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## Tour takes the truth to the streets and the President

Jack Ames knew something was up when, driving up to the Face the Truth Tour stop on Embassy Row in Washington, D.C., July 26, he saw a couple of Secret Service cars parked on the wrong side of the street.

"Then some limousines pulled up in front of the Norwegian Embassy," recalled the Defend Life director.

"I saw the Secret Service men unloading these huge, 6-foot-long Tommy guns. Then here comes the presidential motorcade up Massachusetts Avenue: motorcycles, limousines, a van, an ambulance."

The motorcade passed pro-lifers holding graphic signs of aborted babies before turning right onto 34<sup>th</sup> Street, to the side entrance of the Norwegian embassy.

President Obama had come to deliver a speech in memory of the Norwegians killed in the July 22 terrorist attack.

Later, when the President left the embassy in his motorcade, "We had two 'Choice' signs; I was holding one, and [Truth Tour Co-director] Maggie Egger was holding another," said Ames.

"He would *have* to have seen our pictures; we were on both sides of the street," said Truth Tour Co-director Andrew Golden.

The pro-abortion President and his entourage were just a few of many thousands of motorists who



*Photo by Peter Shinn, Pro-Life Unity*

**Jack Ames (left) and Maggie Egger wave to the Presidential motorcade as it leaves the Norwegian embassy in Washington, D.C.**

saw the huge photos of babies killed by abortion as Defend Life's eleventh Annual Face the Truth Tour swept across Maryland, making 15 stops along streets and highways from July 25-29.

"I think this was the best Truth Tour ever," said Ames.

"We had 33 core team members – the most we have ever had – from eight different states: Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina.

"And we had good news coverage: WHAG-TV in Hagerstown,

WFRD in Frederick, Fox 45 in Baltimore, a great article in the *Bel Air Aegis*, and others."

Motorists throughout the tour responded to pro-lifers' "Honk for Life" signs with incessant beeping – notably more than last year, said core team member Jonathan Darnel of Arlington, Va.

Even at the stop in liberal Chevy Chase, where commuters were caught in total rush-hour gridlock and a bicyclist had a sign on his head reading "God hates babies," many honked in support, including a metro bus driver.

Many drivers, waiting at a traffic light at the White Marsh stop, rolled down their car windows to accept pro-life literature offered by Darnel.

“Even if they disagree, the manner in which we approach them will make an impact,” said the pro-lifer. “Showing love at the same time as we show the truth is the key to it.”

But the mayor and city council in Hagerstown were in no mood for love; they disagreed so strongly with the Truth Tour message in past years that this year they set up a huge electronic sign two blocks up the street from the demonstrators.

“It read something like ‘Graphic photos, protesters ahead: follow alternate route,’ and had an arrow pointing to the detour,” said Ames.

Government traffic signs ordering motorists to take a route away from protesters exercising their free speech rights “is a clear violation of our Constitutional rights,” he asserted.

“I think we may have grounds for a lawsuit.”



**Chris Ciaffa talks to an irate woman who strongly objected to the graphic signs at the Charles Street stop in Towson.**

Equally unfriendly were personnel at Johns Hopkins at White Marsh, who called Baltimore County police and had them order Truth Tour participants to remove their cars from the Hopkins parking lot.

“They claimed that their lot was full and we were disturbing patients, both of which were patently untrue,” said Defend Life Communications Director Bill Simpson.

At every stop on the tour, Jim Davis of Columbus, Ohio, drove the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform Truth Truck, with a giant picture of an aborted baby on each side.

Police gave Davis a \$60 ticket for excessive beeping at the Germantown stop, near late-term abortionist Leroy Carhart’s abortion mill.

Police also ticketed Ron Brock for impeding traffic flow by going too slow in his pickup truck decorated with anti-abortion signs near the Charles Street stop in Towson.

The tickets “are an indication that local law enforcement officials don’t get it – we have the right to do what we’re doing,” said Ames.

“We’re going to fight the tickets.” Perhaps the most satisfying stop



**Face the Truth Tour members pause for a photo in front of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform Truth Truck.**

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# Judge rules against troopers in Truth Tour suit

A federal judge for the District of Maryland has ruled in favor of a group of pro-lifers in their lawsuit against Maryland state troopers who arrested them during a 2008 Defend Life Face the Truth Tour stop in Bel Air.

U.S. District Court Judge Richard Bennett, in a July 12 opinion, declared that the state troopers violated the Defend Lifers' First Amendment free speech rights and their Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable seizures.

"The First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the right of free speech – a right that was unquestionably restricted by the Troopers' actions on August 1, 2008," Judge Bennett wrote.

"I'm ecstatic!" said Defend Life Director Jack Ames, one of the nine pro-life plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

"God bless Judge Bennett. Thanks be to God, the First Amendment still lives in Maryland; that's how we're going to take back our country, by exercising our First Amendment rights."

Christopher Ferrera of the American Catholic Lawyers Association, who served as lead counsel for seven of the plaintiffs, called the judge's ruling a "stunningly decisive affirmation" of the pro-lifers' rights and "a great day for the pro-life cause."

Unless a settlement is reached, the case will proceed to a jury trial for assessment of damages the pro-lifers suffered as a result of the state troopers' unconstitutional actions.

The case had been scheduled for a July 18 jury trial, but Judge Bennett issued his July 12 ruling in response to motions and cross-motions by both sides for summary judgment on certain issues.

A motion for summary judgment argues that all necessary factual issues are either settled or so one-sided that they need not be tried.

Judge Bennett based his 51-page ruling on depositions from both sides taken under oath, sworn declarations, admissions of fact and other discovery, as well as legal arguments.

All nine pro-life plaintiffs were deposed by an attorney for the Maryland State Police. Ames' deposition, taken last December, lasted five hours.

"I went over everything, including how we had had no problems in

tion.

On August 1, 2008, the final day of the tour, pro-lifers conducted a stop on a grassy shoulder along Route 24, near Route 924 in Harford County.

Bennett notes that Maryland state police in their depositions admitted that that location "is a popular destination for varying types of demonstrators, political groups and commercial advertisers to express their respective messages," and that "no persons or group of persons had ever been arrested or ordered to disperse as a result of their expressive activities along Route 24."

Nevertheless, state police began to receive a deluge of complaints from motorists about the demonstrators.

Said Bennett, "While some of the recorded calls reference traffic concerns, it is clear that the overwhelming sentiment of the callers relates to their offense or disapproval of the *content* of the Tour's signs depicting aborted fetuses." (Emphasis in original.)

"They got these huge graphic pictures of dead babies!" said one recorded caller.

"There's a bunch of pro-life protesters out on Route 24 . . . they got pictures of dead babies and that's just not cool," reported another caller.

These calls prompted the Maryland State Police into action.

A demonstrator captured on video virtually the entirety of the confrontation between the first trooper to arrive, Christopher Bradley, and the pro-lifers.

Bradley told Tour Director Elizabeth Walsh that the tour needed a permit to demonstrate.

When she said she didn't have a

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## **'Thanks be to God, the First Amendment still lives in Maryland.'**

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previous Face the Truth tours," recalled Ames.

"I unloaded; I said [to the attorney], 'Do you realize the consternation that was caused because of the arrests – parents trying to reach their [jailed] child – their cell phone messages going unanswered?'"

Judge Bennett frequently cited depositions by the state troopers themselves as well as documents submitted by them as evidence that they had violated the pro-lifers' First and Fourth Amendment rights.

The 2008 mass arrest of the pro-lifers occurred during Defend Life's annual Face the Truth Tour, in which demonstrators stood along highways throughout Maryland, holding graphic posters of aborted babies to show the public the reality of abor-

permit, Bradley said, “You need to pack up and go, or you’re going to jail, that’s it.”

Observed Bennett, “Harford County does not, in fact, have an ordinance that would require the Tour or any similar group to obtain a permit.

“The Troopers interpreted the non-existent permit requirement as closing all of Harford County, and not merely a small section of Route 24” to the demonstrators.

“It is abundantly clear that the troopers themselves ordered the Tour members to either obtain a permit or leave Harford County,” he concluded.

Subsequently, the pro-lifers set up a second demonstration about five miles north on Route 24, within the town of Bel Air, believing that there they were out of the jurisdiction of the State Police.

Following more motorist complaints at the new location, the troopers arrested 18 Tour members in about one-half hour.

### No ‘heckler’s veto’

The troopers argued that they were trying to alleviate traffic concerns when they issued the pro-lifers their “impromptu dispersal order,” which, they contended, did not violate the First Amendment.

But Bennett held that the county-wide dispersal order and the ensuing arrests were the direct result of motorists’ complaints against the protesters’ pro-life message, and the troopers unconstitutionally enforced what is called a “heckler’s veto” against their free speech rights.

“Put simply, there is no heckler’s veto to the First Amendment to the United States Constitution,” he said.

“To be clear, this Court holds that the Defendants violated the

Plaintiffs’ First Amendment rights as soon as they issued the blanket order to either leave Harford County or be arrested,” he added.

The pro-lifers additionally charged that their Fourth Amendment rights were violated because they were arrested without probable cause.

Bennett reiterated that the troopers justified their order to disperse on “a non-existent Harford County permit ordinance” and that their three grounds for arrest – failure to obey a lawful order, disorderly conduct, and impeding traffic “developed” *after* the arrests had been made.

In their motion for summary judgment, he said, “the Troopers do not even mention disorderly conduct as a source of probable cause, . . . essentially abandon the failure to obey a lawful order justification, and concentrate only on the Harford County ordinance regulating traffic flow.”

Traffic flow is certainly a legitimate government interest, Bennett agreed.

But he found no evidence that the pro-lifers were either impeding or obstructing traffic.

Regarding the disorderly conduct charge, he noted, “the record clearly indicates that the arrestees were anything but disorderly – the Troopers involved in the arrest generally described the arrestees as ‘very polite,’ ‘cooperative and calm,’ ‘very respectful,’ and ‘friendly.’

“Put simply, the Troopers did not have probable cause to arrest the Plaintiffs for obstructing traffic, disobeying a lawful order, or disorderly conduct,” Bennett concluded.

In addition to the American Catholic Lawyers Association, attorneys for the Alliance Defense Fund and the Thomas More Society are representing pro-life plaintiffs in this case.

Judge Bennett’s ruling is the second major victory for the pro-life plaintiffs in a three-year court battle.

In March, Harford County agreed to an out of court settlement with them for an undisclosed amount. The county also agreed to a change in their policy for handling protests.

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for the demonstrators was at Route 24 and MacPhail Road in Bel Air, the exact location where 18 Truth Tour members were arrested during the 2008 tour.

A U.S. District Court judge on July 12 ruled that the state troopers who arrested and jailed them had violated their First and Fourth Amendment rights.

“The Bel Air stop this year was completely uneventful; we never saw the police,” said Ames.

Much of the credit for a successful tour goes to the three young co-directors, he said.

Jordan Mooney, Wyoming Catholic College, Class of 2015, handled recruiting for the core team. He was one of the 18 arrested in Bel Air in 2008.

Maggie Egger, Class of 2012, University of Richmond, was in charge of organizing meals and overnight accommodations for the core team.

Andrew Golden, Christendom College, Class of 2014, worked on the tour data base and computer issues.

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# DOJ charges D.C. pro-lifer with violating FACE Act

The U.S. Department of Justice has charged a veteran sidewalk counselor at a Washington, D.C., abortion mill with violating the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act.

In a suit filed in D.C.'s U.S. District Court July 14, the DOJ claims that on January 8 Dick Retta physically obstructed a "patient" from entering the Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington clinic.

They allege that he blocked the woman's path so she could only enter the clinic "with the extraordinary assistance and intervention" of clinic "escorts" and staff.

"Defendant Retta has been among the most vocal and aggressive anti-abortion protesters outside of the clinic," states the DOJ Complaint.

The DOJ is demanding that Retta be fined \$10,000 and pay damages to three "victims" totaling \$15,000.

They are also asking the court to permanently bar Retta "and any others acting in concert with him" from going past the clinic gate, as well as bar them within 20 feet leading up to the gate.

The distance from the gate to the clinic door is 45 feet, and is public property.

Retta, 79, has been sidewalk counseling at the clinic on 16<sup>th</sup> Street for years, trying to dissuade women from having abortions and offering them help.

In his two regular Internet reports, the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Chronicles and the Hillcrest Report, he has written of hundreds of "turnarounds" of abortion-minded women occurring on his watch.

"You can see why they [Planned Parenthood] hate him," said fellow pro-life activist Missy Smith.

If the DOJ succeeds in getting its



**Dick Retta, shown here outside the Planned Parenthood clinic in Washington, D.C., is being charged with violating the FACE Act.**

requested 65-foot "bubble zone" barring Retta and other pro-lifers, "We wouldn't be able to stand on the sidewalk" along the fence, said Retta.

"But that wouldn't make it impossible" to counsel women, he added; "we'll put someone across the street.

"They don't like me at all," he acknowledged cheerfully – "not me only, but I'm vocal.

"Whenever somebody goes in or out the door, I speak: 'Please let me help you! Don't let them take your child's life – we *can* help you and we *will* help you.'"

In April 2010 Planned Parenthood erected a fence and gate between the grass plots in front of the clinic and the sidewalk.

They also posted a "Private Property: No Trespassing" sign on the fence, barring pro-lifers' access to the entrance walkway and lawn, where they had been praying and counseling.

Pro-lifers proved in court that the lawn and walkway were public property, and pro-lifers have since then had access to them, although the fence, gate, and a small No Trespassing sign remain.

On June 22, the abortion clinic

planted 77 thorn bushes on the grass plots. They also installed a sprinkler system, "which they keep on constantly," said Smith.

"There'll be no room to stand once the bushes grow and spread," she observed.

"They obviously want to get rid of us. The bushes, the sprinklers, the fence, the No Trespassing sign – all of this is precluding our First Amendment rights to pray and counsel."

"This is the fourth or fifth FACE lawsuit filed since President Obama took office," noted Jim Henderson, an attorney for the American Center for Law and Justice, which is representing Retta in the case.

"These cases are all targeting individuals and they represent a pick-off strategy, like a pack of hyenas or jackals isolating one victim and then attacking him.

"One has to question the motivations of a Justice Department that fails to defend the Defense of Marriage Act or to prosecute voter intimidation in Philadelphia, yet finds time to go after a person who, by their own allegations, did not actually stop a client from entering the clinic, but only made her walk around him."



# Teen pro-lifers wage anti-Carhart Sunday morning blitz

A band of determined pro-lifers, mostly teens, waged an information blitz against late-term abortionist Leroy Carhart on Sunday morning, June 26.

Armed with giant post cards calling for a multi-faceted campaign against the Germantown abortionist, the teens, accompanied by several adults, placed over 3,000 cards on car windshields at ten Catholic churches, three Protestant churches and one Muslim center in the suburbs around Carhart's abortion mill.

"We had a ton of fun," said Jamie Morrison, 18. "It was a fun group of kids, all motivated for a good cause."

"It was a little scary, though, because you didn't know what people's reactions would be."

The pro-lifers met at Morrison's home in Gaithersburg at 7:30 a.m., then divided into four groups, with four persons per car. Each group was assigned a set of church parking lots to leaflet.

"My group did the churches in Rockville: Saint Jude, Saint Raphael, Saint Elizabeth, Saint Mary, and Saint Patrick," said Maria Rodriguez, 17.

"We tried to do it as fast as possible – just in and out – so no one would stop us and tell us to leave."

"They kicked us off the parking lot at Mother Seton Church in Germantown," said Defend Life Director Jack Ames, one of the accompanying adults.

Pro-lifers were also told to leave the parking lot of a Presbyterian church.


In addition to leafleting cars at Catholic churches in Gaithersburg,

Derwood and Damascus, said Morrison, "We did every parking lot in between, including Toys R Us and Sam's Club."

The post card, designed and printed by Defend Life, asked people to:

- Join protest vigils held every Monday from 8-10 a.m. at Carhart's clinic at 13233 Executive Park Terrace, Germantown, 20874.
- Join the Face the Truth tour stop in front of Carhart's mill July 26.
- Take part in the Summer of Mercy 2.0 event July 30-August 7 – nine days of activism at Carhart's clinic.
- Contact Maryland Board of Physicians Chairman Paul Elder and ask that Carhart's Maryland medical license be revoked because it was obtained using incomplete and misleading information.

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**Maria Rodriguez places an anti-Carhart post card on a car windshield.**

# Police arrest pro-lifer for suspicious package report

By Kurt Linneman

In keeping with their record of past harassment of myself and other pro-lifers, Wilmington police on June 10 arrested me, locked me up, and charged me with an unintelligible charge for doing only what I considered one's common-sense, civic duty.

Pro-lifer Sean Kovalevich and I had arrived at the Planned Parenthood abortion mill in Wilmington, Del., around 7:20 a.m. and were joined by Susan Andrews, two of her sons and a neighbor's son.

After setting up some large, handheld signs against my van, I noticed a cardboard box placed about 15 feet in front of Planned Parenthood's main doors and 15 feet from the corner of 7<sup>th</sup> and North Shipley avenues, where we were standing.

Sean and Susan agreed with me that the box looked suspicious. Knowing that abortion mills have been the target of extremists' bombings, I thought it best to call 911 to report a suspicious package. I didn't want any of us or any of the abortion mill's employees or clients to get injured or killed.

Five minutes later, four Wilmington police cars arrived and prevented access to the surrounding streets. The police exited their cars and converged on the box near the clinic entrance.

One officer picked up the box, looked inside, and said, "There's nothing in here."

An officer who seemed to be in charge yelled, "Put that down! It could have been a bomb; they bomb abortion clinics, you know."

"Yes, that's why I called you," I said.



**At a June 17 press conference in front of Planned Parenthood's Wilmington clinic, where he was arrested a week earlier, Kurt Linneman demands that the police stop harassing pro-lifers.**

He yelled at me, "Keep your mouth shut, you weren't supposed to hear that."

Several minutes later, one of the officers called out, "Are you Kurt Linneman?" I said yes as he walked over to me.

He said, "Put your sign down and put your hands behind your back," and proceeded to grab my wrists and handcuff me.

I called out to Sean to videotape the incident and to call my wife, Samantha.

Kovalevich attempted to film the arrest, but only managed to get a few seconds on film before the police arrested him as well.

Sean and I were processed at the Wilmington Police Department and placed together in Cell 5. The police said we were not being arrested, simply detained. I asked what that meant. They said that they were

going to review the incident and then determine if anyone would be charged and arrested.

I thought, surely there is nothing they could charge us on. I was wrong.

As soon as Sean entered the jail cell after me, I asked him to lead us in the Rosary. For the next 20 minutes Sean and I prayed the Rosary aloud in our cell.

As we finished, Sean's name was called out and he was released without charges. I asked him to call my wife and Jim Haley, a friend and pro-life attorney in Wilmington.

I spent the next hour lying on the heavily scratched steel bed in Cell 5, praying and meditating. It was an amazing thing to be locked in a cell, yet feel such peace and comfort.

Throughout my time in jail I did

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*Monday, August 15, 2011 Anno Domini  
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**Dear Friend of Defend Life,**

Thanks to all of you who made our **11th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour** so successful. Because of persons like you, we met and slightly surpassed our **\$8,000 matching grant** offered by **Michael and Stephen Peroutka** and several other anonymous donors.

Here are some reasons why I think this was our best Truth Tour ever:

- We had **33 persons** on our Core Team, by far the largest number ever. In spite of the intense heat, we had 15 great stops.
- Seventeen-year-old **Co-Director Jordan Mooney** did a fabulous job of recruiting Core Team members from eight states including **Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and South Carolina**.
- Great radio ads written by our Events Coordinator **Fran Griffin** and recorded with great passion by Pastor **David Whitney** of the Institute on the Constitution aired on **Rush Limbaugh** affiliates **WCBM** and **WFRD**. You can still hear them by visiting our website at **DefendLife.Org**. If you like what you hear and need a good promoter and publicity for your organization, please contact Fran at **703-862-6741 PR@GriffNews.Com**. She will be delighted to help you!
- Great publicity coverage so aptly arranged by our Communications Director **Bill Simpson**. Bill arranged TV coverage on **Fox 45** in Baltimore, **WHAG** in Hagerstown, as well as radio coverage on **WFRD** in Frederick and a huge friendly front page article in the **Aegis**. That's the Bel Air newspaper that slammed us three years ago when 18 of us were illegally arrested by the Maryland State Police. **Oh, how America loves a winner!**



If you need someone to generate great publicity for your organization, you could not do better than Bill. Contact him at **301-300-3487 WilliamRSimpson@Gmail.Com**.

- Our 5 great luncheon speakers including **Seth Darby** of **Created Equal**, **Steve Mosher** of **Population Research**, **Father Paul Schenck** of **National Pro-Life Action Center**, **Monica Miller** of **Citizens for a ProLife Society**, and **Randall Terry** of **Insurrecta Nex**.
- Our other 2 Co-Directors **Maggie Egger**, University of Richmond, Class of 2012, who handled all travel, housing, luncheon, evening picnic and daily Mass arrangements; and **Andrew Golden**, Christendom College, Class of 2014, who managed data base issues.
- **Albert Stecklein** and **Jon Darnell** who faithfully transported our 60 or so signs and **Kurt Linnemann** who loaned us the use of his truck.



One of the great moments of our Tour was when **Obama** himself, the world's foremost proponent of **baby killing in the womb**, passed by our Embassy Row stop **not once but twice** on Tuesday, July 26. See the front page article for details. We could have not arranged this in 1000 years, but God knew this would happen from the moment of creation. How wonderful it is that God honors us by allowing us to be **His instruments** in making such wonderful things happen! How blessed are we who do **His Work!**

## **Warren Carroll – RIP**



**Warren Carroll**, the founder of **Christendom College** and **America's greatest Catholic historian**, departed this life on Sunday, July 17. Warren was a convert to Catholicism. He came into the Church in the late 1960's when it seemed to him that everyone else was leaving due to the false implementation of Vatican II.

Warren Carroll could see the devastation that was occurring then in higher Catholic

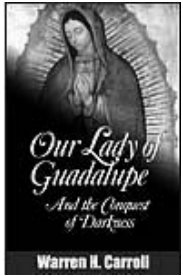


education. His passion was to start a real Catholic college dedicated to the teachings that had attracted him to the **One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church** to which he had converted. Thus, the founding of Christendom College.



At first, Christendom was located at a then recently-closed parish school in Triangle, Virginia. Dormitory space was rented at the nearby Quantico Marine Base. Several years later it moved to its present location on the banks of the beautiful Shenandoah River in Front Royal, Virginia where Warren's earthly remains were laid to rest on July 26.

This property was owned by the **AFL-CIO** which was headed by **George Meany**, a devout Catholic. When Meany decided to sell this property, **Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle** of Washington told his good friend Meany **take only one bid and take it from Christendom College**. Amazingly, Christendom bought this riverfront property complete with several buildings plus an in-ground swimming pool plus several hundred acres of land for about \$250,000. That was the real beginning of Christendom College which never left this lovely spot!



Besides being the founder and president for 12 years, Warren Carroll served as head of the History Department until 2002 when he retired.

All of his books are classics including the five-volume History of Christendom. Nobody could bring Catholic history alive in his teachings and writings like Warren Carroll. I especially loved his book **1917: Red Banner and White Mantle: The Russian Revolution and Our Lady of Fatima**. My other favorite is **Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Conquest of Evil**. Every serious person should read all his books!

One of his favorite sayings was History can be summed up in 5 words: **Truth Exists. The Incarnation Happened.** Another was: **One man can make a difference. Well done good and faithful servant!**

### My Trip to Nagasaki



In late May, I traveled to Japan for an engineering assignment at an American Marine Air Base whose mission is to keep an eye on North Korea, only several hundred miles away. On Memorial Day weekend, I traveled to Nagasaki by **bullet train** which is worth the trip to Japan by itself. Our best trains are light years behind.

On my seemingly endless flight to Japan, I finished reading **A Song for Nagasaki: the Story of Takashi Nagai**. You can read a review of this thrilling book written by Diane Levero on page 11. **Takashi Nagai** was a pioneer in radiology. During World War II when X-ray film was simply not available in Japan, he heroically stood in front of his X-ray machine to diagnose the ailments of his patients, subjecting himself to dangerous radiation. Ultimately, he contracted cancer and was forced to retire. Living in a 12-foot square hut and bedridden the rest of his life, this Godly man began to write books. Often, it was so painful he could only write a few words at a time. Unbelievably, he wrote numerous books.

I was curious to know if his cause for canonization was being promoted. Amazingly, I was able to meet with the **Archbishop of Nagasaki**. I asked whether anyone in Japan was promoting the canonization of this doctor whose home once stood about a block from the **Urakami Cathedral**. This largest Catholic church in Asia was destroyed by the atomic bomb America dropped in 1945 in our attempt to end the war. The Archbishop told me sadly **nobody in Japan** was promoting his cause.

As my friend Connie Marshner told me before I left, for Japan, **if he is to be canonized, it will be due to the efforts of Catholics here in America**. Please read this review. Then read this book. Tell others to read this book as well. Then pray to **Takashi Nagai**. He only needs two miracles!

And thanks for all you do to save innocent pre-born babies from death by abortion.



**Long Live Christ Our King!**

*Jack Ames*  
Jack Ames, Director

Enclosure

**P.S. Our 2012 Truth Tour will be July 23-27. Please mark your calendars now!**

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not feet alone; I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and the company of Mary and all the saints right there with me. It was a beautiful communion of saints.

About two hours after my arrival I heard my name called out and an officer unlocked the cell door.

He led me to a processing room where he advised me that I had been arrested and charged.

I was in disbelief. I said, "For what?" He said, misdemeanor, disorderly conduct.

"You called in a false bomb scare," he said. "No, I didn't!" I protested.

"I guess you didn't use the word 'bomb,'" he acknowledged; "you called it a suspicious package."

I read the charge on the paperwork: "Disorderly Conduct - Create Hazard Physical Offensive Condition with no purpose." I did not even understand what that meant.

I thought to myself, since September 11, 2001, have we, as citizens of the U.S., not been educated and trained to notify authorities when we notice a suspicious package?

Yet I did not say a word. I quietly got dressed and collected my personal things.

Susan Andrews and her family were waiting for me as I walked out of the police station. She took me back to Planned Parenthood, where my van had been parked.

I was told that as soon as I was arrested, a police officer called the "meter maid" to have my van ticketed. While being arrested, I told the officer I needed to put money in the meter and he said it would be taken care of; I guess it was.

I spent the next 45 minutes on the sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood where my day had started, with my signs, pleading with moms going into the mill not to kill their children, letting them know that there are people and organizations that will help them.

At my arraignment on June 23 I pled not guilty to the charges.

In August 2009 I had called police to report being assaulted by a customer at the clinic. The person counter-charged me – apparently, the police had advised him that that was the best way to dodge an assault charge against himself – and the police arrested and charged me

with two counts of harassment and one of offensive touching.

The state threw out the first two charges, and the court found me not guilty on the third.

At a press conference that I called in front of the Wilmington clinic on June 17, representatives from Delaware Right to Life and Forty Days for Life demanded an end to the repeated harassment and intimidation of peaceful pro-life protesters by the Wilmington police.

I called on Wilmington Police Chief Michael Szczerba to change his Gestapo-style treatment of pro-lifers.

I am not discouraged or angry. I know that the sidewalk counseling we do at Planned Parenthood is an integral part of the fight to end child killing in America.

I know that there is a price to pay to stop the brutal killing of 3,200 babies a day, 1.2 million a year, and that we as the body of Christ must be willing to endure much.

Planned Parenthood Wilmington kills children every Friday and often on Saturday mornings. I'm there every other Friday from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Many others are there from Delaware Right to Life every Friday morning.

Ex-abortion clinic employees have testified that the presence of pro-lifers outside an abortion mill decreases business by 25 percent.

To put that in perspective, Planned Parenthood Wilmington reports that they kill 2,600 babies a year – so through our presence, we can save 650 babies each year.

Please pray about joining us. Email me at [klinneman@cbrinfo.org](mailto:klinneman@cbrinfo.org) or phone 410-913-3931.

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## Book Review

# Nagasaki: ground zero for Catholic scientist's faith

By Diane Levero

On August 9, 1945, an American B-29 dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan.

Takashi Nagai, dean of Radiology at Nagasaki University, was working at the radiology department of the university's hospital when a flash of blinding light signaled the explosion.

Flying glass severed the artery in his right temple and blood spurted everywhere. He was trapped under a pile of debris until other hospital workers were able to free him.

Although the hospital was built of reinforced concrete, 80 percent of the patients and staff perished, suffering horrifying deaths.

Flames and the terrifying radiation effects of the bomb threatened the remaining living, many of whom had incurred ghastly injuries.

Dean Nagai tried to rally the hospital staff, but panic and despair were paralyzing them.

He ordered a young doctor to find a Japanese flag. When the doctor complained that it was impossible, Nagai snatched up a white sheet, tore off a square of it, and pressed a rough circle of red in its center using the blood from his wound.

With the national symbol stuck high on a bamboo pole, Nagai led the staff to do what they could for the patients and the injured and dying flooding the hospital from the city.

Two days later, he was finally able to walk to his home and find out what had become of his beloved wife, Midori.

Amidst the ashes and devastation, he found the charred remains

of her skull, hips and backbone. He gathered her bones into a heat-buckled bucket and carried them to a nearby cemetery, where he buried them.

Alongside her remains, Nagai had found a melted blob that was once his wife's Rosary.

Midori was a devout Roman Catholic. Takashi, raised in the Shinto and Buddhist traditions, was a Catholic convert.

In the remaining years of his life, although bedridden and suffer-

went to a prestigious high school

There he was swept off his feet by modern Western thinking and science. Impressed by the anti-religious leanings of his teachers, he became a convinced atheist: science was reality, the road to the future!

As a student at Nagasaki Medical University, Nagai was annoyed and angered at the presence of the Catholic cathedral in the nearby suburb of Urakami.

It was bad enough to believe in the millions of gods of Shinto, but the medical student's great love for his country made this worship of "foreign gods" seem inexcusable.

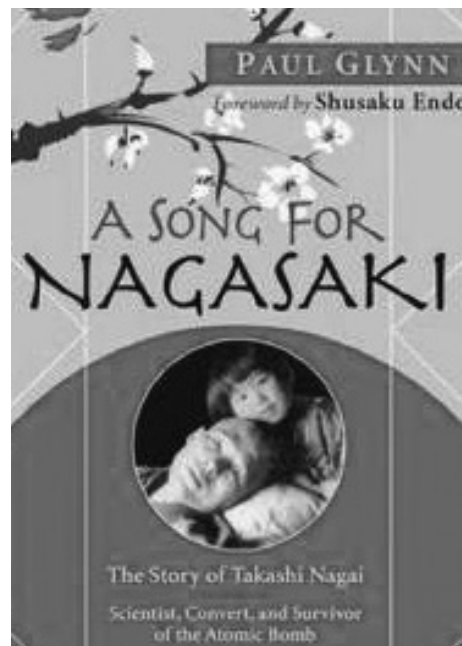
But in his third year at the university, he was called home to the bedside of his dying mother. She had suffered a stroke and could not talk, but stared into his eyes intently before she died.

The experience left him badly shaken. He believed only in material reality, but as he wrote later, "My mother's eyes told me that the human spirit lives on after death."

Takashi was not enamored of science alone: he shared the Japanese love of poetry. He recalled the words of the French scientist-poet Blaise Pascal, that he had read in a high school literature class: "Man is only a reed, the weakest of nature. But he is a *thinking* reed."

Nagai bought a copy of Pascal's *Pensées* and pored over it. Mystified by much of the European cultural trappings of Catholicism, he decided to intentionally board with a Catholic family while in college, to observe Catholics close up.

The Moriyama family, with whom he boarded, were descendants



ing greatly from the effects of radiation, he became a beacon of light and hope to his countrymen through his unwavering faith and his love of God and man.

*A Song for Nagasaki* tells the story of this extraordinary man who lived his faith as few others are ever called to do.

Takashi, a bright young boy and the son of a doctor, passed the entrance exams at the age of 12 and



of Catholics going back over three centuries.

Saint Francis Xavier had brought Christianity to Japan in 1549. When many thousands of Japanese began converting to Catholicism, the ruling shogun had 26 Christians crucified in Nagasaki, a center of Japanese Christianity.

The Christians went “underground” with their faith, until they were finally free to practice it openly in the late 1800s.

The Moriyama’s only child, a schoolteacher named Midori, and Takashi fell in love. He was baptized in the Catholic faith in 1934, and that same year, he and Midori were married.

Although he loved his country deeply, the brutality that he saw during his 30 months serving as a surgeon in the Japanese army during Japan’s aggressive war on China disturbed him greatly.

He returned gladly to Nagasaki to dedicate himself to the science of

radiology, feeling that x-rays were vital in the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and other illnesses and injuries.

He worked as a pioneer radiologist, x-raying patients for 8 hours a day and more at a time when doctors were uncertain about how much radiation they could absorb without danger of leukemia.

In June of 1945, worsening symptoms prompted Nagai to be x-rayed himself. He made his own diagnosis: incurable leukemia; life expectancy, two to three years; death, lingering and painful.

Two months later, amidst the struggle to reconcile himself to his harsh fate, the atomic bomb was dropped.

The Nagai home was in Urakami, the suburb of Nagasaki that was ground zero for the A-bomb.

Urakami had been reduced to a nuclear ashscape. But Nagai’s two children, who had been staying in the safety of the countryside with their

grandmother, were unharmed.

Nagai built a tiny hut just large enough for himself, his children and his mother-in-law to sleep in.

At an outdoor Requiem Mass for the A-bomb victims in front of the ruins of the Urakami Cathedral in November, 1945, Nagai was asked to speak.

He stunned his listeners by proposing that the victims of Nagasaki were an offering of reparation, atoning for the sins of all the nations during World War II and thus inspiring Emperor Hirohito to end the war.

By 1946 Nagai was permanently bedridden. But he continued to write powerful books, essays and poetry on God, war, death and medicine.

Their underlying theme, one of Christian love and forgiveness, resonated deeply with the war-weary Japanese people in their suffering.

On May 1, 1951, knowing that death was near, he asked to be taken to the university so the medical students could observe the last moments of a patient dying from leukemia. He died a few hours after his arrival.

Nagai was highly revered by the Japanese people, both Christian and non-Christian, and considered a saint by many.

Author Paul Glynn, a Marist priest who served as a missionary in Japan for 25 years, is a skilled writer who captures Nagai’s poetic character beautifully.

Father Glynn enriches Nagai’s story with his own extensive knowledge of and love for the history and culture of the Japanese people.

Nagai’s life and example, so alien to the experience of Western Catholics, strips the faith of its superficial externals and lays bare the raw essentials of what it means to be a truly heroic Catholic.

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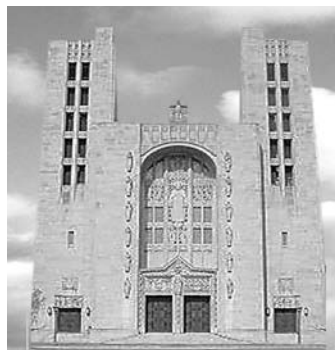
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## NLRC speakers cover Obamacare, Planned Parenthood growth

By Bob Brown

*Warning: This pro-life article may purport to sanction human cloning.*

The 41<sup>st</sup> annual convention of the National Right to Life Committee was held in Jacksonville, Florida, June 23–25. The convention, the theme of which was “Bringing America Back to Life,” featured outstanding general sessions in the mornings and a host of practical and informative workshops each afternoon.

The keynote speaker at the opening general session June 23 was Fred Barnes, executive director of *The Weekly Standard*.

In the second general session, Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood abortion clinic director from Texas, told her story.

Ms. Johnson was Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s 2008 Employee of the Year, winning an award at a banquet at which she had the honor of being seated next to Hillary Clinton.

But just a few weeks later, she was called from her office to assist during an abortion, which she had never done before. Ms. Johnson held the ultrasound wand but watched the screen in horror as the preborn baby vainly attempted to get away from the abortionist’s cruel instruments.

After a few minutes, the baby was vacuumed out of this life, and Ms. Johnson began a conversion to pro-life activism.

After Ms. Johnson spoke, Randall K. O’Bannon, Ph.D., NRLC’s Director of Education and Research, described how Planned Parenthood has been attempting to “corner the market” on abortion.

PPFA is undergoing corporate restructuring, where underperforming clinics have been closed and mega-facilities have been erected in places like Denver, Houston, and Aurora, Illinois.

Planned Parenthood, a long-time fixture in poor, urban locales and on college campuses, is “expanding into suburbia,” Dr. O’Bannon said.

Each afternoon, convention participants could select from among six or seven different workshops. Workshop speakers included NRLC staff, experts in various organizational aspects of the pro-life movement, long-time pro-life stalwarts, and many religious pro-life leaders – including Father Frank Pavone, who seemed to be participating in several different workshops *at the same time*.

In fact, I’m pretty sure that, in order to meet his plethora of schedule demands, Father Pavone cloned himself – which leaves us pro-lifers in a sticky spot.

As a rule, we adamantly oppose human cloning – but, c’mon, would it really be so bad if there were a couple extra Father Pavones running around our planet?

At the Friday morning prayer breakfast, the featured speaker was Melissa Ohden, a survivor of abortion. In 1977, her mother went to an Iowa hospital to begin a five-day long process of a late-term saline abortion.

Miraculously, Melissa survived the abortion with no long-term side effects. She was adopted by a Christian family but did not learn of the events surrounding her birth until her teenage years.

Five Republican presidential candidates were “on hand” at the second general session on Friday

morning. Herman Cain, the former president and CEO of Godfather’s Pizza, and Rick Santorum, former U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania, made the trip to Jacksonville. Ron Paul, Michele Bachmann, and Tim Pawlenty were all piped in via Skype.

The themes of Friday’s workshops (at least two of which were led by Father Pavone) ranged from pro-life activities in pro-abortion denominations and in supportive congregations, to the fundamentals of direct mail and telemarketing fundraising for non-profits.

Bobby Schindler spoke about the death of his sister, Terry Schiavo, and his subsequent work as the executive director of the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network during Saturday morning’s general session.

Mr. Schindler noted the increasing practice in many states of defining the delivery of food and water through a tube as an “extraordinary effort.” In some states, a hospital ethics committee can override a patient’s own wish regarding his or her end-of-life treatment.

After Mr. Schindler’s talk, Burke Balch, J.D., NRLC’s Director of the Robert Powell Center for Medical Ethics, spoke on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, known to many as the Obamacare law.

For the sake of having a nationally uniform policy, private health care holders may be legally prevented from using *their own money* to pay for medical treatment in some circumstances.

An excellent website with many resources on this issue is [www.nrlc.org/HealthCareRationing/Index.html](http://www.nrlc.org/HealthCareRationing/Index.html).

## In My Humble Opinion

# Md. DREAM Act highlights some wrong priorities

By Janet Baker

By now most of you know that the chanceries of Maryland's three Catholic dioceses, as well as the Maryland Catholic Conference (I'll refer to these entities collectively as "the hierarchy," for brevity's sake) have announced unswerving support for the passage of the Maryland DREAM Act.

They opposed the efforts of many Maryland citizens to petition this act to referendum, but have now resigned themselves to the fact that the DREAM Act will indeed go to referendum.

I will not debate the pros and cons of the DREAM Act. But I want to make clear that there is no "Catholic" position on this specific piece of legislation, contrary to what is being stated in diocesan publications.

Yes, we do treat all people with the respect due to them as being created in the image and likeness of God, but such respect is *not* inexorably intertwined with the DREAM Act. We share the same goals, but whether the DREAM Act fulfills those goals is a topic on which good Catholics can disagree.

Such is *not* the case with what the Magisterium has defined as intrinsic evils. Many of these evils are being enshrined into our cultural and legal structures by legislative and judicial fiat: abortion, euthanasia, contraception, homosexual behaviors and the different forms of embryo abuse. No one who supports any of these can be considered a faithful Catholic.

In their overly strident stance regarding the DREAM Act, I believe the hierarchy commits two errors. First, it ascribes to its position on the act the weight and authority that should only be given to matters pertaining to the intrinsic evils having to do with life itself and humankind's powers to procreate that life.

A troubling symptom of that is the vilification of any who oppose the DREAM Act as "bigots" and "xenophobes" and people "who don't like immigrants." I have seen all of these terms in the *Catholic Standard*.

Second, in supporting the DREAM Act, the hierarchy are allying themselves with politicians who call themselves Catholic but who are vehement supporters of intrinsic evils such as abortion and "gay marriage." In so doing, the hierarchy lends legitimacy to these politicians when in reality the bishops should be calling them

to public repentance and making frequent use of Canon 915.

A "case-in-point" of this regrettable phenomenon was seen in the July 21<sup>st</sup> *Catholic Standard*. In an article dealing with the DREAM Act, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, the archbishop emeritus of Washington, was photographed standing with U.S. Senator Dick Durbin.

Durbin, who claims to be Catholic, has one of the most pro-abortion and anti-family voting records in the Senate. But thanks to the photo-op with the Cardinal, he is portrayed as a great humanitarian interested only in the less fortunate. This is an insult to the millions of unborn children whose murders Durbin helped facilitate.

According to the *Standard* article, a "Sabbath Push" on the DREAM Act is set for a weekend in September. One can assume that there will at least be a "pastoral letter" read from the pulpits.

As far as I'm concerned, that would constitute an abuse of the Mass, since there is nothing about the DREAM Act that impacts faith or morals, as would be if the topic were abortion. Good Catholics can have legitimate differences of opinions as to whether the DREAM Act will be helpful or harmful in its effects.

More recently, Governor O'Malley has announced that he will push for "gay marriage" in the state of Maryland. O'Malley is a politician in the same manner as Dick Durbin – Catholic, but supporting everything anti-Catholic. Yes, the bishops have spoken in opposition to O'Malley's plans to push "gay marriage" into law. However, we can ask some questions:

Will the hierarchy's statements regarding gay marriage be at least as forceful as those regarding the DREAM Act? Given that "gay marriage" does involve an intrinsic evil, such statements really should be much stronger.

How will the hierarchy be able to oppose O'Malley on one hand, yet partner with him on the other?

Since "gay marriage" does involve intrinsic evil, will the hierarchy – at last – start to obey and implement Canon 915?

How these questions will be answered will be seen in the actions that the bishops take. We pray that they recognize proper priorities – and we should make our voices heard accordingly.



# Prayers, teamwork lead to heartwarming ‘save’

By Jim Fritz

Sidewalk counselors stand outside the Hagerstown Reproductive Health Services abortion mill on West Washington Street three days a week, every day that abortions are done, trying to persuade the young women going in not to kill their babies.

On May 26, with the help of God, we dissuaded a 20-year-old woman named Anita from having an abortion. It was our 216<sup>th</sup> save since we began coming to the abortion mill on a regular basis in the fall of 2006 – and it was a particularly heartwarming one.

As Anita, accompanied by her mother, approached the abortuary, sidewalk counselor Gail Hoffman spoke to her and learned that the young woman, who is single and lives with her parents, was scheduled for an abortion.

Gail spoke for about 15 minutes, going over all of the literature we provide. She described the dangers of abortion to both women, who listened intently. She made them aware of the many sources of assistance available to them.

The young woman’s mother was taking both sides, warning her and explaining the negative side of abortion, yet at the same time, reminding her that her father was disabled, and they could not care for a baby. She led the young woman to the abortion mill while talking out of both sides of her mouth, as they say.

Since they would not consider keeping the baby even though they could receive help caring for it, Gail spoke with them about adoption, the loving option.

We have a rule that if a counselor is talking to a woman, no one should interrupt her. But in this case, Gail

asked me to step over to tell them about my adopted grandchildren because Gail knows how much I love those kids.

I soon realized that Anita would never allow her child to be adopted. She said she was adopted and (rightly or wrongly) really never forgave her birth parents for giving her away.

She lives near my home town so I gave her my card with a phone number and told her we were there to help as we always promise. She seemed to appreciate this.

I asked her how many weeks into her pregnancy she was, and she said 13. From my pocket I took a 13-week fetal model of a baby and handed it to her.

As Gail noted later, the young woman just melted. On her face was a look of amazement, tears, and everything else combined. Gail and I wished we could have had a movie of her expressions.

I talked about the baby’s development, beating heart, fingers and toes, expressions etc. Her adoptive mother, claiming to be neutral, continued pulling her toward the door, urging her to just go in and check it out.

Gail told Anita that once she was in there, the staff would try to persuade her to have an abortion, but that she could go to another facility close by for an ultra-sound and it would be free.

It was extremely hot with bright sunlight, and the young woman was feeling weak, so she sat on the stoop of the abortion mill.

The pro-lifers all tried to talk to her and her mother. Both women listened, but Anita insisted she at least wanted to go into the abortion mill to see “the movie.” The pro-lifers wondered what she meant and thought she might have been talking about an

ultra-sound.

Sidewalk counselor Celia McKenzie gave her information about a local pregnancy center where she could have a free ultra-sound. Fr. Jack Lombardi also talked to her. All of the pro-lifers tried to keep the young woman thinking in positive terms. The air was thick with prayers out there!

Unfortunately, she persisted with the idea of the “movie” in the abortion mill, and her mother said she should go inside to see it.

Pro-lifers admonished the mother, telling her she should guide her daughter in the right way, not lead her into a dangerous abortion mill.

Against our advice, Anita finally went into the abortuary with her mother. Father Jack paced up and down, praying the girl would not go through with an abortion. All of the pro-lifers prayed intensely.

The young woman and her mother came out in about ten minutes. Both were smiling, and the girl was weeping as she smiled. She came over and hugged me, saying she had changed her mind. Luckily, I happened to be standing right there. It is always great to witness a save and better yet to be involved in one.

Everyone gave her a hug. Pro-lifers exchanged phone numbers with Anita and her mother. Sidewalk counselor Charlie Heise gave her a small baby gift set, and Gail took her into the pro-life Hope Center next door for some free baby items. Father gave her a rosary and some faith information.

Thanks to God, the counselors’ counseling, visual aids such as the fetal model, pro-life documentation, the Hope Center and the pro-lifers’ intense prayers, the young woman chose life!

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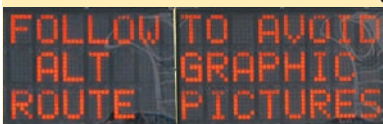
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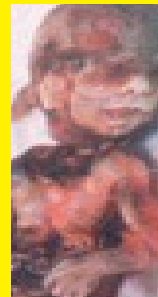
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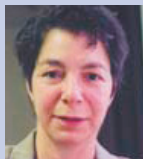


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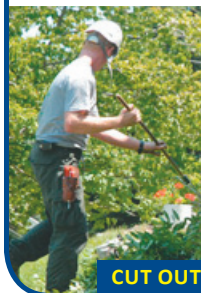
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