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Battle over marriage heats up in Maryland

By Karen Wingard

When the 2011 legislative session began last January in Annapolis, Equality Maryland, a gay activist lobby, was confident that this was their year to see the passage of same sex “marriage” in Maryland.

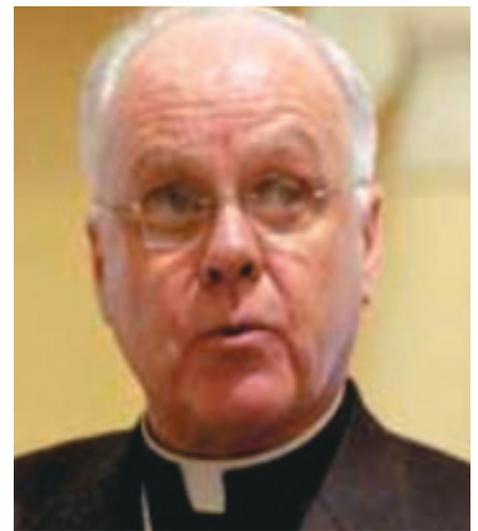
Pundits agreed, but by the hard work and prayers of many, the bill failed to become law, in a “miraculous” upset. The roles of African American churches and the Maryland Catholic Conference were key. A gender identity bill also narrowly failed.

In the aftermath, it seemed possible that the issue would not arise again until after 2012. Then came the strong-arm tactics of Governor Andrew Cuomo in New York, and the Republican-held Senate passed a bill redefining marriage on June 24.

New York is by far the most populous and important state to change the definition of marriage. The success in New York vastly energized gay activist forces around the country.

Governor Martin O’Malley, who had stayed behind the scenes in the last session, succumbed to the pressure to become another Cuomo.

Archbishop Edwin O’Brien of Baltimore sent him a private letter urging him to refrain from redefining marriage. However on July 22, Governor O’Malley made a public state-



Archbishop O’Brien’s plea to Governor Martin O’Malley not to support the legalization of gay ‘marriage’ fell on deaf ears.

ment to sponsor and to more actively support “equality under the law.”

On September 7, he told a fundraiser for Equality Maryland in Chevy Chase, “This is about making sure that every family in Maryland is able to raise their children in a loving and stable home, a home that is respected equally under the law.”

The General Assembly will meet in Annapolis beginning October 17 to draw new boundary lines for districts, based on the 2010 Census. The issues of marriage and gender are not expected to come for a vote at this time, but considerable pressure will be exerted to switch the few votes needed for passage in 2012.

We need to defend marriage now.

Waiting until January will be too late.

Understanding the debate

The heart of the debate over marriage is not “equality,” “rights,” or “discrimination,” but a battle over the definition of reality.

Marriage throughout different cultures and religions has always been between a man and a woman. The Maryland Court of Appeals ruled in 2007 that “The state has a legitimate interest in maintaining heterosexual marriage as the institution that allows procreation and the traditional family structure.” The issue is not “equality,” but definition.

Marriage and the family are the basic building blocks of society. Redefining marriage means redefining family and redefining parenthood.

Not all marriages have children, but all children have and need parents. Redefining marriage means that children will be legally denied at least one of their biological parents. It also nullifies the importance of gender, saying that mothers and fathers are irrelevant to child-rearing.

Gay activists have gained support and sympathy by their claim that they are “born that way,” but that isn’t true. No study has found a “gay gene”: rather, biological *and* environmental factors play a role in gender identity.

Because their claim to legitimacy is based on the immutability of sexual orientation, activists have been fierce in silencing and intimidating those who have changed sexual orientation.

But change is possible.

Thousands of people have found freedom from same sex attractions (SSA), and there are many organizations and ministries offering help.

Root causes of SSA can be varied, but there is often a wounded spirit beneath sexual brokenness. As Christians, we need to offer true compassion, the hope of healing and wholeness.

Same sex “marriage” has gained traction because marriage has lost its true character. Divorce, contraception, sexual permissiveness, and cohabitation have weakened the place of marriage in society.

In a 1980 documentary, a gay activist explained, “Once sex is taken out of the bounds of marriage, you can’t draw the line between right and wrong.”

While marriage has sociological,

economic, and political value, it also has a deeply spiritual nature, beautifully expounded in Pope John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*.

Our physical bodies, created in the divine image as male and female, reveal truths about God. God is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we are called to participate in the call to love by making a “sincere gift” of ourselves, especially in and through married love.

Marriage and family are intended to reflect divine love, through God’s grace. This purpose is for all mankind, and this is what is at stake in the debate over marriage and gender.

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“The battle over marriage is fundamentally a clash between two incompatible world views,” writes Dale O’Leary in his book, *One Man, One Woman*.

“In the end, one must prevail, the other must be discredited. Much more is at stake in this clash than whether a few thousand same-sex couples can call their relationships ‘marriages.’

“At the core of the Sexual Left and its agenda is an *ideology*. [T]he ‘Sexual Left’ . . . envision a society where everyone can engage in the free pursuit of sexual pleasure. . . Since massive public re-education is critical to these goals, they also support early, explicit, and compulsory sex education for children, without parental consent or notification.”

Marriage is not the endgame for

activists, but a means to enforce a different perception of reality, one that enshrines sexual pleasure as an ultimate good. It reduces people to objects to be used, not persons to be loved.

Defending marriage

- Pray! At the heart, this is a spiritual battle, and without prayer we will fail. We need a concerted prayer campaign. Marriage is God’s plan for humanity, and we need His help to restore sexual purity and vibrant faith.

- Repentance is a vital part of spiritual battles; repent not just for the sins of our nation, but for the sins and failures of the Church and believers; specifically for uncharitable words and actions toward those with SSA.

- Know the issues. Click on mdcathcon.org/marriage, Maryland Catholic Conference’s (MCC) marriage page, and follow the many links. Read *One Man, One Woman: A Catholic’s Guide to Defending Marriage*, by Dale O’Leary; it’s readable and well-documented.

- Get involved. Sign up for MCC email alerts at: cap.wiz.com/mdcath/home/. Learn who your legislators are and contact them on these issues. Pray for them, their staff, and their families, for God’s mercy on their lives, and that they uphold godly values. Go to folks4md.com to learn about pro-marriage activities and meetings.

- Live your faith and your marriage well. Deepen your relationship with your heavenly Father; strengthen your earthly relationships. Discover the beauty of God’s

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A 'rescue' at Wendy's? Yep! Miller recalls abortion wars

Every time Aleksander Jakubowski made the two-hour trip from his home in Illinois to abort babies in Milwaukee, he would make a stop on I-294 at a Wendy's "oasis," over an expressway.

Jakubowski would park his \$80,000 Mercedes, buy coffee and a magazine, and phone ahead to his abortion clinic, euphemistically called Bread and Roses.

"Is the coast clear?" he would ask.

"Back then, virtually every time the clinic opened, anti-abortion people would be there blocking it," Monica Miller explained at her Defend Life-sponsored talk in Lexington Park on September 16.

"He wanted to know if they had been cleared away yet."

But on April 25, 1991, the pro-lifers weren't waiting until he got to Milwaukee. When he emerged from the Wendy's with his Styrofoam cup of coffee and a magazine, he saw 40 pro-lifers surrounding his car.

Two of them had chained themselves to the bumper.

"He was absolutely expressionless," said Miller, who had helped recruit the pro-lifers, along with Missionaries to the Preborn leader Matt Trehwella.

"He goes back into Wendy's and calls the police. The state troopers arrive and it's a face-off. Their goal was to get Jakubowski out of the oasis and spirit him to Wisconsin so he could kill babies.

"I was very dis-edified by the attitude of the troopers," she admitted. "These are good people! I can understand that eventually, they're going to have to help him. But they were so *tenacious*."

First, a trooper drove a new, silver-colored Caprice Classic up



Monica Miller helped lead the sit-ins and blockades at abortion clinics prior to the FACE Act of 1994.

to the door of Wendy's. The other troopers formed lines around Jakubowski, trying to usher him out and into the car.

But the pro-lifers surrounded the car and handcuffed themselves to the bumper.

"When they opened the car door to get Jakubowski in, one guy grabbed the door and held onto it," said Miller. "He got arrested. Nobody else did."

Then, blocking the Wendy's door to the pro-lifers, the troopers hustled the abortionist to a door at the opposite end of the restaurant.

The pro-lifers made a mad dash across a catwalk along the outside of the Wendy's overpass, over the expressway.

"The police managed to get Jakubowski in the back seat of a squad car, but we surrounded the car," said Miller.

"Some pro-lifers even slid underneath the car to keep it from going anywhere. All the while, Jakubowski sat there stoically sipping his coffee."

The troopers eventually got him to the abortion clinic, six hours later.

"By that time, every woman scheduled for an abortion had left but one. He was blocked at the entrance by two rows of pro-lifers."

Miller chronicles this and many other dramatic and harrowing rescue efforts in her book, tentatively titled *Abandoned: The Untold Story of the Abortion Wars*, soon to be published by St. Benedict Press.

"The book captures an historical moment that if you don't write it down, it will be lost forever," said Miller.

In it, she recounts her experiences in the pro-life movement from 1976, when she was a graduate student at Loyola University in Chicago, through 1994, when President Clinton signed the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances Act, which helped shut down the rescue movement.

The rescue movement – sit-ins to block clinic doors – is over; it won't be resurrected again, Miller predicted.

"But it's not the FACE Act that stopped me," she said.

"When I was a graduate student, footloose and fancy free, not married, no kids, I could take a lot of risks."

She did, and has the jail time to prove it.

But Miller, who married in 1989, said that she now has three other reasons to find other ways to fight abortion: Bernadette, Joseph and Patrick.

"You can't go to jail and raise a family at the same time," she explained.

She still believes in the rescue movement, though: "I believe blocking the door to an abortion

clinic is the proper response when somebody is about to be put to death.”

Miller, who is now director of the Milwaukee-based Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, said she has learned a lot of things in her years in the pro-life movement.

One is that *Roe v. Wade* is not just a legal decision: it’s a philosophy that holds that human beings are not inherently related to each other, but actually isolated, alienated individuals.

Roe v. Wade does two things in order to legalize abortion, she argues: it does something to an unborn child, and it does something to the woman.

“The unborn child is described as a non-person. They’re dehumanized. And because they are not persons, they have no rights.”

But that’s not enough to facilitate legalized abortion, she said; after all, animals, corporations and property are not persons, but they are protected by law.

“It’s not enough to say the unborn is not a person,” she asserted. “You’ve got to do something to the woman. What *Roe* does to her is under the right to privacy – that’s where the whole debate falls, ir-

respective of whether the unborn child is human.

“The only way human beings, according to *Roe*, are related to each other, is because you *decide* to be related to another.

“If I don’t *want* to be related to you, I don’t have any moral obligations to you. I am a radical, isolated individual. What’s the primary value? Self-determination. We will sacrifice everything to that god, including our unborn children.”

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The woman now has radical autonomy, said Miller. She is a completely isolated individual who can make a life-or-death decision over somebody else, without even the knowledge, much less the consent, of the baby’s father.

Miller saw the ghastly results of this philosophy on the loading dock of a pathology lab in Northbrook, a suburb of Chicago, in 1988.

An anonymous phone call had tipped off pro-lifers that the bodies of aborted babies were being shipped to the lab from ten different abortion clinics for disposal.

“For 10 months we took turns retrieving the remains from the loading dock of Vital Med,” Miller recalled.

At the end, they had recovered the remains of 5,000 aborted babies. “We spent the rest of the year burying them.”

The remains were mostly in medical specimen bags called Whirl Paks. The mother’s names were on the bags, along with the names of the abortion clinics, and in some cases, the dates of the abortions.

Standing on the loading dock in the middle of the night, opening box after box filled with dead babies, Miller felt as though she had come “to the edge of the world, the furthest extremity of the world – where the unwanted go.

“I felt like the loading dock was a raft. Someone had piled up these murdered human beings on a raft, and then pushed it into the sea of isolation, completely severed from anything human – no mother, no father, no city, no name, no place.”

In recovering the babies’ bodies for a decent burial, she said, “We were reversing that loneliness in some way – bringing them back into human communion – the very thing that *Roe v. Wade* denies.”

When a person does pro-life work, it’s not just about restoring the right to life, said Miller. It’s about putting the world back together.

“It must be done,” she declared. “It won’t be done by having nice pro-life thoughts. You’ve got to do the work and take risks, and sacrifice yourself.”

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plan through study of Theology of the Body.

- Attend the Mercy That Heals Conference in Towson, October 21-22 to learn more about healing from sexual brokenness. Call 1-866-359-0500 for more information. Everyone needs to know the good news that SSA is preventable and treatable. Go to NARTH and Exodus International websites. Hear testimonies from ex-gays.

Karen Wingard is part of a grassroots prayer coalition that prays and meets to promote marriage in Maryland.

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Hallway Masses said next to late-term abortion mill

By Nancy Cortese

When the owners of PTG International, Eugene de Ribeaux and Ron Meyer (a deacon at St. Martin of Tours in Gaithersburg) signed the lease for PTG International six years ago, they did not know that their new office in Germantown's Churchill Executive Park was adjacent to an abortion clinic.

When they found out their office was next to Germantown Reproductive Health Services, their stomachs turned and their first instinct was to get out as quickly as possible.

But after praying about what to do, they thought God had put them there on purpose. Maybe their prayers, their pro-life bumper stickers, or a word said to an abortion-minded woman in the parking lot would touch a heart and save a life and a soul. So they stayed put.

One day, a gentleman accidentally came into their office looking for directions to the abortuary. He spoke only Spanish, so one of the employees called Eugene to talk with him.

In Spanish, Eugene told him that he wouldn't tell him where the clinic was because he knew that this wasn't God's will for the man's life. He spoke with him about other options, and a life was saved.

In December 2010, however, when LeRoy Carhart brought his late-term abortion atrocities to Germantown Reproductive Health Services, they knew they were being called to do more.

They received permission to have priests from local parishes celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on a weekly basis in their offices.

The first Mass was held on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on De-



Worshippers (below) participate in a September 10 Mass in an office hallway next to Leroy Carhart's late-term abortion clinic. The Mass is celebrated by Msgr. Mark Brennan (above, right) of St. Martin of Tours, Gaithersburg, and Deacon Ron Meyer.



ember 28, 2010. Then Deacon Ron contacted the Pro-Life Committee at St. Martin's to see if someone would be willing to coordinate the Masses on a weekly basis.

As a member of that committee, I felt blessed to be given an opportunity to help with this important ministry.

I started contacting the parishes

in the Upper Montgomery County Deanery to see if someone from their pro-life committee could coordinate a group of parish members to attend the Mass on a rotating cycle.

The response was always an enthusiastic "Yes!" At least ten parishes and the Seminary at Mount Saint Mary's have participated.

Several groups have also met

there for Mass, such as the Men of Emmaus, Women of Prayer, Knights of Columbus, Regnum Christi, the College Ministry, and different youth groups.

Mass has been celebrated in English, Spanish and Polish. Twenty priests and two deacons have volunteered to celebrate Mass there on Saturday mornings and some First Friday evenings.

Eugene, Deacon Ron and Jim Barr, an employee of PTG, have taken turns opening their office for the Mass on Saturday morning.

Currently, there is a list of about 50 people who have asked to be contacted when seats are available. Only about 25 people can attend each Mass, as space is very limited.

Mass is actually offered in two hallways, which meet in a "T," because the company's office rooms are too small to accommodate more than a few people.

The tight space reminds me of what it is like for the baby in the womb – tight quarters, but where you are filled with joy and a sense of safety. That is, of course, what it *should* be like for every baby in the womb!

Even though the clinic is not open and active during the Masses, the knowledge of what happens on the other side of the wall is a constant presence, and the voices of those who were slaughtered call out to us

for justice during every Mass – but you can also feel their appreciation because they have no voices now but ours.

The power of bringing the Real Presence of Christ this close to a site of such evil is very real and very effective.

At one of the first Masses, Fr. David Beaubien said that the voices of the massacred babies next door were calling out for justice, and that

Sometimes the priest will hold up the Blessed Sacrament and turn towards the clinic.

we had to listen and act.

He said that there was nothing he could say that would move us more to action than their voices, so he was going to sit down and let us listen to the voices.

It seemed that you could really hear their voices – many of us were moved to tears.

Another time, as the priest lifted the Host during the consecration, it just broke in half. The priest said he had never seen that happen before and that he had not broken it – it just broke, the heart of Christ broke.

Sometimes the priest will hold the Blessed Sacrament up and turn towards the clinic. It is very powerful.

These Masses will continue until the babies' voices are heard and the killing next door is stopped and the womb is once again a haven of safety for every unborn child.

One Thursday in May, I had still not been able to find a priest who was able to come and pray the Mass. I decided to just skip it that week; I had done due diligence but didn't have a priest or a group scheduled.

But as soon as I made the decision, I felt Christ's disappointment and heard Him in a very real way telling me that these Masses were His will and I could not just skip it – that I didn't understand the importance of His Real Presence.

It was as if He was telling me that without the Mass, there would be no save on Monday and also that He didn't need a large group – He had already promised that where two or more were gathered in His name, He would be there.

So I continued to search for a priest and finally found one. I sent an email to all my pro-life contacts explaining the situation.

Mass was held with about 15 people, and the following Monday, there were *two* saves!

This is not to downplay the importance of the prayer and fasting or the Monday morning prayer vigils; only prayer and fasting will end abortion.

But we know that the graces and light from the Blessed Sacrament flow through the walls to dispel the darkness of that office and one day, with God's Grace, *all* the darkness will be dispelled.

If you are a priest interested in celebrating this Mass or a person wanting to attend or bring a group, email Nancy Cortese at prolife@st-martinsprolife.com or phone her at 240-246-4781.

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Carroll High staff, parents angry at pro-life picket

By Kurt Linneman

“You know we are Catholic and we are pro-life,” said Madelyn Ball, principal of John Carroll Catholic High School in Bel Air, Md.

She seemed to be in disbelief that pro-life activists would dare mar the image of this prominent Harford County high school.

The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform of Maryland displayed large, 4-by-8-foot photo panels of aborted babies as part of its 2011-2012 School Project (SP) at the entrance of John Carroll on September 2.

SP is a new initiative for CBR Maryland designed to bring the reality of abortion to middle and high school students.

The purpose of SP is education: to humanize the victims of abortion and show what happens to an innocent, defenseless baby who is aborted.

CBR Maryland knows that once a person sees the images of an aborted baby, they will never think of abortion in the same way again.

It is our hope and experience that if someone becomes pregnant, the parents of the child will be less likely to abort their baby if they have been educated on the truth of abortion.

Being Catholic or Christian does not inoculate a person from being sexually active nor from getting an abortion: 43 percent of women undergoing abortions are professed Christians/Catholics. Approximately 50 percent of all abortions are to women in the age group of 15 -24 years old.

Given these statistics, there is good reason to be in front of John Carroll or any high school.

But for 45 minutes, Walter Hunt and I endured the wrath and condem-



John Carroll High School Principal Madelyn Ball and other staff members confront pro-life demonstrators.

nation of Mrs. Ball and seven other administrators from John Carroll.

We were berated and challenged both theologically and philosophically by the cadre of staff members. We felt like the apostles who in Acts 17:6 were considered disturbers of peace.

The strength of the sentiments of the staff also made us feel like Steven, the first martyr in the early Christian Church; they hated our presence and our message.

Their response to us was amplified by that of many parents, who spewed hatred and vulgarity on us.

Many were angry that we were exposing their children to such images. Several yelled, “You’re in the wrong place. Don’t you know we’re Catholic?”

Some yelled, “F___ you.” A few parents threatened to have us arrested. Someone even threw a large plastic coffee cup at us.

As for the students, most seemed to look right through the pictures with no reaction. Others were shocked and quickly turned their heads.

Prior to leaving for the SP at John Carroll, my wife said that it should be peaceful and non-eventful, given the audience. Boy, was she wrong. After we were finished, I texted her, saying, “What an onslaught.”

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Pickers give hidden abortion mill unwanted attention

Belair Beltway Plaza has a little secret it would rather the public didn't know about.

But every month, a group of pro-lifers brings that dirty little secret to the public's attention.

In a two-story brick building behind the sprawling shopping center's movie theater, further hidden from view in a basement office, is an abortion clinic called Whole Women's Health of Baltimore.

On the third Saturday of each month, following morning Masses at St. Joseph's Church in Fullerton and St. Ursula's Church in Parkville, pro-lifers conduct a peaceful prayer and picket in front of the shopping center, on Belair Road just south of the I-695 Beltway.

"We say the Rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet," says Kelly Frederick, who has been leading the group since it began in 2004.

"When we started, someone asked, 'Who's got a loud voice?' explained Kelly. "My mother nominated me."

She uses a megaphone to lead the prayers now, she added.

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"I like to lead with the St. Michael prayer. We also say prayers for the Pope and the bishops."

Just two years ago the demonstrations averaged about ten people. Since then, they have grown to 35 or 40, said Kelly.

She attributes the growth to notices of the picket in *Defend Life* and "just people seeing us there."

"An Amish woman comes – she saw us doing it – she reads a verse from the Bible. And a woman comes from Dundalk, and one guy is from Shrine of the Little Flower."

The demonstrators carry various anti-abortion signs and an Our Lady of Guadalupe banner. Kelly hopes to have signs soon for the Gabriel Project and Project Rachel.

They do not display graphic signs of aborted babies.

"We used to get a lot of cussing, loud honking, or motorcycles revving up their engines, and people giving us the finger," said Kelly.

"But we also got waving, and a few 'God bless you's.'"

"I think we've been getting more positive responses lately."

The abortion mill does first- and

second-trimester abortions of babies up to 20 weeks' gestation.

Fees range from \$375 for the "abortion pill" to \$1,450 for aborting a 20-week-old baby, according to the clinic's website.

At additional cost, the abortion mill also offers "VIP Abortion Care": scheduling an abortion on a day when no other patients are in the office.

A VIP abortion includes a "post-abortion care basket" and "healing herbal tea in your own Whole Women's Health mug."

Delhi E. Thweatt, Jr., an abortionist at the Beltway Plaza clinic, has been doing abortions in the Baltimore area at least since 1999, when he worked out of the Hillcrest abortion mill on Baltimore National Pike in Catonsville.

In 1996 a woman died after Thweatt performed an abortion on her at Hillcrest Women's Medical Center in Harrisburg, Pa.

A civil suit brought by the woman's husband was settled out of court in 1999.

For more information on the Beltway Plaza demonstrations, phone Kelly Frederick at 410-967-1794.



Kelly Frederick (center, with megaphone) leads pro-lifers in prayers at the Belair Beltway Plaza.

Merriweather concert goers see plight of unborn

By Kurt Linneman

“Does the production group know that you are out here?” asked a young woman with an Australian accent.

The woman was in a car stopped in front of our signs at the entrance to Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md., where Hillsong United, a Christian praise and worship band from Australia, was to perform in less than 90 minutes.

“Are you with Hillsong?” I replied. She answered yes. I handed her several literature pieces entitled, “Art of Abortion: Slaughter of the Innocent,” and said, “If you give them these cards, they will know we are here.”

The card contained pictures of aborted babies, abortion statistics and a plea to join the revolution to end child killing, a.k.a. abortion.

She said, “This is not the place to have your pro-life demonstration,” that what we were doing was totally inappropriate, and drove off.

As she sped off in disgust, I thought, this *is* the most appropriate place to show the images of aborted babies. If the Christian Church took abortion to heart, a grave injustice to God’s most vulnerable children would once again become illegal.

That is why Samantha and I along with our son Jacob, John Peddicord and Stewart Schwartz brought the reality of abortion to the Hillsong concert on August 20.

We set up four 4-by-8-foot photo panels along with several large hand-held signs each containing pictures of aborted babies.

Additionally, we had two 3-by-8-foot banners reading, “When Will Your Heart Be Broken for the Unborn? Abortion Kills 3,200 babies/



Samantha Linneman stands beside pro-life signs at the entrance to Merriweather Post Pavilion.

day, 1.2 million babies/year; CBR Maryland LiveProLife.Org.”

Our message was simple, deep and true: thousands of babies die a most brutal death each day, over a million each year – where are you? Do you not know? Do you not care? If you did not know, now you do, and you now have a responsibility to act upon the greatest injustice of our time.

So for 1,500 concert goers – 25 percent of the 6,000 who attended Hillsong, dressed up in anticipation of hearing a great concert – their world was purposely disrupted by CBR Maryland and the plight of the unborn.

About 90 percent of the 1,500

that we reached drove by as if we were not there, purposely denying the reality of abortion. The remaining 10 percent appeared to be in disbelief about what they were seeing, or horrified at the images.

I hope and pray that these Christians will be disturbed by the dismembered figures of the aborted babies – that the Holy Spirit will haunt them until they see, and then act by becoming active in ending child killing in America.

I further hope that Hillsong and many other Christian bands who promote so many good and righteous causes will take on the messy, uncomfortable, yet needed cause for the unborn.

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Dear Friend of Defend Life,



You've heard about late trimester abortionist **Leroy Carhart** who set up shop in Germantown, Maryland last December. This was after late trimester abortions in Nebraska, where this child killer was operating in a former vehicle repair shop, were banned. Vigils have occurred every Monday morning since then at this Germantown death camp. To find out more about how you can participate, contact Grace Morrison **240-997-5403** GraceMorrison@Aol.Com.



Carhart received his medical license in Maryland by stating on his application that he was an **emergency room physician**. No discussion of his **abortionist** background was apparently raised by the Maryland Board of physicians who rubber-stamped his application. Continue to write **Paul Elder, MD** who is the Chairman of this Board and tell him that Carhart's license should be revoked because he put either outright false information (worst case) or misleading

(best case) information on his application to obtain a medical license. His address is 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21215. His phone number is **800-492-6836**. His fax number is **410-358-2252**. His email is mbpmail@ren.com. Also join us on **Wednesday, October 26 from 8 AM to 10 AM** for a Face the Truth Tour at the Maryland Board of Physicians which is located at the above address. **Call me at 410-337-3721 about how you can participate in at least one other campaign that will make life much less comfortable for those Pro-Abortion doctors serving on this Board.**

And now, our campaign to rid ourselves of child killer Leroy Carhart really gets more interesting. Enter **Todd Stave**, the son of abortionist Carl Stave who founded the death camp in Germantown where Carhart now commits his child killing. Upon his death this "business" and the building where it is located were left in trust to son Todd Stave and daughter Nancy Stave Samuels along with its sister arbortuary **Prince George's Reproductive Health Services**. So it appears that the Staves are the real owners of the Germantown death camp with son Todd owning the building and sister Nancy being the owner and director of the business. Carhart is merely a **high-powered hired gun**. The blood of the aborted babies is on all three of these monsters.



When this ownership came to light, local activists showed up at the parents' night at Robert Frost Middle School in Rockville. Since Todd Stave's daughter attends this school, the activists had good reason to believe Todd Stave might well be present and the banner they carried might smoke Todd Stave out of his little known relationship with Carhart. It worked like a charm with a person these

activists believe to have been Todd Stave rushing out in a fit of rage and pushing a video camera Peter Shinn was holding back into his face. As a result of this and other exposure, dozens of pro-lifers called or emailed Stave respectfully asking him to break his lease with the abortion business.

The Washington Post

Then the counter barrage began. These names and email addresses and phone numbers were apparently passed on by Stave to his pro-abortion buddies. These pro-lifers were barraged with emails and phone calls and text messages telling them what ugly persons they were and how great Todd Stave and Leroy Carhart were. I was barraged because I was named as the Director of **DEFEND LIFE** in a **Washington Post** article. Besides receiving ugly emails, I also received a call from a female who said she was from Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She said she was part of the group reacting to those who had contacted Todd Stave. I asked her what the name of the group was and she said they did not yet decided. When I asked her if by any chance she was an employee at **Oak Ridge National Laboratories** and was calling on government time, she quickly hung up on me.

In any case, **Pro-Life activists have struck the mother lode** by driving Todd Stave out of obscurity. And now, it even gets better. On Friday, September 23, Todd



Stave traveled all the way to New York to appear on national TV on the **Rachel Maddow Show** telling his tale of woe as to how he was being unjustly attacked by these vicious and venomous anti-choicers. Stave disclosed the name they have come up with for their effort is **Voice of Choice**. Visit them at **VoiceOfChoice.org**.

What is the lesson to be learned from all of this? The lesson is this! Serious Pro-Life activism such as Face the Truth Tours, GAP displays, and publicly identifying the abortionists really works! It even works in the morally depraved culture in which we live! Stay tuned for more developments and be sure you are on our email list. Visit **DefendLife.org** to sign up.



Wyoming Catholic College (WCC) – A Breath of Fresh Air

Recently, I attended a high school mini-class reunion in Lead, South Dakota, the gold mining capital of America. I feel light years closer to my high school classmates than my college classmates. Thanks be to God that I went to a wonderful Pennsylvania high school where so many of my values were formed and where we had committed teachers and one outstanding no-nonsense principal.



I flew out two days early and drove from Rapid City, South Dakota to Lander, Wyoming. Lander is in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. It is where the train tracks ended and where huge loads of building materials had to be carried across the Rockies by enormous wagons towed by huge teams of horses. The main street of that picturesque small western town is nearly 100 feet wide so these teams of horses and their wagons could make the necessary gigantic u-turns.



I had read good things about **WCC** since reading about it five years ago. They just had their first graduating class last May. John Clark, grandson of my dear friend **Onalee McGraw**, founding chairman of Christendom College, was one of the graduates. **Jordan Mooney**, one of our 2011 Face the Truth Tour Directors and one of the Bel Air 18, is a freshman at WCC. Jordan had spoken so glowingly of WCC and its incredibly great outdoor program where students learn outdoor survival skills as well as riding horses. I reasoned I never would be closer than the 400 miles of cattle, buffalo, sheep, coal fields and incredibly beautiful rock formations between Rapid City and Lander. What a drive it

was and what landscape wonders and gigantic blue skies the good Lord has provided. **Those of you who have never traveled to the west owe it to yourself to do so.**

WCC is based on a traditional liberal arts education that forms the whole person in three dimensions:

- Immersing its students in the beautiful outdoors that **our Creator** has given us.
- Introducing them to the **Great Books** and **Good Books** of the past millennia.
- Making their Catholic Faith part of their daily life at **WCC** and beyond.

I sat in on four classes including **Conversational Latin, Euclidean Geometry, Rhetoric, and Old Testament**. All were taught in a non-conventional way where the professor merely acts as a tutor asking many questions and maximizing student participation. I was greatly impressed by all four classes. I was especially impressed by the Conversational Latin class taught by Professor Nancy Llewellyn. **Yes, America, Latin can be spoken!** The freshmen taking this class were not only speaking elementary Latin, they were enjoying it immensely. She would use props such as a bouquet of roses which one student would present to another while speaking and responding in Latin. At dinner, I spoke with Professor Llewellyn at length and learned about her upcoming Latin Immersion weekend. By the way, the students refer to her as **Magistra**, Latin for teacher.

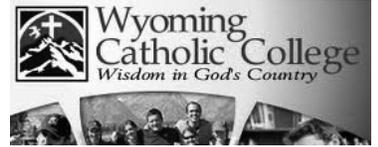


The three founders of Wyoming Catholic College are Dr. Robert Carlson, Father Robert Cook who has served as president since its founding, and **Bishop David Ricken**, formerly the Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming and now the Bishop of Green Bay, Wisconsin. The Diocese of Cheyenne encompasses the entire state of sparsely populated Wyoming. Bishop Ricken issued a challenge to the Catholics of Wyoming to begin a Catholic college in their state. Forty-nine responses were received. The 49th was from the good Catholics of Lander. Because of the outstanding local parish which also had excellent start-up facilities, and **NOLS**, the National Outdoor Leadership School which is located there, Lander was chosen.

Here are several things I observed that make **WCC** different:

1. Nearly all students were home-schooled. I only spoke to one student who attended conventional school. **We are beginning to see the great fruits of Catholic Home Schooling!**
2. Nearly all students had two or more siblings. Jessica, whose parents run a cattle ranch in North Dakota, had seven siblings.

3. Noon day Mass is the most important event of each day for students and faculty.
 4. The outstanding outdoor program is fantastic. Two days after my visit, students were leaving for their five-day fall outdoor weekend. Some were going as far as Zion National Park in southwestern Utah to practice their rappelling skills from the immensely beautiful vertical walls of that canyon. Young ladies that might weigh 100 pounds soaking wet carry 40 pound backpacks. There are no **couch potatoes** at **WCC**.
 5. No cell phones are allowed at **WCC**. What an impediment they would be to the great conversations that are being enjoyed by students and faculty. Faculty members actually dine with students! There is no faculty dining room.
 6. The students are bright, courteous, and glow with goodness!
- You could not support a Catholic college any better than **WCC**. For more information, visit **Wyoming-CatholicCollege.Com**. Read about plans for their permanent campus.



Every American Should Visit Mount Rushmore



Every American should visit this great American monument carved into the side of a granite mountain. As depraved as our culture has become, you have a great sense of pride, patriotism, and hope when you see this great monument built to honor four of our most outstanding presidents.

Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor who was responsible for Stone Mountain Georgia was the primary force behind Mount Rushmore. He had the vision and the tenacity and the skill to make this American monument happen. Here are some interesting facts about Mount Rushmore during my recent visit:

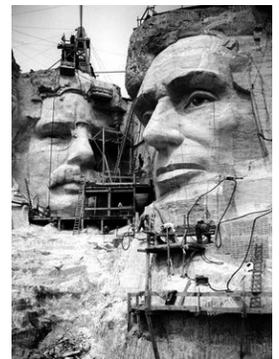
- It was begun in 1927 and completed in 1941. **It was budgeted at \$500,000 and cost \$950,000.**
- Borglum continuously lobbied Congress for the funding. Typical wages for workers began at 45 cents per hour.
- The faces are 60 feet high, the eyes 11 feet wide, and the noses 20 feet long.
- 400 persons participated in carving this edifice and all the other functions that were involved. During my visit, I actually spoke to a man in his 80's whose job as a young man was to take pictures of the carving of this national monument.
- All work was done by men sitting in bosun's chairs suspended by a small cable from a hand-powered winch at the top of the mountain. Men dangled holding 30 pound jackhammers horizontally for two hour shifts each day.
- **Thomas Jefferson** was originally to the left of **George Washington** but Borglum, a perfectionist, was not satisfied with it. He ordered it to be dynamited and recarved it to the right of Washington.
- Borglum, who was a genius, used an ancient Greek method of **pointing** to achieve the life-like images of the four presidents. His 1/12 scale model built from plaster of Paris had to be modified nine times as work progressed.
- Some parts of Mount Rushmore were never completed, such as portions of President Lincoln's face due to lack of funding and the beginning of World War II which was imminent.

For more information on Mount Rushmore, visit **NPS.Gov** and type **Mount Rushmore** in the search box. Consider taking your children or grandchildren there next summer!

And, thanks for all you do to save innocent pre-born children from death by abortion!

Long Live Christ Our King!

Jack Ames
Jack Ames, Director



‘Art’ of abortion shown at Baltimore’s Artscape festival

By Kurt and Samantha Linneman

Those attending Baltimore’s Artscape, the largest art festival in the U.S., on July 16 saw an unusual display, thanks to CBR Maryland.

In addition to the displays by artists, fashion designers and crafts-people, they saw four large posters and three hand-held signs with graphic pictures of abortion.

We also displayed a banner reading, “The Art of Abortion: The Slaughter of the Innocent.”

In addition, CBR volunteers handed out pro-life literature to passersby.

We were strategically located in the center of the festival, where many thousands of people walked past our display.

When we showed the signs, the Baltimore City police threatened to arrest us. We simply asked what we were going to be arrested for. Knowing they had nothing to charge us with, they backed down.

Fifteen police officers stood by and watched our display go up and stay up for the following three hours.

Our photos precipitated many meaningful conversations. But more importantly, thousands of young people, many of whom said they supported abortion, were faced with the reality of what abortion does to an innocent human being. Many were challenged to re-evaluate their “pro-choice” position.



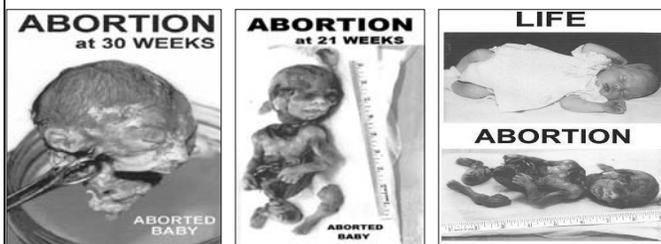
Hey, don’t they need a permit?

After conferring with Artscape management, police decide that the pro-lifers don’t need a permit to display their signs on the sidewalk.



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Book Review

Apocalypse now – or at least in the very near future

By Diane Levero

Brian Gail's novel, *Fatherless*, focused on the lives of four devout Catholics, one of whom is a priest, in the 1980s.

Motherless picked up their lives twenty years later, in contemporary times.

In *Childless*, the final book in his trilogy, Gail ventures with his main characters and their families into the not-too-distant future.

Someone once said that it's very hard to make predictions, especially about the future.

But Gail has shrewdly read present trends and projected them into a future that, while grim and sobering, is quite believable.

He is a masterful storyteller tackling an ambitious subject: no less than the Biblically predicted End of the Age.

Of course, Christ said that no one except the Father knows when that will come.

But Gail has woven an entertaining and thought-provoking tale about what it might be like if it *did* come in about two decades.

Fr. John Sweeney, pastor of St. Martha's Catholic Church in the Philadelphia suburb of Narbrook, has been faithful to God and His Church, and is able to read the signs of the times with sad precision.

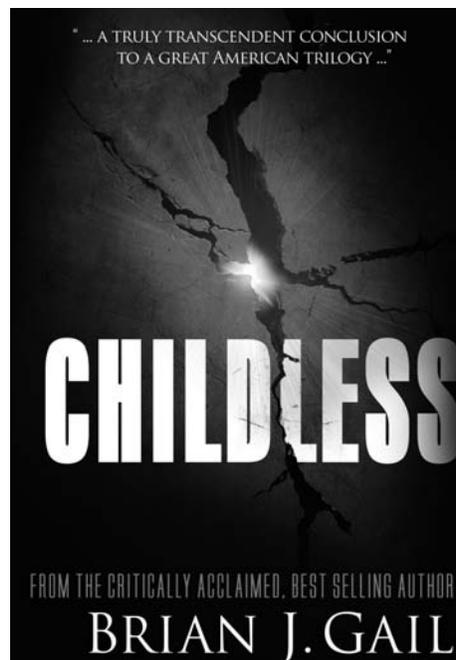
At a lunch table in D.C.'s Union Station, he tells his horrified long-time friend from seminary days, who is about to be named the new cardinal archbishop of Philadelphia, that he believes the next archbishop of Philadelphia will die in prison, and that his successor will die before a

firing squad.

Maggie Gillespie, in *Motherless*, had walked out on her job as CEO of a Catholic hospital in Philadelphia because it was dispensing abortifacient contraceptives and supporting an in vitro fertilization clinic.

In *Childless* the hospital buckles and complies with a federal mandate to provide abortions.

Maggie's new Natural Family Planning clinic is being threatened with shutdown for refusing to obey the same mandate.



Michael Burns, the combustible high-roller Madison Avenue ad executive-turned alternative newspaper publisher, knows it's time to get out.

He sells his palatial homes in Ocean City, New Jersey, and on Philadelphia's storied Main Line and buys a 1,200-acre farm on the Chesapeake Bay on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

He has wild plans for his children and their families to make it through

the End Times, or at least the end of the United States, which he is convinced is imminent.

In the meantime, Argentinean Hanley Siliezar, the most influential businessman in the world and the unrivaled global leader in the Life Sciences Revolution, is proceeding full speed ahead with his plans for the New Age of Man.

Siliezar, a cold-blooded atheist, is determined to destroy not only the United States, but the Catholic Church, which he hates with a passion.

At a secret summit of the Global Governance Council, which Siliezar heads, its members receive some amazing news: an 8.8 mega quake along California's San Andreas Fault Line has sent half of California, including Silicon Valley, into the sea.

"There *is* a God!" exclaims Siliezar to the roar of approval from his fellow world planners.

"America has lost its entire innovation community; now we need to take out its capital structure," he proclaims ominously.

A New York City cab driver from Pakistan with a "briefcase" nuclear bomb takes care of that in short order.

The U.S. government, which has already spent itself into oblivion, is ripe for destruction. Its debt ratio – the nation's debt as a percent of its Gross Domestic Product – is an unsustainable 135 percent. Unemployment is at 20 percent and rising.

The country is verging on anarchy. It is increasingly difficult to get food to large cities, because trucks and trains are attacked. Farmers have reverted to a barter system, and

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In My Humble Opinion

CCHD reformed? I don't think so

By Janet Baker

After the nation's bishops were embarrassed by the very public scandals of ACORN, they vowed to reform the Catholic Campaign for Human Development's grant-making process. The ostensible aim was to ensure that recipients of Catholic monies did not engage in activities inimical to Catholic moral principles, or partner with other organizations that engage in such contrary practices.

We were subsequently assured afterwards that the necessary steps had been taken to preserve the integrity of our Catholic donations. Sadly, there is cause to doubt the efficacy of such reforms – if indeed it can be said that such reforms actually took place.

I suggest that the reader download their own copy of the 2010-2011 list of CCHD grantees. It can be found online at usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/grants/upload/cchd-grantees-2010.pdf.

I will highlight the ways which some local grantees violate these so-called “reformed guidelines” of the CCHD.

On page 6 of that report, we see an organization called Out For Justice. Its website is out4justice.org. This Baltimore organization exists to “change unjust policies affecting incarcerated individuals and their families.” This I gleaned from the site's “about” page.

The picture on that page is rather curious, as it seems to be that of a war protest effort. Whatever one's opinions may be of the nation's current military engagements, such a protest would seem to be outside the scope of this stated mission.

That, however, is a minor issue. For the real problematic issue with Out For Justice, click the “funders” page. You'll see that the CCHD is one of two major donors. Who's the other? The Open Society Institute.

Yes, this is the same George Soros moneybag group that funded Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, a dissident bunch that helped elect the likes of Kathleen Sebelius to her office of Kansas governor – and that greased the skids for justifying a Catholic vote for Obama in the 2008 elections.

Let's move down the grantee list to People Acting Together in Howard (PATH). Their website is path-iaf.org/. In the url you can see that it's affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF).

Those of you with internet can look up both the IAF and Saul Alinsky. You'll see that Alinsky founded the IAF to carry on the antics he so aptly described in his book, *Rules for Radicals*. The IAF's own site says that a core purpose of theirs is to train community organizers. One such “organizer” was Barack Obama. David Alinsky (Saul's son) remarked that Obama learned his lessons well.

The next one down is United Workers Association. In 2010 they joined the coalition spearheaded by Equality Maryland to push for “gay marriage” in Maryland.

They're also affiliates of Progressive Maryland. Fellow members of that group include National Or-

**Except for a few token changes,
No substantive reform of
the CCHD has happened.
It should be abolished outright.**

ganization of Women, the Service Employees International Union and Equality Maryland.

Please go to page 9 of the grantee report, to the section showing grantees within the Archdiocese of Washington (DC and the bordering Maryland counties). The Partnership for Renewal in Southern and Central Maryland, according to their website prism.gamaliel.org, is an affiliate of the Gamaliel Foundation. That in turn was founded in Chicago in the Alinskyite tradition.

It was within this group that Obama got his feet wet in “community organizing.” An examination of the “health care” section of the website makes plain its unequivocal support for the Obama “Health” bill – including the opening of the floodgates of more widespread abortion.

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), like PATH, is an IAF affiliate. See windc-iaf.org. What was written above about PATH could easily be written here.

It is not possible in this amount of space to delve into the community-organizing theories of Saul Alinsky. His aim was to recruit people into agitating for progressive changes, under the guise of helping them improve their lot. I'd suggest that one and all procure a copy of his book, *Rules for Radicals*, and read it. You'll notice right away his salute to the world's first “community organizer” – Satan.

Then as you take a look at these various grantees,

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Reverse 'good guys-bad guys' stereotype, says Catholic writer

When author and editor Regina Doman gives talks to teens, she asks them, "When you read books or watch movies or TV, who is the more interesting, the good guys or the bad guys?"

They always say "the bad guys."

Doman then asks them to draw a chart with two columns, labeled "Good Guys" and "Bad Guys" and contrast the characteristics of each.

This is what the teens say: the bad guys have sweet toys and cool clothes. The good guys have nothing but brains.

The good guys are normal, ordinary. They don't need to change; they're already good.

The bad guys are nonconformists. They get to do whatever they want. They are more human. They make mistakes; you can relate to them.

The good guys are perfect. Who can relate to someone who's perfect?

The bad guys push the story; there wouldn't be a story without the bad guys. They're mysterious. They're confident, full of passion, driven to do something.

The good guys are obvious, plain, shy, humble and bland. They're restricted. They have to follow the rules. They're very serious and boring.

The bad guys are powerful, strong, can use brute force. They wear black. They're more sensual.

The good guys are the status-quo type, pretty tame, more spiritual, abstract.

And so on.

As a Catholic parent or teen, or a Catholic writer, "The list is your problem," says Doman, "because this is what is in our imaginations of what is good and evil."

Our imaginations are fed by the

books, movies and TV we watch, and for better or worse, entertainment is an important part of our culture.

Imagination is very important, she asserts. "The imagination is how we think about what we know; it's sort of the back door to our reason. The way it can change the way we think is very powerful."

Doman characterizes the current state of the entertainment our



The stuff our kids watch and read is full of seductive bad guys and wimpy good guys, warns author Regina Doman.

kids are fed as "seductive evil versus wimpy goodness."

What can we do about this?

Dietrich von Hildebrand, a Catholic philosopher, nailed the source of the problem, saying, "When you sever the connection between goodness and beauty, then goodness is in danger of becoming abstract and merely moral, and evil will become fascinating."

"We as Catholic parents know this has happened, and we are living in a culture that is a result of that happening," said Doman.

The problem is as old as Milton and Shakespeare, she claimed. Von Hildebrand said that it happened in the Protestant Reformation, when they stripped the altars, and got rid

of the beauty and sensuality of the Catholic Church.

"As parents, you have to help you kids connect goodness and beauty again," she advised.

Get kids to love goodness by showing that goodness and beauty, which both come from God, are mutual.

Beauty is the incarnation of goodness, explained Doman.

"Some of our literature is infected with what I call the flabby goodness virus. But *vibrant* goodness is what you want to expose your kids to."

Just applying your intellect to the "good guys-bad guys" list tells you how false it is, compared to reality, she said.

"Think about the good people you know: does this list apply to them?" she asked rhetorically.

As a writer, how can you overcome this list?

"Write from reality," recommended Doman. "Don't accept the stock characters in bad Western literature."

As Catholic parents concerned about what our children are absorbing from art, "We should start from our faith: ensure that your children, especially if they are budding writers, read the Bible," she urged.

"Have them memorize the Scriptures, especially the poetic books, the prophets and the songs. The Bible is the formative tool; it does engage the imagination."

In contrast with popular assumptions about "good guys" and "bad guys," she noted, "In the Bible, *God* is the instigator: the Bible is full of the actions of God.

"Satan does maybe three things:

See STEREOTYPES, page 19

Who is the Hitler in our abortion wars?

A reflection on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

By Bob Brown

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born in 1906 into a prestigious German family: a grandfather of his had been one of Europe's most famous theologians, his father was Germany's best known neurologist, and his older brother Karl-Friedrich split the atom and worked with Max Planck and Albert Einstein.

Dietrich earned his doctorate in theology at the age of 21, and he made a name for himself repudiating the liberal theology that had characterized the majority of Protestant German churches since the nineteenth century.

After Hitler came into power in 1933, Bonhoeffer was the first – and for a while, just about the only – pastor to oppose the Nazi regime openly.

He declared that it was the Church's duty to resist the persecution of the Jews – but not just passively or reactively. He said that the Church must not simply “bandage the victims who are under the wheel”; the Church must “jam the spoke in the wheel itself.”

Bonhoeffer joined the Abwehr, a German military intelligence organization, acting as a double agent. (In fact, many of the members of the German resistance were also part of the Abwehr.)

Thus, Bonhoeffer was aware of the atrocities being committed against Jews long before it was common knowledge.

As a member of the Abwehr, Bonhoeffer could move about Europe quite easily. He used this freedom to pastor many different churches in his



Dietrich Bonhoeffer's passionate defense of the truth of Scripture fueled his opposition to Hitler, which led to his execution.

own country and in other countries, to carry between Germany and England information vital to the German resistance and, as part of Operation 7, to smuggle more than a dozen Jewish people into neutral Switzerland.

Bonhoeffer's role in the conspiracy to assassinate Hitler – most famously as part of the failed Valkyrie plot – was eventually discovered by the Gestapo (after he had already been in prison for several months on other charges.)

He was executed by hanging at the Flossenburg concentration camp on April 9, 1945, just two weeks before American troops liberated the camp.

The oft-cited comparison between Nazism and abortion is indeed valid on many levels; the cruelties unleashed upon their innocent victims are innumerable and unimaginable.

However, although I bet that the

majority of pro-lifers look back with admiration on the men and women who conspired to rid the world of Adolf Hitler, most would nevertheless be uncomfortable in any way equating Bonhoeffer's anti-Nazi activism with anti-abortion activism.

Still, I think it's fair to ask whether there is a legitimate role – which, perhaps, might not be appreciated for several decades to come – for a modern-day, abortion-battling Bonhoeffer.

I believe that an assassination is indeed in order. Hitler is alive and well today in the United States, and “he” must be dealt with.

But in order to identify correctly the American Hitler whom we must target, we must first have a basic understanding of the German Hitler.

Adolf Hitler is held universally to be the person most culpable for the crimes against humanity perpetrated in Europe in the late 1930s and into the 1940s because he was the dictator, *der Führer* (the Leader).

The rule of law began and ended with him. The laws designed to destroy the Jewish people were written or approved by him. Hitler answered only to himself.

Although some pro-lifers would like to equate this president, or that congressperson, or such-and-such Supreme Court justice with Hitler, the truth is that not one American political leader is the political or moral equivalent of Hitler.

America is not run by a dictator who doesn't have to answer to anybody. So, who has penned the court decisions that have decriminalized abortion? Who has written the laws

that have protected child-killing centers as sacred spaces? Ultimately, it's the American people who have sanctioned their own country's moral degradation.

It is true that America has hired a small band of henchmen to do its bidding; still, America is run by the will of the majority of its people.

The culpability for four decades' worth of pro-abortion laws and their dastardly results belongs to the tens of millions of American citizens who have elected politicians to protect and promote the legal killing of preborn children.

I am not contending that this president, or that congressperson, or such-and-such Supreme Court justice is guilt-free. Far from it! But in a democracy, the guilt for evil laws ultimately rests with the people who sustain these laws by electing representatives to keep the laws in place.

So, then, who is the target of our assassination? The Hitler in each American's heart – the dictator who rules the will, putting self far above all others.

It may be the case that relatively few of us Americans are given to acts of sheer barbarism, but it is also true that the hearts of a great number of us have grown callous.

Are the murders of baby girls and boys important to anyone? Can you read in the news, watch in the movies, see on TV, or hear in the speeches of politicians (conservative, even) any empathy for the 3,000 preborn American babies each day who experience pain, then death in abortion clinics?

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No. Those sources have tranquilized the American public's humanity with an addicting, anesthetizing cocktail of materialism, pleasure, and entertainment.

What about us Christians? Do we pray? Do we write to our representatives? Do we engage in peaceful protest? Do we volunteer our time or donate our money? Do we tell our friends and neighbors about the hope and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ, of which we ourselves are unworthy beneficiaries?

The culture of death will be changed when individuals are transformed into life by faith in the Risen Lord.

If any one of the many failed assassination attempts against Hitler had succeeded, it is almost certain that the Nazi empire would have crumbled swiftly as a result.

But how do you overthrow the abortion empire in America when it is controlled by millions of mini-dictators? Not by violence. Instead, as Jesus said, we gain the victory when we deny ourselves (unnecessary material goods, pleasures, and entertainment) and take up our cross daily and follow Him.

Moreover, the only weapons that we may use against any person – public official or other – are prayer, the pen, peaceful protest, and the polling booth.

Unfortunately, Dietrich Bonhoeffer is best known for his role in the conspiracy to assassinate Adolf Hitler. I deem it unfortunate not because I am condemning his decision to take part in a plot to murder the leader of his own country, but because the many people who obsess about his involvement in various conspiracies, which occurred only in the last few years of his life, miss out on who Bonhoeffer really was.

He was a man who loved the

Word of God. Bonhoeffer mined every last word of the Bible for rich treasure; every verse was a fine artifact to dig up, brush off, puzzle over, and incorporate into his daily life.

As dedicated as he was to protecting his Jewish countrymen from the destructive aggression of the Nazis, he was equally passionate about and dedicated to protecting his fellow countrymen from the destructive teachings of liberal academics and false pastors who were leading them astray – away from the authority and literal truthfulness of the Bible and, thus, into eternal destruction.

His passion for the truth of Scripture fueled his loud and open preaching of the Gospel in the midst of the Nazi maelstrom.

He never budged an inch on the Bible, standing as a prominent leader of the true Christian churches when most Protestant German churches, having long before embraced the lies of liberal theology, lost all lingering remnants of the Christian faith by signing on to Nazi dogma.

His leadership, though, was not merely a theoretical or rhetorical public exercise. Throughout his adulthood, this brilliant theologian repeatedly turned down academic posts in favor of pastoral positions in locales (remote Spanish countrysides and rough German inner cities) whose citizens didn't appreciate academia or even have a basic understanding of Scripture.

He pastored small churches that had never had a true man of God in their pulpit – and the people flocked to listen to him. He loved teaching Sunday school to little children and to rowdy groups of teenage boys who had had no Christian upbringing.

It's these many examples of a godly shepherd tending his flock for which Bonhoeffer *ought* most to be remembered.

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you'll see Alinskyan thought throughout their operating philosophies. You'll also see a bit of it throughout the Catholic Campaign for Human Development itself. It was co-founded by Msgr. Jack Egan, a close friend of Alinsky's and a board member of the IAF.

According to *Human Events*, its original purpose was to funnel Catholic funds into the IAF. As you can see from the grantees from the Baltimore/DC area, the

CCHD continues to fund the IAF and other Alinskyan groups. ACORN was just one such group – but the others still continue to receive Catholic money.

Except for a few token changes, no substantive reform of the CCHD has happened. Given its jaded foundations, I say that not only should the CCHD be defunded, but it should be abolished outright. On the balance, it has done great harm to the Catholic Church and to society at large.

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the temptation in the Garden, he tortures Job, he tempts Christ, and that's it. He's off-screen for most of it."

Our Catholic teaching on sin is wonderfully complex and psychologically sound, Doman pointed out.

"As Catholics, we understand sin as an addiction. Kids understand addictions because of drug use. They know you don't want to try meth or heroin even once, because when you do, it's harder not to do it again."

It's the same with mortal sin: "Mortal sin is something you don't want to do even once, because your free will takes a big hit – it's so much harder not to do it again."

Doman recommended two Christian authors, C.S. Lewis and G.K. Chesterton.

"Chesterton has the market on vibrant goodness," she noted, especially in his novel, *Manalive*, which portrays a good protagonist who is very unpredictable.

"Beauty is central, beauty is critical," said Doman. "It's not just in art, it's at the center of your life."

If you have Catholic art in your house, put money in good art, not because you are an elitist, but because you want something that is beautiful for your children.

In what your children read or view, she concluded, "Make sure the good guys are beautiful and the bad

guys are boring."

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citizen patrols shoot thieves on sight. Mexico is threatening war with the Southwest to take back the land it claims belongs to them.

Siliezar's Global Governance Council bails the U.S. out with \$16.2 trillion in Chinese hard currency – in exchange for U.S. sovereignty.

The U.S. must adopt a new constitution, turn over control of its nuclear arsenal and its navy, and submit all Supreme Court First Amendment decisions for approval.

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of preventing pregnancy.

Siliezar wants no more of the not very bright, disease-ridden, war-making humans created in the usual way.

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Now, how do you think the Church's U.S. bishops and priests react to all this? Well, I'm not going to tell you. You can make an educated guess.

Gail's epic account of the End of the Age is not flawless. His handling of his characters, so finely drawn in his first two novels, suffers in *Childless* as his necessarily sweeping plot takes center stage.

Nevertheless, it's an excellent read from a refreshingly unapologetic Catholic perspective.

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