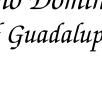




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December 12, 2006 Anno Domini Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe





Dear Friend of Defend Life,

Again this year, Defend Life has received an exceptional \$10,000 Christmas matching challenge grant thanks to the generosity of several wonderful individuals. What this means is that your donation to Defend Life dated no later than December 31, 2006 will be matched \$ for \$ up to a total of \$10,000.

Whatever amount you give, whether it be \$50, \$100, \$250, or \$500, will be automatically doubled to \$100, \$200, \$500, or \$1,000. If with God's help and yours, we can raise **\$10,000** by December 31, we will have \$20,000 beginning in 2007 to go full steam ahead promoting the Culture of Life and fighting the Culture of **Death** so pervasive in America today.

# SOME OF WHAT WE DID IN 2005 WITH YOUR PREVIOUS SUPPORT

# The Speakers We Sponsored

We arranged 7 different Lecture Tours totaling 33 different talks including 15 talks at colleges and high schools. Speakers we sponsored included pro-life heroes such as:

- Paul Schenck National Pro-Life Action Center on Capitol Hill
- Mary Ann Kuharski Pro-life Access America The Billboard People
- Father Tad Pacholcyzk National Catholic Bioethics Center
- Joe and Ann Scheidler Pro-Life Action League
- Stephanie Gray Canadian Centre for Bioethical Reform
- David Bereit American Life League
- Brian Clowes, Ph.D. Human Life International

## **Defend Life Newsletter and Postcards**



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With your support, we made our excellent newsletter even better, by printing the first and last pages in vibrant color and using high gloss paper. We did the same for our giant postcards announcing our upcoming events. Let's face it! More and more publications are printed in color because color publications are more attractive, more eye-catching, and more apt to be read! Our circulation is already increasing as a result.



#### **Our Website**

With your support, we continue to produce an outstanding website with the talented assistance of Jon Shoemaker, our dedicated webmaster. Visit us often at *www.defendlife.org* and bookmark us as one of your favorites. It's a great way to stay informed on pro-life issues, pro-life events (not only **Defend Life** sponsored events but those of any other pro-life organization that asks us to post them), pro-life resources such as obtaining FREE CDs of recent Defend Life speakers, as well as reading the current issue and past issues of our great newsletter.



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Jon Shoemaker also does a great job of sending out blanket e-mails to keep you even more abreast of pro-life issues and events. If you would like to be added to our blanket e-mail list (we promise not to overwhelm you), simply send an e-mail to *defendlife@defendlife*. org. If you have website design experience or have ideas on how to make our website even better, contact Jon at this same address or call him at **410-290-0643.** He would love to hear from you.

#### **Our Database**

Nothing is more important to any business or organization that keeping track of its customers or members. Joe Healy, who is the computer guru for the U.S. Coast Guard, has done a fabulous job of improving and maintaining our database. Much of our database is already on-line so that those who take a leadership role in Defend Life can have immediate access to information they need to know. We think that's pretty awesome for a pro-life group that has no employees, no central office (our kitchens are our offices), and no payroll. If you would like to assist Joe, contact him at 410-322-1481 or joe@defendlife.org.

#### **Face the Truth Tours**

Your support enabled us to sponsor our Sixth Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour headed so capably by Chrissy Walsh, Christendon College's 2006 valedictorian. It was one of our very best! Our Core Team, mostly college students whom Chrissy recruited, was absolutely the best ever! During our 5-day tour, tens of thousands of motorists saw the ugly face of abortion, many for the first time ever. Some of the pro-life heroes who joined us included Father Peter West, Paul Schenck, Father Tom Eutenauer, Eric Scheidler, Gerry Mitchell, and Supreme Court lawyer Colette Wilson. Colette is spearheading an effort to drag pro-aborts Bill and Hillary Clinton into court for campaign fundraising fraud. One of our financially blessed core team members was so impressed with Colette's efforts that he made a large matching grant to the U.S. Justice Foundation for whom she works. It's a great example of how life begets life. In this case, one great pro-life event helped support another great effort!

#### **GAP** (Genocidal Awareness Project)

We own a great set of 12 large GAP banners because of your past generosity. These large banners help persons connect the dots between the abortion holocaust, slavery, the Nazi holocaust, and numerous other



Pictures from recent GAP demonstration at Towson University

examples of genocide. You can see these banners by visiting *www.defendlife.org* and clicking on Warriors for Life. This year we used this great set of banners on 18 different occasions, 16 of those occasions were on Friday afternoons in Washington, DC. On 4 occasions we were on the Mall by the Smithsonian Metro Stop talking mostly to tourists. The other 12 occasions were at Farragut Square or DuPont Circle in the heart of the Washington business-legal-financial-lobbying corridor. Tens or thousands saw our banners – some such as a black international lawyer who worked on "K" Street – realized what abortion really was for the first time in his life! I'll never forget overhearing him saying to a friend on his cell phone, *You've got to get over here to 16th and K right now. You won't believe what I am looking at!* If you have any ideas on good locations for GAP, please contact Albert Stecklein at 240-876-1034 or *activism@defendlife.org*.

## Working with Pro-Life College Groups with Your Support

This year we had speakers such as **Joe Scheidler**, **Ann Scheidler**, and **Stephanie Gray** at the following colleges:

- University of Maryland College Park (UMCP)
- University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)
- Georgetown
- American
- Johns Hopkins
- Christendom
- Mount Saint Mary's



We also worked closely with a new group at **Towson University.** We encouraged them to sponsor GAP at their campus. They stepped out in faith and the results were outstanding! Portions of this 2-day event were carried live on *www.prolifenews.tv.* You can still see parts of this event by visiting this site and clicking on **Maryland.** We also sponsored a similar very successful GAP at College Park. UMBC plans to do GAP next spring.

#### Fairs, Parades, and Leafleting



Unfortunately, we did very little in this area in 2006. We need to have more pro-life tables at fairs and parades. We also need to do more leafleting to take maximum advantage of our **First Amendment rights** to get out the pro-life message. This is a simple, inexpensive, great way to recruit more persons to pro-life. Contact me at **410-337-3721** or *director@defendlife.org* if interested in this important work. We especially need to have a presence at the 3 major **Fourth of July** parades in Maryland in 2007. We also need to have a presence at **Senior Week** in Ocean City this June where thousands of recent high school graduates will be partying! Call me if you are interested in spearheading one of those efforts.

#### Become A Newsletter Bulk Distributor

In 2005, with your support, we sent out over 1,000 copies of each issue to our **bulk distributors**. You may not be aware that you too can be a **bulk distributor** for our outstanding *Defend Life* newsletter which now looks better than ever in color and on glossy stock. As a bulk distributor, you will automatically receive approximately 15 extra copies of each issue which you can put into church literature racks, give to friends and acquaintances, and distribute in other ingenious ways.

Remember this! Persons will never read about *Defend Life* in the *Baltimore Sun* or *Washington Post*. The only way they may ever know about *Defend Life* is by seeing a copy of it in a literature or magazine rack or better yet, *being personally handed a copy of it by you!* To become a bulk distributor, simply call **410-296-LIVE**, write us or contact *bulk@defendlife.org*.

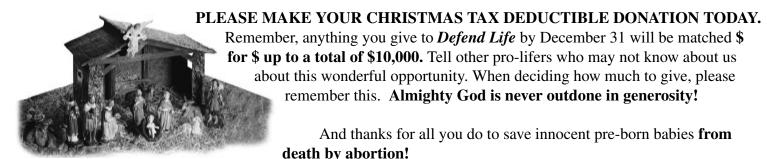
## **Foundation Support**

Thanks to the three family foundations who supported Defend Life in 2005. We are told that there are a number of seriously Catholic family foundations we should contact. If you are a grant writer who might be willing to help us or know about such foundations, please contact me at **410-337-3721** or *director@defendlife. org.* We know from Scripture that **unless we ask, we shall not receive!** I would be extremely grateful for any help in this area!

### Your Support Helped Grow Our Mailing List in 2006

**Don't assume that all your pro-life friends know about Defend Life and that they are on our mailing list.** Even though we have been around for 19 years now (we turn 20 in 2007), most pro-lifers in our area have yet to hear about us. If you have pro-life friends who should be on our list, please send their contact information to *joe@defendlife.org*, write us, or call **410-296-LIVE (5483).** We will automatically send them the next three issues of *Defend Life*. If you are not sure if they are on our list presently, give us their information anyway. We promise not to duplicate existing subscribers.

It's a simple way for us to grow our mailing list. Your financial support will help pay for the subscriptions of such friends. If you send us such names, you might want to give your friends a call and tell them to be on the watch for the next bi-monthly issue of *Defend Life*. The individual sending us the most new names in 2007 will be honored in a special way in January, 2008!



Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames, P.E.

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Enclosure

P.S. Please use the enclosed reply envelope to send us your donation **today!** Any person sending \$50 or more will automatically receive a CD of a recent outstanding talk by **David Bereit, Executive Director of American Life League.** Read more about this great talk in this issue of *Defend Life*. Be sure to share this CD with friends and family.

P.P.S. With your continued generosity, all of **Defend Life's** future speakers will be carried live on the web at *www.prolifenews.tv.* It's just one more example of how **Defend Life** is *expanding the envelope* by taking advantage of new technology. Our first live telecast will be **Friday, January 12** beginning at approximately 8 p.m. See page 16 of this newsletter for details. **Mark this date on your calendar now!**