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Pa. pro-lifers protest Md. circuit-rider abortionist

Ed Snell, Rosie Gross and Caroline Pitman had just finished dropping off flyers informing residents in an upscale neighborhood in Phoenix, Md., that one of their neighbors is an abortionist.

“She is a circuit-rider abortionist with Planned Parenthood,” the flyers reveal. “She travels from city to city (Annapolis, Baltimore, York, PA, Harrisburg, PA), wantonly and callously killing preborn babies ...”

Their last drop on November 10 was going to be at the home of the

abortionist herself, a spacious residence with five bedrooms and four baths on a 1.1-acre lot, with a current estimated value of \$540,150, according to Realtor.com.

Snell drove slowly along Bardon Road until the house loomed in sight.

Parked in front of it was a Baltimore County Police car.

A police officer and a man with a large black dog on a leash were on the front porch. The front door was open, and someone was letting

them come in.

The pro-lifers couldn't see the welcomer, but they were reasonably sure it wasn't the abortionist.

Jennifer Coles was at Planned Parenthood in York, Pa., aborting babies, as she usually did on Wednesdays, they confirmed later.

Ed and his companions decided it would be more politic to skip the house. They had made their point.

“You leave these flyers at the abortionist's neighborhood, and it has an impact,” Snell remarked. “People may be pro-choice, but they don't want an abortionist in their neighborhood.”

‘Makes our stomachs turn’

The object of their attention, Jennifer Elizabeth Coles, M.D., is a 46-year-old obstetrician-gynecologist, licensed to practice medicine in both Maryland and Pennsylvania.

According to her Maryland Board of Physicians Practitioner Profile, Coles graduated in 2003 from Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Faculty of Health Sciences, and underwent postgraduate training with a concentration in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore.

Her Maryland medical license, issued in 2007, lists her “primary



Maryland abortionist Jennifer Coles arrives at the York Planned Parenthood on October 21, escorted by Steve Neubauer (nicknamed “Wolf Man” by pro-lifers), as a pro-lifer looks on.

practice setting” as Planned Parenthood Keystone, 728 South Beaver Street, York PA 17401.

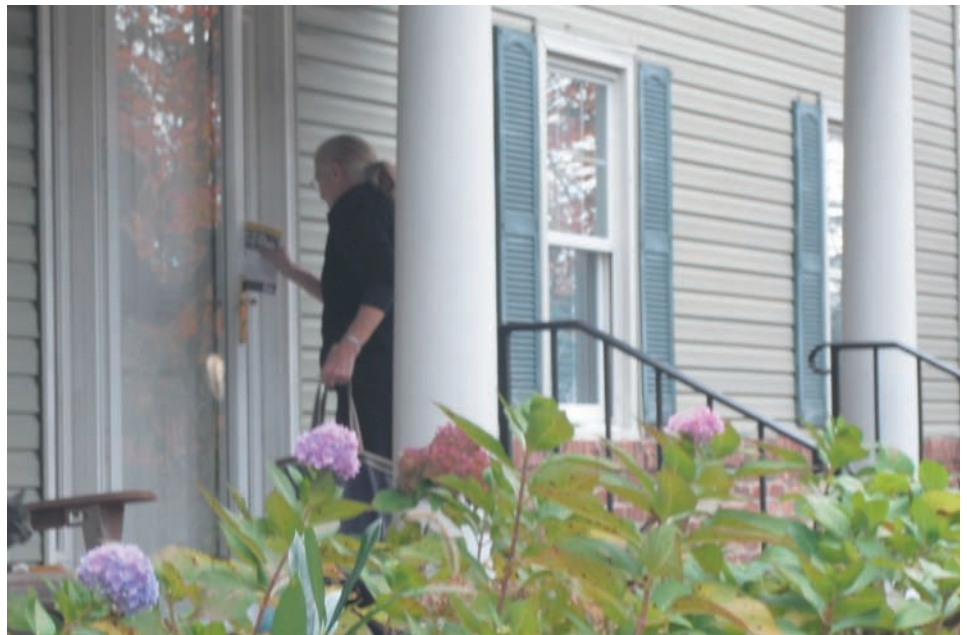
(Other physician-related websites list her main office at the same address, but report the entity as Planned Parenthood of Central PA.)

Coles’ Pennsylvania license was also issued in 2007. Both licenses are active through 2016.

Infocree.com’s Business Profile lists Jennifer E. Coles as “Manager” at 330 North Howard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201—the location of Planned Parenthood of Maryland.

Planned Parenthood in Harrisburg offers only medication abortions (the abortion pill) up to 9 weeks, 6 days after the start of the woman’s last menstrual period (LMP), according to Planned Parenthood.org.

“During the abortion pill (medication abortion) visit, you must agree—before you start—that you will have an in-clinic abortion if the abortion pill does not work,” the



Rosie Gross distributes a flyer at a home in Jennifer Coles’ neighborhood.

website states.

The York Planned Parenthood offers both medication abortions and “in-clinic” (surgical) first-trimester abortions, up to 13 weeks, 6 days after LMP.

Snell and other pro-lifers who

regularly demonstrate at the two Pennsylvania locations estimate that Coles commits approximately 15 or more abortions at York on Wednesdays and about 8 to 12 in Harrisburg on Thursdays.

Pro-life regulars at the York Planned Parenthood report that a young woman was taken from the clinic by ambulance on October 7.

The following Wednesday, October 14, they witnessed a second patient transported by ambulance from the clinic.

“Seeing this just makes our stomachs turn,” said one pro-lifer.

On both dates, they saw Coles entering the clinic, they said.

A tale of two doctors

Jennifer Coles’ husband, Christian Logan Coles, Ph.D., is an adjunct associate professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Coles received his Master of



Ed Snell leaflets a car at Manor Shopping Center, near the home of abortionist Jennifer Coles.

Public Health degree at Columbia University in 1995 and his doctorate at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2000.

Christian Coles' research "focuses on the reduction of morbidity and mortality in underserved pediatric populations worldwide," according to his faculty profile.

"I apply epidemiology and biostatistics to facilitate the development of effective disease prevention and control strategies for pediatric infectious diseases."

The ironic dichotomy between Christian Coles' work and that of his wife leaves the pro-lifers nonplussed.

"*He* does research on diseases and infections to decrease the mortality rate of infants. In other words, he works to *save* the lives of babies. But *she* travels from city to city *killing* babies!" exclaimed Rosie Gross.

Follow-up is vital

Just before distributing flyers in the Coles' neighborhood, the pro-lifers leafletted cars in nearby Man-



Pennsylvania pro-lifers want Jennifer Coles (above) to stop aborting babies, not just in their state, but everywhere.

or and Paper Mill Village shopping centers, reasoning that, because houses in the area are spread so far apart, they could reach many more residents in a shorter time in the crowded parking lots.

They wedged the flyers in the driver's car door. When someone was sitting in the car, the pro-lifer held up the flyer, and the occupant invariably rolled down their win-

dow and accepted it with a "thank-you."

The car leafletting proceeded quickly and without incident.

A driver of a pick-up truck, however, circled back to tell Caroline Pitman earnestly, "I agree with your purpose, but this is not the right way to do it!"

Pitman replied with equal sincerity, "Then how *should* we try to do it?" but did not get an answer.

"We completed phase one of our work in Baltimore," commented Snell later.

It was "not an easy go," he admitted. Their mission had begun with a 65-mile drive down I-83 from Harrisburg to Phoenix.

Leafletting the neighborhood was tough: "The homes were set far apart and the entrances were sometimes 100 yards up or down.

"At any rate, we finished the task, and I believe we were successful."

Generally, however, the abortionist thinks he can "weather the storm" of a leafletting campaign and it will blow over, warned the veteran pro-life activist; so follow-up is critical.

"We are asking folks to write the abortionist or send an email, so that this circuit-riding abortionist knows that we are serious in putting a stop to her killing in Harrisburg and York."

Write to Jennifer Coles, 13603 Bardon Road, Phoenix, MD 21131, Snell urges.

"Ask her, as an ob/gyn, to *stop* aborting babies and instead take loving care of both mother *and* baby."

Snell also calls on pro-lifers to email Dr. Christian Coles at cccoles1@jhu.edu and beg him to ask his wife Jennifer Coles to stop killing babies.



An ambulance takes an injured client from the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in York on October 7.

Defend Life protests at Baltimore Planned Parenthood

Sharon Fracassi had three special reasons for being at the Defend Life-sponsored protest at Planned Parenthood of Maryland headquarters in Baltimore on October 10. And she had the photos to show them.

Along with displaying a large poster of aborted babies, Sharon proudly held photos of her adopted son, David, her adopted daughter, Leah, and David's son, Michael.

"Leah's birth mom almost aborted her," explained the Windsor Mill, Md., pro-lifer. "But she changed her mind, and with the help of Bethany Christian Services, she gave birth to Leah and we were able to adopt her."

When her son David and his wife were expecting, said Sharon, "The doctors thought that their baby would have serious congenital issues, and advised them to have an abortion."

The couple refused.

One of Sharon's photos shows the smiling parents and their healthy baby, Michael, now 1 year old.



Sharon Fracassi holds a poster of aborted babies and photos of her two adopted children and her grandson, all saved from abortion.

The October 10 protest at the Howard Street abortion facility was part of a second day of mass protests across the nation calling for the defunding of Planned Parenthood, which receives \$500 million in federal taxpayer dollars annually.

The first nationwide protests, on August 22, were spurred by a series of undercover videos released by the Center for Medical Progress showing Planned Parenthood executives discussing the sale of aborted baby parts for profit, and of their operatives actually dissecting aborted babies for their parts.

"Every child is precious, even those children who might have deformities," Defend Life Director Jack Ames told a WJZ-TV reporter who covered the protest.

"The American people are fed up!"

"The media tells us that Planned Parenthood is great," said Sheila Wharam, speaking at the October protest.

"So let's look at what they actually do. We are told they are great, but they kill preborn babies, and



Defend Lifers protest at Planned Parenthood in Baltimore (from left, standing): Kevin Bruffey, Jack Ames, Andrew Fossett, Albert Stecklein, Sheila Wharam; (kneeling): Anna D'Agostino, Walt Hunt.

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National protests, national strike—the ‘impossible dream’?

Back in 1975, Stephen Imbarrato was living with his girlfriend. Nothing unusual about that; the Sexual Revolution was sweeping the country, and the mantra was, “If it feels good, do it.”

Stephen was also a fallen-away Catholic—hadn’t been to Mass or Communion for years. Nothing unusual about that, either. Young Catholics were leaving the Church in droves—then and now.

“One day my girlfriend came in and said, ‘I’m pregnant!’” Father Imbarrato told listeners at his Defend Life-sponsored talk at St. Benedict’s Church in Baltimore October 15.

“I said, ‘I’ll support you in any decision you make.’”

But then, he loaded the dice: he reminded her that they weren’t married, they had two car payments to make, credit card bills, he was going to grad school, etc., etc., etc.—“just heaping on all these reasons that would cause an intuitive woman to think, ‘He must want me to have an abortion.’ So that’s what she decided to do.”

Stephen let her go to get the abortion by herself.

“Talk about cowardice!” he reflected. “I was a coward in not talking her out of the abortion. I was a coward in not going with her, maybe talking her out of it at the last minute.”

Within a couple months, he saw a complete change in his girlfriend’s behavior.

“She said we made a mistake in having the abortion. I was starting to get twinges of guilt,” he admitted.

Stephen went to confession. He even took his girlfriend to confession.



Father Stephen Imbarrato’s goal is to end abortion at a specific point in time through national protests, culminating in a national strike, which will end only when the government gives legal protection to preborn babies.

“We actually saw a priest a couple of times, to get some healing. But we went back to our old ways, then broke up after a few years.”

In 2000, at the age of 48, Stephen entered Holy Apostles Seminary in Connecticut.

His work as a pro-life activist had begun years earlier. Being ordained a priest in 2005 only revved up his determination to help end abortion completely.

Working as a parish priest in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe since his ordination, he founded Project Defending Life and later started Protest ABQ.

Protest ABQ is aptly named; it’s centered in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the late-term abortion hub of America, where babies are aborted through all nine months of pregnancy.

“As for the ‘Protest’ part, that’s what we do,” Father explained. “We protest abortion every single day—a different place every day.”

“We had a Women Betrayed rally in Albuquerque on July 28,

and 125 people came. A few weeks later we held a *protest*, and had 600 people.

“Does that mean we did a better job the second time? No; what that told me was that people want to do *more* than rally.

“Like the guy in the old movie, ‘Network,’ said, ‘We’re mad as hell, and we’re not going to take it any more!’”

Pope John Paul II, in *Evangelium Vitae*, said that abortion has become “a structure of sin, a Culture of Death,” he noted.

“The secularists who are pushing this Culture of Death understand where this battle needs to be waged: in the public square. No Nativty scenes, no Ten Commandments; let’s get religion out of the public square.”

And that’s where the pro-lifers need to take their stand, he contends.

Father believes that the pro-life movement should adopt two models used in the last 50 years in the civil rights movements:

1. Peaceful, nonviolent protest,

as employed by Martin Luther King. “He was right in that America had to *see* the injustices done to the black people,” said Father. With King, that nonviolent protest included civil disobedience.

2. The Solidarity movement. “Lech Walesa only controlled one-third of the workers in Communist Poland,” said Father. In spite of that, he shut the country down and got the Communists out of Poland without firing a shot.

Father proposes to end abortion at a specific point in time by using a strategy of peaceful but aggressive protest, the culmination of the protest being a national strike, until the government gives constitutional protection to our brothers and sisters in the womb from the moment of conception.

“You’re probably thinking, ‘Father, that’s a pretty aggressive strategy!’” said Imbarrato.

“I’ve had this vision of national protests and national strikes for many years,” he admitted. “I’ve talked to many people about it.”

Their response falls into three categories, he said:

1. You’re onto something.
2. You’re crazy.
3. The people in the middle.

Father calls the people in the middle “the Greeks,” recalling that when St. Paul preached resurrection to the Greeks, they said, “Oh, that’s very interesting. We’ll talk to you about it later on.”

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The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops “right now collectively doesn’t have the will and the unity to do what is necessary to end abortion at a particular point and time,” he said.

But Imbarrato believes that the strategy is doable. He advises the following steps:

- Reflection. We all have to reflect on how much more we can do.
- Personal repentance. Recognize our cowardice, regret our silence, reject our fear of risk

and loss and our skewed priorities and attachments.

- Keep on doing what we’re already doing for life: praying, marching, counseling, etc. But do it realizing in your heart that it’s all part of *protesting* the killing of preborn babies.
- Pray *inconveniently*—on our knees, in front of the abortion mill.
- Fast. Food fast, TV fast—anything we can do to detach from the culture that is killing our babies.
- Almsgiving. Not just donating money, but pouring ourselves out in time, talent, and treasure, even when it’s least convenient.

“We need to do things that will offset the sin of convenience that is abortion,” said Father.

“There’s nothing more inconvenient than protesting, and even some day maybe protesting to the point of civil disobedience—risking arrest, risking a beating for the babies.

“And there’ll be nothing more inconvenient than the day our Lord says, ‘Yes, I want you to shut the country down. I want you to stay home from work. I want you to take care of each other, and I want you to protest until baby-killing ends.’

“But I hope that from here on, you’ll wake up every morning saying, ‘Lord, what more can I do to unite myself with you on the cross? What more can I do to save one baby’s life?’”

In June Father Imbarrato was released by Archbishop Michael Sheehan to do full-time pro-life ministry with Priests for Life.

His complete talk can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/vowtWgWTIPI>.

Help our pro-life brothers & sisters in Pa. to **STOP** Md. Abortionist Jennifer Coles from committing abortions in Pa. and Md.!



Write to Jennifer Coles, 13603 Bardon Road, Phoenix, Md., and respectfully ask her, as an ob/gyn, to STOP aborting babies and instead take loving care of both mother AND baby! THEN email Christian Coles at ccoles1@jhu.edu and ask him to urge his wife to stop committing abortions.

Dominion Hall to educate future leaders in Christian humanism

By Joseph McPherson

St. Matthew, in describing the mission of St. John the Baptist, writes, “He will turn the hearts of parents towards their children.”

This evidentially is part of the readiness necessary to receive fully the Messiah.

Aren’t parents’ hearts always turned to their children? Well, no.

I am not talking about the negligent, abusive parents we read about in the news or see on television. I am talking about respectable people, perhaps ourselves, who look at children in a way different than how they are meant to be looked at.

Since schools take on the characteristics of the parent body, as James Coleman, a University of Chicago sociologist, found in his massive study, a school will be at its best when parents’ hearts are truly turned towards their children.

Catholic schools are on the ropes, because this not the case. The contraceptive culture that even many Catholics have been sucked into leads people to regard children as extensions of their own egos or as accoutrements.

They want them to be successful, getting into “name” schools, or they want them to be able to go on trips to Disney World or cruises, etc., and fewer kids are easier to handle and afford.

These parents don’t care if a school develops a Catholic mind and heart in their children since they lack such themselves. In fact, evidence shows that they protest mightily when a school does make attempts to adhere to the Faith. (although I think some schools sometimes try too heavy-handedly or



This mansion, on the historic Staunton Hill estate in Virginia, is envisioned as the main building for Dominion Hall, an international boarding school in the Catholic and liberal arts tradition.

without preparing the school culture).

Our American child-rearing culture tends to bring adults down to children’s level and not bring children up to the adults’ level; witness kids’ sports and elaborate birthday parties.

Catholic schools do have some families and teachers who are faithful and practicing Catholics, but most schools have a mix that hinders the fullness of the faith from developing.

It is hard to change the make-up of existing schools except slowly and by careful selection of faculty. Thus, a principal has to be solid in his faith.

Some schools think that they must return schools to the order and discipline of Catholic schools of an earlier period, but I do not think this will work, although it is easier to carry out this than to suffuse a school with Catholic culture.

Moreover, most schools are

burdened with financial difficulties and are wary of anything that might stir things up and lead to an enrollment decline of even a few students.

I predict there will be a radically reduced number of Church-sponsored schools in the next ten years unless there is a public subsidy through parents in something like a voucher system.

What is to be done? It is easier for parents to make up for the deficiencies of schools than for schools to make up for the deficiencies of parents.

Parents must, first and foremost, pray for actual grace, a gift of God that enlightens the mind and strengthens the will to do good and avoid evil. In my forty-plus years of teaching experience, too few habitually pray for guidance.

Some parents opt for home-schooling and this can work, es-

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*December 8, 2015 Anno Domini
Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

Dear Friend of **DEFEND LIFE**,

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

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

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

HERE IS SOME OF WHAT DEFEND LIFE DID WITH YOUR SUPPORT IN 2015

- Sponsored **13** different world-class **PRO-LIFE** speakers who spoke to **35** different audiences as part of our numerous **Lecture Tours**, our **15th Annual Truth Tour**, and other special events. Speakers included:



Fr. Frank Pavone



Fr. Paul C.B. Schenck



Dr. Paul Byrne, M.D.



Fr. Thomas Morrow



Fr. Michael Roach



Fr. Stephen Imbarrato



Joe Scheidler



Msgr. Jeremiah Kenney



Fr. Ed Meeks



Del. Bob Marshall



Pastor Ed Martin



Barry Sullivan



Msgr. Charles Pope

Special events included our **Christmas Caroling at Union Station** in Washington. Our **15th Annual Maryland Face the Truth Tour** was outstanding. It does not seem possible that we have been doing them **15** years since we began them in 2001. We had **24** Core Team Members, most of whom were home-schooled or college students. We also passed out **9,000** pamphlets during **Pope Francis'** visit to Washington in September.

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leading experts on Marian Apparitions among his many other talents.. Now, I attend two outstanding retreats every year, the Thanksgiving weekend retreat with Bud and the Palm Sunday retreat with my great friend **Mark DesMarais** who has been going to Malvern for **43** years.

Here are some of the reasons I love Malvern and why you'll love it as well:

- First and foremost, all the retreat masters are very orthodox. There are no **fun and games** retreats at Malvern. **Monsignor Joseph Marno**, the Rector, runs a tight ship and all retreat masters must pass his muster or they would not be welcomed.
- There are numerous chapels where you spend time one-on-one with **Our Lord** during exposition of **The Blessed Sacrament**.
- Silence is preferred but not a strong silence. If you want to have a conversation with another retreat participant between conferences, you are encouraged to do so.
- Great opportunities for confession. There were **9** priests hearing confession at the Thanksgiving retreat.
- Outdoor Stations of the Cross, outdoor Mysteries the Rosary, and a Lourdes Shrine on the beautiful 125 acres of Malvern, most of which are wooded. There are many other outdoor shrines as well.
- Great food and lots of it in Malvern's huge dining room.
- Great camaraderie. Some men have become my dearest friends, such as **Sean Flanagan** from Summit, New Jersey. Sean came over as a young man from his native Ireland, working hard as an auto mechanic, then selling Volvos, later buying the Volvo agency while raising a large Catholic family (**6 children and 30+ grand children — all devout Catholics**) He served as President of New Jersey Right to Life. Nobody can **spin a yarn** like Sean who gives opening remarks before each conference and always has great Irish stories and wonderful humor to share.
- Malvern is the largest retreat house in the world and can conduct three different retreats simultaneously. They have 50 traditional men's weekend retreats annually and 110 others for women, married couples, singles, high school students, evenings of recollection, and many more spiritual enriching events.

But don't take my word. Here is what a few of Malvern's men have said:

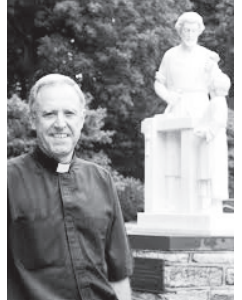
- *My adoration time was **1:45 am**. I spent the most exhilarating 15 minutes of my life in that chapel... There is no doubt it changed my life. When people ask me how I got my life back together again, I tell them, **15 minutes at Malvern**.*
- *You can't describe it, man. I went with my dad kicking and screaming. What's a retreat? Old people praying together? My dad made me go and in the car I remember thinking how much I hated him. I was missing partying with my friends on a holiday weekend. I can't tell you what happened in words. I can only tell you something happened to me at Malvern. **The tough guy in me was left in Philly**.*

Go to Malvern for the spiritual renewal which we all so urgently need! For more information, visit **MalvernRetreat.com** or call **484-321-2525**.

Long Live Christ Our King,

Jack Ames

Jack Ames, Director & Founder



Johns Hopkins Bayview protesters hit nerve with walkers

The young couple walking past Jim Bocklage at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, as he held a poster of a 10-week-old aborted baby, were in no mood to accept the brochure the pro-lifer held out to them.

“Women should have a choice!” snapped the young woman.

“God says no!” replied Bocklage.

The couple kept walking. Without turning his head, the young man yelled back defiantly, “There is no God!”

Bocklage, a parishioner at nearby Our Lady of Fatima Church, mulled that over.

“We’re followers of Jesus Christ,” he told his fellow protesters. “We’re defending the higher law: Thou shall not kill. If anyone’s got a beef, it’s with God Almighty—take it up with Him.”

The October 21 demonstration was the fifth monthly protest by Defend Life and Center for Bioethical Reform Maryland at Johns Hopkins Bayview in East Baltimore.



Linda Bocklage talks with a young woman about how Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center routinely conducts first- and second-trimester abortions.

For the second time, rather than holding a large banner and posters of aborted babies along Eastern Boulevard in front of the medical center, pro-lifers stood within the Bayview complex, along the public portion of Bayview Boulevard.

With access to many more pedestrians, in addition to passing motorists, they were able to have longer conversations, explaining to passersby how Hopkins Bayview is routinely committing first- and second-trimester abortions.

A young Latina woman, surprised to learn that Hopkins Bayview has been performing abortions for many years, engaged in an extensive conversation with Linda Bocklage, who gave her a brochure and a recent issue of *Defend Life* detailing the medical center’s low-profile abortion business.

An elderly gentleman who accepted a brochure was clearly upset.

He asked where the abortions were being done.

Told they were performed in “A” Building on Mason Lord Drive, he asked, “What can I do?”

“Go over and tell them you’re against this,” was the suggestion.

“Okay,” he replied, and set off in the direction of “A” Building.

A concerned woman who accepted a brochure from CBR Maryland Director Kurt Linnemann and talked with him for a while told him, “I’m going to have to find a doctor somewhere else now!”

“That’s what you have to do—hit them in the pocketbook,” commented Linnemann.

Defend Life and CBR Maryland plan to continue to hold demonstrations at Hopkins Bayview on the third Wednesday of every month.

At their brochure explains, “Every Wednesday is ‘Abortion Day’ at Hopkins Bayview.”



**Join Us Every
3rd Wednesday**

8:30–10am

Johns Hopkins Bayview

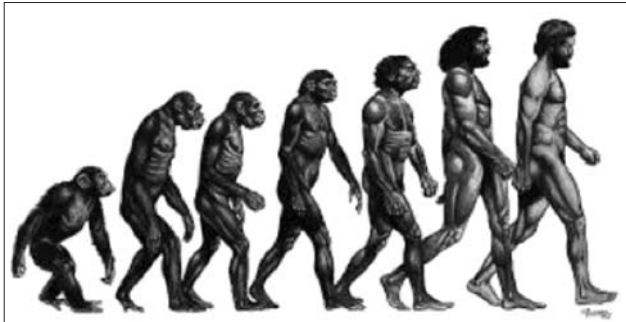
4940 Eastern Avenue Baltimore, MD 21224

Meet on campus at intersection of Bayview Blvd. & Hopkins Bayview Center • FREE parking available

More information, call Linda Bocklage 410-285-8126 or Jack Ames 410-961-2008

Book Review

Evolution versus fiat Creation: time to fight back



Detail from "March of Progress" chart, *Early Man*, by F. Clark Howell, Time-Life Books for Young Readers, 1968



Creation of Adam by Michelangelo

Evolution, which is taught as scientific fact in both public and Catholic schools and by the culture at-large, is a major factor in the accelerating loss of the Faith among Catholic youth, contends Thomas McFadden.

By Diane Levero

In 1951, along with the rest of the sophomores in my biology class, I learned about the theory of evolution.

Our teacher carefully explained that a scientific theory was a formula of apparent underlying principles of certain phenomena which has been verified to some degree.

We then proceeded to study the theory of evolution as fact.

Our biology textbook had helpful sequential pictures showing how man gradually evolved over millions of years from chimpanzees to knuckle-dragging, ape-like creatures to modern man.

We also learned about the Piltdown Man, named for fragments of a jawbone and a skull discovered by paleontologists in a gravel pit in England in 1908.

The researchers pieced the fragments together and *voilà!* Here was the "missing link" in the descent of man from a lower animal.

Again, helpful illustrations depicted a half-man, half-ape, complete with hunched back and hairy body.

Two years after we sophomores had absorbed what for four decades had been accepted as the "scientific consensus," the Piltdown Man was exposed as a deliberate fraud—a doctored composite of a human skull, an orangutan jaw and chimpanzee teeth.

Despite this and other embarrassing problems through the years, the theory of evolution thrives today. It is taught as a scientific fact in virtually all public and Catholic schools and by the culture at-large.

Thomas McFadden, a retired engineer and devout Catholic, has written *Creation, Evolution, and Catholicism: A Discussion for Those Who Believe* to demonstrate that this evolutionary indoctrination plays a significant role in the accelerating loss of faith among Catholic youth and the consequent deadly fallout for our culture.

But McFadden did not write the book "to promote more of the Catholic handwringing we have seen as America's Humanist-dominated public policy and culture becomes more hostile," he explains.

Instead, he calls for Catholic

clergy and laity to fight back: "to discredit the cornerstone dogma of Humanism and rediscover and teach the doctrine of creation as the foundation of the Catholic Faith."

Any practicing Catholic knows that belief and practice among Catholics in the U.S., especially young adult Catholics, is in steep decline.

They need only look at the many closed Catholic schools and churches, at the half-filled pews in their own church—and at the frequent abandonment of the Catholic Faith by their children or grandchildren.

McFadden cites recent Pew Research Center studies showing that 1 in 3 Americans were raised Catholic but only 1 in 4 self-identify as Catholic.

The author concedes that many factors within the Church itself contribute to this loss of faith: poor religious instruction and homilies, *ad hoc* liturgies, and well-publicized scandals.

But the root of the problem, he asserts, lies in the pollution of Catholic philosophy, theology and understanding of the Bible and the

uncritical acceptance of the theory of evolution.

The powerful movers and shakers who have embedded evolution into our schools, media, culture and government are dedicated disciples of Humanism, explains McFadden.

They have made it clear that Humanism is not merely a philosophy, but a non-theistic religion.

Humanist Manifesto I, written in 1933, declares that man's larger understanding of the universe and his scientific achievements have rendered theistic religions outdated; therefore, they *must* be replaced with a new religion that meets modern society's needs.

Number 1 on the Humanist dogma list is the tenet that the universe is "self-existing and not created."

Their second most important tenet: Man is the result of a continuous evolutionary process.

McFadden details extensively the origin and development of evolutionary theory, from the ancient Greek philosophers through Darwin to more current advocates such as Stephen Jay Gould, Richard Dawkins and Stephen Hawking.

Then, employing meticulous research and solid documentation, he shoots gaping holes in it.

His biting narrative of the often contradictory, weird and bizarre theories put forth by proponents in support of evolution is fascinating, eye-opening, and often funny.

McFadden does not hesitate to ridicule where ridicule is richly deserved.

For example, the companion book to the PBS TV series, "Evolution," titled *Evolution: The Triumph of an Idea*, states:

Some scientists suspect that life began at the mid-ocean ridges where hot magma emerges from the mantle. The branches near-

est to the base of the tree of life, they point out, belong to bacteria and archaea that live in extreme conditions such as boiling water or acids.

Remarks McFadden, "A college student might ask: 'Do you suspect, professor, that if something is not living and you boil it in hot magma it will become a living thing?' If he says 'yes,' the student ought to ask for a tuition refund."

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from the "scientific consensus" on evolution, despite the solemn warnings of Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XII on the inerrancy of all Sacred Scripture, notes McFadden.

They hold and teach that the Church's teaching on the inerrancy of Scripture applies to matters of faith and morals, but not necessarily to matters of history or the physical cosmos—such as the account of Creation in *Genesis*.

They thus give the stamp of approval to *theistic* evolution: the concept that evolution indeed occurred, but that God guided it in some fashion.

Theistic evolution "works" for many Catholics, but for many others, especially young adult Catholics, it doesn't, says McFadden.

Because they are taught in school that man and the cosmos are the accidental results of mindless occurrences and natural selection, but in church and home they are told that God cre-

ated the world by fiat, many resolve the conflicting teachings by simply walking away from the Church.

Believing Catholics must fight back, declares McFadden. First, get informed yourselves through the excellent books and free online resources available (many of which he cites).

Then, follow up with action at a parish level, he urges.

"Fans can help organize student-parent groups in support of getting tooth-fairy science replaced with real science in taxpayer-funded and Catholic schools....

"Only when Catholics regain the supreme confidence in the Bible and the Magisterium can they stop the hemorrhaging of the Catholic youth from the Church—and the Humanist domination in America," he concludes.

Two thumbs up for this excellently written, witty demolition of evolution theory—and for McFadden's rallying call to action on the part of faithful Catholics.

Thomas McFadden, a graduate of Villanova, is a past-president of Virginia Right to Life. He and his wife Olivia founded the Couple to Couple League (CCL) in Northern Virginia in 1975. In 1979 they moved to Ireland and started a CCL, remaining there for 12 years..

Thomas worked for 35 years for the federal government as an engineer and then as a contracting officer, retiring in 2009. He and Olivia live in Front Royal, Va. They have six adult children and 25 grandchildren.

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In My Humble Opinion

Death peddlers step up efforts to kill sick and elderly

By Janet Baker

During the weekend of November 13-15, Catholics and pro-life activists attended a conference sponsored by the Catholic Media Coalition titled, “Exposing the Death Peddlers: Brain ‘Death’ and Palliative Death Care.”

The conference, held in Woodstock, Va., focused on the threats being brought upon people at the end of their lives.

We’ve been seeing them crop up here and there with various initiatives to legalize “physician-assisted suicide.” These efforts to legalize the murders of sick and elderly people have been increasing at an alarming rate.

During the legislative battle in 2010 that resulted in Obamacare being foisted upon the American people, Sarah Palin warned of the provisions for “death panels” that were ensconced within that piece of legislation.

Immediately, she was mocked and pilloried for her warnings. Now it seems she was quite correct.

I attended that conference and heard from experts on the matter who have been combatting this movement towards legalized murder on various fronts.

One of the speakers was Dr. Paul Byrne, who has been trying to assist a number of people who were incapacitated and found themselves dismissed by their respective hospitals as unfit to be treated.

He has written articles about these situations, most of them published at the Renew America site;

they can be found at renewamerica.com/columns/byrne.

One of the people whom Dr. Byrne is trying to help—“rescue” might be a better word—is Aden Hailu.

Last spring she went to St. Mary’s Regional Medical Center in Reno, Nev., because of abdominal pains. On the operating table, her condition deteriorated rapidly and she was declared brain dead.

Her family is petitioning the Nevada Supreme Court to keep her from being denied essential medical treatment.

Her family, to keep her from being denied essential medical treatment, enlisted Dr. Byrne’s assistance and they are now petitioning the Nevada Supreme Court for relief. More details can be found at the link cited above. There are other such cases.

Many of us will recall the horrible case of Terri Schiavo, who was legally murdered in the state of Florida. I must point out that at the time, George W. Bush was president of the United States and his brother, Jeb Bush, was Florida governor. If anyone thinks that the Schiavo case was a “flash in the pan,” they are sadly mistaken. These things are happening in quite a few places.

I also urge readers to go to this website: lifeissues.org/2015/10/sur-

[prising-realities-of-organ-donation-and-brain-death/](#).

Please read it through and watch the two-part video series cited at the bottom of the article.

They all point to a two-part motive to the rush to declare brain-death: the often high costs of providing medical treatment to brain-injured individuals, and a demand for organs (usually for transplantation).

The second motive is really quite similar to the demand for fetal tissue from aborted babies, while the first motive is greatly exacerbated by Obamacare.

As you watch these videos, you’ll notice that the parallels between these and those produced by the Center for Medical Progress (detailing the harvesting of organs from aborted babies) are strikingly obvious. They both show the workings of the same culture of death, with money as its god.

While we have been dealing with the culture of death as it threatens babies, many of us have had an unconscious assurance that it can’t touch us, as we’ve already been born.

Now we’ve been relieved of that delusion by the realization that we personally can be threatened by “assisted suicide.” As more is learned about this menace, we’ll be publishing our findings, along with actions that we must take to combat this.

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pecially during younger years, but my experience is that many parents don't have the wherewithal and perseverance and knowledge to do it well, even with the many resources available.

Some start schools, as I have done with some success. But most families who are Catholic have large families and cannot afford full tuition.

Moreover, it seems to be a maxim of fundraising that large donations to pre-collegiate institutions do not come from people who have little or no connection to a school. The burden is largely borne by the faculty in lower salaries than they deserve.

My brother Richard and I have been working in and running independent Catholic schools since our graduation from Harvard—eight decades of experience in starting and running schools that are excellent academically and humanly, schools where the Catholic faith is vibrantly alive.

But it seems that our work, as important as it is, is but a drop in the bucket for what is needed.

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(think Hogwarts!) and other buildings adequate for a small student body (under 100 students at first), as well as beautifully landscaped grounds, natural areas, and room for expansion of facilities.

The estate was the seat of a prominent family with ties to Maryland and Virginia as well as international diplomacy. It is next to the Red Hill estate and grave of the patriot Patrick Henry.

We will call our school Dominion Hall, because it is in the Old Dominion, whose exemplar was George Washington.

"The Rules of Civility" that Washington imbued were from a sixteenth-century manual for young

surprisingly modern school for the ducal Gonzaga family in Mantua.

Our curriculum will be the great heritage of human achievement in the True, the Good, and the Beautiful so that our students realize they are heirs of something great and propel them to build on these achievements.

This aligns itself to the Cultural Literacy approach of E.D. Hirsch, which understands that skills cannot be divorced from content, as programs like Common Core try to do.

In some sense we are trying to remake the Renaissance that was derailed by excessive Platonism, certain Reformation forces, the Enlightenment, Napoleonic and Prussian educational reforms, and John Dewey and other educational theorists.

By inculcating a sound knowledge of the Catholic faith and a deep piety imbued with the idea of the universal call to holiness, we plan to make a school where the second-century St. Irenaeus' statement, "The glory of God is a man or woman fully alive," is palpable.

For more information, write to Dominion Hall, P.O. Box 1424 Brookneal, VA 24528 or e-mail jwmcpherson@gmail.com. Our website, www.dominionhall.org, is under preparation.

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French noblemen devised by Jesuit educators.

"Dominion" is also a key word in God's first injunction to mankind: "Be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth and have dominion over it."

Understanding what "dominion" means, as explicated in Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, is key to understanding the human vocation.

Our motto will be "Non nobis, Domine, non nobis!" an expression of deep humility and for which there is a stirring song with a long history.

We hope to have a school that will educate future leaders from around the world with a deep and profound Christian humanism, similar to that espoused by Vittorino da Feltre in the early fifteenth century when he started an innovative and



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sometimes the babies' mothers die as well. May Tonya Reaves of Chicago and her baby, both of whom died at Planned Parenthood, rest in peace.

"The 'great' Planned Parenthood has admitted that it is 'reimbursed'—we regular people call that 'paid'—for bits and pieces of the babies that it kills."

Wharam, a veteran pro-life activist and founder of the North Baltimore Pro-Life Study Group, went on to list other activities of "the great Planned Parenthood":

- Violating the law by aborting young teenage girls and sending them back to their rapists without notifying authorities.
- Fraudulent overbilling practices as evidenced by state and federal audits in ten states.
- Advocating on their so-called "Pink-Out Day" (held September 29) that people be tested for STDs. But only a few of their offices were actually doing STD testing; they advised folks to go to their county health clinics.
- Claiming to offer mammograms to test for breast cancer, when they don't. They only offer manual breast exams that any woman can do herself at no cost.

"Planned Parenthood is *not* great," concluded Wharam.

"Planned Parenthood is a façade for an ugly reality."

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Letter to the Editor***Baker's 'bishop-bashing' column not God-honoring***

The article, "Make Love, Not War: old slogan, new meaning," by Molly Daley [*Defend Life*, Sept.-Oct. 2015] was wonderful. Her concepts were well explained in a way that would reach people even if they are not Catholic or even Christian.

It was the kind of good information that I really want young people to hear about. Hence, I wanted to leave this magazine in the break room where I work.

However, I could not in good conscience do so. The bishop-bashing article by Janet Baker ["The deafening silence of the Catholic bishops"] is the problem. This article is full of detraction against

the bishops.

The role of the lay person is to pray for our bishops. We should not be committing detraction against them.

I want our young people to understand life issues such as those discussed by Molly Daley. However, I also wish for all young people to draw closer to Jesus Christ and to the Catholic Church.

Janet Baker's article will not and should not change the behavior of the bishops. However, it may draw people away from the bishops and thus away from the Catholic Church.

The culture cannot be changed by methods that are not God-honoring.

Karen D'Agostino

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