

# Highlights of DEFEND LIFE's 38 Year History



Cathedral of  
Mary Our Queen



Loyola College  
Chapel



First  
DEFEND LIFE  
Speaker  
Dr. Mildred  
Jefferson



Recent Speaker  
Sister Dede, POSC

- Began in **1987** at Loyola College's Maryland Hall.. It had **6 monthly speakers** every academic year.
- Transformed from **Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Respect Life**.
- First speaker that year was **Dr. Mildred Jefferson**, first black female to graduate from **Harvard Medical School**.
- Other speakers during the *Loyola Years* included former abortionist **Bernard Nathanson\***, **Judie Brown**, Congressman **Bob Dornan**, abortion survivor **Gianna Jessen**, **Joe Scheidler**, **Fr. Robert Spitzer, SJ**, and **Joan Andrews**.  
*\*Nathanson is 1 of 5 former abortionists who spoke for DEFEND LIFE.*
- **Joan Andrews** was introduced by then **Auxiliary Bishop John Ricard** who later became the **Bishop of Pensacola, Florida**.
- In **1995**, we transferred our **Lecture Series** to **Catholic parishes, schools and K of C Councils**. The new venue had the same person deliver the same talk in 4 different locations. Typically, it began Thursday night talk followed by talks Friday morning, Friday afternoon, and Friday evening.
- Since **1987**, we have hosted well over **100** prominent Pro-Lifers, speaking in over **60** locations including churches, high schools, colleges, hotels, park pavilions, parking lots and Knights of Columbus Councils. States served include Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC.
- Featured speakers during our post Loyola years include **Professor Peter Kreeft**, **Professor Janet Smith**, **Michael Warsaw**, CEO of EWTN, **Congressman Andy Harris**, **Father Ed Meeks**, **Father Denis Wilde, OSA**, **David Bereit**, **Steve Mosher**, **Bishop Joseph Coffey**, **Sister-Doctor Dede Byrne** and former Satanist **Zachary King**.
- Other milestones include our annual **Maryland Face the Truth Tour** where we show large victim images of Aborted Babies in heavily trafficked locations. *We completed our 25th Annual Tour on June 27!*
- One of the great turning points in our **38** year history was **August 1, 2009**. That day **18** Pro-Lifers including adults, college students and high school from as far away as New Mexico were **illegally arrested** in Bel Air, Maryland by Maryland State Police. These arrests resulted in a huge out of court settlement in Baltimore Federal Court. Here were some results:
  - **\$500,000** settlement to our side signed by then Governor Martin O'Malley.
  - **Front page Sunday above the center fold** article in the **Baltimore Sun**
  - **Mandatory training** for all Maryland State Troopers on the First and Fourth Amendments.
  - National publicity
  - This single event brought about unprecedented growth in the history of **DEFEND LIFE**.



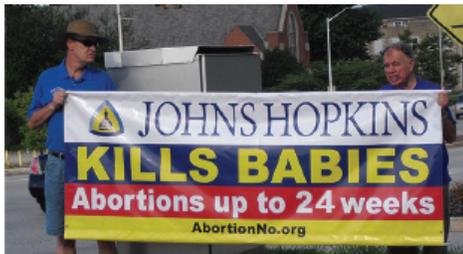
**18 Pro-Lifers Illegally Arrested during 2009 Face the Truth Tour**



**Trip to Florida to Defend Terri Schiavo**



**Empty Manger Events and Christmas Caroling**



**John's Hopkins Bayview Late-Trimester Abortionists are Trained**

- Besides our Lecture Tours and Face the Truth Tours, our 3rd pillar is our outstanding **bi-monthly newsletter** that is mailed to persons as far away as Alaska. While most Pro-Life organizations only publish on-line publications, our newspaper is mailed in hard copy and is posted on-line as well.
- **DEFEND LIFE** is an *All Volunteer* organization and has **501-C-3** status.

## Here are other significant events in our 38 year history

- **Sponsored** the East Coast premiere of *Therese: The Story of Saint Therese of Lisieux*. This was funded by the late Monsignor Edward Lynch, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish.
- **Sponsored** a bus trip for **34** persons to Tampa, Florida to protest the **euthanizing** of **Terri Schindler Schiavo**
- **Sponsored** a *Take Back America Freedom Tour* through Washington, DC by trolley bus narrated at **9** different STOPS by America's greatest orator **Ambassador Alan Keyes**
- Bought out 2 showings of the epic movie, *Cabrini* dramatizing the heroic life of missionary **Saint Frances Cabrini**
- Sponsored numerous *Lives of the Saints* plays
- Annual **Christmas Caroling** at Union Station in Washington, D.C.
- Daily presence of at least 1 sidewalk counselor at Baltimore's **Planned Parenthood**, Maryland's largest *Killing Center*.
- Monthly presence at **Johns Hopkins Bayview** where late trimester abortions are committed and abortionists are trained.

## FUTURE NEEDS of DEFEND LIFE

With the aging of our members, our all-volunteer model may no longer be viable. For **DEFEND LIFE** to grow and become even more effective, an additional **\$100,000** needs to be raised annually. This would enable the hiring of a **full-time paid Director** and a **part-time assistant**. For more information, contact:

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