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## Saving Javier Jesus: video captures Germantown saga

Javier Jesus was scheduled to be killed on a Sunday.

Javier's mom was 27 weeks pregnant. She and his dad were visibly upset as they walked toward Germantown Reproductive Health Services in Germantown, Md., that Sunday.

They had wanted their baby. But doctors told them that he had a fetal anomaly that would allow him to live—at most—only one to two hours after his birth.

The doctors suggested abortion to prevent the "fetus" from suffering.

A late-term abortion is a complex, risky procedure taking two to four days. On this first day, late-term abortionist LeRoy Carhart would administer a lethal injection that would kill Javier.

The following days would be spent dilating his mom's cervix so her dead baby could be delivered on the final day.

But outside the clinic, Javier's parents ran into some sidewalk counselors. They told the couple that sometimes a doctor's prognosis could be wrong.

"As a result, they decided not to abort," said sidewalk counselor Ellen Castellano—"and to do the courageous thing and deliver a baby that was supposed to die."

But God had other plans, she said. Javier Jesus was born on August



### Saved!

**Javier Jesus, born August 20, snuggles in the arms of his proud mom. Her doctors said he had a grave fetal anomaly and advised that she abort him. He is a healthy, thriving baby.**

20. "He had a very minor surgical procedure, and is doing great," said Castellano. "His parents are thrilled to have him!"

### Boots on the ground

The story of little Javier Jesus' rescue has been captured on film by veteran producer/director Wendy Wilmoski and her company, Two Crown Productions LLC.

It will be part of a 30-minute documentary titled "Saved."

LeRoy Carhart, one of only four known late-term abortionists in America, admits to performing over

20,000 late-term abortions himself.

The 72-year-old abortionist fought for partial-birth abortion in *Gonzales v. Carhart*, a case that went all the way to the Supreme Court, where he lost.

He "starred" in "After Tiller," the award-winning documentary that premiered at the 2013 Sundance Film Festival. The film portrays the four late-term abortionists as courageously risking their lives for the sake of their "patients."

Ever since December 2010, when Carhart moved his late-term abortion business to Germantown after Nebraska passed a ban on

abortion after 20 weeks, it's been boots on the ground for area pro-lifers.

They have prayed, protested, and counseled outside the abortion clinic without fail every single week, often by the hundreds.

The "Monday morning crew," which stands along Wisteria Drive every Monday from 8 to 10 a.m., averages 30-50 people in good weather.

But even on the morning of February 16, despite a bone-chilling temperature of 8 degrees above zero, there were still over twenty pro-lifers cheerfully praying and holding signs along the roadway as cars sped past.

"Probably half of us here are from St. John Neumann Church in Gaithersburg," said Sam Fanning, who has been coming every Monday for 3½ years.

Inside the Churchill Executive Park business complex, several sidewalk counselors stood in front of the abortion clinic, hoping for a chance to talk with Carhart's clients as they arrived.



**Abortionist LeRoy Carhart exits his car outside Germantown Reproductive Health Services as Montgomery County Police Officer John Marr holds his car door.**

Veteran sidewalk counselor Dick Retta has been coming every Monday for four years.

"We have six counselors here on Monday, six on Tuesday, four on Wednesday, and two on Sunday," said Retta.

"We're also trying to cover Fridays, when they do one-day abortions," said Castellano, who heads up the counseling effort.

Castellano, the mother of seven, had never come to an abortion clinic until her first day at Carhart's in February 2011.

"I witnessed a 'save' that first time," she recalled. "You could see the joy on her face. I was amazed!"

In "After Tiller," abortionist Susan Robinson remarks that it is very rare for women to change their minds when they come for a late-term abortion.

"Yet, just last week, we had five saves!" Castellano exclaimed.

The Germantown pro-lifers estimate that Carhart has done well over 2,000 abortions in his four years at Germantown.

But by February 14, the pro-lifers had helped save the lives of 230 babies—that they know of.

"We only count a save when someone tells us they changed their minds, or when they are here on Sunday, but we never see them after that," said Ellen.

The babies are killed on Sunday, but the women must come back to have the child removed—so if they



**Sidewalk counselor Ellen Castellano tries to engage abortionist LeRoy Carhart in conversation while he walks toward the abortion clinic.**



don't come back the next day, it's safe to say they didn't go through with the abortion, she explained.

"The staff has told us, 'You have a lot more saves than you know about,'" she noted.

### B-roll filming, camera crews

The idea of doing a documentary seemed to spring up almost simultaneously in several pro-lifers' minds.

Ellen's husband Tony proposed the project on New Year's Eve 2013, "but I gave him the idea!" she said.

"The Lord told me the same thing," said Wilmowski: "What's happening here is very unique—so many people coming here with their various gifts to save these unborn babies."

"We needed to document and show how God is acting through

us," agreed Ellen. "He needs us here on the ground. But this isn't our work so much as it is God acting through the Holy Spirit."

The aim of the documentary is to show others across the country what has happened in German-

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town and inspire them to step out in faith themselves, said Wendy—"So somebody in Ohio might decide to use some of our tactics at *their* neighborhood abortion clinic."

Wilmowski, who has been filming "Saved" for a year, has chalked

up almost 30 years' experience as a producer/director, camera operator and occasional script writer.

She received her undergraduate degree at Franciscan University in Steubenville and her Master's in Theology at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family.

She lived and worked in Hollywood for seven years. Her freelance work has also taken her to Israel, Brazil and the Netherlands.

Wendy is doing the "B-roll" filming herself. B-roll is the film footage captured to enrich the story you're telling, rather than just rely on "talking heads."

Because it's hard to get cooperation from a typical Carhart client for obvious reasons, that means spending thousands of hours outside the clinic, just to get a few minutes of valuable, "needle in the haystack" scenes.

Javier Jesus' story was captured in this way. After he was born, his happy parents agreed to a formal interview.

Filming an interview requires a full, paid crew: two cameramen with two to three cameras, a director/producer, a make-up person, a gaffer (who handles lighting), and a grip (stagehand who rigs cameras, operates cranes and dollies, etc.)

It's expensive. Wendy estimates that the camera crew and the editing will account for about \$60,000 of the total cost of "Saved," which will be approximately \$75,000.

Part of that sum will pay for 500 DVDs of the documentary, which Wilmowski plans to distribute free to churches and pro-life groups across the country.

So far, Two Crown Productions has raised about \$9,000, which paid for the Javier Jesus interview and a February 13 interview with Dr.



Photo by Don Tracy

"Saved" producer/director Wendy Wilmowski shoots film footage at the Germantown abortion clinic, flanked by Craig Hostetler and a second prayer warrior.

John Bruchalski of Centro Tepeyac Women's Center, who was very instrumental in helping Javier's parents.

More interviews must wait until the pro-lifers have raised more money to pay for the camera crews.

"There are nine more people I want to interview," said Wendy.

"Once we get all the interviews, then I spend hours and hours editing, putting them together. It's like a puzzle.

"I already have in my head how this is looking; all those pieces are coming together beautifully!"

### Assault by umbrella

In the meantime, Wilmowski is continuing to film at the clinic, which has aroused the ire of Carhart. He is paying off-duty Montgomery County police officers to act as "security guards."

Not a week has gone by without some sort of harassment from the police—who wear their County Police uniforms—or from Carhart and his staff, said Wilmowski.

Dick Retta is a favorite target of Officer Jim Peacock.

"Once he pushed me off the [public] sidewalk onto the grass, then tried to accuse me of trespassing on the clinic's private property," Retta recalled.

On Wendy's first day of filming, Officer John Marr accused her of loitering and told her to move across the street. When she refused, he called his lieutenant, and four police officers came.

They threatened to arrest her because she declined to give her name, but later "backed off," she said.

"They have also demanded to see my footage, which I refused to do."

Last November, a Carhart em-

ployee purposely bumped into Wendy with an umbrella as she was filming Carhart getting out of his car. The woman then waved the umbrella in front of her to keep her from any more filming.

The scene was captured on video by another pro-lifer.

Carhart can be heard saying, "Hey, I wouldn't push her if I was

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**'Carhart's all about money—they hate us because we're costing them money.'**

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you."

Wilmowski replies, "You're talking to her, right? I'm not doing anything!"

Carhart retorts, "I'm talking to you, b----."

On February 9, Ellen witnessed Officer Peacock walk up to a car whose driver had rolled down the window to talk to a sidewalk counselor.

"He told the driver that it would not be wise to talk to us, because the clinic might refuse to do the procedure if they talked to us.

"These police officers are acting like 'deathscorts,'" she charged. "They're starting to talk over top of us, trying to drown us out."

In her view, their actions have crossed the line into very questionable behavior for a uniformed Montgomery County police officer.

Ellen has managed to talk to Carhart several times as he walked from his car to the clinic door.

Once, she asked him, "Why do you continue to do this?"

"He said, 'Because God *wants* me to!' He claims that God is pro-choice."

In reality, said Ellen, "He's all about money. That's why they hate us—because we're costing them money."

Late-term abortions cost at least \$3,000 each, with many costing \$9,000 or much more. Ellen estimates that their 230 saves to date have lost Carhart at least a million dollars.

Wilmowski hopes to complete "Saved" by this summer. Whether she succeeds depends on whether they can raise the funds to pay for the camera crews and other expenses.

For several months, Two Crown Productions had been raising funds on the "crowd funding" website, YouCaring.com. But on February 18, the website notified Wilmowski by email that they were removing the fundraiser from their site.

"We reserve the right to exclude or terminate any fundraising campaigns that may be considered potentially objectionable, controversial or divisive in nature," was the terse explanation.

"But they have at least three pro-abortion fundraisers on their site that have not been taken down [as of February 24]. Double standard for sure," observed Wilmowski.

She hopes that pro-lifers will rally to support "Saved." Donations for the project can be made via PayPal at TwoCrownProductions.com.

Donations may also be sent directly to Two Crown Productions LLC, 12774 Wisteria Drive, Unit 1121, Germantown, MD 20875.

Updates and more information on "Saved," including two short trailers, can be viewed at Prayfor-Germantown.com.

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## American taxpayers: Under Obamacare, Abortions R Us

### Federal taxpayers are funding abortions whether they want to or not

The February 28 deadline for signing up for health insurance for 2015 under the Affordable Care Act—more commonly known as Obamacare—has come and gone.

By now, most Americans have either signed up for a plan under ACA, or have opted to pay the fine for refusing to do so.

Do the individual insurance plans of those who signed up include paying for abortions? Well, it's hard to say.

President Obama, on September 9, 2009, stood before a joint session of Congress and solemnly declared that “under our plan, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortion.”

The Hyde Amendment, a “rider” that barred the use of federal funds to pay for abortions, had been routinely attached to annual appropriations bids since 1976.

But pro-life congressmen were still skittish.



**Addressing Congress in 2009, President Obama declares that under Obamacare, no federal dollars will be used to fund abortion.**

The Stupak-Pitts amendment to ACA, which, like Hyde, prohibited the use of federal funds to pay for abortion except in cases of rape, incest, or threat to the life of the mother, was adopted by the House but rejected in the Senate version.

With intransigent legislators on

both sides, President Obama signed an Executive Order in March 2010 promising the nation that federal funds would not pay for elective abortions.

His Executive Order broke the impasse. Obamacare, without Stupak-Pitts, passed and became law.

#### Hardly ‘a walk in the park’

Under Obamacare, insurance plans can be purchased that either exclude abortion coverage or include it.

But trying to find out whether your plan covers abortion has been “anything but a walk in the park,” say some researchers.

Efforts by congressmen to find out from former Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius (and later, Secretary Sylvia Burwell) met with a stone wall of evasion or silence.

At a 2014 Congressional hearing, for example, Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD) told Secretary Sebelius that



**Rep. Andy Harris questions former HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius on the lack of transparency as to which health plans cover abortion.**



the sheaf of papers he was holding up were summaries of benefits of every exchange plan in Maryland.

“None of them have an indication of whether they cover abortions,” Harris told her.

“I think it should be transparent,” Sebelius agreed.

But nothing changed.

According to an extensive joint research project by the Family Research Council and the Charlotte Lozier Institute, due to a “lack of transparency” by the Obama Administration, it is nearly impossible to ascertain abortion coverage on health plans on either the federal exchange (healthcare.gov) or on the state health care exchanges.

But at the joint project’s website, [obamacareabortion.com](http://obamacareabortion.com), Americans can click on their state and learn which plans do and don’t cover abortion for 2015.

Maryland, for example, which has a state-run exchange ([maryland-healthconnection.gov](http://maryland-healthconnection.gov)), has seven insurance carriers offering 53 different health insurance plans. Forty cover abortion; 13 do not.

“[B]oth Maryland Health Connection and the insurance carriers have failed to provide transparent information coverage,” according to the FRC/CLI researchers.

But by piecing together information from the 2014 Government Accounting Office report on abortion coverage by various insurers and through other sources, including phone calls and emails to individual insurers, the project reports the following for Maryland:

#### **Plans that cover elective abortion:**

1. CareFirst BlueChoice (all 11 plans).
2. CareFirst CFMI and GHMSI (of four plans, two cover elec-

tive abortion; two do not).

3. Kaiser Permanente (all 10 plans).
4. United Health Care of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. (all five plans).
5. Evergreen Health Cooperative (all 12 plans).

In 2014, Evergreen excluded abortion from all individual health plans sold on Maryland Health Connection.

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However, FRC/CLI obtained written confirmation that Evergreen’s 2015 Maryland plans *do* cover elective abortion.

#### **Plans that don’t cover elective abortion:**

1. AllSavers (United Health Care) (All eight plans).
2. CareFirst CFMI and GHMSI (of four plans, the following two *do not* cover abortion: BlueCross BlueShield Preferred 500, and BlueCross Blue Shield Preferred 1500).
3. Cigna (all three plans).

#### **Still paying for abortions**

The bad news for pro-lifers is that even if you have signed up for a health care plan that does not cover abortion, you are still paying for abortions through your federal taxes.

Obama’s Executive Order preventing federal funding of abortion is non-binding and does not carry

the force of law.

Former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel revealed to the *Chicago Tribune* that the EO was simply a maneuver by the Obama Administration to get Obamacare passed without the Stupak-Pitts Amendment.

Obamacare created a “premium assistance credit program”—commonly known to the general public as health care subsidies—to help people in certain income ranges to buy insurance.

Individuals and families earning between 100% and 400% of the federal poverty level (FPL) are eligible.

Under Obamacare, insurance plans sold on the exchanges can be purchased with these federal subsidies *even if the subsidized plan includes elective abortion*.

Almost all customers who buy insurance on the federal exchanges qualify for subsidies, totaling 6.5 million people across the 37 states served by HealthCare.gov., according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Overall, 87% of federal exchange enrollees get subsidies. The average customer will get \$268 in tax subsidies a month, or \$3,216 a year in tax subsidies, the *Washington Times* reported on February 9.

According to a 2013 issue brief by The Heritage Foundation, by 2023, 19 million people will receive subsidies, costing taxpayers over \$1 trillion from 2014 to 2023.

The Government Accounting Office (GAO) reported that in 2014 a total of 1,036 insurance plans that cover elective abortion could be purchased with federal subsidies on the health care exchanges.

Supposedly, Obamacare set up a billing arrangement that would

# How is man unique? Let me count the ways

If Fr. Paul Schenck and Rutgers University law professor Gary Francione happened to meet at a cocktail party, their ensuing conversation would doubtless be intriguing.

Professor Francione, a radical proponent of animal rights, maintains that “No characteristic other than sentience [the capacity for feeling or perceiving] is required for *personhood*.” (Italics added.)

Thus, he concludes, not just the animals with higher cognitive ability, such as great apes or chimpanzees, but *all* animals, down to the millions of mice and rats “exploited” in research laboratories, have the same rights and worth as humans.

In his book, *Animals as Persons: Essays on the Abolition of Animal Exploitation*, Francione observes with obvious disdain, “Western civilization has long entertained the notion that humans (or at least some of them) are created in the image of God and have greater value,” based on “the creation story in the book of Genesis.”

Father Schenck begs to differ.

“There is something about humans that is unique among the animals,” he told listeners at his Defend Life-sponsored talk February 19 at Church of the Resurrection in Burtonsville. “We *know* it. What makes us stand out among the rest of the animals?”

Father Schenck, director of the Respect Life Office in the Harrisburg Diocese, and an animal lover (although, he confessed, “I don’t like cats”), emphasized that he would not discuss the controversial issue of animal rights but instead, “the qualities that set us apart for unique rights and unique responsi-

bilities.”

Rather than reject the Biblical record of creation as a mere “notion,” Father turned to the two creation accounts in Genesis for answers.

In the first account, he noted that God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness, and let them have dominion over all the earth....So God created man in His



**Contrary to the claims of some animal rights radicals, man is unique among all animals, says Fr. Paul Schenck.**

own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Gen. 1, 26-27).

If man is created in God’s image, and he is *like* God, It’s important to grasp *God’s* uniqueness, said Schenck.

In *Introduction to Christianity*, Pope Emeritus Benedict notes that when God appears to Moses in the Burning Bush, and Moses asks Him what he should tell the Israelites His name is, the God of the Burning Bush will not put Himself on the same level as the named gods, but replies, “I am Who I am.”

Father, who was raised in the

Jewish faith and was “dragged kicking and screaming” to six years of Hebrew school as a child, explained that most Hebrew words arise from a three-letter root.

The three-letter root of God’s name in Hebrew is the Hebrew word for “existence” or “essence,” so His name means, “I am existence itself,” said Schenck.

“Nothing can exist without God,” he added. “That’s what makes Him utterly unique, utterly unrepeatable. He doesn’t possess existence: He *is* existence.”

Man cannot be “existence” because we are dependent on God, who *is* existence; “but we are ‘like’ God,” said the priest. “This likeness is not passed to any other living being.”

Commenting on the two creation accounts in Genesis, St. Pope John Paul writes, “If...we wish to draw from this narrative the concept of the image of God, we can deduce that man became the image and likeness of God not only through his own humanity, but also through the communion of persons which man and woman formed right from the beginning...”

“In this way, the second narrative could also be a preparation for understanding the Trinitarian concept of God,” John Paul concludes.

“John Paul is saying that the human family reflects the Trinitarian idea of God,” said Father; “that perhaps the most unique feature or characteristic of a human being is the relationship within the family.

“The communion of marriage and family life is not shared by the other animals.”

Father Schenck noted that humanity is unique in possessing a

number of other features:

- Rationality: the ability to reason.
- Volition: the ability to freely will something.
- Imagination: the ability to conceive of something, mentally and emotionally, which is not yet real.
- Empathy: the ability to step out of oneself and into the other's experience, frame of mind and heart, and to live as that other person while never losing oneself.

"Other animals only react to outside forces," said Father. "Man, like God, has an image and he makes a likeness; that is, he creates."

Because they don't have this quality, other animals don't build hospitals or highways, develop

vaccines or microchips, pretend or pray, he noted.

"Humans do what God does—reason within themselves: '*Let us make ...*'"

The most important likeness is man's ability to look within himself—to make an examination of his conscience and to judge his inner thoughts, said Father.

"Nobody did more to investigate this ability than St. Augustine in his timeless odyssey of the inner life, his *Confessions*," he declared.

"He revealed to all humanity this amazing, robust, full, overflowing interior life of the human being."

Father Schenck closed with the words of St. John Paul: "Human life is always a good. It is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of His presence—a trace of His glory."

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keep federal taxpayer dollars from paying for abortion coverage. Insurers were supposed to collect two separate payments: one for general coverage, and a second surcharge for elective abortion.

The Department of Health and Human Services modified this requirement in 2014, saying that insurers could simply itemize the abortion surcharge on one monthly bill.

But the GAO report revealed that *none* of the insurers they interviewed billed for abortion separately, or even itemized the abortion surcharge on the single bill.

Federal taxpayers will also be footing the bill for abortions through Medicaid expansion and the "preventive services mandate" that requires coverage of certain abortion-inducing drugs.

The Obama Administration in 2013 also awarded over \$655,000 in taxpayer grants to Planned Parenthood, America's largest abortion provider, for its employees to act as "navigators," helping consumers to choose their health insurance.

Currently, however, subsidies are in jeopardy for the estimated 7.5 million Americans now receiving their health insurance on the federal health exchange.

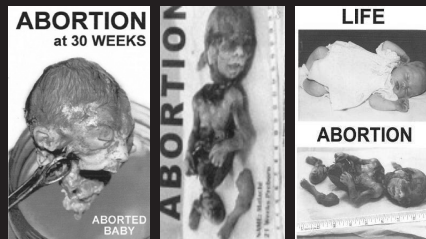
The Supreme Court is expected to decide by the end of June whether, according to the wording in the Affordable Care Act, those subsidies are illegal.

The Court is clearly split on the issue. But even if it rules that these subsidies are illegal and must be eliminated, subsidies through state exchanges such as Maryland's, along with other conduits, will keep the stream of federal tax dollars paying for abortions flowing.

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## In Memoriam

# Charlie Rice: Notre Dame's loss is heaven's gain

By Tom Dixon

Dr. Charles E. Rice, professor emeritus of law at the University of Notre Dame Law School, passed from this earth on February 25, at the age of 83.

He leaves behind his wife of 59 years, Mary, whom he oft and aptly described as “the brains of the operation,” in reference to their clan of 11 children, all of whom earned National Merit Scholar recognition (among their many other accomplishments).

It is hard to write a memorial for Charlie Rice; there is simply too much to say, and too many stories to share. His wake could last for months, as all who love him share amazing and wonderful stories about his place in our lives.

I was privileged to be with legendary pro-life activist Fr. Norman Weslin in his last days on this earth, and I would frequently talk with Charlie about how Father was doing. I remember him saying, “Now we are praying *for* Father Weslin, and soon we will be praying *to* him.”

And so it is with Dr. Rice. There are people God puts in our lives to give us a glimpse of the Beatific Vision.

We turn to them at the significant times, and they always exalt, always instruct, always comfort, always pray, and always love. We run into them at the grocery store and think they will be around forever. And then God takes them home.

When I first met Father Weslin, the first thing the shackled priest (being arraigned for the crime of singing “Immaculate Mary” on



**Dr. Charles E. Rice, a beloved professor of law at the University of Notre Dame, was a brilliant natural law scholar and fighter for the university's Catholic identity.**

Notre Dame's campus) said to me was, “Do you know Charlie Rice?”

And when I responded with a smile, “Yeah, you want to stay away from that guy,” Father immediately knew his South Bend attorney was a Dr. Rice minion.

Any time a strategic or legal issue arose with regard to the two-year ND 88 spiritual battle, Father Weslin would say, “We’ll do whatever Charlie and Tom Brejcha (the president of The Thomas More Society Law Center in Chicago that funded and led the representation of the ND 88) say.”

And he was right—these two jurisprudential and moral giants merited our complete respect, allegiance and deference.

Father Weslin frequently and fondly spoke of the time many years earlier when he, uncompromising recidivist lamb that he was, was jailed in South Bend over Christ-

mas.

The Rice clan, led by the brains of the operation, Mary (and probably hundreds in tow) stood outside the jail walls after visiting hours and sang Christmas carols in the dead of winter to Father Weslin and the other detainees. And what a gift from the Lord that this precious memory stayed with Father throughout his life!

But that is just the Rice family way. Anyone who has been privileged to know Charlie and Mary will have similar stories and memories of service and deep spiritual connection.

Dr. Rice, a member of the Notre Dame law faculty since 1969, possessed an incredible intellect. Quite simply, he was the greatest natural law scholar of his time.

Sadly, he was frequently called to use that intellect to keep the forces of darkness and deception from overtaking his beloved University of Notre Dame.

In his 2009 book, *What Happened to Notre Dame?* Charlie recounted how the university sacrificed its Catholic identity on the altar of political correctness, money, and secular prestige.

But he always stood in the breach. He kept 24 hour a day watch on the walls of the place named for and dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

Charlie's sense of humor was second to none. He told his first year torts class that he didn't like the bumper sticker “God Made Notre Dame #1.” He would tell them that

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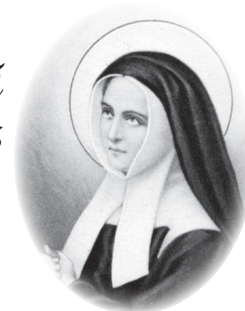
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Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

**Jack Willke, RIP**



Jack Willke, the Father of the **PRO-LIFE** Movement, departed this life suddenly at age 89 at his home in Cincinnati on February 20. I first met Dr. Willke in the early 1970s in Virginia.

I had learned from my friend Gerry Bruning that he would be speaking in Lynchburg, Virginia. I timed a business trip to that city to hear him speak and had the honor of driving Jack Willke to his hotel afterwards.

Jack and Barbara Willke's greatest contribution to our movement is that they taught us volumes about abortion **by showing us exactly what abortion was and still is**. They put together a marvelous slide-tape presentation entitled **Abortion: How It Is**. It showed pre-born babies at various stages of development and also graphic images of babies mutilated by various types of abortion at those same stages of development. Some of these slides had mysteriously shown up on the desk of **PRO-LIFE**



hero **Dr. Bill Hogan** when he was an OB-GYN at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. He sent them to the Willkes.



I was about to give my first ever **PRO-LIFE** presentation using those powerful Willke slides. It was scheduled at a non-denominational church on Richmond's north side on a Friday night. The pastor's name was Reverend Bernard Overstreet, what a Godly man! Earlier that week, I visited the Trane office in Greensboro, North Carolina, about 4 hours from Richmond. I listened and relistened to the Willke recording on a cassette tape recorder plugged into what was then known as a cigarette lighter. By the time I got back to Richmond, I had memorized the recording. My talk that Friday night was well received mostly because of the powerful Willke slides that accompanied it. I gave that same presentation what seemed like countless times before moving to Baltimore in 1977.



Jack and Barbara Willke did more for the **PRO-LIFE** movement than any other married couple in the world. They gave thousands of talks in dozens of countries. But I think their greatest contributions to our movement are these:

- **Handbook on Abortion** – written in plain simple Q&A format on their kitchen table in Cincinnati and supplemented by pictures of pre-born babies both intact and butchered by abortion. This book brought hundreds of thousands of persons into the movement, including **PRO-LIFE** hero **Lila Rose**. When she was 7 years old, this book toppled from her dad's overstuffed bookshelves. She looked aghast at the pictures it contained!



- **Abortion: How It Is** – That great slide-tape presentation discussed above.
- **Teaching the Pro-Life Story** – my recollections of that book are these:
  - Be extremely careful about the words we use – never use the term **Pro-Choice**. Instead, use the phrase **Pro-Abortion**.

- When a person uses the term **Pro-Choice**, correct him or her immediately.
- Use **Pre-Born** instead of **Unborn**.
- **Show the pictures—Show the pictures—Show the pictures.**

I remember calling Jack Willke about a problem we were having showing his slides at the Virginia State Fair. Between the two of us, we came up with an ingenious solution. Jack Willke was readily available, a good lesson for all **PRO-LIFE** leaders to learn.

Jack and Barbara Willke founded Cincinnati Right to Life, Ohio Right to Life and International Right to Life. For many years, he served as President of National Right to Life.

In 1991, he founded **Life Issues Institute** along with Brad Mattes whom he had recruited many years earlier when Brad was in high school. Its mission was to reinvigorate the **PRO-LIFE** message. Jack and Barbara Willke's last monumental gift was a history of the **PRO-LIFE** movement entitled **Abortion and the Pro-Life Movement: An Inside View**.

**Well done, Good and Faithful, Servant!** You will be sorely missed!



### Rosemary Adams, RIP



Rosemary Jane Healy Adams, the wife of the late Washington Redskins great John **"Tree"** Adams, departed this life on October 31, 2014.

Rosemary was the proud mother of 10 and grandmother of 42 at last count. She was a Chicago girl. Her father was a prominent lawyer who was involved in the prosecution of notorious gangsters in the Al Capone era. Because these gangsters stopped at nothing including going after the families of a prosecuting attorney, her Chicago family would take refuge at their summer home located in Sister Lakes, Michigan.

While at their summer home one August in the late 1940s, Notre Dame football players were frequenting a local establishment known for its excellent food and spirits. They were on weekend leave from legendary Notre Dame Coach Frank Leahy who drove his players mercilessly. Rosemary went to this establishment serving as a chaperone for her older sister Gwen, who was in hopes of meeting some handsome Notre Dame players. Sure enough,

it happened. They left with two Notre Dame players, then boarded a jalopy with John and Rosemary seated in the rumble seat. John put his arm around young Rosemary and announced that he intended to marry her. Rosemary retorted,

***What did you say your name was? I don't even know you!***

Several years ago, I had the privilege of visiting with Rosemary on Kent Island.

We reminisced about the wonderful days of yesteryear when Redskin players delighted in playing pranks on each other. Single players lived in a hotel so coaches could keep a tight rein on them. One of their many pranks was to see how many Redskins could fit into a VW Beetle.

After retirement, John **"Tree"** Adams became a very successful developer. He built beautiful custom homes in the Washington area. He also built the first **Air Rights** building in the area above the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks in Bethesda. It still stands today just a long fly ball from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. At the end of a busy week, he would helicopter from the pad atop that building to his Kent Island home landing in his huge yard where he was lovingly greeted by his flock of 10 children and his beautiful wife, Rosemary.

**Well done, John "Tree" and Rosemary Jane Healy Adams.**



**Long Live Christ Our King,**

*Jack Ames*

**Jack Ames, Director & Founder**



## In My Humble Opinion

# Governor Hogan wavers on assisted suicide bill

By Janet Baker

“I did not create my life so I have no right to negate my life.”

Former Baltimore Ravens star O.J. Brigrance spoke these words as part of his testimony against the so-called “Death with Dignity” bill (SB 676/ HB 1021) being considered by the Maryland General Assembly.

Brigrance testified before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on March 10 (story and video at: [baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/bs-md-death-with-dignity-hearing-20150310-story.html#page=1](http://baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/bs-md-death-with-dignity-hearing-20150310-story.html#page=1)).

Brigrance, the senior adviser to player development for the Ravens, was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s Disease (ALS) in 2007.

In his testimony, Brigrance also pointed out that “every day, every hour, every minute, every second is God-given and invaluable. To enact this legislation would devalue the lives and possible future contributions of Marylanders.”

Instead of this bill being labeled the “Death with Dignity” bill, it would more aptly be called the “Death of Dignity” bill.

The following is a link to the powerful testimony of Kerima Cevik, a lady who most likely would not be alive today if “assisted suicide” had been available to her at a time when she was critically ill: [intersect-eddisability.blogspot.com/2015/03/on-marylands-death-with-dignity-act.html](http://intersect-eddisability.blogspot.com/2015/03/on-marylands-death-with-dignity-act.html).

At the time of this writing, the bill has not yet been put to the

sion.

Ladies and gentlemen, this attitude evinced by the governor is absolutely unacceptable.

First, this bill has no merit whatsoever. Even if it didn’t have all the flaws as articulated by Ms. Cevik’s testimony, the passage of this bill would legalize murder of the infirm and elderly in Maryland.

Second, if Governor Hogan does sign this bill—in violation of his pledge to oppose assisted suicide—he would betray every pro-life activist who worked to get him elected. Of course he’d also be betraying his father and uncle, and God Himself.

This is why many readers of *Defend Life* received a voice mail from Defend Life Director Jack Ames asking us to lobby the governor to oppose this bill.

By the time this *Defend Life* appears in your mailbox, the fate of this bill will most likely be decided. We hope and pray that it will be defeated, either in the State Legislature or by the governor’s veto.

Should it pass *and* the governor be so deluded as to sign it into law, Maryland will become a more barbaric and anti-life state than it already is.

In that case we must make our displeasure known to Mr. Hogan and make him a one-term governor. We pray that won’t happen.

Even if the governor does the right thing and opposes the bill—particularly with his veto pen—we can rest assured that the pro-death contingent in Maryland will keep pressing for assisted suicide and more legalized killing in Maryland.



**B.J. Brigrance of the Baltimore Ravens testified against the so-called ‘Death with Dignity’ bill at a State Senate committee hearing in Annapolis.**

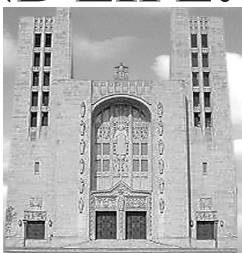
floor for a vote in either the Senate or the House of Delegates.

What I find particularly troubling is that Governor Larry Hogan, the son and nephew of pro-life champions Bob and Larry Hogan, is showing signs of waffling on this issue.

The *Sun* article quotes him as saying that he would consider signing the bill based on its merits and that his Catholic faith is not going to have anything to do with his deci-

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## *New adult stem cell treatments heal eye burns, mothers' hearts and MS*

By John Naughton

Beginning in the late 1990s, when human embryonic stem cells were discovered, and continuing for many years, every news article had the same message: Embryonic stem cells can cure every disease known to mankind if only the government would fund embryonic stem cell research (ESCR).

There was great pressure to fund ESCR even though there was no proof these cells could cure anything. They grew tumors and they were uncontrollable; e.g., one person injected with ESCs grew a tooth in his brain.

In Maryland, Del. Sandy Rosenberg championed funding for ESCR as a near-term cure for Type 1 diabetes to mothers whose children were afflicted; and then-Governor Harry Hughes supported it as a near-term cure for Parkinson's disease.

In 2006, as adult stem cells (ASCs) were treating over 80 diseases (including 60,000 blood cancer cases annually) and curing many, the Maryland General Assembly voted funding for ESCR. Then-Governor Robert Ehrlich approved this disaster.

Embryonic stem cell research is immoral because it kills a new human life; i.e., it requires an early abortion.

In addition, funding ESCR is bad public policy. Over \$50 million of Marylanders' money (\$6 billion in California) was wasted and has delayed predictable advances from ASC research. It is way past time for our legislators and Governor Larry Hogan to recognize that treatments and cures result from ASC research, not ESCR.



**MS sufferer Holly Drewery of Sheffield, UK, became wheelchair bound after the birth of daughter Isla, but after a stem cell transplant using her own stem cells, she can run and chase after Isla in the park.**

### **Eye burns**

On February 20 the European Commission gave its approval, based on clinical trials, of the Western world's first medicine to treat impaired vision caused by burns to the eye, marking a historical milestone in the use of stem cells for treatments/cures.

Italian researchers had reported in 2010 a 90% success rate in a 10-year clinical trial using adult stem cells to restore sight to vision-impaired persons who had suffered burns to their corneas.

The new medicine, Holoclar, made by the Italian company, Chiesi, will be available soon to suitable patients in Europe, especially those who have suffered eye injuries caused by solvents, acids, and abrasive and chemical agents.

We hope it will soon be available in the U.S.

### **Mothers' hearts**

Scientists have known for years

that fetal stem cells stay with mothers for decades and likely their lifetime. The cells are found in the mothers' organs and help treat their medical problems.

Recently, Dr. Hina Chaudhry of Mount Sinai School of Medicine presented research to a United Nations conference that preborn children can contribute stem cells that help repair their pregnant mothers' diseased heart tissue.

This groundbreaking research with ethical stem cells provides promise for treatments for other heart disease patients in the future.

"Identifying an ideal stem cell type for cardiac regeneration has been a major challenge in heart disease research," said Dr. Chaudhry, describing a paper showing that fetal stem cells from the placenta could be used to regenerate heart tissue.

### **Multiple sclerosis**

Stem cell expert David Pren-

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# Deceased ‘Father of the Pill’ leaves questionable legacy

By Bob Brown

Carl Djerassi, a Stanford University chemistry professor considered the father of the birth control pill, died January 30 at the age of 91.

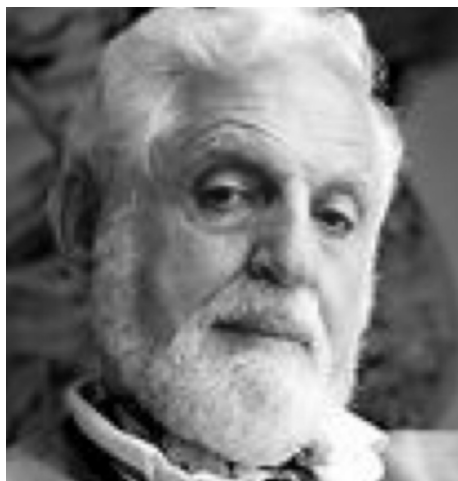
Stephen Jay Gould, perhaps the 20<sup>th</sup> century’s leading evolutionary biologist and historian of science, called Djerassi “a scientist, artist, philosopher, and mensch, all in one.”

In addition to being a prolific writer and the founder of an artists’ colony, Djerassi obtained a patent for the first antihistamine. But he is best known for his 1951 discovery of norethindrone, the key ingredient of oral contraceptives, the development of which would make him very wealthy.

Scientists had known for some time that high doses of estrogen and progesterone would inhibit ovulation. Djerassi and his team were the first to synthesize an inexpensive and effective formula.

Within a decade, a number of different drug companies were marketing oral contraceptive pills.

Many at the time felt that separating sex from procreation empowered women. Women were finally able to



**Scientist Carl Djerassi and his research team were the first to synthesize an effective formula for a birth control pill.**

control their fertility and better plan and balance career and family.

In 1968, however, Pope Paul VI, writing in *Humanae Vitae*, predicted that “artificial birth control ... [will] open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards....”

Greatly reducing the risk of pregnancy, widespread use of oral contraceptives led to the normalization of premarital and extramarital sex. Soon after, other forms of once-taboo sexual activity gained cultural and political acceptance.

The “free love” of the second American revolution—the sexual revolution—sparked by the Pill has come at a heavy cost: almost 60,000,000 preborn girls and boys have died in American abortion clinics (and an uncountable number by the abortifacient effects of the Pill) since Paul VI’s predictions.

Unintended pregnancies occur when the Pill is used improperly or is abandoned altogether because of its unpleasant side effects, and abortion

has been the back-up plan.

Additionally, sky-high divorce rates, epidemics of STDs, pornography on demand, and the college campus culture of promiscuity and rape are arguably all part of Djerassi’s legacy.

It’s hard to miss the line from America’s current moral bankruptcy straight back to Djerassi’s synthetic molecule.

“Yes, I am proud to be the father of the Pill,” Djerassi said in a 2000 interview.

Ironically, because of his creation, women and girls today do not have the protection nor the benefit Djerassi imagined for them.

In addition to the increased objectification of and violence aimed at girls and women, the Pill assaults them from the inside: the World Health Organization classifies oral contraceptives as a Group 1 (highest level) carcinogen.

Djerassi died of complications from bone and liver cancer.

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## Book Review

# Why is a nice Catholic girl working at Planned Parenthood?

By Diane Levero

Ramona Treviño was a Catholic. Well, sort of.

She was baptized as a baby, and that was about it. No First Holy Communion, no Confirmation. As for going to Sunday Mass, forget about it; her parents generally did.

Ramona's family were what today we call "cultural Catholics": the 75% who identify themselves as Catholic, but rarely if ever go to Mass or practice their Catholic faith.

Ramona's childhood was not a happy one. Her dad, a Vietnam vet with an artificial hip that made it hard for him to hold down a long-term job, often ended up in jail due to his drinking.

Her mom took care of the physical needs of Ramona and her older sister Priscella but, consumed by her husband's alcoholism, was emotionally distant. Her parents fought constantly.

Growing up in Trenton, a small town northeast of Dallas, Texas, "I was one of a few Hispanics in a field of Caucasians," she writes in her autobiography, *Redeemed by Grace*.

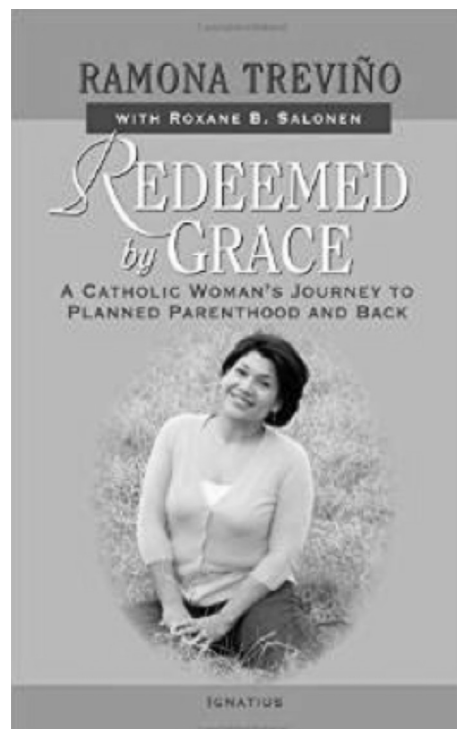
Chunky, shy and awkward in school, Ramona longed for attention. Complicating things, puberty came early—she began menstruating when she was only 10, ready to enter the fourth grade.

As she grew older and her womanhood became apparent, she soon learned that she could attract the attention she wanted by wearing make-up and revealing outfits.

During her sophomore year in high school, Ramona began dat-

ing Lucio, a stunningly handsome 19-year-old from Mexico who was in town visiting his extended family. She was swept off her feet by his charm and his attentions.

Ramona was 16, in the summer before her junior year, when she found out she was pregnant.



When she was 6 months pregnant, Lucio deserted her, going back to Mexico, and returning only after their daughter was born.

Lucio and Ramona married in a civil ceremony in 1995, when baby Lorena was 2 months old.

"Despite our rocky start, it seemed the right thing to do," she recalls. "We had a child now. It was time to grow up."

But things went downhill quickly. Lucio didn't bother to hold down a regular job, and came and went as he pleased. Ramona was the sole fi-

nancial support for the family.

Violent physical abuse became commonplace.

Ramona put up with it all, until she learned that Lucio was having an affair with a married woman. That was the last straw; she divorced him when Lorena was 7.

When Ramona met her future husband, Eugene, her long-dormant childhood longings to be close to God re-emerged. She and Eugene both took religious instructions and received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

In 2006 they married in the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Dallas.

Ramona had worked as a teacher's aide and then for the county's WIC program. After their son Elijah was born, she was happy to stay home for a year with her new baby.

But finances were tight, and when a friend told her about a job opening at her place of work, Planned Parenthood, Ramona applied. She didn't know much about Planned Parenthood at the time, but had the general impression that they helped women.

She was delighted when she was offered a job as manager of Planned Parenthood's Sherman, Texas, office. The job offered the chance to move up the managerial ladder.

Of course, she was against abortion—but abortions were done at the company's larger facilities in Dallas and Fort Worth; the Sherman clinic only did referrals.

In her mind, the larger facilities seemed like completely separate entities from the smaller clinics, which simply handed out birth control.

As for dispensing contraceptives—well, she was on the birth control pill herself. That was the one thing that the Church was wrong on, she told herself.

She would simply be helping the women who came to her clinic with “family planning”; her conscience would be clear.

But the honeymoon phase of the job soon ended. Ramona found herself reluctantly making abortion referrals to tearful clients whose pregnancy tests were positive.

Her clinic also dispensed birth control pills to girls as young as 12, without the consent of their parents. If they forgot to take them, which was likely at their age, and became pregnant, then they would also very likely be seeking an abortion, she worried.

As she dispensed contraceptives to young girls, she realized that, rather than protecting and guiding them as she would want her own daughter to be treated, she was setting them up to be targets for any man or boy who could fast-talk them into having sex.

Ramona struggled with the implicit messages her clinic was giving these girls: “You’re destroying your life by using these drugs, but I’m going to keep selling them to you anyway, because I’m making money off you”; “You’re destroying your life by being promiscuous, not remembering who your partners were and exposing yourself to sexually transmitted diseases, but here’s a pill to help you stay in that cycle.”

Ramona was further turned off when Planned Parenthood held a Plan B competition: the directors of the clinics that sold the most Plan B each month would win a \$50 Visa gift card.

During all this emotional turmoil, Ramona had begun listening regularly to Guadalupe Radio, a Catholic

radio station.

Driving home one evening, she heard a two-hour Catholic Answers program on abortion.

She learned, to her shock, that some contraceptives were abortifacients and could cause early abortions. And she heard post-abortive women relate their terrible experiences and their regrets about their abortions.

Just before Ash Wednesday in 2011, Ramona decided to go to confession. She hadn’t been to confession since the night before her wedding.

In the confessional, she recalls, “I put everything out there,” including her work at Planned Parenthood and

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### **As for dispensing contraceptives—she was on the Pill herself.**

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that she was using contraceptives.

The kind, young priest praised her for making a good confession and for her decision to stop using birth control and try Natural Family Planning.

“But then he delivered the bombshell,” says Ramona.

“This isn’t going to be easy, and it might not happen right away,” he told her. “But the place where you work is also contrary to the will of God.

“In fact, by working there, you’re putting your soul in danger.”

Not long after her confession, a 40 Days for Life group began praying at her clinic. The friendly campaign organizer, Gerry Brundage, struck up a conversation with her, and she admitted that she was thinking about looking for another job.

Gerry offered to do everything possible to help her find work outside

of Planned Parenthood.

From then on, it was just a matter of time and of working out the details.

Two concepts emerging from *Redeemed by Grace* made a strong impression on me.

First was the insights Ramona gained on contraception while working at Planned Parenthood.

Our culture hails artificial birth control as the key to women’s liberation and happiness.

But Ramona saw firsthand the damage it inflicted on young women’s lives. They *were* free: to engage in promiscuity rather than strive for sexual self-control and self-respect; to be used by men who would dump them at the drop of a hat or a positive pregnancy test; and to contract a huge variety of STDs.

As a volunteer at a pregnancy care center, I’ve seen the same tragic results, as women go from man to man, getting pregnant if their contraceptive fails, having to choose between carrying a baby the father takes no responsibility for, or having an abortion—then repeating the same dismal cycle over and over again.

Secondly, I was impressed by the multitude of pro-lifers and pro-life groups that, often without knowing, helped free Ramona from Planned Parenthood: Guadalupe Radio; Catholic Answers; Lila Rose, with her exposés on the evils perpetrated at abortion clinics; 40 Days for Life; the ladies at the Catholic Pro-Life Committee of Dallas; and finally, the good priest who gave her tough-love advice in the confessional.

For all the pro-lifers who sometimes wonder if their efforts are having any positive results, *Redeemed by Grace* lets you know: yes, they are. People see you. They hear you. You’re getting through.

## Movie Review

# ‘Drop Box’ is heart-tugging tale of rescued babies in Seoul

By Sherrie Palmateer

“The Drop Box,” which was released in limited theaters on March 3-5, is an award-winning documentary that tells the story of a hero.

In today’s world we don’t get the opportunity to run into too many heroes—especially ones with a heart so large for the dignity of human life, as this one simple pastor in Seoul, South Korea.

Lee Jong-rak, pastor of Jusrang (God’s Love) Community Church in Seoul, is a man who lives the words of Saint Teresa of Avila in her poem entitled, “Christ Has No Body.”

She wrote, “Yours are the eyes with which He looks with compassion on the world. Yours are His hands, yours are His feet.”

Pastor Lee’s story is of a man whose heart ached when he saw hundreds of children abandoned on the streets of Seoul because of their handicaps or because their mother was not married.

He came up with an incredible plan. Guided by God, Lee believed that these children are not unnecessary ones in this world: that God sent them here for a purpose and they had the right to live.

The pastor designed a “baby drop box,” a box lodged in a wall of his residence that allows mothers to deposit their children without being seen. Inside, the box contains a comfortable towel covering the bottom; it also has a light and heat.

He was not sure it would work, but it wasn’t long before the babies started coming.

When someone puts a baby in the box, a bell rings to alert Pastor Lee,



**Pastor Lee Jong-rak lifts a baby from the drop box for abandoned babies in Seoul, South Korea.**

his wife or his staff to come to get the baby immediately.

His goal is to give desperate mothers a safe place to leave their babies. Pastor Lee recalls one mother who told him she had poison to kill herself and the baby. He responded, “Don’t do that! Come here with your baby!”

Pastor Lee’s family and a small group of volunteers provide a permanent home for over a dozen mildly or severely disabled children (including the pastor’s son, who has cerebral palsy).

Other babies left in the drop box are taken to a hospital, and from there, to an orphanage or an adoption agency.

Since he began the drop box in December 2009, Pastor Lee and his helpers have saved the lives of hundreds of abandoned children.

The 72-minute documentary has won the “Best of Festival” Jubilee

Award and “The Best Sanctity of Life” film award at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual San Antonio Independent Christian Film Festival in February. It is reaching the entire world as testimony to the dignity of human life.

Lee doesn’t just help children who are considered normal by today’s standards, but shows the value of all human life, even those who society would argue would be better off not being born.

In this impressive documentary, as we watch this man’s incredible love for God’s most vulnerable children, we are taken from deep sorrow to overwhelming love to extreme joy.

Don’t miss the chance to see this amazing story of the abandoned, forgotten and discarded and the man who said he would give his life for them.

### **Editor’s Note:**

*The full documentary, “The Drop*



*Box” is not available at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, or YouTube.com. It is available for live streaming at po.st/xNdf8f, but the viewer must be a subscriber and pay a monthly charge.*

*A good 13-minute documentary on Pastor Lee Jong-rak’s “Drop Box,” produced by SPS Dateline, can be viewed at youtube.com/watch?v=Exyeyrc FPFM.*

### CELLS, from page 13

tice commented the following on a multiple sclerosis study led by Professor Basil Sharrack of the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield, England:

“This is another gratifying example of the successful application of adult stem cells.

“Professor Sharrack and colleagues are to be congratulated. Their work adds even more evidence to the already substantial successes for adult stem cell treatments.

“The protocol they use, pioneered by Dr. Richard Burt at Northwestern University, involves harvest and purification of some of the patient’s bone marrow adult stem cells, then chemotherapy to kill the rogue immune cells that are causing the multiple sclerosis, fol-

lowed by re-infusion of the patient’s adult stem cells.

“The patient’s adult stem cells ‘reboot’ their immune and blood system, and also facilitate repair of the nervous system.”

Using the patient’s own cells bypasses two hurdles: transplant rejection is eliminated and, unlike embryonic stem cells, adult stem cells carry no danger of tumors.

When it comes to making a difference in people’s lives, adult stem cells—isolated from many different tissues, including bone marrow, blood, muscle, fat, and umbilical cord blood—are the gold standard.

In stark contrast to the early abortion-causing, immoral ESCs, adult stem cells have helped millions of people by treating many diseases. Despite billions in funding, ESCs have not helped anyone.

The Catholic Church implements the will of God, who always wills what is best for mankind because of His overwhelming love for us. For this reason, the Church encourages adult stem cell research to benefit mankind and teaches that ESCR is immoral.

### RICE, from page 9

God was way too busy to care about college football.

And then he would say, “But His Mother, on the other hand, well, that’s a different story.”

I still remember the first day of my Constitutional Law class with Dr. Rice almost twenty-five years ago. We were a small and close group of friends. Hoping to get a laugh at the end of class, I told him that I felt this was a particularly special group and suggested we end every class with a group hug. Without missing a beat, Charlie fired back,

“It’s not too late for you to drop this class.”

Several of those classmates are local and national pro-life scholars and leaders. Dr. Rice was the reason they went to Notre Dame Law School, and the inspiration of our legal careers.

Charlie’s intellect almost paled in comparison to his heart. Anyone in need gravitated to him, and he never said no.

Whether it was a legal matter, a personal issue, a faith challenge, it did not matter. Charlie was always there and always helped. And it was not possible to say no to him when he called to enlist assistance, because everything he did was virtuous.

Dr. Charles E. Rice only recently passed from this earth. But he had died to himself at a very young age, and as a result has left an unmatched legacy of love and service to those in need, of devotion to our Blessed Mother, and of adoration of the Holy Trinity. He belongs to the ages now.

Thank-you Jesus for putting Dr. Rice on this earth. Thank-you Mary and the entire Rice family for sharing him with us.

*Sláinte, Charlie! Watch over us!*

*Tom Dixon, an attorney in South Bend, Indiana, was a law student and friend of Dr. Rice for 25 years.*

*Under the guidance and support of Dr. Rice, Tom Brejcha and many others, Mr. Dixon served as The Thomas More Society in Chicago special counsel for the “ND 88,” 88 local and national pro-life witnesses who were arrested at Notre Dame during May of 2009 while evangelizing and praying in opposition to the University bestowing honors on President Obama during commencement weekend.*

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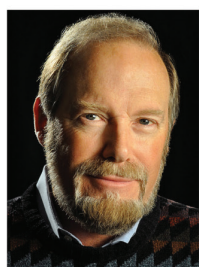
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## National March for Marriage

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

**11:30am – 1:30pm**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
(Foot of Capitol Hill)



**For more details, visit  
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**11:30am • Assemble  
Noon–1pm • Rally & Speeches  
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