit abortion mill and had personally photographed.
- Three **PRO-LIFERS** infiltrated the graduation ceremony and created disruptions at three different points in Obama's speech.
- **26** heroic graduating seniors boycotted their own graduation and participated in an alternative graduation ceremony at the beautiful Notre Dame grotto. **Fr. Frank Pavone** of **Priests for Life** spoke at the ceremony. Thousands of others attended an outdoor rally at the Knute Rockne Memorial and heard wonderful talks by such notables as **Lila Rose** and **Chris Godfrey**, a New York Giants Super Bowl champion, who studied at ND Law School after his football career.
- **FOX NEWS** had endless live coverage of the **PRO-LIFE** activity on the ND campus, especially the arrests of those of us who were praying the Rosary. The free publicity we got from **FOX** alone was worth millions!
- Most importantly, many millions of people **who naively voted for Obama** now realize that he is **100% PRO-ABORTION** despite his mesmerizing rhetoric.



- **E. Michael Jones**, the editor of *Culture Wars* magazine, spoke at the Friday night rally. He explained that Notre Dame's treachery goes back to the **1963-1965** period when **Father Theodore Hesburgh**, the long-time president of ND, had secret meetings with **John D. Rockefeller III**, the father of America's most pro-abortion governor, **Nelson Rockefeller**. The elder Rockefeller, who controlled the Rockefeller Foundation, told Hesburgh he would give all the \$\$\$ Notre Dame could ever dream about if only "**Father Ted**" would sell **contraception** to the **American Catholic laity**. So that is the brief underlying story behind ND's treachery ultimately resulting in honoring the **PRO-ABORTION** Obama in 2009. But it gets worse! Way back in 1965, the elder Rockefeller actually went to Rome to visit **Pope Paul VI**. Rockefeller actually offered to write the Pope's encyclical on artificial birth control (ultimately known as **Humane Vitae** when issued by Paul VI in 1968.) How's that for **unmitigated chutzpah**? E. Michael Jones unearthed this information while doing research at the Rockefeller Archives in Tareytown, New York. More about this will follow in a future issue of **DEFEND LIFE**.



Here are some of the real **HEROES** of the ND-Obama scandal:

- **Randy Terry** who moved his entire young family to South Bend to courageously and skillfully lead the fight on the ground against Notre Dame.
- **Alan Keyes** who spoke so often and so eloquently. In my book, Alan Keyes is the **greatest orator in the history of America!**



- The 82-year-old **Father Norman Weslin**, founder of the **Lambs of Christ** who was arrested at Notre Dame.
- **Eric Scheidler** who organized the world's largest and longest **Face the Truth Tour** along the south side and west side of the huge ND campus.
- **Joe and Ann Scheidler** who put up two great billboards on both sides of the Indiana Turnpike near ND saying, **Shame on Notre Dame for honoring Pro-Abortion Obama**.



- **Archbishop Raymond Burke** from Rome for publicly condemning ND at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast on May 8.
- The 26 graduating seniors who boycotted their own graduation, their parents who raised them so well, and the great ND faculty members who nurtured their faith.
- Veteran pro-life leaders and heroes like **Joan Andrews**, **Monica Miller** and **Norma McCorvey** who were arrested at ND.
- The thousands of alumni who vowed not to give another \$ to their alma mater until things change radically for the better at ND.
- **Mark Harrington** of the **Center for Bioethical Reform** whose **Truth Trucks** and **Truth Planes** seemed ubiquitous at ND.
- **Patrick Reilly** of the **Cardinal Newman Society** who gathered over **300,000** signatures condemning ND's treachery.
- The many great local **PRO-LIFERS** in South Bend, both Catholic and Protestant, who fought this abomination so valiantly!



And thanks for all **YOU** do to save innocent pre-born babies from death by abortion! See you **July 27 – July 31** at our **9th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour!**

Long Live Christ Our King!

*Jack Ames*  
Jack Ames  
Director

Enclosure

**P.S. Randy Terry is sponsoring a fantastic Training Seminar FRIDAY EVENING, JUNE 12 and ALL DAY SATURDAY, JUNE 13 in Arlington, Virginia. Visit [telcasey.com](http://telcasey.com) for details.**



# *Fatherless* begs priests: lead us out of jungle

Brian Gail read Upton Sinclair's *The Jungle* when he was a sophomore in college.

It made a lasting impression on him, he told his audience at a Defend Life-sponsored talk at St. Martin's Catholic School in Gaithersburg April 23.

*The Jungle* captured the unspeakable inhumanity of the Chicago stockyards in the early twentieth century.

The European immigrants who worked there lived in squalor; the packing houses themselves were like something in Dante's *Inferno*, said Gail.

Sinclair wrote the novel in 1906 to stir the conscience of America.

"A hundred years later, I set out to write about living and working conditions, not of physical squalor, but of *spiritual* squalor: man, created in God's image and likeness, forced to live in a post-modern world where children are not taught what is true about who they are and what they must believe to live as they should – and so they don't.

"A world where the young are not taught the truth that the power to populate the earth and heaven is the primordial gift of gifts from their Creator – but with the responsibility to protect and welcome that life.

"So our young people flick off life like some biodegradable cigarette – 50 million times in the last 35 years alone."

Our young married Catholics are not taught the truth about the exquisite beauty of marital love – so their marriages flame out at the same rate as non-Catholic marriages.

Men and women in the workplace are no longer taught that they have a Gospel imperative to leaven society, to be its salt – that objecti-

fying others for power or profit is no less destructive than objectifying them for pleasure.

"And when health care begins to be rationed, we aging Boomers will have a duty to die – because if life is not inviolable at the beginning of the continuum, it sure as heck won't be at the other end.

"This is the noxious and toxic air that we breathe today – these are *our* stockyards and packing houses. Welcome to the jungle one hundred years later!" Gail declared.



***Fatherless* is a plea to priests to lead us out of our modern spiritual jungle, says author Brian Gail.**

"This is the cost of silence, the cost of not speaking truth to power – the cost of the decline and fall of the once indomitable Catholic Church in the U.S. as a major cultural influence."

How did this happen? That's the question that Gail, a former Madison Avenue advertising executive, set out to answer in his novel, *Fatherless*.

Set in the 1980s, *Fatherless*'s protagonist is Fr. John Sweeney, an idealistic young assistant pastor in a mythical parish outside Philadelphia.

Sweeney's challenges are per-

sonified by three parishioners who come to him for advice.

The first is Michael Burns, an ad executive who has a chance to be account director for a new pay cable network.

He is worried that the network's borderline soft porn offerings will eventually become hard-porn. What should he do?

A second parishioner, Joe Delgado, is chief financial officer for Pitman Labs, a major pharmaceutical company.

Delgado accidentally discovers proof in the company's archives that its founder knew that the Pill, introduced in the 1960s, was abortifacient, carcinogenic, and a lethal environmental pollutant.

But he withheld this knowledge from the public and clandestinely worked with other powerful interests to redefine when life begins.

"The archives showed that he was prepared for a war with the Catholic Church over whether life begins at conception or implantation, and was shocked when that war didn't happen," said Gail.

"Delgado goes to the priest and says, 'If I blow the whistle, my career is blown, and my wife will leave me and take our three daughters. What would God ask me to do?'"

The third parishioner, Maggie Kealey, is the beautiful, talented, devout and humble mother of six, one of whom suffers from a frightening, undiagnosed emotional illness.

Maggie herself is perpetually beset with chronic migraine headaches. Her life is a living hell.

She asks Father Sweeney if she can go on the Pill and still receive Communion.

**See FATHERLESS, page 16**

# Proposed conscience clause rescind sparks protest

By Carol Monaco

Pro-life activists demonstrated in Lafayette Park across from the White House on April 1 to protest the Obama Administration's latest action to reverse the Bush Administration's policies that protect the unborn.

In March, the administration announced its proposal to rescind the Bush Administration regulation entitled "Ensuring That Department of Health and Human Services Funds Do Not Support Coercive or Discriminatory Policies or Practices in Violation of Federal Law."

It is better known as the conscience clause regulation. The public had until April 9 to provide comments.

The conscience clause regulation has sparked heated debates and protests from both sides.

About two dozen activists, including Missy Smith of WAKEUP and Randall Terry of Society for Truth and Justice, prayed the rosary in Lafayette Park and held up signs and enlarged photos of aborted babies.

"Our prayers and public protest are a unified national witness to the

truth, and a voicing of our opposition to Obama's attack on human life," they said in a written statement.

Pro-life advocates fear rescission of the conscience clause regulation could force health care providers to participate not only in abortions, but in euthanasia as well.

"It's part of a bigger mosaic," said Smith; "it's one more nail in the coffin."

Terry said the Christian community must protest the Obama Administration's agenda; "Otherwise, we will find ourselves in a horrific position."

The regulation stems from three federal laws: the Weldon Amendment, Church amendments, and the Coates/Snowe Amendment.

The laws essentially prohibit recipients of federal funds from coercing individuals in the health care field into participating in actions they find religiously or morally objectionable.

They also prohibit discrimination on the basis of one's objection to participate in, or refusal to participate in, specific medical procedures, including abortion and sterilization.

The Bush Administration put forth

the regulation due to its concern about "the development of an environment in sectors of the health care field that is intolerant of individual objections to abortion or other individual religious beliefs or moral convictions," according to the regulation.

"Such developments may discourage individuals from entering health care professions. Such developments also promote the mistaken belief that rights of conscience and self-determination extend to all persons except health care professionals."

Critics of the conscience clause claim the regulation goes too far and could impede access to medical services. They raise concerns that individuals could be denied access to services, with effects felt most heavily by those in rural and underserved areas.

Critics also contend that the regulation is unnecessary since the laws protecting health care providers remain in effect. According to the Obama Administration's proposal, "No statutory provision requires promulgation of rules to implement" the law's requirements.

However, supporters of the conscience clause, such as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, argue "some state and local governments as well as professional societies and advocacy groups still attack conscience rights as though they do not exist – and many health care providers do not even know they have these rights."

"Enforcement is also hampered by undefined terms in the laws, and by failure to identify a federal office responsible for defending these conscience rights."

The Obama Administration says



**Pro-lifers demonstrate near the White House against the proposed rescinding of the conscience clause.**

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# *Baptist church pulls back curtain on abortion*

By Lynn Johnson

In a dramatic move within local Protestant churches, on April 26, Pleasant View Baptist Church in Port Deposit, Md., invited pro-life missionaries Kurt and Samantha Linneman to address the congregation and to make available their large graphic signs depicting aborted babies.

Senior Pastor Dr. Harold M. Phillips and Youth Pastor Seth Hawkins, both passionate opponents of abortion, earmarked the Sunday evening service as Pro-Life Night to educate their congregation about the physical realities of abortion and its traumatic effects on the women and men involved.

Samantha Linneman hosted an information table about their work alongside displays from Alpha's Glory and Cecil County pregnancy centers.

For many years, Pleasant View Baptist Church has been active in the anti-abortion arena, busying volunteers to both the annual National Right to Life March in Washington, D.C., and the statewide March for Life in Annapolis.

Encouraging direct involvement in and financially supporting two nearby crisis pregnancy centers in Cecil and Harford counties are also top priorities.

Both Phillips and Hawkins felt that, although most of their congregation would quickly admit to being against abortion on moral principle, not many of them had been confronted with the reality of what it produced, and therefore lacked personal motivation to see it erased.

In bringing the Linnemans to PVBC, they hoped to stimulate their people toward more prayer and action.



**Welcoming Kurt and Samantha Linneman (left) to their Port Deposit church are Youth Pastor Seth Hawkins (center) and Pastor Harold Phillips and his wife Corkey.**

"The problem is that the same people go to pro-life events year after year," said Dr. Phillips.

"Only those few that go ever see the graphic pictures that show what abortion really is, and we have to get more of our people passionately involved."

After his church provided a new carpet for Alpha's Glory Pregnancy Center in Aberdeen, a frustrated Phillips lamented that there were still so many needs unmet.

"With so many churches in our area, there should not be *any* needs," he said.

"I'm not involved in many political issues, but the murder of babies in this country and even overseas that is supported by our taxes is an insult.

"Children are an inheritance of the Lord. They belong to Him and we are to be stewards of that gift. I have a 2-year-old son and one on the way that I would give my life for.

"There are thousands and thousands of unborn babies that should

have a father caring for them, but instead are being sacrificed. We must be resolved to take action! The opposition has great resolve – where is the body of Christ?"

Talking about Linneman's resources, Hawkins recounted, "I was always against abortion, but I was helped by others who kept bringing it to my attention.

"It is my responsibility to educate youth and my own family, and I don't want years to go by and look back and ask myself, 'What have I done?'"

Pastor Phillips said, "Look how far we've come— from medical schools requiring doctors to take the Hippocratic Oath, to a president telling physicians and nurses that they cannot ever display a conscience in the workplace! Educating people this way is the only thing that will help."

Sunday night brought out a large audience. After the sermon, Kurt spoke about abortion, what it was and how it destroyed not only the babies,

but the lives of those who hoped it would solve their problems.

Grace and forgiveness was offered for those already devastated by this plague. People reported a strong presence of God, evidenced by the final prayer of the congregation, many tearful and on their knees, drawn to the front of the sanctuary.

A large number elected courageously to visit a back room where the graphic images were displayed and a video of the abortion process played. Kurt stood ready to answer individual questions.

Many people quietly entered the room and stood in shock, crying, as they viewed the photos.

As one participant, Art Johnson, noted, "The speaker was very up on all the facts and figures of abortion. His presentation was well-balanced and motivational. It is a delicate and tough subject for a lot of people, but he handled it very well.

"I've been in pro-life work for about 15 years, and I'm proud of the church for allowing it to go forward. The graphic images force us to come to terms with a very ugly subject. If it is brushed under the table, or candy-coated, people never come to terms with how brutal abortion is."

As a Southern Baptist who is not afraid of voicing his opinions, Dr. Phillips hopes to convince more fellow pastors to boldly take up this is-

sue with their own congregations.

"We've had too much liberalism within the Southern Baptist hierarchy in the past, but as more conservative people began to voice their belief in the Bible, the church leadership has begun to change.

"In January, 2010, we plan to focus one Sunday on the value of *all* life – from babies to the elderly."

As Pastor Hawkins explains it, "[Protestant] Christians haven't re-

solved to be confrontational, because their *pastors* haven't resolved to be confrontational. If the church leaders don't see abortion as an issue, they will not bring it to their people."

Dr. Phillips agrees. "You can't criticize a blind man for not being able to see. But, if we can apply the salve of education to blind men's eyes, then life will be a priority in America again, as it once was."

### FATHERLESS, from page 13

"How Joe Sweeney answers those questions and how those answers influence the lives of these three families is the central narrative thread," explained Gail.

The extreme anguish and guilt at the results he sees leads the priest to experience a "dark night of the soul."

During this "dark night," in a pilgrimage to Rome with some seminary classmates, Sweeney has a chance encounter, in a bookstore, with "a high-ranking Vatican prelate with a foreboding reputation."

The prelate is surprisingly open and sympathetic to the unhappy priest's problems.

He tells Sweeney that as priests, we must be prepared to incur the displeasure of our people. It is our vocation to awaken them, to educate and challenge them.

"We must focus their attention on what is deep and lasting in men and worthy of their aspirations," says the prelate.

"If we do this faithfully, we will earn their trust and be able to live in communion with them."

The "high-ranking prelate" invites Sweeney to Mass at the Papal chapel the next morning; he is, in fact, the Pope.

At breakfast afterwards, the Pope

tells the awed young priest that modern technology has offered modern man an apple with a two-headed worm: TV and the Pill.

The first sedates and seduces; it convinces him that he has an entitlement to certain illicit pleasures.

The second poisons and paralyzes; it says that that entitlement has no consequences. Thus does the devil exhaust man's spiritual patrimony.

"Sweeney is overwhelmed. He asks the Pope, 'What does Christ want from his priests, at this time and in this place?'

"That we speak to and for the human person,' the Pope replies. 'That we speak the truth to power regardless of personal cost.'

"Sweeney's heart is exploding," said Gail. "The splendor of truth has captivated him."

He resolves that he will speak truth out of love, without compromise, no matter the consequences.

"*Fatherless*, in the final analysis, was written for our priests," Gail concluded.

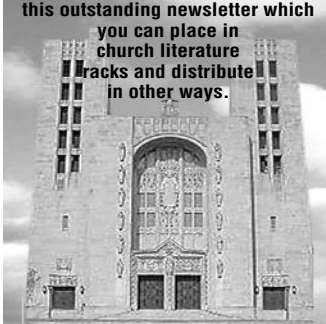
"It begs our priests, please tell our children about life and love, what's at stake for the family, the Church and the country.

"Lead them out of the jungle and into the light, that there may be a renewal of the family and a new springtime for the Church – because truly, all things are possible with God."

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In My Humble Opinion

# What are the talk radio guys leaving out?

By Janet Baker

Like many pro-life and conservative people, I listen to conservative talk radio whenever I can – Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Mark Levin are the main ones to whom I listen.

They perform a vital service, arousing the ire and antipathy of Obama, the Messiah Most Miserable, and his panting and adoring minions peppered throughout Washington and the mainstream media. The Fairness Doctrine threatens to silence them, just as Janet Napolitano's odious DHS report declares the rest of us to be "potential terrorists."

Still, I am bemused by things I've been hearing on Limbaugh and Hannity. They cannot seem to understand why the Republicans don't make hay with Obama's disastrous plans for this country. They cannot grasp why the Republicans remain their feckless selves.

Limbaugh emphasizes that opportunity awaits the Republicans, if only they would seize it. Hannity goes so far as to hypothesize the message he believes Republicans need to espouse: smaller government, lower taxes, strong military. However, does anyone notice what's missing from Hannity's list?

Our Founding Fathers would have noticed the glaring omissions immediately. They in fact would have recognized them to be of much more pivotal importance than economic or military stability. In fact, they knew that economic and military stability would be impossible without these elements – things that Hannity and Limbaugh might well have reason for not addressing.

Let's start off by quoting some of these Fathers on their thoughts regarding such matters. John Adams had this to say about our constitutional republican form of government: "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

He wrote, "This form of government is productive of everything that is great and excellent among men. But its principles are as easily destroyed as human nature is corrupted. A government is only to be supported by pure religion or austere morals. Private and public virtue is the only foundation of republics."

Towards the end of their lives (they both died the same day – July 4, 1826), he and Thomas Jefferson corresponded regularly. Adams wrote to Jefferson, "Have

you ever found in history one single example of a nation thoroughly corrupted that was afterwards restored to virtue? And without virtue, there can be no political liberty. Will you tell me how to prevent riches from being the effects of temperance and industry? Will you tell me how to prevent luxury from producing effeminacy, intoxication, extravagance, vice and folly?"

His cousin, Samuel Adams, sounded similar warnings. "A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous, they cannot be subdued; but when they lose their virtue, they will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader. If virtue and knowledge are diffused among the people, they will never be enslaved. This will be their greatest security."

The Adams cousins seem to have been rather prophetic. John was keenly aware that material abundance,

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without proper spiritual guidance, would lead to moral flabbiness. We see it all around us: sexual excess and deviance, people living beyond their means, disregard of traditional marriage and families, abortion, euthanasia, contraception, and so on.

Samuel Adams predicted the next phase of the degradation of our once-honorable nation. As we lose our sense of God and morality, we lose our sense of history, and our spiritual, moral and mental fortitude.

We saw in this past presidential election what happens when people are willing to elect a despot instead of a president. Being lax and indolent, they sought someone to solve their problems (largely created by their own poor life choices) and were all too willing to surrender their rights to free speech, self defense, practice of faith and the retention of the fruits of their labors.

Benjamin Franklin had a clear understanding of the relationship between Christian life and civil freedoms and responsibilities. He wrote, "Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom. As nations become corrupt and

vicious, they have more need of masters.”

Don't we see (at least in liberal Maryland) amongst the population a compulsion to jettison self-reliance in favor of Obama and ever-encroaching government, with the compulsion to continue in profligate lifestyles?

Ronald Reagan was not a founding father of this nation, but he was one of the better modern presidents – certainly much more so than the current resident of the White House.

He had this to say about the relationship between Christian life and political integrity: “Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience. Without God there is the coarsening of society. Without God democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under.”

Will Reagan's prophesy be fulfilled in a tragic manner? We may catch some hint of that as we examine the recent exchange between Carrie Prejean and Perez Hilton at the Miss USA pageant, and the latter's subsequent puerile behavior.

Hilton's real name is Mario Armando Lavandeira. Most people by now have heard Ms. Prejean's clear and courageous answer to Lavandeira's question about gay marriage.

Lavandeira went on to give interviews about his stunt. Goodly portions of his interviews were bleeped out, due to their profane nature. On his site, on a picture of Ms. Prejean, he drew a you-know-what ejaculating into her mouth. If that isn't the coarsening of society

about which Reagan warned, nothing is.

Now why do some of the conservative radio hosts overlook the spiritual roots of the malaise, the malaise which they bemoan? Are they compromised? For all the worthwhile service that they do provide, the answer is yes.

Readers, it wasn't too long ago when Father Thomas Euteneuer, president of Human Life International, took Mr. Hannity to task for his approval of contraceptives. We all saw the brief exchange that took place between them.

Although Hannity frankly tried to bully Father, it was Father's clear and calm presentation of the truth that prevailed. Given Hannity's acceptance of contraceptives, is it any surprise that he utterly omits any mention of Judeo/Christian sexual morality and its restoration in his list of things which conservatives must champion?

But in all fairness to the talk radio hosts, the primary responsibility for reminding our nation of its spiritual roots is not theirs. It belongs to our clergy, and yes, to the Catholic clergy. They need to preach on personal morality even more than on what passes for “social justice.”

They need to preach on family life, the sanctity of marriage and the sanctity of innocent life. They need to preach on the sacraments. They need to preach what sin is (and be specific with no vague generalities). They need to abide by Canon 915. Of course, they need to emphasize the Last Four Things.

We who have been called to the active pro-life apostolate can do no less in our efforts.

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**CREIGHTON, from page 9**

(yikes!) . . . finger test . . . ah . . . mucus (yes, I said it) on a tissue . . . (gasp!). That's basically what they have to learn to get it right.

Some think that this would be too much for most folks – that they'd rather chemically sterilize themselves, thereby removing most of their natural sex drive (or worse yet, cause early abortions when ovulation breaks through) than (yikes!) . . . touch mucus (whoa!).

Well, I question all my clients, and only one (taught during my internship) was unable to overcome the “yuk” factor. Most shrug their shoulders and say “nothing to it” when I grill them after one or two follow-ups.

So, being convinced of the need for FertilityCare™ Practitioners in the D.C. area, I “migrated” last summer from Durango, Colo., to Alexandria, Va.

I subsequently found it very interesting and providential that, unbe-

knownst to each other, three “NaPro docs” (Creighton Model-trained physicians – see FertilityCare.org) had begun practicing in the D.C. metro area at almost that same time last summer.

For years, two other NaPro physicians (Drs. Robert Conkling and Vivian Lugo) had been quietly teaching part-time and treating patients full-time in Northern Virginia.

Then, all of a sudden, in the summer of 2008, Dr. Lorna Cvetkovich began seeing patients at the Tepeyac Center in Fairfax, Va; Dr. Amina Porter began teaching at Howard University Hospital; and Dr. Marguerite Duane began working as the medical director of the Spanish Catholic Center.

They all needed a FertilityCare Practitioner (FCP) to teach their English-speaking patients to chart, and Dr. Conkling, (an FCP as well as a medical consultant) needed a backup in Virginia.

I can assure you that these “NaPro” docs, who eschew contraception and

the use of the birth control pill as a cure-all, and are trained to use CrMS charts in the diagnosis and treatment of the underlying causes of reproductive and gynecological disorders, are going to have a great effect on the acceptance of NFP and alternatives to artificial reproductive technologies in the D.C. area.

In *Defend Life's* July-August issue I'll be writing more on the NaPro-Technology aspect of the Creighton Model.

What I'll say now is that the NaPro approach is less costly and quite a bit more effective than IVF.

And I'll end by saying that I'm very happy to be able to be a part of the effort to get out ahead of the Culture of Death.

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**CONSCIENCE, from page 14**

the regulation must be reviewed for its “consistency with current Administration policy.”

The USCCB points out “the Administration’s primary constitutional duty is not to impose its own policy preferences, but to faithfully enforce the laws passed by Congress.”

Supporters also fear that if the regulation is rolled back, many physicians, particularly obstetricians and gynecologists, would shut down their practices to avoid providing morally objectionable services.

“Many under-served areas, from rural counties to inner cities, are served only by religiously affiliated health care providers; if they cannot provide care without violating the religious mission that led them to serve the poor in the first place, the area could end up with no health care provider at all,” according to the USCCB.

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