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Dear fellow defenders of Human Life, from conception to natural death,

Carroll citizens who support and defend the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death, recently joined hundreds of thousands of other citizens in January's 42nd annual Washington D.C. March For Life where we proclaimed our theme that "Every Life Is A Gift". There, we focused on protecting pre-born children diagnosed with prenatal disabilities "who, according to Project Rachel of Baltimore, are aborted at a rate of between 60 and 90 percent".

This is so despite the miracle of available successful corrective and healing prenatal medical interventions. No disabled person must lose his/her God-given right to life, regardless of degree of development. Who shall live or die is solely the decision of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, our God of Creation. Rejecting the culture of death's "final solution" for this group of our pre-born brothers and sisters, we remain ever committed to protecting those who would be destroyed in the name of "compassion"

And now we will join hundreds of Marylanders in the 36th Annual Maryland March For Life in Annapolis on Monday, March 9th, that begins at St. Mary's Parish, 109 Duke of Gloucester St. at 6:30 P.M. and proceeds to the 7:00 P.M. Pro Life Rally at Lawyer's Mall at the State House where we, march leaders and senators and delegates will voice vigorous support for the Sanctity of human Life. A free shuttle services non-walkers. (For earlier arrivals, there is a 4:30 P.M. Youth Rally with Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life who also is our Rally's Key Note speaker and a 5:15 P.M. Mass in Church, and a Nondenominational Worship Service in the church school.) At the rally's end, everyone is invited to enjoy a gratis Chick-fil-A dinner and fellowship back at St. Mary's at 8:00 P.M.

At the march and rally we will express our firm, strong opposition to <u>newly introduced assisted suicide legislation</u>. The deviously named "Death with Dignity Act" in the Maryland Senate allows a physician to prescribe a lethal dose of pills at the request of a mentally competent patient with a terminal diagnosis of six months or less to live, promoted by the former Hemlock Society (now sneakly known as "Compassion and Choices). This legislation causes severe concerns regarding its inevitable "slippery slope" consequence on vulnerable populations, the medical profession, suicide prevention efforts, etc. It would undermine Maryland's Protective Prohibition on doctor-prescribed suicide and would radically and severely change the respected and honored doctor-patient relation.

Our Maryland Right To Life (MRTL) states, "In Maryland, a physician had his medical license revoked by the Board Of Physicians for illegally assisting suicides and that several of his patients – half of those in the Board's report – had diagnosed depression. Rather than providing true care for people suffering from treatable mental illness, this individual "helped" them end their lives". Further, "Oregon's experience living under the law being promoted in Maryland confirms this same reality would be true on a wider scale if this dangerous legislation were to become law."

The Oregonian newspaper notes, "Patients with diagnosed depression and dementia were given lethal prescriptions in <u>spite of the alleged</u> <u>safeguards</u>. "Further, under Oregon's law, there have been multiple examples of patients wanting to treat an illness, but instead received a letter from the state Medicaid program denying coverage. That same letter instead offered <u>a reminder that they had an option to take lethal suicide drug</u>s." Per MRTL, "The mere legalization of doctor-prescribed suicide ends up threatening the wanted healthcare of all Marylanders – whether or not they are covered through a government sponsored or a private insurance plan.

COME TO ANNAPOLIS WITH US AND DEMAND PASSAGE OF a "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" for Maryland to protect late term babies in their mother's wombs. The Act has been virtually ignored by pro-abortion committee and house and senate leadership in the recent past.

COME VOICE YOUR OPPOSITION to attacks on the Pro Life Crisis Pregnancy Center "Centro Tepeyac" in Montgomery County by the pro death, so-called national abortion rights action league acting in collusion with the willing Montgomery County Government. Pro-abortion forces despise the use of our amazing window to the womb Ultra Sound Machines that save the lives of innocent, vulnerable pre-born babies. They would close down their use, knowing most women, previously having contemplated abortion, choose LIFE upon seeing their child face to face! The multi-billion dollar abortion industry is losing blood money! What will they say to Jesus Christ at the final judgement if they do not repent?

TRANSPORTATION TO THE 36TH ANNUAL MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE! Of course you can take your church bus or car pool OR, you can seek to reserve a seat or seats on a St. John's Catholic Church Krights Of Columbus-sponsored Rill Company Tour Bus to take you to and from the upcoming March For Life by contacting Sir Knight Anthony Bullard at 410-596-0067 asap. The bus leaves St. John's Church parking lot at 3:30 P.M., Monday, March 9th. For those able to contribute, <u>Free will</u> donations will be gratefully accepted to help defray the cost of the bus. We usually return to Westminster at about 10:00 P.M.

Ask Jesus if He wishes you to participate in this march and rally. If you are unable, please pray for all concerned: The pre-born, the elderly, the weak and vulnerable, the women and their families suffering abortion aftermath – post abortive women with scarred consciences, empty wombs and the loss of their babies, the pro life marchers, our elected officials, and all those who support, enable and participate in the death of the holy innocents, etc.

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