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Organ donation: ‘pretend death,’ big bucks

Marylanders visiting the Motor Vehicle Administration branch office in Essex to renew their driver’s license get a special grammar lesson thrown in for free.

A framed poster just inside the entrance door gives them the definitions of “HERO”:

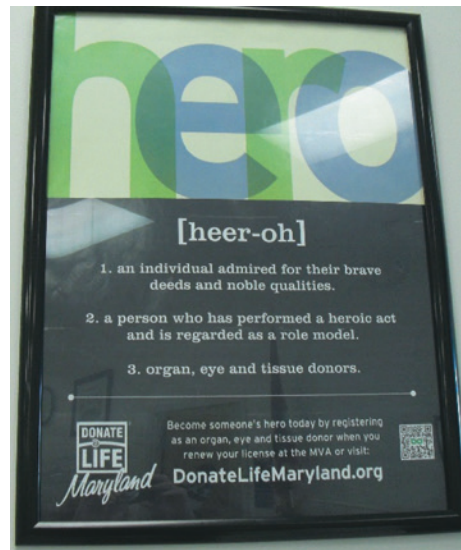
1. An individual admired for their brave deeds and noble qualities.
2. A person who has performed a heroic act and is regarded as a role model.
3. Organ, eye and tissue donors.

For those unfamiliar with Definition No. 3, the poster explains: “Become someone’s hero today by registering as an organ, eye and tissue donor when you renew your license at the MVA or visit DonateLifeMaryland.org.”

If you’ve come to renew your driver’s license, one of the questions you’ll get asked is whether you’d like to be registered as an organ donor on your license.

Even if you’d rather not, the next question is whether you’d like to donate a dollar to the Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Fund.

Currently, according to Donate Life Maryland, more than 2,580,000 Marylanders “have been inspired to join the Donate Life Maryland Registry.”



A sign at the Motor Vehicle Administration’s Essex office tells drivers they will be a ‘hero’ if they sign up to be an organ donor on their driver’s license.

‘Pretend death’

Before 1968, a person was declared dead only after their breathing and heart stopped for a determinate period of time; the term “brain death” was unheard of, says neonatologist Dr. Paul Byrne.

But when surgeons realized they could take organs from one seemingly “close to death” person and implant them in another person to keep the recipient alive longer, a “Pandora’s Box” was opened, notes Byrne, a clinical professor of pediatrics and past president of the

Catholic Medical Association.

“In the beginning, through trial and error, they discovered it was not possible to perform this ‘miraculous’ surgery with organs taken from someone truly dead—even if the donor was without circulation for merely a few minutes—because organ damage occurs within a very brief time after circulation stops.”

To justify their experimental procedures, they contrived the term “brain death.”

In 1968 the “Harvard criteria” for determining “brain death” were published in *The Journal of the American Medical Association* under the title, “A Definition of Irreversible Coma.”

“This article was published without substantiating data either from scientific research or from case studies of individual patients,” declares Byrne.

Since then, more than 30 different sets of criteria to declare “brain death” have been developed; every new set was less strict than the previous set, observes Byrne.

At a 2005 meeting of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences at the Vatican, Byrne testified, “When organs are removed from a ‘brain dead’ donor, all the vital signs of the ‘donors’ are still present prior to the harvesting of organs, such as: normal body temperature and blood

pressure; the heart is beating; vital organs, like the liver and kidneys, are functioning; and the donor is breathing with the help of a ventilator.”

Vital organs deteriorate very quickly after a patient is actually dead, he explained: “After true death, unpaired vital organs (specifically the heart and the whole liver) cannot be transplanted.”

Not dead yet

Truthaboutorgandonation.com recounts numerous cases of patients declared “brain dead,” often whose relatives were being pressured to consent to organ donation, and who narrowly escaped death by organ donation after showing signs of life.

In 2012, Air Force combat veteran and nurse practitioner Patrick McMahon filed a lawsuit against The New York Organ Donor Network claiming that they pressured hospital staffers to declare patients “brain dead” so their body parts could be harvested while they were still alive.

McMahon claims that he was fired by the donor network as a transplant coordinator after just four months after protesting their practices. He charges that one in five patients were actually showing signs of brain activity when surgeons declared them “brain dead” and started hacking out their body parts.

The suit alleges that in 2011 a 19-year-old man injured in a car accident was admitted to Nassau University Medical Center, still trying to breathe and showing signs of brain activity.

But doctors declared him “brain dead” under pressure from donor-

network officials, including the director, who allegedly said during a conference call, “This kid is dead, you got that?”

McMahon believed that the 19-year-old could have recovered. He told the *New York Post* he had worked on worse cases in Iraq and Afghanistan—massive brain injuries, trauma, gunshot wounds, IEDs—in which the victims recovered.

His lawsuit cites three other cases in which patients were still clinging to life when doctors declared them “brain dead” so their organs



Zach Dunlap is one of many patients pronounced “brain dead” who “came back to life” just before doctors were ready to harvest his organs.

could be harvested.

He alleges that the New York Organ Donor Network gave its staff members who collected the most organs a Christmas bonus.

Follow the money

Harvesting human body parts is a multibillion-dollar industry, according to an investigative report in the August 31, 2013, *Pittsburgh*

Tribune-Review.

Based on 2011 federal filings and tax documents of the nation’s 51 independent organ procurement

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organizations (OPOs), the *Tribune* reported:

- The “nonprofit” OPOs post hefty surpluses each year. LifeNet Health of Virginia Beach led the OPOs with a reserve of over \$95 million.
- Six-figure salaries: top executives averaged \$320,000 in total compensation in 2011.
- Nepotism and board members paying themselves: Tampa-based LifeLink Foundation paid its top two executives a combined \$1.1 million and four relatives \$600,000 more.

Organ procurement in Maryland is managed by the Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland. (The foundation launched Donate Life Maryland as its organ donor registry in 2008.)

Of the 51 nonprofit OPOs researched by the *Tribune*, the Maryland OPO ranked No. 8 in CEO/director compensation, with its CEO/director earning \$449,764.

Where the Church stands

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “Organ transplants are in conformity with the moral law if the physical and psychologi-

cal dangers and risks to the donor are proportionate to the good sought for the recipient.

“Organ donation *after death* [emphasis added] is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity.

“It is not morally acceptable if the donor or his proxy has not given explicit consent. Moreover, it is not morally admissible to bring about the disabling mutation or death of a human being, even in order to delay the death of other persons” (n. 2296).

“This catechetical statement suggests that there’s nothing wrong with organ donation, as long as the donor gives his consent, and is neither killed, nor sustains disabling mutilations in order to take his organs,” write Dr. Byrne and Dr. Jay Boyd in the *Homiletic and Pastoral Review* (“May We Donate Our Organs?” Oct. 29, 2014).

“Thus, many good Catholics, in the authors’ experience, believe that ‘the Church says organ donation is okay,’ and leave it at that.”

The problem comes with those key words, “after death,” say the authors.

Prior to advances in organ transplantation, the definition of death was simple, direct and sensible; to put it bluntly, patients were dead when they were cold, blue and stiff.

But since a truly deceased person cannot be an organ donor, the desire to harvest organs for transplantation has led, over the past decades, to a redefinition of death.

Byrne and Boyd quote from a 2001 article on organ transplantation authored in part by Bishops Fabian Bruskewicz and Robert Vasa:

“[N]o unpaired, vital organ can be morally removed from a living human person....People must fully

comprehend that when they agree to be organ donors, they give transplant surgeons a license to terminate their lives....

“The removal of a healthy, unpaired, vital organ, suitable for transplantation, from someone who has been declared legally ‘brain



Charles Alexander became president and CEO of the Living Legacy Foundation of Maryland in 2004.

dead’ but is not truly, biologically dead, is not ethically acceptable. Evil may not be done that good might come from it.”

Pope John Paul II stated: “Vital organs which occur singly in the body can be removed only after death; that is, from the body of someone who is certainly dead.”

Pope Benedict XVI declared: “Individual vital organs cannot be extracted except *ex cadavere* [Latin for stone-cold cadaver].”

Byrne and Boyd ask: What does all this mean for those of us who are trying to be good, faithful Catholics?

Their answer is threefold.

First, we must not sign any kind of organ donation agreement, on the back of our driver’s license or anywhere else.

Second, as tough as it is, no

matter what our medical condition and how dire the straits in which we find ourselves (or our loved ones), we may not accept any sort of transplant organ out of one of our “brain dead” brothers or sisters.

Finally, medical professionals must put morally illicit organ donations in the same moral category as tubal ligations, abortions, and contraception—no matter what it may cost them personally or professionally.

Any informed Catholic should disagree that it is ethical to remove vital organs from “brain dead” patients, because “brain dead” people are clearly *not* dead, Doctors Byrne and Boyd declare.

This should not be a difficult issue, they argue. But it *is*, in great part, because the Culture of Death has downplayed or outright denied the sanctity of life from conception to true death.

Just as abortion supporters have twisted words to suit their purposes, substituting “pro-choice” for “pro-abortion,” the organ transplant industry has found words to obscure the real condition of donor patients, the two doctors contend.

They have simply redefined death to suit their desires, contorting the truth, and “killing our brothers and sisters.”

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Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: The following letters are in response to Fr. Paul CB Schenck's "Bishops have sound reasons for welcoming immigrants," a critique of Janet Baker's "Bishops, border-jumping kids, and the sweet smell of federal funds," published in Defend Life, Sept-Oct. 2014, and July-August 2014 respectively.)

Government funds come with strings attached

I feel deeply compelled to respond respectfully to Father Paul Schenck.

The points he makes in his article are true and we all need to prayerfully, spiritually and materially reach out to all who need us. But I think he missed what I took as the main point of Janet Baker's article.

What most concerns me is that too often the Catholic Church, in so many ways, accepts government funds. This is worrisome in that whenever government funds are used, there are always strings attached.

It is wonderful that the Church always has and always will reach out to those in need, but more and more we seem to be willing to compromise our religious principles when using government monies.

This can be clearly seen with Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services. I have enclosed two recent articles explaining how the Catholic Church caved on pro-life issues with the rationalization that they could use the government money to help others.

That is never acceptable. The notion that good ends *do* justify evil means—also known as “conse-

quentialism”—is probably the most popular moral heresy in the world.

Personally, I have avoided contributing to Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services, which saddens me. However, I have given generously to pro-life groups that I have researched to know that my money is going to help promote the culture of life.

I thank you and thank God for the good work you do and pray daily for all pro-lifers. They are so authentically the Church Militant.

God bless!

Susan Varholy
York, Pa.

Ms. Varholy attached two articles from LifeSiteNews.com: "Catholic Relief Services gave over \$13 million to pro-abortion group in 2012 (July 20, 2013); and "George Weigel on Catholic Charities partnering with pro-abortion groups" (June 2013).

Mass invasion by illegals is recipe for disaster

While I emphatically agree with Janet Baker's fine article on the evils of de facto unrestricted mass immigration (I would call it an “invasion”) into the U.S., I found Fr. Paul Schenck's attempt at a “reply” to her to be profoundly confused, even irrational.

A nation is a community. As such, its people have learned to live together, over generations, sharing a common life and experience.

Relatively small numbers of newcomers to the community are welcomed, providing they learn to follow the rules established by the existing members. This is called assimilation.

To simply permit huge numbers of aliens to invade the community and to ignore its laws is to court chaos—a recipe for disaster.

Other countries are well aware of this and generally have stringent and strictly enforced immigration regulations (especially our neighbor to the south, Mexico). They do not fool around with those who violate their laws.

I can speak from personal experience on this. In the course of my pro-life work I have visited many European countries. All of them screened me and others for the possibility of violating their immigration laws.

A friend of mine intimated that she would work as a secretary when going through the immigration authorities at the Heathrow (London) Airport.

Actually, using her secretarial skills, she intended to help our great Scottish pro-life priest, Fr. James Morrow (RIP), with his paperwork—completely unpaid, of course.

Never no mind, she was unceremoniously put on the next plane flying back to New York.

As for myself, I was deported from the Netherlands for having broken their law. Well, along with others I did block access to abortion mills there; it seems that this is against the law in the Netherlands. We had broken the law and so they deported us!

With all due respect, Father Schenck completely misunderstands the teaching of the Church on this matter.

Catholics indeed are bound to treat illegal aliens with fairness, with respect and with justice. This does not preclude enforcing the just

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Priests for Life takes on HHS and Obama ‘tyranny’

The receptionist looked up from her desk when Fr. Frank Pavone walked quietly into the office of Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa.

She kept on looking up as a second priest walked in, followed by a third priest, then a fourth priest, and a fifth.

Finally, 25 priests were crowded into the office of the pro-abortion Catholic senator.

“Everyone’s looking up, wondering, what’s going on here?” Father Pavone told listeners at his Defend Life-sponsored March for Life kick-off talk January 9 at the Rock Creek Knights of Columbus hall in Bethesda.

“All these priests are saying, ‘We’d like to see the Senator.’ When she said he wasn’t available, we said, ‘Well, we’d better see *someone*, because we’re not leaving until we do.’”

The priests ended up talking to Harkin’s top legislative aide on abortion.

“We showed the aide textbook diagrams of the abortion procedure made by the abortionists themselves. We said, ‘We’re here to ask one simple question: When the Senator says the word “abortion,” is this what he means?’”

The nonplussed aide replied, “We don’t know what he means!”

Resisting Obama’s tyranny

Walking the halls of Congress as a team to confront legislators with the reality of abortion is one of Priests for Life Director Father Pavone’s favorite projects.

“Once we’ve established what we’re talking about, we’ve won the debate already,” he explained.



Fr. Frank Pavone vows that Priests for Life will not comply with the Obamacare mandate to provide insurance for abortifacient drugs and contraceptives.

“Enough of the American people have enough of a conscience to reject abortion when they are allowed to see its reality.”

Father Pavone has centered much of his pro-life work over the years on his oft-repeated mantra, “America will not reject abortion until America *sees* abortion.”

But with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act (“Obamacare”), Priests for Life is facing a formidable new challenge.

Buried in the 2,000 pages of the Obamacare legislation, the Secretary of Health and Human Services is given the authority to create certain regulations.

One of the HHS mandates requires almost every employer to cover abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives in their employee health insurance coverage.

Priests for Life has about fifty

employees, for whom they provide health insurance.

“When we saw this mandate, we said, we’re not going to do it,” said Pavone.

“Defending life means resisting the tyranny of Obama,” the priest declared.

Tyranny is a strong word, he admitted; it should not be used lightly.

But the priest rests his assertion on impressive authority: the words of St. John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae*.

The pope’s 1995 encyclical gave the Church its most definitive statement on abortion, said Pavone.

In Section 20 of the encyclical, the pope declares that when a government legally denies the inalienable right to life, “democracy, contradicting its own principles, effectively moves towards a form of totalitarianism. The State...is transformed into a *tyrant state*, which arrogates to itself the right to dispose of the life of the weakest and most defenceless members, from the unborn to the elderly, in the name of a public interest which is really nothing but the interest of one part...”

“Really, what we have here is only the tragic caricature of legality...When this happens...the disintegration of the State itself has already begun.”

Abortion has been legal in America since 1973 with *Roe v. Wade*.

“But this government is not only permitting abortion; it’s trying to *expand* abortion,” Pavone charged.

We will not obey

What do you do when the federal government has a policy that

you say is unjust and against your conscience? Among other things, you file a lawsuit, said the priest.

Employers began filing lawsuits against the HHS mandate in early 2012.

“Ours was the fourth of nearly one hundred lawsuits; EWTN was the third,” he noted.

“We argued that this requirement violates our religious freedom. You can’t require us to do something that violates a tenet of our faith.

“The fact that we cannot facilitate the use of abortion-inducing drugs or contraceptives is not something we made up; it’s an objective teaching of our faith. We are asking that the mandate be overturned.”

The lawsuit is still winding its way through the courts. A three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled against Priests for Life in November, so they have appealed to the full Circuit Court.

If it rules against Priests for Life, they will appeal to the Supreme Court.

No matter what the courts say, said Father, “We will not obey this

mandate. “We’re not going to pay a penny in fines. They can jail us or close us down.”

The government is trying to *appear* to make accommodations, he noted.

“They’re saying, ‘Just sign this form, saying you don’t want to provide this coverage, and you don’t have to provide it.’

“Then they go to the insurance company and tell them they must cover our employees. So we’re still put in the position of cooperating with the government to expand access to abortion.

“Our response is, we can’t cooperate with this plan, in ways big or small; we’re not going to write the letter that in essence gives coverage.”

This can seem to some people to be a fine point, Father conceded—“that we’re making way too much of a big deal about it—just sign the darn form!”

Early Christians were asked by the Roman Empire to simply throw a little piece of incense on a fire and say, “Caesar is Lord,” he pointed

out.

“It’s not how big or small the action is; it’s what it *means*: Am I ultimately loyal to Jesus Christ or not?”

Pavone believes that the government is wrong on this and that Priests for Life will be ultimately vindicated in court, “because religious freedom is too deeply rooted in the heart and soul of America.”

The priest asked for the support, involvement and prayers of pro-lifers on this issue and on ending abortion in general.

“But don’t be surprised when you find you’re part of a remnant,” he cautioned.

“We don’t need majorities of people to bring an end to abortion; we need small numbers who are willing to make large sacrifices.”

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laws of our country.

I would remind Father Schenck that only the Holy Father is infallible; our local ordinaries most assuredly are not.

We have seen how many of them have badly mishandled the ongoing homosexual scandals involving the priests and the seminaries under their control. This has caused immense damage to our beloved Church.

Just recently we have seen how the Cardinal-Archbishop of New York has given his stamp of approval to the spectacle of homosexual perverts marching in the annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade, thereby enabling them to claim the sanction of the Church for their gravely sinful “life-style.”

Joseph P. Wall
Jenkintown, Pa.



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Book Review

How to expose and close your local abortion clinic

By Diane Levero

One night in August 2006, two men and a woman sat down in a dimly lit corner booth at a local steak house in Wichita, Kansas.

The woman pulled out a digital audio recorder and placed it in the middle of the table.

Troy Newman, Cheryl Sullenger, and a local businessman spoke in hushed tones. Their quiet meeting stretched long into the evening.

Days earlier, the businessman had phoned Newman, president of Operation Rescue. He wanted to talk anonymously about his experience as a member of the grand jury convened to investigate possible criminal behavior in the death of 19-year-old Christin Gilbert following an abortion at George Tiller's late-term abortion clinic.

The grand jury's nearly three-month investigation had ended with no indictments.

Newman and OR Senior Policy Advisor Sullenger were furious.

"Tiller Gets Away with Murder!" they thundered in a "damn the torpedoes" press release.

"We believe the lack of indictment by the grand jury is the result of corruption and cronyism at the local and state level," they charged.

"[District Attorney] Nola Foulston is a personal friend of Tiller's and should never have been involved in the investigation in any way.

"The Kansas Board of Healing Arts, which earlier cleared Tiller in Christin's death, is beholden to Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, who is in Tiller's

pocket due to massive campaign contributions.

"We will continue to work to find avenues that are not corrupted by Tiller's blood money until Christin's killer is finally brought to justice."

The grand jury source gave Newman and Sullenger detailed ac-

Shockingly, the informant revealed that it was not Tiller, but notorious Nebraska late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart who had done Christin's abortion.

Both Carhart and Tiller managed to finagle their way out of testifying at all before the grand jury.

Pièce de résistance

The cloak-and-dagger meeting with the grand jury informant occurs in *Abortion Free*, Newman and Sullenger's fascinating account of their decades-long efforts to end abortion in America.

Between them the two have spent fifty years working to put abortion clinics out of business.

While Operation Rescue uses every peaceful means to end abortion, their "signature method," which has drawn nationwide media attention, is to force the closure of abortion clinics through legal tactics.

"It's a proven fact," they write; "when abortion clinics close, fewer women have abortions.

"We use strictly legal, peaceful means that anyone with a cell phone, a camera and a computer with an Internet connection can use with very little training."

For simplicity's sake, *Abortion Free* is written in first person with Troy as narrator, although Cheryl did most of the actual writing.

Roughly the first half of the book focuses, as a sort of case study, on Operation Rescue's epic



counts of the grand jury investigation, full of disturbing revelations and numerous instances of the DA office's efforts to obstruct their investigation.

Crucial medical records and testimony concerning Christin's care at the clinic the hour before she died were nearly nonexistent.

Most of Tiller's employees "pleaded the Fifth Amendment" and refused to testify. One who did testify contradicted another employee's testimony, apparently committing perjury.

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THE FUTURE OF MARYLAND



Let me tell you now about an exciting possibility. But first, let me ask for your prayers for Maryland's brand new **Governor Larry Hogan, Jr.** He is the son of former U.S. Congressman Larry Hogan, Sr., who was a sponsor of the **first Human Life Amendment** introduced way back in 1975.



He is also the nephew and **godson of Dr. Bill Hogan**, one of the most heroic OB-GYNs in the history of our movement. It was a miracle that Larry Hogan, Jr. was elected in one of the most liberal, pro-abortion states in America. Now we must pray that this very successful businessman who has never held elected office (***I see that as a blessing!***), will be able to do the extremely tough things needed to turn around our financially strapped and morally depraved state.



So far, the liberal media is praising Larry Hogan for the bi-partisan administration he has put together. The **Baltimore Sun** even named him the **Man of the Year** in its year-end edition. We'll see how long this media euphoria lasts when thousands of state workers are laid off and painful belt tightening is required to rein in the runaway spending of **Catholic, pro-abortion, pro-big government Governor Martin O'Malley** who has now been thankfully relegated to the dustbin of history. That happened with the resounding defeat of Anthony Brown, O'Malley's hand-picked pro-abortion Catholic candidate.



My guess is that once reality sets in and Governor Hogan begins doing the hard things necessary to rein in government run wild, the liberal media will turn on him viciously. Pray that he will **stick to his guns** and do whatever is necessary to bring Maryland back to financial sanity. The business climate is so bad in Maryland that the governors of Texas and Florida have run ads on Maryland radio stations inviting Maryland businesses to relocate to their respective states.

On a happier note, I have good reason to believe that Governor Hogan wants to clean up the **look the other way Maryland Board of Physicians** whose 22 members serve four-year staggered terms. Of these positions, 12 are held by practicing physicians, one of whom must be an osteopath, two are held by practicing physicians who teach at Maryland's two medical schools, one is held by a physician's assistant, and six are public members who need not have medical credentials, one of whom must have hospital risk management or quality assurance experience. A final member represents the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The Board meets once a month in Baltimore and there is communication between meetings, mostly by e-mails. **In other words, the time commitment to serve is not overwhelming.** An Executive Director for this board will also be needed. This position pays about **\$111,000** per year. This person need not be a physician. I urge interested **PRO-LIFERS** to submit their resumes **immediately** to John Naughton (**see ad on page 16**).

With a strong Maryland Board of Physicians, **Leroy Carhart**, third-trimester abortionist, who travels each week from Nebraska to Maryland, never would have been granted a Maryland medical license in the first place. With a strongly **PRO-LIFE** reconstituted Board of Physicians, Carhart's license could be revoked. **Please spread this important word to others. Board members need to be Maryland residents.** If you want more information about why I am extremely optimistic about turning around the Board of Physicians, **please call me.**



JOHN BOLGIANO RIP



On January 15, John Bolgiano passed onto his Eternal Reward. John was the husband of the late Eileen Bolgiano, co-founder of **DEFEND LIFE** along with myself way back in 1987. John and Eileen were the parents of three wonderful sons. John Jr. lives in Parkton and is a librarian at Johns Hopkins Homewood Campus. Their second son Ned is a prominent trauma physician at the VA Hospital in Baltimore. Their youngest son, David, is a lawyer and Army veteran who served three tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. David has co-authored a book on **Virtuous Policing** defending police and military personnel who sometimes have no choice but to resort to lethal force.

John was a partner at Smith, Somerville and Case, a small law firm with offices in Baltimore and Annapolis. Ned recalls how, unlike today's law firms, partners in his dad's law firm enjoyed having lunch with each other as well as sailing together on weekends.

John was about as laid back a person as I have ever known. In all the years, I knew him since moving to Baltimore in 1977, I never once heard him raise his voice. But he was not laid back at all and was absolutely brilliant in the courtroom. John actually grew up on a 200-acre horse farm here in the Worthington Valley of Baltimore County. He and his siblings got up before the crack of dawn to work that farm long before head-

ing to school. When Pearl Harbor was bombed in 1941, John, then just graduated from Loyola Blakefield High School, could not wait to enlist as a Marine. He served valiantly in the Pacific.

When pleading his client's case before a jury, he would brilliantly appeal to the blue collar make-up of the jury, telling stories and even injecting humor. Ned also recalled a case of copyright infringement where the defendant was illegally duplicating and selling audio cassette tapes (**known as pirating**). After winning the case for the plaintiff, John brought home a box of pirated tapes, used as evidence in the trial, most of which wound up in the hands of Loyola High School students who were friends of John, Jr., Ned and David.

On a personal level, John helped me enormously in settling my father's estate. Another lawyer wanted to charge me \$7,000 for handling Dad's modest estate. When I mentioned this to John, he said, **Jack, I don't think you need a lawyer. I think you can handle this yourself.** And so I did!

Well done, John and Eileen Bolgiano! You both epitomized every Christian virtue!

Long Live Christ Our King,

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, Director & Founder



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In My Humble Opinion

Urge Knights of Columbus to avoid moral catastrophe

By Janet Baker

Many of us in the pro-life movement, particularly in Catholic circles, often find valuable allies and kindred spirits within the Knights of Columbus.

Their support has been beyond measure in many ways, be it in allowing the use of their facilities for pro-life meetings or their assistance with Gabriel Network transition home maintenance.

The Knights of Columbus logo is a familiar sight at the various marches for life, both in Washington and in Annapolis.

It is with heavy heart that we must alert the Knights and all other Catholics to the actions of a council that seems to be wavering in its adherence to its Catholic identity. There is hope, though, that a moral catastrophe can be averted.

The Knights of Columbus Council 934 in Madison, Indiana, will allow two lesbians the free use of their ballroom on April 18 to host what they call their “wedding reception.” In other words, the Knights will be formally and materially cooperating in mortal sin.

The two lesbians approached the council last September to rent the place. They rendered a deposit, which the Knights regrettably accepted.

In early December, the council informed the two that they could not allow use of their ballroom to them because their “wedding” violates Church teaching.

Naturally, the gay community unleashed an uproar. In the face of

that, the Knights capitulated. They (as of this writing) are allowing the use of their ballroom, and at no cost to the lesbians.

We’ve all heard the stories of what gay activists are doing to Christian businesses to get them to affirm their sin. They are forcing Christian florists, bakers, hoteliers, etc. to facilitate their perversions of marriage.

Some have been forced to go out of business and others are fac-

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ing ruinous fines. A little over two years ago, Discover Annapolis Tours chose to eliminate their wedding services because they won’t cater to gay couples.

Let’s face it: the presence of people in the marketplace who hold to Christian morality in their business contracts stings the consciences of those engaged in perversion. The latter are striking against the former in this fashion in attempts to stifle what remains of their consciences and to lash out at God through the good Christian people.

This incident in Indiana is simply another volley in the gay activists’ war against decency and morality. It is truly deplorable that this Knights council has chosen to comply and to disregard their calling as

Catholic men.

What makes this even more troubling is that if this debacle occurs as currently scheduled, more K of C councils throughout the country will find themselves in the crosshairs of the Culture of Death.

I said “if” in my previous sentence because there may be time to stop this—but it will require much prayer and effort. Because we are rather far from Indiana, the best we can do now is repeated pleas with some key people:

The Knights of Columbus Council 934, 2250 Lanier Drive, Madison, IN 47250. Write letters expressing your displeasure. Phone (812) 273-1537.

Grand Knight of Council 934 Larry Basham, 6434 S. State Road #62, Lexington, IN 47138. His phone is (812) 866-4833.

K of C State Deputy Scott Cunningham. Email him at statedeputy@indianakofc.org.

The District Deputy at this time is unknown; the position appears to be vacant. However, emails can be sent to district30@indianakofc.org.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson can be contacted at (203) 752-4000.

Archbishop William Lori is Supreme Chaplain. His email is archbishop@archbalt.org.

This council is located within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Archbishop Joseph Tobin can be reached at (800) 382-9836 x1405 or email archbishop@archindy.org.

Knights of other localities please, in addition to your own con-

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The media disgrace themselves (as usual) with *Charlie Hebdo*

By Bob Brown

The headline in the French newspaper *Le Figaro* read, “*La liberté assassinée!*” Liberty [is] murdered. Chalk another one up to the *greed* of the press, not recognizing the true victims but seizing the most inappropriate moment to glorify itself.

Other French dailies printed similar headlines. And three of Britain’s major newspapers decried, on their front pages, the January 7 terrorists’ assault at the offices of the satirical magazine *Charlie Hebdo*, during which the lives of 12 people were ended, as a “war on freedom” and an “attack on freedom.”

Members of the American media were just as appalled that some of their own had been murdered.

But did you hear anything in the news about the terrorist attack in Yemen *that same day* in which 35 people were killed? Did the news outlets revisit for weeks the deaths of 2,000 Nigerians—mainly women, children, and older people—slain by Boko Haram in early January?

In the Paris tragedy, we see again what the mainstream press and media consider the greatest crime—not the slaughter of human beings, but an attack on the so-called freedom of expression (the holy prophet of Western nations.)

In post-Christian cultures, the loftiest ideal—the greatest good—is freedom of expression, over which the media have erected their Church of Personal Liberty. (If the media set you free, you are free indeed.)

Is the killing of preborn children wrong? Can’t be, since the media don’t even raise the issue.

Should marriage be redefined

to include couples of the same sex? Obviously, because today’s televangelists—sitcom characters and talk show hosts—all preach this message.

Non-Christians aren’t atheists, they’re pantheists. Their gods are Facebook and Anderson Cooper and the cast of *Glee*.

The media *also* function like a government (the secular church and state are, therefore, *not* separate).

To maintain their control over the masses, the media hire well-paid overseers, elected officials and other public employees who must swear

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allegiance to the idol of privacy.

Celebrities help fund the treasury by peddling their glamour and sex to a bored and drooling populace.

It’s a well-oiled machine with the media turning the knobs and pulling the levers. And that’s why the press dares to say that *it* was under siege in Paris.

The media have forgotten their place. The role of the press used to be to keep tyrants in check, not to be the tyrant itself.

The media, the “justice” system, and a self-absorbed citizenry collude to oppress preborn children because babies are an assault on freedom.

With the power to be impartial, the mainstream media spend nary a drop of ink nor a second of airtime questioning the fallout from 57 million abortions in just two American generations. That’s the definition of a tyrant.

But they do propagate the abortion industry’s scare tactics to keep the uncritical public in line: “If you don’t vote pro-choice, the religious police will invade your bedroom and take away your sex toys!” Nobody wants to touch your sex toys. Just stop killing little girls and boys.

The networks continue to ignore the victims murdered in Paris. There has been no reflection on their destroyed lives or on their shattered families.

Instead, millions of people marched to the rallying cry, “*Je suis Charlie.*” I am Charlie. It appears that they were incapable of identifying themselves with a real person murdered in the attack, the same popular indifference shown toward murdered preborn people.

Today, people are more outraged by any suggestion of restraint on personal freedom than by grisly violence perpetrated against fellow human beings, born and not yet born. “How dare you tell me ‘No!’” secular society screams at the most modest pro-life measures.

But Christians say to abortionists and jihadists and media elitists (and physicians who assist suicide), “How dare you snuff out the life of a person created in the image of God!”

So, I’m bashing the press through the press, right?—through *Defend Life* magazine. Well, of course, pro-lifers use the press as a tool to expose injustice, but the

press is not our savior. Our faith is not in free speech; the First Amendment falls way short of the First Commandment.

Yet, we write, we march, we educate, we vote, and we pray. Fueled by ignorance and apathy, the abortion industry can conjure support only through media manipulation.

After all, who would show up for an annual March for Death?

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battle to close George Tiller's abortion clinic, which began when Newman moved to Wichita with his wife and five children for that purpose in 2002.

Sullenger (who has two daughters and eight grandchildren) had worked with him in the 1990s, helping to close 18 abortion clinics in San Diego County over 10 years.

She and her family joined Newman in Kansas in 2003.

In Wichita, they used every tool in the pro-life toolbox to shut Tiller down: first, exhaustive, year-long research documenting Tiller's operations; a Truth Truck (which was frequently vandalized) and "prayer

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tacts, insist that your leaders call Council 934 to the carpet for besmirching the integrity of thousands of honorable Knights.

Please contact these officials—early and often—and insist that this planned debacle be canceled immediately. Share this information with your friends and families and ask that they too raise their voices.

It's much better to draw the loud-mouthed ire of the Culture of Death rather than to become part of that culture.

walks" in the clinic administrator's neighborhood.

They created "a well-oiled machine" to document injured patients leaving the clinic by ambulance; filed formal complaints with regulatory agencies; lobbied for laws to regulate abortion clinics.

But, "the key to closing every abortion mill in the country," they maintain, consists of three steps:

1. Discover and document what the abortionist is doing wrong: "We have yet to find an abortion clinic that fully complies with the law."
2. Get that information into the hands of the appropriate authorities.
3. Then, demand enforcement.

"It's that simple," they declare.

Not *that* simple

Well, it's really not all *that* simple!

Following the three steps often requires years of tedious "drudge work," digging out facts and documents.

OR has a solid rule: If there is

no document to back up an allegation, they won't put it in print.

The second half of *Abortion Free* lays out in minute detail specific steps, which they have honed over years of trial and error, for pro-lifers who want to close down the abortion clinic in their neighborhood.

First, identify and research your local abortionist. Operation Rescue has given you a boost up on this task with their excellent website, AbortionDocs.org, which provides names and details on every abortion clinic and known abortionist in the nation.

(I found the website a big help researching for "Hopkins Bayview: abortions up to 20 weeks, how-to demos," *Defend Life*, Nov.-Dec. 2014.)

OR names numerous other valuable sources for information, beginning with the medical board website in your state (the Maryland Board of Physicians site is mbp.state.md.us).

They follow with a long list of intriguing topics, with a plethora of helpful tips on each: the art of making undercover calls; getting your hands on "open records"; dealing with a confidential informant.

There's good advice on how to conduct a successful "sting" operation; write an effective press release; stage a strategic protest; file a formal complaint form, etc., etc., etc.

I've long been an admirer of Operation Rescue's work, especially of Cheryl Sullenger's many successful exposés of abortion clinics and individual abortionists across the nation—including her stellar work in the state of Maryland.

Abortion Free is an invaluable manual for pro-lifers who are serious about ending abortion in their community.

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Feminism has de-masculinized men: time for us to man up!

By Jim Fritz

When I look at the feminist movement that began in the 1960s, I have to wonder where it has gotten women—but I also wonder what it has done to men.

Women have made many advances: equality in the workplace, i.e., equal pay for equal work, opportunity for promotion, etc.

Also, opportunities in the fields of science and technology as well as jobs in the manual and industrial arts fields have been opened to women for the first time.

How much of this is due to the feminist movement is questionable. Many of these changes, such as equal pay, began before the feminist movement started.

In general, the feminist movement, in its attempt to turn women into men, has been a complete failure for both women *and* men.

Women should not be turned into men. Women need to be women. As Pope Francis has said, “Mothers are indispensable to society and the Church, showing the world what it means to generously give oneself for others, to respect life and to display tenderness and moral strength even in times of trouble.”

Mallory Millett, sister of feminist Kate Millett, has written an excellent article on the beginning of the feminist movement.¹

After reading it and seeing the results of the feminist movement, one is reminded of the Biblical story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. In the case of feminism, the serpent, Satan, convinced woman she would not be equal to God but equal to man. Also, in this case, men were as naïve as Adam. Adam



Men are hard-wired to be protectors and providers for their children and families.

not only did not stop the woman, but also ate of the fruit.

Everyone seems to forget that Eve was not alone in the Garden of Eden. Adam had a moral obligation to protect Eve and he failed miserably.

Men have also done a miserable job protecting women from the satanic feminist movement.

Men ignored the disastrous implications of the feminist movement and in some cases ate of its fruit. The results have been nearly as bad as being thrown out of the Garden of Eden.

Church derelict in duty

Cardinal Burke commented recently regarding this acceptance of the feminist movement by the men in the Church, i.e., the priests, bishops and cardinals.

He said, “Unfortunately, the radical feminist movement strongly influenced the Church, leading the Church to constantly address women’s issues at the expense of addressing critical issues important to men; the importance of the fa-

ther, whether in the union of marriage or not; the importance of a father to children; the importance of fatherhood for priests; the critical impact of a manly character; the emphasis on the particular gifts that God gives to men for the good of the whole society... So much of this tradition of heralding the heroic nature of manhood has been lost in the Church today.”²

To put it mildly, families are in crisis. Our culture is in terrible decline.

Women have been encouraged to be more like men, and this has been a terrible mistake.

Women have been encouraged to go against human nature. In general, women, by nature, are more interested in having and raising children than working in a full-time job in any position and leaving their children at home with someone else taking care of them. They miss those wonderful moments of affection and love from their children.

Pill worsens problem

In addition to the feminist movement, the advent of “the Pill”

had another influence on men.

Men and women have always sinned. Babies were still conceived out of wedlock, but before the feminists and the Pill, contraception in such relationships was the responsibility of the man. And if he failed to accept this, then he was likely facing an unpleasant encounter with the woman's father followed shortly by a shotgun wedding.

With the advent of the Pill, contraception became the woman's responsibility, and if a pregnancy resulted, it was "her fault."

Men felt trapped, since they no longer felt responsible for any "results" of the relationship, and abortion was a more likely outcome than marriage.

The man had more incentive to compel the woman to seek abortion, since a live birth could result in him having to pay child support.

Women have been encouraged to be as promiscuous as men and to accept abortion as their "choice," yet they never name the choice, as it is the killing of their own child. They rationalize their babies as "blobs of tissue" even though the heart beats at 24 days after conception.

What has this promiscuity obtained for them? They become part of the "Hook-up Culture." They are taken advantage of by men and end up hating them.

Out-of-wedlock births have risen from around 5% to over 40% today. Likewise, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), breast cancer and other health issues caused by abortion and the Pill have increased significantly.

Some women who raise their children by themselves teach their children to hate all men. This continues the negative cycle, and then they wonder, "Where are all of the

men?"

Men now have a free sexual partner without making any commitment. Men may think this is great, but where will they find a woman they can respect?

Our marriage rates are now at historic lows, and our reproductive rate is below survival as a society. We are committing national suicide.



Radical feminism has led the Church to focus on women's issues at the expense of addressing critical issues important to men, says Cardinal Leo Burke.

Many men have abdicated their rightful role in society. Along with a disgraceful abandonment of the natural order, they no longer are the spiritual heads of their households.

They refuse to stand up for righteousness. They refuse to honor, cherish, and protect their families, and they fail miserably in loving and honoring their faith.

The so-called "choice" for women has turned out to be a choice for men. As a sidewalk counselor outside an abortion mill, I continually see women pushed and pulled into the abortion mill by a boyfriend or spouse. The woman's only choice is to be pushed or pulled into killing her own child.

Even more sickening is see-

ing parents dragging their young daughters into the mill. Surveys estimate 67% of women who have an abortion are forced into it. This is a choice? The number of men attacking women for refusing to have an abortion continually increases.

Every year for many years I have had pro-life booths at our local fairs, and I always give 12-week-old fetal models (rubberized) to the young girls.

They love them and treat them like babies. The boys try to see how far they can stretch them or bounce them off the walls or floor.

One little girl who took a fetal model went away and came back an hour later to proudly show me the little "baby" in a tiny crib someone had made for her.

Last year I offered a fetal model to a young woman in her early 20s, and she told me she still had the one I had given her 10 years before. It was sitting in a little bed on her dresser. Women are hard-wired as mothers to be protective of their children.

Providers and protectors

By human nature, men love taking things apart and building things. It is the son who is given the building set and the BB gun, rifle or shotgun for Christmas. It is the man who is the hunter.

Men are hard-wired to be builders, to be respected, to be needed, and to be heroes.

They are supposed to be the providers and protectors. They should be thanked for being the provider, for working 40-plus hours a week, for going to a job they may not like, for putting up with an incompetent boss, for the long commute, etc...

Every three years we have a reading at Mass from Ephesians

5:22 which states, “Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as to the Lord.”

I will never forget a certain priest explaining this in his homily. Many of the women parishioners objected to the part of the reading referring to obedience to their husbands.

The priest told the parishioners the next verse reads, “For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is head of the Church, His body, and is Himself its savior.”

The priest was very adamant in his interpretation of this second verse. He said, “Christ died on the cross for His Church; therefore, the husband is called upon to die for his wife—on the cross, if needed.”

There is no implication of inferiority of women to men, but the requirement that men must protect and make sacrifices for their spouse and family in the same sense as Christ who died on a cross for His Church.

The priest then dramatically pointed to the crucifix and asked the women which they would choose, obedience or dying on the cross.

If you question the positive aspects of Ephesians 5:22, then read 1 Peter 3:1 which repeats this verse, but clarifies why the woman must obey her husband.

In brief, Peter states, even if some of the men disobey the word, they will be won over by their wives’ conduct.

Leaders of the family

Men need to be with other men. They should join good Catholic men’s groups, or even start one up.

Two good groups are the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus. Men’s retreats are great. Hunting is a male ritual. Men need to be with other men even if it is eat-

ing out at a restaurant. A wife should not object to this.

Men should be the spiritual leader of the family. Eighty percent of children follow through with their faith if they have been led by their fathers. Only 35% follow through if they are led by their mothers.

Men need to spend more time in prayer and to pray with their fami-

Men must protect and make sacrifices for their family in the same sense as Christ who died on a cross for His Church.

lies. Women should encourage this, but not push it. Ask your husband to pray for you and for your children. Ask him to lead with prayer at the evening meal.

Go to the article on Cardinal Burke to review his recommendations on how men should change their lives and lead the family.

Remember Archbishop Fulton Sheen when he told us to act like men: “Who is going to save our Church? Not our bishops, not our priests and religious. It is up to you,

the people. You have the minds, the eyes, the ears to save the Church.

“Your mission is to see that your priests act like priests, your bishops, like bishops, and your religious act like religious.”

Let us be examples for our children. Let us teach our children our faith and not the latest fad. Let us teach our children about purity and chastity.

You will find lots of help on the Internet. Teach our children about our heroes. There are hundreds of stories of both saints and of heroes in our country’s history.

Point out everyday acts of local heroes such as those who minister to the sick (especially our children), those who work in soup kitchens and those who are pro-life leaders.

Let us by our leadership, by our good works and our strong faith, by our example of courage and strength, turn our culture around.

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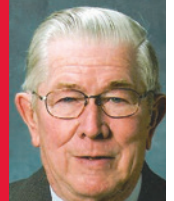
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