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Hopkins Bayview: abortions up to 20 weeks, how-to demos

While pro-lifers protest, pray and counsel in front of Planned Parenthood and other abortion clinics throughout Maryland, medical and surgical abortions of unborn babies up to 20 weeks gestation are quietly and routinely committed—and future abortionists are trained—at one of the most prestigious medical institutions in the state and the nation.

At the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center campus in East Baltimore, a dedicated group of gyn/obs staffs the Division of Family Planning, offering patients a “full range” of birth control and family planning options.

Abortion is one of them.

Abortion should not be left solely in the hands of freestanding abortion clinics, insists Colleen Krajewski, M.D., a recent Family Planning Division physician (now with University of Pittsburgh Medical Center).

“With one of three American women having an abortion, familiarity with the procedure is an obligation to our patients,” she notes (“Medical Education in Abortion,” Medscape.com, Nov. 15, 2011).

When Krajewski did her residency at an Ohio hospital, the hospital performed abortions only under extenuating circumstances, she recalls; “thus, abortion training is often physically separated from res-



Abortions done here

“A” Building (above) at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center houses the Division of Family Planning, which offers patients a “full range” of family planning options, including abortions up to 20 weeks gestation.

idency training”—not a good thing, in her eyes.

Avoiding the stigma

Medical students should be able to get their abortion training at the hospital where they are undergoing their residency, Krajewski argues.

“Off-site rotations are excellent for resident education, but the separation can unconsciously stigmatize an already contentious field.”

Johns Hopkins is a “teaching” hospital. As part of their training, a Hopkins Medical School student must do several eight-week “clerkships” in fields of medicine, surgery, pediatrics, and gyn/ob.

The eight-week required clerkship in gyn/ob includes some two-week rotations called selectives in several sub-specialties that students can pick and choose from. The clerkships are offered throughout the year.

Jennifer Robinson, M.D., is director of the Family Planning Selective.

“Students choosing the Family Planning Selective will participate in all family planning and pregnancy termination clinics which occur during their two-week rotation,” Robinson explains in the selective’s class schedule.



Dr. Robinson

“Students have the opportunity to observe both elective and medically indicated first- and second-trimester procedures.”

Planned Parenthood helps out

Medical students on the two-week rotation spend Mondays at Planned Parenthood of Maryland on North Howard Street in Baltimore.

Bayview’s Division of Family Planning and Planned Parenthood appear to have a close working relationship.

Three DFP physicians—Michelle Fox, Roxanne Jamshidi and Anne E. Burke—co-authored a study, “Immediate placement of intrauterine devices after first and second trimester pregnancy termination,” along with Raegan McDonald-Mosley, medical director at the Howard Street Planned Parenthood. (*Contraception: An International Reproductive Health Journal*, Aug. 12, 2010),

The co-authors reviewed their experience with IUD placement with 308 women after elective surgical abortions from 2004-2009.

Burke and McDonald-Mosley also teamed up with a third physi-

cian from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to co-author “Family Planning and the Burden of Unintended Pregnancies” (*Epidemiologic Reviews*, Apr. 29, 2010).

Green scrubs for abortion

Baltimore’s Planned Parenthood does only first-trimester abortions. So Wednesdays on the two-week rotation are reserved for observing “pregnancy terminations” at Bayview.

“You can check the OR schedule the day before by clicking on Bayview OR schedule in the blue ‘EPR Bulletin Board’ box on the homepage of EPR [Electronic Patient Record] and looking for Dr. Jamshidi/Robinson/ Burke’s cases,” notes Robinson.

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Dr. Jamshidi

The operating room is on the third floor; take the red elevators, she advises. “If you don’t have scrub access at Bayview, you can ask at the desk in front of the ORs. You can’t wear the cobalt blue scrubs from downtown JHH at Bayview. Bayview has green scrubs.”

Bayview’s abortion providers

The physicians of Bayview’s

Family Planning Division have accumulated an impressive array of medical credentials and accomplishments.

Division Director Anne Burke, a 1996 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, completed a fellowship in Family Planning at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and is currently an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology there.

Burke has co-authored an extensive list of medical research studies. Pubfacts.com lists 24 studies co-authored by her from 2005-2014, at least four of which deal with abortion-related subjects.

Burke apparently has working connections with another abortion facility in addition to Planned Parenthood. Vitals.com, a website providing names and information on physicians, lists her third office location as 7648 Belair Road in Baltimore—the address of Whole Women’s Health abortion clinic.

Several websites also list the addresses of two abortion clinics as additional office locations for Dr. Ramshidi: Planned Parenthood on North Howard Street and Whole Women’s Health on Belair Road.

Dr. Burke does not fare well on Vitals.com’s patient review listings, scoring an overall rating of 1.5 stars out of a possible 4 stars in four reviews submitted by patients in 2013.

“Horrible! Gave me Essure [permanent birth control method in which inserts are placed in the fallopian tubes], then when I had pain, would not see me,” commented Krystal.

“Please do not go to this doctor,” wrote Mother of Two. “I had a horrible experience delivering my child....I came back for 5-week

post-partum checkup and brought my baby for her to see. Wow! She didn't look happy to see my child at all."

"Horrible physician!" said Emily: "Besides having no personality or common courtesy, Dr. Burke does not offer any explanation, rough physical exams, and is condescending. It is as if you are bothering her with questions."

IUDs, implants 'great'

Bayview's Division of Family Planning lists "a full range of options for birth control and family planning" at hopkinsmedicine.org.

The list includes hormonal contraception, implants, IUDs, sterilization, "emergency contraception," and management of miscarriage and

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"unintended pregnancies."

It does not include Natural Family Planning.

Bayview Public Affairs and Marketing Coordinator Sara Baker told *Defend Life* that the Family Planning clinic offered "all" birth control options, including NFP, but did not reply to a question about which NFP methods were offered.

A woman answering the phone at the clinic assured *Defend Life* that the clinic offered NFP, but when asked which methods were used, replied that she didn't know, adding, "I'm not in there when the doctor talks to the patient."

"Providers like myself tend to be great advocates of LARC—long-acting reversible contraceptives, meaning implants and IUDs," says Dr. Burke ("A Minor Eureka Moment," 2011



Dr. Burke

Family Planning Conference, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health). "We think they are great because they are super-effective.... In terms of efficacy, you can't do much better."

Dr. Krajewski agrees.

"One of the methods with the most mythology is the IUD, which is unfortunate since the IUD is one of the most effective methods available," she writes ("Why I'm Dispelling Myths about Birth Control," *HuffingtonPost.com*, May 5, 2014).

Both doctors insist, however, that it is not their place to pressure a patient to use LARCs.



Dr. Fox

Are the clinic's ob/gyns biased in favor of implants and IUDs? "Disclosures" or "Conflict of Interest" statements reveal that Drs. Burke, Fox, and Jamshidi provide training for insertion of the implant Nexplanon ("Birth Outcomes after Induced Abortion," *humrep.oxfordjournals.org*, Sept. 27, 2012).

Dr. Fox received compensation from Teva Pharmaceuticals from 2007-2009 as a member of its speakers bureau for training clinicians to insert ParaGard IUDs ("Immediate

placement of intrauterine devices after first and second trimester pregnancy termination," *Contraception: An International Reproductive Health Journal*, Aug. 12, 2010).

While the clinic's doctors praise the IUDs and implants (most of which can act as abortifacients) the Internet is awash in negative consumer reviews of them.

Facebook.com/pages/Paragard-Don't-Get-One-Women-Helping-Women-to-be-informed, for example, has horror stories of severe pain, cramping, excessive and prolonged bleeding, as well as tales of the IUDs traveling to parts of the body where they don't belong, causing serious internal injuries.

"Nexplanon reviews" at thesudentroom.co.uk contains numerous complaints about the implant: lengthy bleeding episodes, as long as two months; significant weight gain; and frightening mood swings.

Mystery stats

Basic statistics concerning the operations of Bayview's Division of Family Planning are apparently non-existent.

Asked by *Defend Life* for the number of surgical and medical abortions performed at Bayview, Public Affairs coordinator Baker emailed, "The Family Planning Clinic at Johns Hopkins Bayview does not keep these statistics."

Bayview is more forthcoming with other numbers, however. A quick Google search revealed 1,530 births at Bayview, according to the American Hospital Association (health.usnews.com/best-hospitals/area/md/johns-hopkins-bayview-medical-center).

But however many are per-

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Americans must accept God as the source of our rights, says Keyes

In 1979, while working for the U.S. State Department, Alan Keyes was assigned to the consulate in Mumbai, India.

Like any newcomer, Keyes decided to spend a day wandering around, taking in all the colorful and often strange sights.

"Everywhere I went, people were begging," Keyes told his audience at a Defend Life-sponsored talk in Ellicott City November 14.

The devout Catholic had already resolved to follow Christ's injunction and give to all who ask.

So when a group of raggedly dressed children gathered round begging, he gave each one a couple of rupees.

"Their response was, 'Why don't you stay with us for a while?' he recalled with a smile. "So I spent the afternoon with them."

The kids made the rounds of the big hotels, scrounging discarded food from the trash bins. Behind one hotel, they hit the jackpot: a whole, intact cake.

They sat in a circle and divided it up, giving each one a piece and talking amongst themselves.

"Suddenly, one of them who spoke English and had been acting as my translator turned to me and said, 'Here, have some cake!'" said Keyes.

The young diplomat accepted the cake with humility. The realization dawned on him that the boy's act of generosity epitomized a great truth.

America's Declaration of Independence states that "all men are created equal," he mused.

Yet, here he was—compared to them, rich, privileged, and even powerful—and there they were,

small, poor, and powerless.

How in the world were they "created equal"?

"That's when I understood that when it comes to the inclination to do right as God gives us to see the right, it does not matter whether you



Americans must embrace the Founding Fathers' premise that our unalienable rights come from our Creator, says Alan Keyes.

are rich or poor, small or great; you can still be moved by God's goodness written on your heart.

"You can still strive to do what God has proclaimed is right."

Go forward to *what*?

The former U.N. ambassador had titled his talk, "Taking Back America."

"This morning I saw a Ron Paul bumper sticker from 2012 with the slogan, 'Restore America Now,'" he noted.

"I myself am associated with a website called 'Renew America.' And I've spoken for 'Reclaim America,' an organization that sponsors conferences and speakers

and so forth."

America is not what it used to be, declared Keyes: Americans are filled with a sense that the nation is in a decline—more than that, at the precipice of a collapse.

"We know that we've got to reclaim, renew, rebuild the solid foundation that can keep us from that fate."

Exactly what was the edifice of our nation that made it great?

To find the answer, we can look at the Founding Fathers' documents, read their letters and the accounts of their debates.

"The basis of our nation came from the willingness of a privileged few to entrust the future nation to the common people of the United States," Keyes asserted.

The Founders knew they were facing great risks, and they didn't have much faith in 'democracy': all the previous democracies in history had ended in disaster, he pointed out.

They captured the essence of the bedrock of our nation's foundation in the Declaration's opening words:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights..."

"This is the bedrock premise on the basis of which they thought they could do what had never successfully been done before in the history of mankind: to erect a great and successful nation, not on the will of the majority, not on the will of the powerful—but on the strength of the goodwill of the people of God," said Keyes.

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Glenn to appeals court: Don't let the inmates run the asylum

The cornerstone of a democracy is the ability of its people to question, investigate and monitor the government. Free access to public records is a central building block of our constitutional framework.

Conversely, the hallmark of totalitarianism is secrecy and the foundation of tyranny is ignorance.

—Thomas Jefferson

On March 12, 2013, Maryland Coalition for Life Director Andrew Glenn requested, under the state's Public Information Act, copies of license applications to operate surgical abortion facilities in the state of Maryland.

A year earlier, public outcry over a secret late-term abortion clinic in Elkton, Md., run by scandal-ridden abortionist Steven Brigham had led to the passage of regulations requiring, for the first time, that Maryland's abortion facilities be licensed and undergo inspections.

Glenn hoped that cross-referencing names on the license applications with abortion practitioners in other states could help spot those whose records of malpractice or incompetence rendered them too dangerous to be licensed in Maryland.

Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene sent Glenn copies of the license applications, but redacted the names of the administrators, officers, owners, and medical directors, along with email addresses containing the name of an individual.

Handwritten on the top of the application submitted by Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington DC-Silver Spring was the following note: "Exclude or redact 'Agency email address' and 'Name



Andrew Glenn wants the Court of Special Appeals to order the Maryland Health Department to release redacted information on abortion facility applications.

of Medical Director' from any FOIA [public records requests] inquiries."

"The regulatee became the regulator," observed Francis Manion, senior counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice.

"What other business gets to dictate to its governmental regulators the information the regulator should or should not disclose to the public?"

"The Glenn case presents real evidence of the incestuous relationship between Big Abortion and Big Government."

Whenever the state of Maryland denies a request for public records, the Public Information Act requires it to file a lawsuit asking for court review.

The PIA instructs the courts to construe its terms liberally, with a presumption in favor of disclosure.

But when the case came before Baltimore City Circuit Court this year, Judge Emanuel Brown upheld the Department of Health's right to

redact the information requested by Glenn.

Brown's May 8 ruling, in a terse, one-page order, cited only "public safety concerns," without any explanation.

The ACLJ is appealing the ruling to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.

Its opening brief in *Glenn v. DHMH*, filed November 5, states, "This case contains troubling evidence of a regulated business dictating to a regulating agency the terms of disclosure of important public information.

"If allowed to stand, the Department's withholding of the requested information...would replace the PIA's guiding principle of maximum disclosure with the principle of letting the inmates run the asylum."

Abortion facilities, like any other place of business open to the public that requires state licensure, should not be permitted to hide basic information that it shares with the government in order to obtain a license, the brief argues.

"Glenn, and the general public, have a right to act as a 'watchdog' to review the government's oversight of those who own and operate surgical abortion facilities."

The *Glenn* brief went on to say that "*Regulations do not enforce themselves*," citing as a "cautionary tale" the case of abortionist Kermit Gosnell.

"Dr. Gosnell was sentenced [in 2013] to life in prison for snipping the spines of babies born alive in illegal, late-term abortions in Pennsylvania....

"Dr. Gosnell was not caught earlier, other clinic directors say,

because *Pennsylvania did not enforce its existing rules*, failing to inspect his West Philadelphia clinic for more than 17 years.”

Commented Manion, “The complicity of government officials who turn a blind eye to such things is the real scandal here.

“We should hardly expect high standards of any kind from people who make their living tearing their fellow creatures limb from limb.

“But government regulators—that’s a different story entirely. Yet the record shows that in case after case, they just don’t do their job when it comes to abortion.”

The ACLJ expects the case to be heard by the Court of Special Appeals in early 2015.

“That’s when we should ask, ‘Go forward to *what*? Will it change us to the good or to evil?’”

The Founders, as flawed as they may have been personally, were willing to keep God’s *standard* of what is right and wrong, said Keyes.

“But in this perverse and corrupt generation, we have decided that whatever is our whim, our preference, our choice, our passion, our pleasure, *that* is our standard of good, as we worship not God, but ourselves.”

We have accepted a generation of leadership that have essentially turned their backs on the Declaration—in part because they allowed themselves to be intimidated and shamed by a claim that there really is no God, that we really don’t need God, we can do without God—that we *must* do without Him because of a doctrine that we call “separation of church and state,” said Keyes.

They substitute the authority of science for the authority of God.

Scientists, who claim to accept as fact only what they can physically observe, often don’t do that in practice, he contended.

“How many of you have ever seen a dinosaur? Raise your hands!” said Keyes. “No one.”

But scientists have found bones and put them together, not necessarily in the order in which they were found, and drawn some dubious conclusions, he pointed out.

“They have to do a little creative thinking; they say that this creature we have assembled from the bones corresponds to the picture we have drawn over here of a dinosaur!”

Most importantly, scientists have never been able to explain the origin of the universe, he noted: “There is always left the question, ‘Where does *that* come from?’

“We are under no obligation

whatsoever to surrender our faith on the authority of science, because science *has* no such authority.

“Therefore, when they say, ‘There is no God,’ we can embrace their ‘science’ and let our nation perish, or we can lift up the authority of God and return our nation to greatness.”

Today’s politicians use the words “rights” and “freedom” interchangeably. This confusion of terms leads to the concept that “freedom” is our right to do or be whatever we want, said Keyes.

“But the Founders did not equate ‘rights’ and ‘freedom’: they included ‘freedom’ *among* the rights—they called it ‘liberty.’

“‘Freedom’ in this context must be defined in terms of rights. It’s defined in terms of endowment by Almighty God.

What is a “right”?

“It’s what the word itself implies,” Keyes postulated. “When you ask the question, you name the answer: a ‘right’ *is* what is right.”

This is the premise of the Declaration: that Almighty God is the source and substance of what is right, he explained.

“God as our Creator has already defined for us what makes us what we are, what preserves us in our being what we become.”

The word of God is therefore, from the “get-go,” a benevolent will, predisposed to our well-being, said Keyes.

As a result, we must, as Abraham Lincoln would express it at the close of the Civil War, do right “as God gives us to see the right.”

“We do need to take America back,” Keyes concluded.

“But we are not taking America back from anybody; we are going to the place where we can give it back to God.”

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A lot of people, especially politicians, do not want to go back to the Constitution, he observed.

“They despise the Founders as pygmies: ‘Why would we listen to those people?’ they say; ‘They owned slaves, they were racist, they were this, they were that.’

“What is the great mantra now? Progress! Let’s move forward! Everybody has to move ahead, forge ahead, that’s the great goal of our time.

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40 Days Germantown saves lives, one baby at a time

Sometimes you wonder, *What am I doing here? What am I accomplishing?*

That thought ran through Fran Hill's mind one day during last spring's 40 Days for Life campaign as she stood on Wisteria Drive, praying with others before Germantown Reproductive Health Services, where Leroy Carhart commits late-term abortions.

"That day, it was sleeting and raining, people were cussing us out; we had to go home several times to change our clothes," Fran recalled.

In spite of those doubts, however, she returned for the fall Germantown 40 Days for Life campaign, which ran September 24 through November 2.

On October 13 Hill, a 40 Days church coordinator, was praying with about twenty 6th- to 12th-graders from Greenridge Baptist Church.

"Their prayers just blew me away!" she exclaimed. "They prayed for Leroy Carhart, for the moms and dads going in to change

their minds about having abortions, for the clinic workers."

As the kids prayed enthusiastically, a young woman who was driving by stopped her car and got out.

"She was on her way to a family wedding, but she said she felt

'They were going to go to Carhart's clinic. But they saw our people.... Their baby girl is about a month old now.'

like the Lord was prompting her to stop," said Hill.

"She told the kids, 'You are wonderful—you are angels for being here praying!' And she joined in at the end of the prayers."

Three years ago, the young woman, whose name is Yazminda, had decided to have an abortion.

Then she saw an "angel" carrying a sign on the sidewalk, just like they were doing, she told them.

It made her reflect on what she was planning to do, and caused her to change her mind.

Yazminda now has a lovely 3-year-old child. She has also become active in pro-life work.

She gave all the young prayer warriors T-shirts bearing a sonogram picture of an unborn baby.

"You don't know who you are influencing, standing here on the sidewalk!" she assured them.

"This was our eighth 40 Days campaign in four years," said Germantown 40 Days for Life campaign director Andrew Glenn.

Almost a thousand volunteers from about thirty area churches took part, taking turns praying and sign-holding, clocking in about 700 hours of prayer for the fall campaign—"5,500 hours for all eight campaigns," Glenn added.

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Teens and pre-teens from Greenridge Baptist Church wear the pro-life shirts given them by a passerby who saw them praying during the Germantown 40 Days for Life campaign.



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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

Here we are again at the end of the year with Christmas approaching. Above all, I want to personally wish you and your family the most joyful and blessed Christmas season ever. Remember, Christmas does not end December 25! **Christmas Day is the beginning of the Christmas Season!**

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This year, we have been blessed once again with a **\$15,000 Christmas Matching Challenge Grant** so generously offered by a small group of individuals. Thanks from the bottom of my heart for these dedicated **PRO-LIFE** individuals who so fervently believe in the good work **DEFEND LIFE** has been doing since 1987 **to end the massacre of pre-born babies.**

In very simple terms, this means that anything you donate between now and **December 31 will be matched \$ for \$ up to a total of \$15,000.** Your donation of **\$100** becomes **\$200**, **\$500** becomes **\$1,000**, and **\$1,000** becomes **\$2,000** and so forth! So please give generously and tell your **PRO-LIFE** friends and relatives who have yet to hear about the good work **DEFEND LIFE** does to do likewise. In determining how much to give, remember that **God is never outdone in generosity!**

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Barry Sullivan



Rebecca Kiessling



Fr. Kevin Cusick



Amb. Alan Keyes



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Eric Scheidler



Fr. Denis Wilde

Special events included our **Take Back America Freedom Tour** in Washington, DC. This was a “marathon” trolley bus tour featuring **Ambassador Alan Keyes**, who spoke extemporaneously at twelve different historic locations in **America’s Capitol**. His inspiring talks are posted at **DefendLife.org**. In September, we also co-hosted with Delaware Right to Life a **National Day of Remembrance** event for **35** late trimester abortion victims in Elkton, Maryland. In December, we sponsored Christmas Caroling at Union Station.

Our 14th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour was outstanding. We had a record **26** Core Team members, including **15 home-schooled high school students** and **four home-schooled college students.**



MONSIGNOR EDWARD LYNCH — RIP

Much beloved **Monsignor Edward Lynch**, retired Pastor of Immaculate Conception in Towson, Maryland, departed this life on November 4.

Here are some of the things I remember most vividly about Monsignor Lynch:

- He loved the Blessed Mother. I will never forget the first time we showed **FATIMA**, the monumental documentary so superbly narrated by **Ricardo Montalban**. Father Lynch, as we loved to call him, was very moved by it. So much so, that he gave us money to buy our own copy of this film as well as a high-quality motion picture projector. Because of Father Lynch, we were able to show this great documentary at many different churches, and ultimately raise sufficient money to air it **six** different times on TV stations in both Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The last time it aired was **December 8, 1988**, the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. It was the very day **Ronald Reagan** was meeting with **Mikhail Gorbachev**. **It was not long after that the Berlin Wall came down and the Soviet Union crumbled!**



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- I remember how pleased Father was as construction began on the **Perpetual Adoration Chapel** at **The Immaculate**. As I chatted with him outside the chapel, he gave all the credit to the late legendary photographer, **Skip Barry**, but it never would have happened without Father Lynch.

- Nobody could spin a story like Father Lynch. His good friend, **Retired Auxiliary Bishop William Newman**, recalls traveling to some destination with him. Father Lynch was driving and was enthusiastically pointing with his right hand at the homes of persons he knew well. Bishop Newman finally told his friend to focus on the task at hand so they could both arrive in one piece.

- **Monsignor Jeremiah Kenney** recalled the time when he and Father Lynch were young curates at Immaculate. There was an older priest who had a drinking problem. On occasions when this older priest could not answer the alarm to say the 6:30 a.m. Mass, altar boys were instructed to throw pebbles at the bedroom windows of either of these young priests so they could say Mass for the older priest.
- Once when having breakfast with Father Lynch at the Towson Diner, he told me about **Steve Bisciotti**, now the owner of the Baltimore Ravens. As a youngster, Steve had known Father Lynch from Saint John's in Severna Park, one of Father's early assignments. Steve's dad had died when he was very young and he once asked Father Lynch to tell him more about his beloved dad. Never one to lose an opportunity, I asked Father to make an appointment with Steve Bisciotti. He tried, but sadly it did not happen. **But it still could!**
- I once asked Father the address where he had grown up. It was on Banbury Road just north of Walker Avenue between York Road and The Alameda. I went by, took a picture of his boyhood home, and gave it to him the next time we had breakfast. He was very pleased!
- Few persons have been more generous to **DEFEND LIFE** with their personal funds than Monsignor Ed Lynch. Well done, **Good and Faithful Servant**. You are a priest's priest! Oh, how we will miss you!



THANKS FOR THE MASSES AND PRAYERS

Thanks be to God that I survived my two mini-strokes that occurred last May. I not only survived them, I actually feel better than before they occurred. **God is so Good**. Thanks to all of you who prayed for me, offered Masses for my recovery, and even sent donations to **DEFEND LIFE** on my behalf. I will never be able to thank you all personally, but be assured, I deeply appreciate all your notes, prayers and Masses. I am sure they are the reason I am doing so well. See page 12 of this issue for one critically important way you can continue to help **DEFEND LIFE** and myself.

Long Live Christ Our King,

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, Director & Founder

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formed, abortions are an integral part of “family planning” at Bayview.

As Dr. Krajewski explains, “Commonly used methods like the pill and condoms are advertised to be highly effective, but the fine print is that they’re only highly effective for people who use them perfectly in research studies.

“In the real world almost one in ten women using the pill will get pregnant within a year; almost two in ten will get pregnant using only condoms.”

These figures support the rationale for abortion at Bayview, despite the stigma that surrounds abortion and the physicians who perform them.

Numerous articles in *Contraception: An International Reproductive Health Journal* indicate that the stigma experienced by abortion providers is still alive and well.

Recent articles include: “Abortion providers, stigma and professional quality of life”; “Evaluation of the abortion provider stigma scale”; “Role of service-delivery

organizations in reducing abortion stigma: a qualitative study”; “Psychometric evaluation of a new measure of abortion stigma”; “Physicians, abortion provision and the legitimacy paradox”; and “Building connections: assessing the impact of the providers share workshop on abortion workers’ disclosure of their stigmatized identity.”

Like the sleepwalking Lady Macbeth, rubbing her hands together nonstop and moaning, “Out, damned spot; out, I say,” the intrinsic nature of abortion appears to render the stigma unremovable—despite efforts to coat it with a patina of respectability by performing it in a renowned medical institution like Johns Hopkins Bayview.

Germantown Pregnancy Choices, a pregnancy resource center.

Sidewalk counselors from the center can freely talk to abortion-minded women headed toward the abortion clinic, and have helped six women decide to keep their babies.

They refer women to pregnancy clinics in Rockville and Shady Grove, where they can see ultrasounds of their unborn babies. They also refer women to Bethany Christian Services if they are considering adoption.

Then there are the “saves” that the vigilers don’t know about—some never surface, but others come to light when a passerby stops to tell one of the prayer warriors, said Glenn.

“A high school student stopped to tell me that what we do is good work and makes a difference, one volunteer reported.

“Since he had seen us out there, he knew to refer his sister to us when she was considering having an abortion. He was leaving school early that day because she went into labor with her son, Gabriel Isaiah!”

Another pro-lifer told Glenn, “A young man came by on his bicycle from work and stopped to talk to me. He said that he and his wife had had a third child coming and thought about abortion because they thought they couldn’t afford another child.

“They were going to go to [Carhart’s] clinic. But they saw our people standing there and that made them think about what they were doing. Their baby girl is about a month old now.”

“I wish we didn’t have to go out there and pray—that Carhart would just close down,” Glenn admitted.

“But I’m glad God has used us to save lives and have a positive impact on our community.”

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“We have churches ‘adopt’ a day,” explained the father of four young children. The adopting church makes sure there is someone keeping vigil in front of the abortion facility from 6:00 a.m. to midnight on their day.

Thirty-five of the 40 days were adopted by churches, said Glenn. Ad hoc volunteers filled in on the remaining “unadopted” five days.

Because the abortion clinic is located in a business complex, set well back from the public sidewalk, the 40 Days volunteers are not able to have much interaction with the clinic’s employees, clients, or Carhart himself.

“He has to drive past us to get in, but he just ignores us,” said Glenn.

Nevertheless, during this fall’s campaign, he noted, “We had at least six ‘saves’ that we know of.”

The pro-lifers have rented office space directly across the parking lot from Carhart, where they operate



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Book Review

Dirty Work: Elegantly written sympathy for the devil

By Diane Levero

*Pleased to meet you
Hope you guess my name
But what's puzzling you
Is the nature of my game.*

The Rolling Stones
“Sympathy for the Devil”

Gabriel Weston, the daughter of former British Ambassador to the United Nations Sir John Weston, is by all accounts a brilliant woman.

After receiving her Masters degree in English at Edinburgh University, she decided to retrain as a doctor.

She qualified as a doctor in 2000 and became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in 2003.

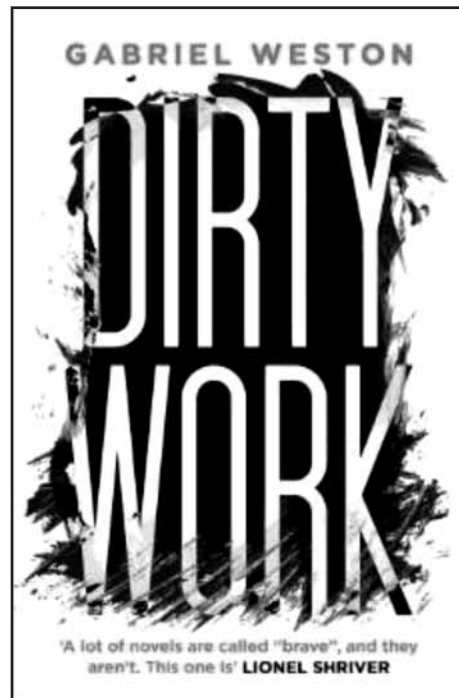
Direct Red: A Surgeon's Story, in which Weston chronicles her experiences training and practicing as a surgeon, won accolades from the critics for its riveting writing and the PEN/Ackerly Award for Autobiography in 2010.

After her success writing non-fiction, Weston decided to take up the challenge of writing a novel. She purposely picked the most controversial subject she could find: abortion.

The result, *Dirty Work*, published in 2013, is the tale of Nancy Mullion, an “abortion provider” in a British hospital who has reached a make-or-break crisis in her career as a surgeon.

After performing a routine, first-trimester abortion—her fifth that morning—her patient begins bleeding profusely.

As the blood pools on the operating table and spills onto the floor,



everyone in the operating room goes into frantic emergency mode—except Nancy.

She freezes—sits immobile, while her patient turns white and her heart rate plummets.

Nancy’s supervisor rushes in and takes over.

In the ensuing five weeks, while the patient hovers between life and death in the hospital’s intensive care unit, Nancy undergoes a series of hearings before a three-member hospital board that will decide whether she will lose her medical license.

Nancy tells her tale in first person, using the board hearings as a framework for her story as she describes in numerous flashbacks how she reached her present dilemma.

Weston herself is an ENT (ear, nose and throat) specialist, and apparently never did abortions. But she researched the subject exten-

sively, reading everything she could find on abortion, interviewing abortionists, even watching some late-term abortions being done.

“It was the most disturbing sight I’d ever seen and it kept me awake at night and I couldn’t forget it for weeks,” she told an interviewer from the British *Telegraph Magazine*.

“But I absolutely believed that the person doing those abortions was doing them for the right reasons and the women were helped by them,” she added.

Not surprisingly, “Nancy” follows the same line of thinking.

“Perhaps my operating room is a dreadful place for a person to end up,” she concedes. “But what would happen without people like me? What path, I wonder, apart from celibacy, is a girl meant to tread, if she is to avoid catastrophe?”

Nancy’s flashbacks make clear that she is fully in sync with the reigning social mores of her time.

At a posh boarding school at the age of 13, she makes it a point to lose her virginity to a boy she doesn’t particularly like because she is lagging behind her classmates in sexual accomplishment.

Much later, she meets an old childhood sweetheart at a party. Tom has forgotten her, but she has never forgotten him.

Unlike everyone else at the party, she is quite sober. But, desperate for his love, she willingly succumbs to his drunken seduction—so eagerly that she doesn’t want to break the spell to go fish out the condoms that she always carries in her handbag.

A few weeks later, she discov-

ers she is pregnant. Tom has disappeared from her life. She has an abortion at the Marie Stopes clinic near Victoria station, not her own hospital.

To the kindly psychiatrist who, as part of the board investigation, probes her feelings about abortion, she declares, “Look, here’s the thing. I consider it to be a life-saving procedure that I do, that we do.

“It’s saving the life of a woman, it saves a woman’s freedom. And what is her life without this?”

But another question produces a reluctant admission.

“Any dreams?”

“Yes, you do get dreams. I have had them, I mean. Maybe a few times a week....Dead baby dreams.

“They’re up in trees. They stare at me with yellow eyes. Or carpets of babies’ backs. Or dreams where just one baby looks at me, but its anger is like that of a grownup.”

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of Nancy’s story is the stigma she experiences as an “abortion provider” even in the “enlightened” environment of a respected and repu-

table hospital.

At a lecture during her ob/gyn training, the doctor begins by stating, “It is safer to have an abortion in this country than it is to see a pregnancy to term.”

Immediately, a dozen students stand up and walk out in silent protest.

As an ob/gyn who does abortions, Nancy becomes aware of a “private apartheid” between her and the doctors who don’t.

While she gets a frosty nod from the receptionist, the orthopedist be-

ultrasound shows you a human image on the screen....the image of a human form, whatever you choose to call it....”

How, as you begin suctioning out the fetus, “it might be just the right time to look away from the ultrasound screen” to avoid seeing what might appear “like a simulacrum of a human being falling to its knees as its life ended....”

How the fetus’ head sometimes won’t fit through the tube used to suction out the “products of pregnancy,” and you must fish it out with forceps.

How you must line up all the tiny body parts on a table to make sure you got everything out. Etc., etc.—details with which most proliferators are already well-acquainted.

“The dismalness of doing this for the first time is dreadful,” says Nancy.

“It also feels like a moral act. You cannot just walk away from a problem. You cannot be a gynaecologist and leave this work to someone else. That is cowardice.”

In other words, ladies and gentlemen, committing abortion, though undeniably unpleasant, is a dirty job, but someone’s got to do it, and those who do it are brave and noble.

Weston’s writing skills are excellent. She knows how to pen realistic dialog, narrate dramatic scenes, create believable characters, build suspense, communicate pathos. Like any well-written novel, *Dirty Work* will keep you on the edge of your seat, eager to turn the next page.

It’s worth reading to see the pro-abortion rationale set forth at its most eloquent, elegant best.

Even though that rationale, in the face of logic and truth, falls flat on its face.

**‘Yes, you do get dreams.
Dead baby dreams...
They’re up in trees.
They stare at me
with yellow eyes...’**

hind her gets a warm smile.

Nurses conspicuously refuse to help her find medical records for her patients. Once, she finds a tiny, disconnected baby doll’s hand stuck in her locker.

Weston ends her tale dramatically, with Nancy describing a first trimester abortion in minute detail.

The author considers this so shocking that she writes the entire passage in italics, as a warning to the faint-hearted that they might want to skip these pages.

Critics give *Dirty Work* rave reviews: “bold,” “brave,” “powerful,” “courageous,” “thought-provoking,” they declare.

Why?

Because Weston writes with blunt precision about the brutality of doing abortions—even early abortions.

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In My Humble Opinion

Synod on Family reveals high-level infiltration by ‘progressives’

By Janet Baker

At the annual fall U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Baltimore in November, Cardinal Timothy Dolan reported that in spite of “miscues in communications,” and media distortion depicting the Synod on the Family as “divisive, confrontational, partisan,” there was “rather remarkable consensus, faithful to the authentic understanding of matrimony revealed by God.”

Other attendees, and actual documents emanating from the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops on the Family, held in Rome October 5-19, tell a different story.

They reveal how a progressive element in Church hierarchy has infiltrated the highest echelons of the Vatican, bringing with it anti-life and anti-God mindsets.

The most striking manifestation of this infiltration can be found in the Interim Report released at the midway point of the synod. Here is the link to the English translation as found on the Vatican website: press.vatican.va/content/sala-stampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2014/10/13/0751/03037.html.

As you read through this document, please notice paragraphs 47-48. They speak quite blatantly of admitting to Holy Communion those who are divorced and remarried without a Church annulment.

In other words, they wish to allow sacrilegious Holy Communion, yet another sin. Moreover, the paragraphs speak of admittance to the sacrament of Penance. Unless the penitents involved intend



Cardinal Dolan of New York recalls “enthusiastic unity” among the synod’s bishops to make the Church more welcoming and present its teachings in new ways.

to quit their adulterous situations, all they’ll be doing is making a sacrilege out of the sacrament of Penance.

Now let’s look at paragraphs 50-52. This section starts by saying, “Homosexuals have gifts and qualities to offer to the Christian community.”

Well, they might, simply because they’re human beings, but not because of their disordered inclinations, as this sentence implies.

The paragraph goes on to ask the church if it is “capable...of accepting and valuing their orientation.” The Church is no more capable of valuing this disordered orientation than it is “capable” of “valuing an orientation” to drunkenness or drive-by shootings.

This interim report was released to the press immediately after the synod discussions that supposedly provided the material for the report. In fact, the press saw the report be-

fore many of the synod fathers saw it.

The speed with which it was released to the press caused many to believe that the report was compiled *before* the synod. Lending credence to that hypothesis is the fact that many of the synod fathers say that topics covered in the report were barely mentioned during the synod at that point.

I (along with others) contend that this interim report was part and parcel of an attempt to manipulate the synod with the end of weakening the practical application of moral teaching in the life of the Church.

Not all at the synod were on board with the manipulation. Cardinal George Pell of Australia reportedly rebuked the synod leaders, slamming his hand on the table and shouting, “You must stop manipulating this synod!”

Cardinal Raymond Burke publicly urged the Pope to clarify Church teaching in the wake of the report’s release. Other prelates who spoke out include Cardinals Peter Erdo, Wilfrid Napier, Gerhard Muller, and Archbishop Athanasius Schneider.

So why should this report on the synod appear in a pro-life newsletter? What does that event have to do with pro-life issues, you may ask?

Plenty! These issues are all inter-connected. The matters of divorce/remarriage and homosexuality have at their roots the separation of sexual activity from its divinely

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Commentary

Election surprises and a challenge to the Governor-elect

By Bob Brown

There were some surprises in the November 4 elections—I don't have to tell you! And I *can't* tell you with any degree of certainty what these surprises mean for the future of American politics and for the pro-life movement.

But I would like to share with you my reactions to the results in three particular races.

I was truly excited to see two young, pro-life women win seats in Congress. From Utah, Mia Love, who is Mormon and Haitian-American, is the first black Republican woman elected to Congress.

On her campaign website in the issues section, she plainly states, "I am pro-life!"

And from New York, Elise Stefanik, at the age of 30, became the youngest woman ever elected to Congress. She was endorsed by the pro-life Susan B. Anthony List.

The first thing that these wins tell me, although Love and Stefanik were obviously elected for their positions on a variety of issues, is that many Americans want pro-lifers to represent them in government.

Even with more than 57,000,000 babies aborted since 1973, there is still a resistance to child-murder among our populace.

We're not the spiritually extinct continent that Europe is, where, among the cesspool of evils that weren't flushed away in 1945, euthanasia of chronically ill children is legal (in the Netherlands since 2002 and in Belgium since March of this year).

The murder of born children is

the viciously logical sequel to the murder of preborn children. (Is evil ever satisfied with the *status quo*?)

In spite of a sustained wandering from the Biblical and Constitutional principles on which this nation was founded more than 200 years ago, we still send godly men and women to Congress.

American Christians have not given up on their country. We don't want only what's good for us, but what's good for everybody, especially the innocent and oppressed.

Work not for your re-election, Mr. Hogan, but for your pre-born citizens.

The second thing that these wins remind me is that the pro-abortion politicians and organizations have their heads buried in the sand.

NARAL, Planned Parenthood, and their like-minded schemers just don't get it: abortion is *not* a right—*not* a woman's right, *not* a human right, *not* anybody's right.

A right is typified by the desire of *all* of the members of the oppressed class to enjoy the opportunity withheld from them, yet vast numbers of women reject abortion as abhorrent.

At every single pro-life event that I have attended, there have been more women than men present. And women who want to make abortion illegal regularly run for and are elected to Congress, state

legislatures, and other offices.

These two young women have breathed new life—new *pro-life*—into Washington (and into the Republican Party, let's hope). It's an exciting time to see gutsy young people who are not afraid to stand on principle enter into politics, in contrast to some of the career politicians whose principles have not stood the test of time.

The third noteworthy race, which reconfirmed my lack of omniscience, was the gubernatorial race here in Maryland. I was as stunned as most people were to wake up on November 5 to news that Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown had lost the election to Larry Hogan.

Pro-lifers should be cautious in their celebration, though. While it's true that Maryland won't be governed by one of NARAL's BFFs (see "Catholic Lt. Gov. Brown rallies NARAL chocolatiers at gala," *Defend Life*, Sept.-Oct. 21014), Hogan did reverse his position on abortion more than two decades ago.

According to a BaltimoreSun.com article ("Hogan fights back on women's issues," Oct. 1, 2014), in the early 1980s Hogan "supported a ban on abortions...except to save the life of the mother, as well as a 'human life amendment'..."

"By 1992, Hogan had modified those positions and said abortion should remain legal.

"Today, Hogan says that he is still personally opposed to abortion, but he pledges he will not try to change Maryland's laws protecting women's rights to the procedure...."

I know that this is a naïve question, but what do you go into poli-

tics for? I'd say, to make right what you see is wrong. Only in the case of abortion is it acceptable, evidently, to say that you personally oppose something but won't try to change it.

Thus, I would encourage Mr. Hogan to be bold and to take significant steps toward righting what he knows is wrong.

Work not for your re-election, Mr. Hogan, but for your preborn citizens. In doing so, you will also benefit Maryland's women, families, and communities, and you will gain the respect and support of the defenders of life.

Get us off the road to Europe. Take as personal inspiration and practical example the wave of new pro-life women leaders, like Mia Love and Elise Stefanik, entering into public office.

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instituted purposes: the union of the husband and wife, and the procreation and rearing of children.

The late Fr. John Hardon, S.J., once observed that "Sins against the Sixth Commandment lead to sins against the Fifth Commandment." Time and time again, this pattern has asserted itself.

The conduct of this synod has demonstrated all too clearly that within the highest levels of Church hierarchy are those who labor for the facilitation of sins against the Sixth Commandment.

In doing so, they will also foment sins against the Fifth Commandment such as abortion, contraception usage and euthanasia.

We must speak out against such evils in the Church when and where we find them.

We must also pray for God's mercy on His Church.

Irish pro-lifer convicted of harassment

By Bob Brown

Northern Ireland's leading pro-life activist faces possible jail time after her conviction on November 19 for harassing the operator of that country's only abortion center.

Government prosecutors said Bernadette Smyth, 51, had threatened Dawn Purvis, the director of the Marie Stopes abortion center in Belfast.

Police had previously served Smyth with a notice of warning regarding her conduct outside the center, but Smyth had no prior criminal record. The judge in the case has ordered Smyth to pay compensatory damages and to stay away from the Stopes center.

Security camera footage from January 9 outside the abortion center shows Purvis asking protesters to stop harassing her. She claimed in court that Smyth replied in an American drawl, "You ain't seen

harassment yet, darling."

Purvis also stated that Smyth had "cackled like a witch" during an incident a month later. Smyth admitted she had laughed but denied any wrongdoing.

Smyth founded the organization Precious Life in 1997 after she saw a picture of an aborted baby. Precious Life has engaged in sidewalk counseling outside the Stopes center since the center opened in October 2012.

It is the only abortion center in either the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland. In both lands abortion is legal only in cases where a doctor says the mother's life is at risk.

Stopes also refers women to abortionists in England, where about 4,000 women from Ireland and 1,000 women from Northern Ireland travel annually for abortions.

Smyth will be sentenced on December 17.



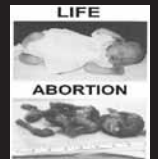
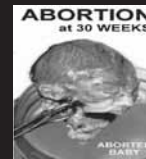
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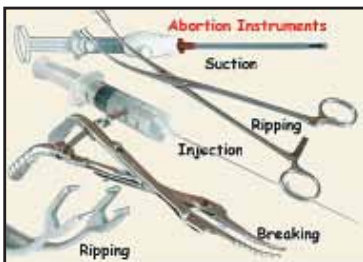
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It is a life indifferent to the current trends of political correctness, and popular opinion and one that is zealous for the truth that God proclaims about Himself and humanity. It is a life not measured by the tiny instruments of men but by the infinite space of God's self-giving and unconditional love.

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